

**Application number:** SSD 5066/EPBC 2011/6086

**Project name:** Moorebank Intermodal

**Environmental Impact Statement Objection to the Moorebank Intermodal Proposal**

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.

**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;
- M5 Motorway and surrounding roads in Sydney's south-west are already suffering from chronic traffic congestion which will significantly worsen with 10,000 truck movements per day;
- 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 as Container Terminals will operate 24x7;

- 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.

## **Light Pollution**

Container Terminals will operate 24x7

- Causing light pollution for the neighbouring homes in the vicinity;
- This will have far reaching affects from aesthetic to significant health issues, (exacerbating insomnia).

## **Air quality**

- There will be increased diesel fumes in the community generated from locomotives, heavy vehicles and other heavy equipment used on site.
- This will lead to long queues of trucks waiting to load, leading to significant exhaust pollution for the local area in order to move millions of containers, millions of trucks need to belch exhaust into the air of Wattle Grove, Casula and Moorebank.
- These fumes are carcinogenic and has very high potential to develop into cancer besides other health problems from the increased diesel fumes;

- South West Sydney is already heavily polluted due to the topography of the area;
- Residents in this area live in the lowest point of the Sydney Basin, because of this there are no coastal breezes to sweep away pollution;
- We already have the highest asthma rates in Sydney.
- 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 highly family orientated residential area and
- Within close vicinity of 10 schools and 19 childcare facilities. Can only imagine how the noise, pollution and added traffic in the area will affect children at these facilities.

### **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;
- There are 19 childcare centres and 10 schools that are in a 2.5 kilometre radius from the intermodal site;
- Using riverfront land for industry and freight is 19<sup>th</sup> century thinking.

- Governments everywhere are turning storm water drains into streams – except in Liverpool, where it seems we would rather do the reverse and turn south-west Sydney’s beautiful Georges River into an industrial wasteland.
- Additional trucks on the roads will impede on Liverpool Hospital – extremely busy hospital - largest in the Southern Hemisphere, making roads for ambulances or locals needing help more difficult and life threatening;
- This area is a quiet, leafy suburb with strong community connections,
- 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, and
- Turning the Georges River into an industrial wasteland.

### **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 [ ] No [ x ]