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Re: SIMTA Intermodal Terminal Project Stage 1 Application No: SSD 6766 Attention: Director – Infrastructure Projects

Department of Planning Received 9 JUN 2015 Scanning Room

Dear Sir or Madam,

I oppose the proposed planning for the Liverpool area for the following reasons.

I do not believe the current infrastructure of the area proposed will be able to support such a large undertaking. The proposed Intermodal Terminal is a 24 hour, 7 days a week idea. While the M5, in this area has recently been widened, I do not believe that the amount of traffic that will need to use the local roads will be sustainable. A large majority of the area surrounding the proposed Intermodal Project is light to medium-density residential. To the south of the project is Crown land, currently used by the Army, while the North, East and West are purely residential areas. I cannot see how the two projects can be reconciled. On one hand, you have a proposal for a 24 hour, 7 days a week large scale project, on the other, you have residential land only. This is a growing area and many more people are settling in this area. The infrastructure that currently exists is barely able to cope now; how will it cope with 24 hour heavy truck movements? The Hume Highway is already heavily congested at peak hours, this proposal hardly seems to account for this and makes very little mention of local road usage by heavy trucks on a regular basis.

Who will be responsible for maintaining the roads and surrounding infrastructure if this project goes ahead?

Another factor that seems to have been left out is the state of the Georges River. The proposed project will entail a second crossing of the Georges River near the M5 crossing for the freight line from the Intermodal to join the current Sydney freight line. What guarantees can the SIMTA project offer that take into consideration the cleanliness and bio-diversity of the river? The Georges River is an important social and ecological feature of the City of Liverpool; we need to protect the local flora and fauna of the area.

I have never made a political donation in my life but for the record, I am writing this as requested.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs) Susanna Gore