

16th August 2012

Mr S. Preston
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Hexham

Attention:

Director, Infrastructure Projects

Major Projects Assessment

Department of Planning and Infrastructure

Application reference number SS1 - 4992

Hexham Relief Roads

RE: HEXHAM RELIEF ROADS

I am a resident of Hexham NSW and I strongly object to the Hexham Relief Roads Project.

I have read the EIS issued August 2012. My comments and concerns are listed below:

- I agree that the Federal Government should withhold future funding of the Hunter Valley rail corridor until coal trains are covered
- The air quality from diesel fumes, especially given the number of trains in 2024, is of great concern
- The increase of dust being generated, especially given the number of trains in 2024, is of great concern
- The increase of noise and vibration, especially given the number of trains in 2024, is of great concern and;
- I believe there should be more receivers placed on private residential land at Hexham, to ensure a more comprehensive assessment is undertaken of the potential impacts for the proposal.

If the project is to receive approval, the following conditions need to be put in place to protect me, my family and my property from the impact of this project:

- Construction of a Deflection Wall along the residential suburb of Hexham for protection against derailment, and;
- Installation of Double Glazed Windows and Double Glazed Doors with correctly fitted seals.

I look forward to discussing this matter with you further and can be contacted on the below details.

I am a single Dad of 4 children aged between 5 and 10 years of age.

I have a mortgage of approx 200k and have been a resident of Hesham since 2003.

The increase in train movements is of grave concern, not only for myself but to the health and well being of my 4 young children. The thick, and overwhelming exhaust fumes from the engines, and dust from the empty coal wagons penetrates our home and has a significant impact on 2 of my children who suffer from asthma.

Having invested several years of hard labour and money in our home, I am not in a position financially to move elsewhere.

Thanking You
Shawn Preston