

12 Wallcliffe Court WATTLE GROVE NSW 2173 (H) 02 9825 3255 5th December, 2014

Attention: Director, Infrastructure Projects Planning Systems Department of Planning and Environment GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

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Scanning Room

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: APPLICATION NO. SSD 5066/EPBC 2011/6086 MOOREBANK INTERMODAL TERMINAL PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

As Residents and Rate payers of Wattle Grove we **<u>DO NOT</u>** give our approval for the Moorebank Intermodal Terminal to go ahead.

We **DO NOT** approve of the extra trucks and traffic it will bring to the area.

We **<u>DO NOT</u>** approve of extra congestion on the M5 which will be main access for trucks to the area.

We **<u>DO NOT</u>** approve of the extra pollution from diesel fumes.

We **<u>DO NOT</u>** approve of the extra freight train movements that will inevitably occur on the East Hills Line – as currently happens when the main freight line is unavailable.

We **DO NOT** approve of the extra noise from a 24 Hour Operation.

We **DO NOT** approve of the extra light pollution at night.

We **<u>DO NOT</u>** approve of the impact this will have on animal, bird & plant life in the area.

We **<u>DO NOT</u>** approve of the extra pollution to the Georges River.

THE TERMINAL DEFINITELY NEEDS TO BE CLOSER TO KEMPS CREEK WHERE THE NEW AIRPORT WILL BE AND WHERE IT WILL BE CLOSER TO THE MAJORITY OF DELIVERIES.

We have lived in The Woods area of Wattle Grove for 18 years. It is a peaceful suburb where the tranquility settles the mind, the quietness enables pleasant sleeping conditions at night, the air is clean and the lifestyle is enjoyed not only by humans but a spectrum of beautiful birds, green tree frogs, and other animals, including wallabies, foxes, hares, rabbits and even snakes and lizards all of which we have encountered.

Noise Factors

The East Hills railway line runs past the edge of the estate and the level of noise of the passenger trains on occasions is intrusive. Thankfully, they do not run through the middle of the night. When the main freight line through Liverpool is closed due to maintenance or other problems and the freight trains are run on this line the noise is unbearable. Huge vibrations are experienced within our home and cracks have appeared in walls & concrete.

At a recent Intermodal meeting we were told freight trains would definitely not run on the East Hills Line. Well that is a lie because it is happening now.

I believe, for the residents of Casula which is above the main freight railway line the noise and regularity of the train movements would be unbearable.

Movement of containers within the terminal 24 hours a day will create greatly increased noise levels. Just being within 1 kilometer of Port Botany and the noise of clanging and movements is very disturbing, so in a peaceful environment like Wattle Grove the noise will most certainly travel at night.

Truck & Traffic Movements.

The huge number of planned truck & vehicle movements to and from the intermodal site every 24 hours is outrageous Noise, congestion and pollution from the diesel and petrol fumes from so many vehicles is hard to comprehend.

A trip to Casula Mall will become a nightmare contending with trucks entering and leaving the site from the M5 and Moorebank Avenue.

Contamination by diesel fumes will affect the plants along the Georges River that now have lichen on them from the clear air of a pristine bushland setting. The bellbirds singing along the riverbank will be replaced by the sounds of industry.

This area cannot be destroyed in this way. We will not accept the proposal in any way.

Yours truly

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