

Nathan Stringer - Northern Sydney Freight Corridor - Epping to Thornleigh Third Track (ETTT) Application No. SSI 5132

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Subject: Northern Sydney Freight Corridor - Epping to Thornleigh Third Track (ETTT) Application No. SSI 5132

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write in relation to the North Sydney Freight Corridor (or ETTT, Application No. SSI 5132) proposal, and more particularly the impact that this will have on the **Pennant Hills Station and surrounding amenity**.

- I **object to the proposal**, however subject to an understanding of appropriate detail being provided as it relates to noise and vibration, overhead bridges, landscaping plans, impact on Yarrara Road etc. I note that do detail has been provided to date, including at the first public information session earlier this year.

Major concerns regarding the proposal are as follows:-

- Noise and vibration. The track is on an incline at this point and diesel engines are under full power. Also, what is the proposal to minimise wheel squeal etc?
- What measures are being taken to ensure air quality?
- No detail has been provided to date regarding exact **re-positioning of pedestrian overhead bridges**.
- No detail has been provided regarding the **exact distance the new track / rail boundary will be from the existing Yarrara Road**. This is a major feeder road to Pennant Hills Road, and any narrowing will present disastrous traffic implications.
- No detail has been provided regarding **landscaping plans / proposals for the public set-back / interface at the Yarrara Road frontage**. This is a significant pedestrian / commuter access, and any reduction in footpath width will cause issues. Appropriate landscaped buffering is important for noise reduction and to maintain the village feel of the Pennant Hills centre. An aesthetically acceptable landscape and public interface proposal must be presented at the next public information session (4 October 2012).

Yours sincerely,

Dwight Hillier
(Pennant Hills resident)

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