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Dear Sir/Madam,
Epping to Thornleigh Third Track Project
SS1 5132

We object to the proposed construction of the third track as currently proposed. A third track will result in an increase in noise pollution with freight trains operating through the night with accompanying wheel squeal and diesel engine noise. The government should introduce regulations concerning noise pollution on these trains.

As a condition of considering a third track the operator should replace the noisy old diesel locomotives with quieter, less pollutant electrical locomotives such as are used in North America or South Africa. It would be necessary to change the locomotives at Broadmeadow.

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Only when this noise reduction is achieved and the old locomotives are removed should the matter of the third track be considered.

As the private operator is the main and perhaps the only beneficiary of the third track proposals, he should be able to make these changes.

Yours sincerely,



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