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Application number: SSD 5066/EPBC 2011/6086

Project name: Moorebank Intermodal

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 Moorebank intermodal will place more traffic on the already congested road network. 10,000 heavy vehicles per day will need to access and leave the terminal utilising the M5 and local roads, 5,000 cars per day will need to access the site.
- The Moorebank intermodal will not be an economically viable investment for the Federal Government and the state of New South Wales. The proposal should be relocated to Badgerys Creek in order to reduce supply-chain costs and cater for future urban growth.
- Badgerys Creek airport proposal has been identified to need a rail link. By placing RAIL, AIR and ROAD in the one area, on land that is not surrounded by homes and a river, it creates a financially viable and well planned proposal, much more in tune with today's needs, rather than old planning of 20 plus years ago.

Traffic

- The proposal will move the congestion from Port Botany to Moorebank, which is already congested;
- The modelling does not cater for the predicted growth of the region;
- The intersections and road network are already congested. The proposal will increase traffic delays;
- Trucks 'weaving' onto and off the M5 between the Moorebank and Hume Highway interchanges will cause accidents and present a danger to me and my family; and
- Trucks parking and taking short cuts through the nearby streets will make the area unsafe for me, my family and friends.

Noise

There is no noise wall along the rail corridor along the Georges River, so noise will carry, particularly at night;

- There will be no way to mitigate noise from the unloading/loading and movement of containers within the terminal, especially for residents living within 400 metres of the site;
- There will be no way to mitigate noise from the breaking and shunting of trains which will need to happen on site;
- There will be wheel squeal due to the tight radius curves needed for trains to enter and exit the site; this will keep local residents awake at night; and
- Residents up to 3km from Port Botany are kept awake at night, I don't want this for my family.

Air quality

- There will be increased diesel fumes in the community generated from locomotives, heavy vehicles and other heavy equipment used on site. These fumes are carcinogenic;
- Me, my family and friends will develop cancer or other health problems from the increased diesel fumes;
- South West Sydney is already heavily polluted due to the topography of the area;
- There will be dust and odour generated from this site, particularly during the construction period.

Health

- The intermodal in this area will make me and my family sick; and
- I believe even one person having to use a puffer on one occasion as a result of this proposal is not acceptable.
- **The government shouldn't plan industrial development in a residential area.**

Heritage

- We have a strong military history in this area and we are proud of our heritage. Removal of heritage features from the site will break ties for the community.

Location

- The site is surrounded by residential development, this site should never have been selected due to the young families who have settled in this area. The release of new land for housing development (such as Georges Fair and Wattle Grove) while still planning an Intermodal, in some cases 200 metres away is not very smart thinking!
- This area is a quiet, leafy suburb with strong community connections, our children have gone to school in the area and since bought land and built a home at Pleasure Point, a riverside community.

- This development will be detrimental to the area and depreciate its value; and
- Other sites are preferable, such as Badgerys Creek, which does not have a residential development nearby.

Contamination

- The unloading of imported containers in this area will have the potential to destroy native flora and fauna; and
- The unloading of imported containers in this area will have the potential to destroy the Georges River.

MICL and SIMTA Proposals

- There has been a lot of confusion around the fact that two proposals have been proposed for one area (SIMTA and MICL).
- The cumulative impacts of the two proposals have not been adequately explained or addressed by the proposals; and
- There is confusion as to the total traffic generated from the two proposals, as the modelling for each is different.

I support strategic planning and good land use. The intermodal development should be moved to a non-residential area, like Badgerys Creek.

Please reject this proposal on the grounds that it is not in the public interest with other better suited sites available.

I want my name released online with my submission Yes [X] No []

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