

Diane Sarkies - Submission re Application No.: SSI-5414

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Attention: Director, Infrastructure Projects

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Application # SSI-5414

My husband and I support the proposed concept but we have a few concerns in regard to some parts of the proposal at Showground Station worksite precinct.

With the change in location of the station (4.1.1), our residence is now within what we consider to the "Sensitive Receiver" location (Area E). We are only one house block from the corner of Middleton Avenue and Carrington Road and our sleeping area is at the back of the house.

We note from figure 4-2 that the acoustics shed is planned for the present site of the Hills Centre and this is well within 40m of our property. Can you give us more information on what this shed is being constructed from and how much noise it is expected to contain?

The site night-time truck noise is a concern as at present we are only disturbed on a regular basis by a weekly waste pickup from the Hills Centre and an irregular basis by showground carnival workers arriving and leaving at showtime and with the occasional circus. At present we are not affected by truck noise on Showground Road at any time of the night.

From your proposed access/egress using Carrington Road 24x7, our sleeping would be severely impacted. If trucks have to use Carrington Road at night-time maybe a left turn in and a right turn out could be implemented sending trucks through industrial area where the impact on residents sleeping could be downgraded.

Also what is going to be done to keep dust from site to a minimum? Is there going to be a process of damping down materials both when excavated and loading. This site is going to be used for quite a number of years during construction and this could be serious for anyone with a breathing problem.

The other problem that we can see and that we have had a lot of experience in, is parking in residential streets during construction phase and also once station is completed. With the show and any large gathering at the Hills Centre, local streets (Middleton, Ashford, Partridge, Dawes, Fishburn, and Sexton become blocked with non-residents parking. We note that you have parking for construction staff but what incentive will there be for them to park there? You are building a parking area for new station but some people will find it more time efficient and cheaper to park in the residential area than trying to get out of multi level carpark and having to pay for it as well. Has this been brought up at any stage and if so what is planned to help eliminate this problem.

We also declare that we have not given any political donations in the past two years.

Regards

Diane and Derek Heiler