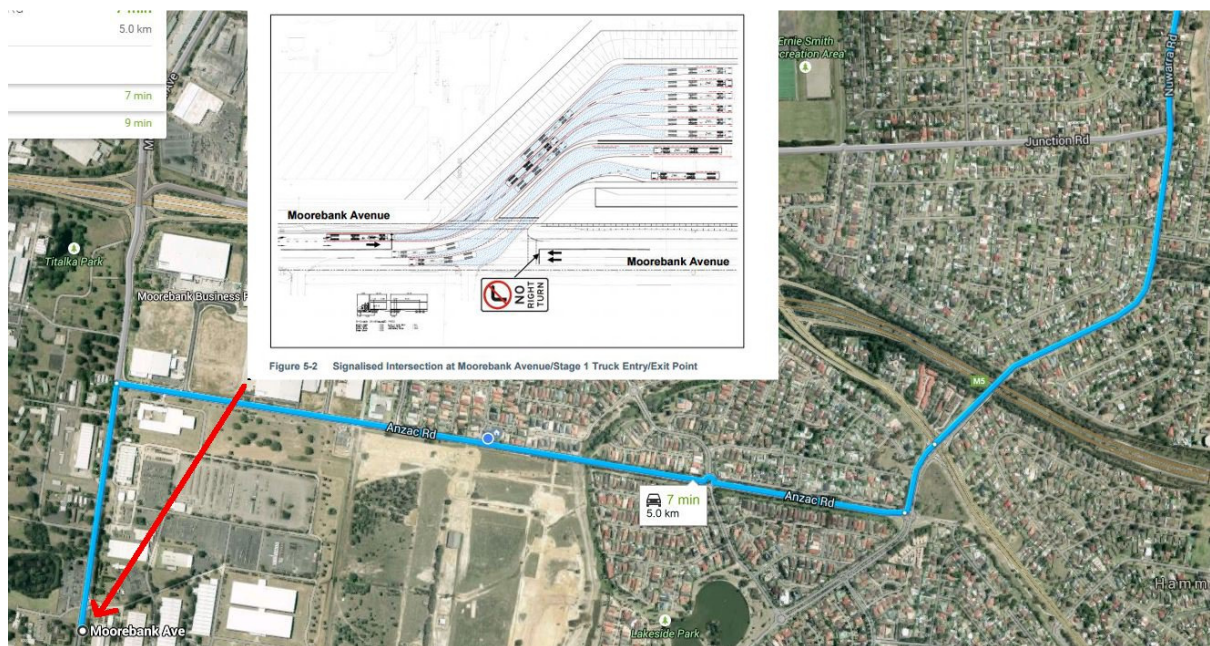


## Response to Environmental Impact Statement – May 2015

As a resident of Wattle Grove I have read through the SIMTA Intermodal Terminal Facility – Stage 1: Environmental Impact Statement date May 2015 and the proposal still fails to provide any solution to mitigate increases in traffic noise to local residents living in Wattle Grove. Anzac Road is a local road lined with residential housing with dwellings situated no more than 5 meters from Anzac road. Property frontages are 2 meters from Anzac Road. Due to close proximity of dwellings along Anzac road all it takes is one heavy vehicle or a slight increase in traffic to disturb the peace residents currently have. A 24 hour facility will change Anzac Road from a local road hardly used at night to a road frequently used 24 hours a day by Intermodal staff, medium sized service vehicles and heavy vehicles following the direct routes programmed by GPS routing systems or avoiding congested roads. There will be no peace at any time of the day due to increased levels of road noise and residents will suffer from sleep deprivation, stress and unbearable living conditions.

The route in question is:

- Moorebank Ave,
- Right on Anzac Road
- Left into Nuwarra Road up to Newbridge Road



## No Guarantee Heavy Vehicles will NOT use Anzac Road to access the Intermodal Facility.

The SIMTA proposal has a Truck Entry /Exit point to be constructed on Moorebank Avenue. A truck wanting access to this intersection has the option approaching this intersection from:

- M5 or
- Newbridge then Moorebank or
- Nuwarra Road then Anzac Road.

The SIMTA Traffic and Accessibility Impact Assessment mentions that heavy vehicles will not use the Anzac Road option. This is based on speculation that drivers will be educated not to use the Anzac Road option. Education of truck drivers is not a 100% guarantee drivers will not use Anzac Road. And over time after when the facility is in operation, usage of Anzac Road as a route will increase as the education of trucks drivers will not cover new, fill-in and casual drivers.

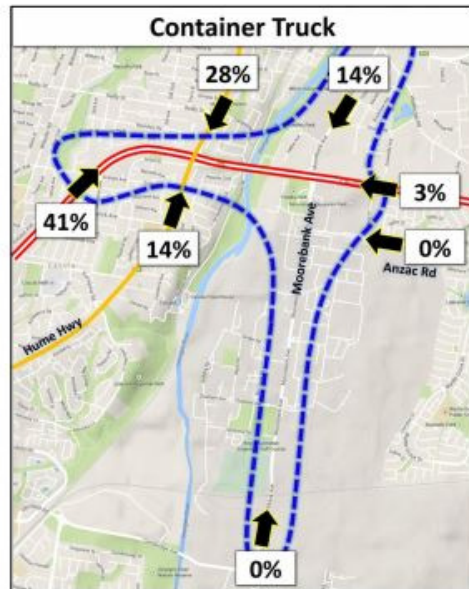


Figure 5-5 Inbound Distribution to Site in the AM Peak for Container Truck (semi-trailer and B-double)

During times of congestion on the M5 and Moorebank Avenue due to road incidents (which currently occurs regularly) and road maintenance, trucks will have no choice but to use Anzac Road to avoid such incidents. SIMTA must put measures to prevent trucks from using Anzac Road as an alternative route.

Suggestions to mitigate this problem is to:

- place no heavy vehicle signs at the intersection of Anzac Road and Heathcote Road
- place no heavy vehicle signs at the turn right lanes of Moorebank Ave and Anzac Road
- place traffic restriction barriers after the intersection of Anzac Road and Delfin Drive west. These will not restrict bus routes as they travel through Wattle Grove via Delfin Drive.
- place traffic restriction barriers after the intersection of Anzac Road and Wattle Grove Drive. Such implementations have been successful in Madeline St, Belfield as shown below.



- A truck turning facility to be placed in front of Holsworthy Fire Station to allow articulated vehicles to turn around when they fail to notice signage.

### **Staff and Medium Service Vehicles will use Anzac Road to Access Intermodal Facility 24 hours a day.**

Page 56 of the Traffic and Accessibility Impact Assessment proposes 5% of staff will use Anzac Road to enter and exit the site.

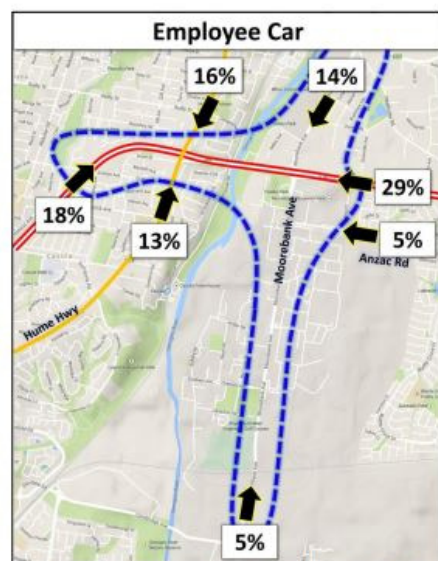


Figure 5-6 Inbound Distribution to Site in the AM Peak for Employee Car

Currently Anzac Road is used by residents to access the suburbs of Wattle Grove and Holsworthy. Heavy times of use are from 5am to 9am and 3pm to 7pm mostly due to residents commuting to work. At night between 7pm and 5am, the traffic is very light to non-existent allowing residents to get uninterrupted rest.

The Intermodal is going to be operating 24 hours a day, resulting in increased traffic at all times of the day preventing residents their peace during non-peak periods. The proposal also fails to address medium size service vehicles such as catering, cleaning and maintenance vehicles operating at the Intermodal site would also utilise Anzac Road for entering and leaving at all times of the day and night.

During times of congestion on the M5 and Moorebank Avenue either due to peak periods, a traffic incident or road maintenance, the percentage of staff using Anzac Road to access the Intermodal site would be a lot higher than the proposed percentage of 5% mentioned on page 56 of the Traffic and Accessibility Impact Assessment.

Incidents of high traffic volumes on Anzac Road during the night were experienced over a period of weeks during the widening of the M5 project. The high levels of road noise deprived residents of sleep, caused families to experience high levels of stress, affected work performance, created large amounts of dust and destroyed the surface of Anzac Road.

To mitigate the increases in traffic noise from the SIMTA site that will affect Wattle Grove residents, SIMTA require lining the frontages of properties on Anzac Road with sound proof concrete fences.

### **Intermodal Site Owners to Resume Maintenance of Anzac Road from previous Site Owners, Department of Defence.**

Currently the section of Anzac Road from the Intersection of Delfin Drive west to Wattle Grove Drive does not belong to Liverpool council. Anzac Road was used and maintained by the Department of Defence as it provided them access to the proposed site. As SIMTA has displaced the Department of Defence, and as SIMTA has proposed Anzac Road as an accessible route to the Intermodal site for staff, maintenance of Anzac Road should fall within SIMTA's responsibility.

Intermodal Site owners need to ensure Anzac Road is:

- free from potholes and has a smooth road surface to reduce tyre noise
- improve drainage preventing any pooling of water splashing properties
- provide and maintain a pedestrian path on both sides of Anzac Road to protect pedestrians from traffic commuting to the Intermodal site.

### **In Conclusion**

When the Intermodal is commissioned it is imperative the residential areas adjacent the facility and the surrounding infrastructure is not affected by the activities of a commercial industry that operates 24 hours. Wattle Grove and Holsworthy residents have many alternative routes from Heathcote Road to access the area. Anzac Road is a route residents can do without since it is no longer required by the Department of Defence. But as the Intermodal facility requires Anzac Road to go from a residential road to carrying Intermodal staff and light commercial traffic 24 hours a day, then SIMTA need to place better infrastructure to shield residents from increased traffic noise and movements occurring at all times of the day and not averaging out their statistics. It is a must that the little traffic noise on Anzac Road currently experienced at night is guaranteed to the residents of Wattle Grove during construction and operation of the Intermodal facility.