SUBJECT: WHY THE MOOREBANK SITE IS NOT SUITABLE FOR INTERMODALS

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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:

- I have been a resident of Liverpool for 21 years and am looking for leadership and vision from our politicians. Instead, what my family and I are being offered is the short sighted vision in the form of the intermodals.
- The proposed site is surrounded by residential areas; the site may have been suitable 25 years ago for an intermodal. It is definitely not suitable now after all these residential estates have been built. Some homes are as close as 400 metres to the proposed site.
- The air pollution, noise pollution and traffic from the 10,000 diesel trucks and 5,000 cars per day will negatively impact the health and wellbeing of my family. This will make me and my family sick.
- The 24 hour, 7 day operation of the intermodal will have a devastating effect on our life. What a sorry legacy for generations to come!
- The proposed site is prime riverfront land in the heart of Liverpool; the residents of the south west deserve to enjoy a lovely riverside precinct, similar to say Parramatta, rather than an intermodal.
- One of the reasons given in the EIS for the site is that it is Australian Government land. Such Defence land in other areas of Sydney has been converted to community use like parkland or residential. Liverpool deserves better than intermodals.
- Majority of the containers are destined for the north west of the city, it does not make sense to bring them to Moorebank first.

- Badgerys Creek is a better site. It has none of the residential areas in the precinct identified for the new Sydney airport.
- The residents of this area bought land in good faith, built their homes and raised their families in the expectation that this was a good residential area. They will not be able to enjoy the outdoors as they do now should this project go ahead.
- The local roads are already too congested; the additional travel time for local residents has not been taken into account as part of the EIS.
- Since the operator of the Southern Sydney Freight Line cannot prevent very serious noise impacts on adjacent residential areas, no project should be approved that increases Southern Sydney Freight Line traffic.
- The local road infrastructure is insufficient to meet existing demands let alone new traffic. Most of the 10,000 trucks per day will be carrying containers.
- The "weave" caused by traffic entering the M5 from Moorebank Avenue crosses traffic exiting at the Hume Highway. It is already dangerous and would be made quite frightening by adding thousands of slow moving trucks each day. My life and that of my family will be in danger each time we use that intersection.
- The cost to refit the local infrastructure to meet the terminal's needs negates any perceived advantage. These funds could be better used to develop an intermodal at Badgerys Creek.
- The local area has a deficit of jobs and needs more employment, particularly professional jobs. The creation of local jobs would mean fewer would feel compelled to travel to the Sydney CBD for meaningful employment.

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

I cannot impress on you the critical importance of rejecting this proposal in its entirety 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.