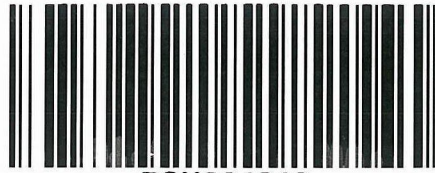


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7th JULY 2011

To Whom It May Concern,

RE: NOISE RESTRICTIONS TO BE REMOVED AT SHOOTING COMPLEX IN HILL TOP, NSW.

We write in utter dismay at the proposal to remove the noise restrictions from this range. The building of this range has already severely impacted upon our family. We live on West Parade which is the direct route leading down to Wattle Ridge Rd & Coates Rd and the Shooting Range. The noise and speed of the trucks which go past daily has restricted our use of our front yard. No longer do we allow our five children to play in the front yard due to the high danger that these trucks pose. It is a 50km zone outside of our house leading to a 60km speed limit. Rarely, if ever, do these trucks stick to the speed limit. The police have been informed, but do not have the resources to police speeding trucks on this road.

As a family we already hear the level of noise that this shooting range emits. It is incessant, annoying, intolerable and on some occasions excessive. The thought that the proposed increase from "no more than 75 decibels at residences" to "an average" of not more than 85 decibels at residences", is totally unacceptable.

We can hear the gun noise already from both inside and outside of our home. You can always tell when the Army is in residence. The noise level is perceptibly increased and noticeable.

The whole proposal of this Shooting Range has imposed itself negatively upon our family. As long term residents here who thoroughly enjoy our quiet rural village location, we have seriously considered putting our house on the market and moving away from Hill Top. Our whole family and neighbours will be deeply affected by the proposed increase and we strongly oppose it. The level of traffic and noise upon completion of this range will only be worse. There is nothing to look forward to when this range is up and running. The dangers of the guns themselves, the level of noise, the bushfire risks, and the constant traffic increase does nothing but severely diminish our families wellbeing and safety. These will be ongoing issues.

The most we can hope for is that the proposal for a change in the noise restrictions does not go ahead.

Yours Sincerely, Concerned Residents,

Therese Aiken and Adrian Shaw.

