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Application number: SSD 5066/EPBC 2011/6086

Project name: Moorebank Intermodal

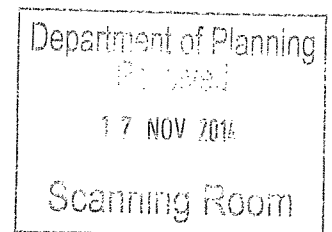
Environmental Impact Statement Objection to the Moorebank Intermodal Proposal

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

- People understand that governments are forced to make unpopular decisions in the interests of the general community. However, given the existing levels of air pollution in the affected area exceeding World Health Organisation recommendations and are certain to exceed national air quality indices, it is unacceptable for any government or agency to impose third world environmental standards on one part of the community for political expediency.
- The modelling on traffic flows for both intermodal projects reflected significant differences in expected numbers of daily truck movements. It is unbelievable that any credible government or agency would make a recommendation to proceed based on such dubious modelling forecasts.

- The arterial road system in this part of Sydney is fully stretched and this is evidenced by the gridlock experienced on the M5, M7 and Hume Highway particularly at peak hour.
- This is a band-aid solution to Sydney's container shipping problems that is highly likely to turn into a white elephant. The more appropriate sites are where the concentration of container deliveries occur ie Eastern Creek. Alternatively, a more holistic view of freight logistics would view Badgery's Creek as more suitable.
- The intrinsic value of the allocated land is not being recognised. Other forms of commercial or residential development would generate significantly higher returns to government.

I can see that there was a time where the proposal to develop the Intermodal at Moorebank would have been reasonable but given the:

- Inability of any government/agency to mitigate the impacts of congestion on the M5, M7 and Hume Highways
- the implications for ambulances to respond in a timely fashion to medical emergencies in the surrounding areas
- the acknowledged (re SIMTA proposal Environmental Assessment) elevation in toxic, particulate matter beyond acceptable health standards,

this proposal should be rejected on the basis that no government or agency could be really confident that the unresolved freight logistics problem will be solved by this proposal. Rather , it more likely to generate a number of unintended negative consequences.

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 []