

24th July, 2016



Department of Planning and Environment
Attn: Director- Resource Assessments
GPO Box 39 Sydney NSW 2001
Re Wallarah 2 Coal Project

I fully support and appreciate the long term economic benefit from the Wallarah 2 Project along with the stated desire to minimise impacts on the environment and people affected. However in all reality some localised issues and adverse effects will arise and be felt on some individuals.

My farm location is unique to the proposed rail coal loading process in that it is the only residential property in the design that will be directly impacted by the proposal. I look forward to effective solutions to overcome some of my initial concerns as listed below.

The main northern rail line which borders 250 metres of my property currently has both freight and passenger services passing at fairly constant speed and even individual noise generation 24 hours per day. This will change with the revised train loading proposal.

The coal trains will be approximately 700 metres long and there will be rail cross over to a siding to load coal approximately 300 metres south, downhill from my boundary. This would mean that trains travelling south will be braking from main line speed along my boundary onto the siding.

Trains being loaded, particularly at night to meet departure timetable constraints will be shunting at low speed creating additional noise travelling up the valley to my property.

Loaded trains will be facing uphill and under full acceleration to shunt up through the crossover and past my property to gain optimum speed for the northern line.

These three initial concerns I feel will all raise total noise exposure plus cause specific increases in random nuisance noise levels and random frequency of increased noise levels which will affect both my quality of life plus degrade the resale value of my property.

Yours sincerely,

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