

Submissions in response to SIMTA Moorebank Intermodal Facility

I oppose the Moorebank Intermodal for various reasons:

1. The combination of two terminals will mean more traffic, more noise, and more pollution on our region's already congested roads and into the already established neighbourhood.
2. It will also destroy Liverpool Council's long term vision for the George's River as a place of housing and recreation for the community. Pollutants will no doubt enter the river.
3. There will be an increase in diesel emissions into an area which already has Sydney's worse air quality.
4. The increased noise from the freight rail will negatively impact on the regions premier cultural facility – the Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre.
5. The increase in truck activity on our road is bad enough, but there will be no upgrades to the local roads in order to accommodate the extra truck activity. Have consideration been made to the grounding halt this will bring to the tens of thousands of commuters who use the M5 and surrounding roads on a daily basis?
6. The cumulative impact of both intermodals has never been considered and needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency. Effectively, any figures quoted would be doubled if both projects go ahead.
7. The project is absolutely unnecessary and should be relocated to an area where it is actually required, like Eastern Creek and Badgery's Creek. Transport Modelling expert Paul Van den Bos of Chipping Norton has indicated that it does not make sense to have the terminal in Moorebank. The economic analysis is completely flawed. There is not enough capacity on the road system for planned traffic flow to operate efficiently in Moorebank. The Enfield intermodal still hasn't opened because there are no customers willing to pay!! As Craig Kelly MP states “why would importers go through the double handling and additional time of railing a container from Port Botany to Enfield - and then collect the container by truck from Enfield - when they can collect it direct from Port Botany just 33 minutes away ?” Building an Intermodal at Moorebank will produce the same results.