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Att: Director Infrastructure Projects

Dept Planning & Infrastructure Fax: 02 9228 6355

Dear Sir/Ms,

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We are writing to complain about the proposal to put in five train lines in the old Hexham Coal Washery.

The drainage in our area is non existant & this development will further worsen the flooding we currently experience at the northern end of Old Maitland Rd, Hexham.

Every time we have a few days of heavy rain, Old Maitland Rd, Hexham goes under water & with more construction close by, this will be more intensive flooding, which Newcastle Council cannot deal with what happens here now.

Also there will be more dust associated not only with the coal trains pulling up but also with the proposed access track. The New England Hwy is already at more than capacity & to be putting more strain on it with this & the other proposal by Qld Rail will cause longer delays & more accidents in our area.

The proposal to put a roundabout on the Tarro interchange is not right, as traffic comes around a blind corner straight onto a roundabout. Many vehicles each day make illegal turns on the Tarro interchange, by turning right off the Maitland end of the interchange to head back west, usually this turn is to miss the queue of traffic on Weatleys Drive, trying to get onto the F3.

The proposal of a gravel track off the Tarro interchange is just going to cause more traffic hazards, as the traffic queues in peak periods all along the Tarro straight, trying to get access to the F3 & the dust from the gravel will make vision more restricted causing more rear end accidents along New England Hwy.

Regards,

M. Lynch.