

Environmental Impact Statement Objection to the Moorebank Intermodal Proposal

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I oppose the Moorebank Intermodal proposal and Environmental Impact Statement for the following reasons:

The issues of **traffic, noise, air quality**, the increasing **health issues** from **pollution** and **contamination** are well covered by others much better versed than I am, but these are major concerns to me and the family.

Flora and Fauna,

I have been associated with the SME site for more than 20 years, defence is a good tenant especially in recent years, where flora and fauna are treasured. I estimate that there will be some 8000 trees and native shrubs removed when the site is cleared. This can never be replaced, the effect they have on the environment is enormous as both a carbon dioxide sponge and a home to countless varieties of fauna.

I am no ornithological expert and cannot identify the dozens of little bird that call this site home but the bell bird population along with the eastern whip birds are unmistakable as they keep company with the little blue wrens.

I understand that no matter what the eventual use for the site is, some of this will be lost, except perhaps if we make it parkland now there is a good idea, but not a total clearing of the site that is required for the intermodal.

Heritage,

A Military heritage survey of the site has been carried out, the results of which have not been made public, and are not known to me, but as the site has been used for military training since the 1860's there must be evidence of this occupation beyond the current buildings on the site. The current Glenfield Camp was built on this site in 1940

The local aboriginal groups have used the area of the Georges River, long before white settlement and I understand that the river banks above the salt water tidal area was used as "the medicine bowl" where therapeutic plants were grown and nurtured to provide the ingredients for traditional remedies. Therefore there must be evidence of their occupation of this area which must be conserved.

Location

Other sites are preferable, such as Badgerys Creek, which is now a real option with the development of the new airport, this was not a guaranteed option when the intermodal was first proposed.

1. Easy rail access, does not require very expensive river crossings.
2. There is plenty of land that, that will allow for almost unlimited future expansion.
3. There is not a residential development nearby.
4. The rail and road corridors can easily be isolated from existing residential centres.

I am happy to have my name released online with my submission.