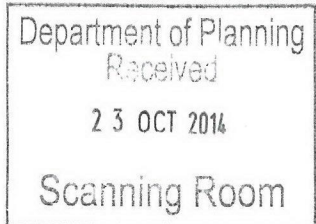


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I do not wish my name and address to be published

To the Director of Infrastructure Project,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am writing to you as a resident of Moorebank for over forty years to voice my concerns over the intermodal project being proposed at Moorebank. I can see from the document I received that our complaints are going to fall on deaf ears as it appears this project is going ahead no matter how many of us voice our opinion.

I have many concerns. My main concern is the impact on traffic.

As a long time resident of Moorebank I know what the traffic is like and how congested all the roads such as Newbridge Road, Nuwarra Rd, Heathcote Rd, Moorebank Ave and particularly the M5 can get now. Most mornings it takes me half an hour to get out of Stockton Ave onto Newbridge Road then down to the Milperra Bridge.

You set up this intermodal and the congestion will be multiplied a hundred times over. You state "During the busiest peak periods traffic associated with the terminal will add less than 3% to existing traffic on the M5 motorway." How did you arrive at this figure as the M5 motorway is horrendous at the best of times.

In your statement you say This intermodal "will reduce growth in truck trips over the regional road network." How is this possible?? You also stated "the number of import-export containers will be limited to 1.05 million a year." The 1.05 million containers will arrive by train then all the trucks will off load them and use all the regional road network to drive to the depot and also to take them to their destination.

You are moving the congestion from Port Botany to our suburb of Moorebank.

The impact of the air quality is of great concern Many people suffer from respiratory illnesses and no matter how carefully you monitor this aspect we should not have to be exposed to it in the first place.

The impact of noise is another great concern. "Without mitigation noise levels from the terminal would exceed the noise assessment criteria at the nearest homes at Casula, Wattle Grove or North Glenfield ." "Due to the proximity of homes to the western boundary, Casula residents would be most affected." Why should the residents of these suburbs be subjected to any noise at all and the people at Casula in particular being most affected. When they built their homes they were not to know that the Government would sell the land and expose them to this unbelievable proposal.

In conclusion I feel you have not considered the residents in the setting up of the Intermodal. The traffic and transport environment being the most important factor along with the air quality and the noise impact on the surrounding community. I want to know why when anything as major as this project is considered it always ends up in Western Sydney and not on the North Shore.

This Environmental statement tends to gloss over all our concerns and state that it will benefit our Moorebank Community.

Reduce congestion -not at all It will increase it to an unbearable level

Better Environment - with more trucks in our area our air quality will diminish

Enhance the economy – how can you state that the economic benefits through reduced road congestion and better environmental outcomes will benefit the Australian economy when the people of Moorebank and the surrounding areas will suffer from these very problems the most.

Community investment – the contributions to local programs and facilities to benefit residents and the local environment is a ridiculous statement as the EIS states it “recognises that not all the terminal's benefits will be experienced locally”. We the locals of Moorebank, Casula, Wattle Grove and North Glenfield will not experience any benefits what so ever. Quite the opposite!!!! It will be only detrimental to our local environment in the long run.

In writing this submission I feel that the Australian Government in selling the land occupied by the Department of Defence has sold out the people of Moorebank and the surrounding suburbs. We are the little people who live in a community we love and try as we might we just want to have a voice.

I would implore you to take some note of my concerns

