



Northern Sydney Freight Corridor Program  
Epping to Thornleigh Third Track Project – SSI5132  
Director – Infrastructure Projects  
Dear Sir/ Madam

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2012

I am concerned about the impact on our environment in Beecroft Cheltenham from the construction of the Northern Sydney Freight Corridor.

We are already suffering from the impact of roads and rail through our suburb. Since we moved here the M2 has been built through a peaceful quite area at Beecroft Reserve.

Pennant Hills Road has become a major link for the M2 and the M3 and noise and pollution has worsened to the state of being unacceptable to a residential environment.

This is an environmentally sensitive area with the Lane Cove National Park on our doorstep. The hills and the valleys in our area are particularly prone to noise and this carries into the whole community.

Noise is a major issue for this area. I have already mentioned Pennant Hills Road and the M2. Now we have the danger of more noise to be generated from this Freight Corridor. State Rail have never been able to solve the problem of the squeaking of the train wheels on the track through Beecroft /Cheltenham. Noise will be an issue at shopping centre in Beecroft, as they are close to the rail line. Noise will be an issue for the many houses along the line and in the area. We live quite a distance from the rail line but can hear it at night. Noise could be an issue to Local Schools like Cheltenham High School, Beecroft Primary School and Arden Anglican School. Night time noise will be a major issue. Already we have night time noise from the M2 and especially Pennant Hills Road with semi trailers at night. Now it seems we will have more night time noise from a major freight corridor.

Loss of amenities is another big issue. We lack very many parks and local recreation amenities . We are already zoned to lose the netball courts at Cheltenham Oval due to construction of North West Rail Line. Now with this proposal it appears we will lose the Beecroft Village Green and our very popular local railway park located next to Beecroft Station, where many young children and toddlers play. There is also the loss of our local railway parking area to be considered and the Scout Hall.

There is also the loss of this area's unique appeal. This area has been a quiet residential suburb, which attracted us to the area to bring up our family. It seems like this is all being taken away from us by Government decisions to direct major road and rail routes through our area.

Yours Sincerely,  
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