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Dear Sir/ Madam

Penrith Lakes Scheme

The Department of Planning and Environment has advertised, in the Penrith Press, details concerning a proposal ,by the Penrith Lakes Development Corporation, for a Section 75W modification application which will involve the importation of additional Virgin Excavated Natural Material (VENM) and Excavated Natural Material (ENM) to aid in shaping of the site at the Penrith Lakes Scheme.

The proposal involves increasing the amount of VENM and ENM to be imported by an additional five million tonnes at a rate of up to two million tonnes per year commencing in early 2015. It is proposed to source the VENM and ENM from excavation sites in the Sydney Metropolitan Area.

I would suggest that perhaps the Department of Planning and Environment has not yet considered the consequences of such a proposal and that your Authority needs to investigate the proposal thoroughly and advise the Department of your findings.

From a statistical viewpoint alone, please bear with me for a moment as I elucidate what I perceive will be involved :-

Assuming a year equates to 48 working weeks and a working week is 5 days, less another 5 days for public holidays, equals 235 days in which to move 2 million tonnes of earth to the Lakes site.

Assume that the trucks used to carry the earth are capable of holding 36 tonnes and we have the basis for truck movements. They will equate to 55,555 truck movements in to the Lakes site and 55,555 movements away from the Lakes site giving the total number of truck movements as 111,110 per year. Work backwards from the foregoing and it will be seen that 111,110 divided by 235 (working days) equals 472 trucks per day !!! Based on a ten hour day (to be generous) and that is 47.2 trucks per hour !! Remember that is for one year but the proposal involves 5 million tonnes and the above only represents two fifths of the total.

From where is the soil going to be carted ? It will be almost certain that it will come from all

directions thus involving heavy traffic into and out of the Penrith area on major roads, incurring additional noise and air pollution, not to mention the considerable increase in traffic volume and consequent damage to the road system.

I request that you recommend in the negative insofar as this proposal is concerned.

Yours sincerely

Roger Fryer

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