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NSW Government

Planning and Infrastructure

North West Rail Link Project

**Date:** 4<sup>TH</sup> May 2012

**Re:** Objection to Viaduct Method

Dear Sir/Madame,

1. I live in close proximate to the proposed NWRL proposed location, along with other approx. 5000 families along the sides of old Windsor Rd Kellyville and Rouse Hill.
2. The Viaduct method in this area will have a huge impact on our lifestyle during construction and also post construction. The main causes are from the above ground railway tracks and trains impacts.
3. The consequences of noise ranges are from a minor inconvenience; to the disruption of and interference with activities inside and outside the home; to physiological harm;-
  - (a) such as increased agitation and tension,
  - (b) sleep deprivation/fatigue,
  - (c) higher blood pressure (Saremi et al., 2008; Ising et al., 1999; Babisch, 2000).
4. In addition to direct impacts on people, noise has also been shown to:-
  - (a) effect property values (Bellinger, 2006; Cushing-Daniels and Murray, 2005).
  - (b) the exact and measurable physiological noise impacts have been confirmed to harm residentants that live in close proximately of above ground trains and tracks.

The anecdotal and real-world evidence is clear. Noise has genuine, tangible effects on peoples' lives and health. Railways are notorious for sound-producing activities and have been deemed annoying, upsetting, and completely aggravating to people who were unwillingly subjected to the sound emissions that are going to be generated from the NWRL Viaduct method.

### **Possible solution**

Continue to tunnel from Bella Vista, past the intersection of Old Windsor Rd and Samantha riley, heading west towards Windsor Rd. (All along this section it has a high residential population growth)

The continuation of the tunnel from Bella Vista past Cnr of Old Windsor and Windsor Road will mitigate the noise visual impacts. The costs benefits would be far cheaper to tunnel that area compared to a 4 metres high viaduct, which is an eye sore and will devaluing our properties and cause physiological emotional harm.

If the reasons are to have a viaduct is because of the small creek. This is not adequate excess. **If they have tunneled under Sydney Harbor, surely a small creek that is one metre deep of water is not going to scare the government.**

**There's more than 5000 families living in this section on both sides of Old Windsor Road that don't want to suffer because of the impacts of having above ground heavy rail train operating next to them.**