

Submission form

Epping to Thorleigh Third Track proposal - SSI 5132

Any person is welcome to make a written submission on the proposal during the exhibition period. Your submission must be received by the **NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure** by **Monday 5 November 2012**.

Please note the following application requirements:

1. Anonymous comments will not be accepted as submissions, subject to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*; please state your name, email address and physical address accurately. You may request that your name be withheld by making a clear statement to this effect, however, all submissions are uploaded automatically to our website.
2. Your submission must include:
 - your name, your postal address and your email address
 - the name of the application (Epping to Thorleigh Third Track) and the application number (SSI 5132)
 - a statement on whether you support or object the proposal
 - the reasons why you support or object the proposal
 - a declaration of reportable political donations, including donations of \$1,000 or more, made in the previous two years. For more details, and a disclosure form, go to planning.nsw.gov.au/donations.
3. If your submission is lodged electronically:
 - only PDF files will be accepted as attachments for security reasons; all other attachment formats will be rejected automatically
 - your IP address will be logged; offensive and threatening language will not be tolerated.
4. Completed submission forms should be marked '**Attention: Director, Infrastructure Projects**' and sent to the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure using the following means of delivery:
 - fax: **(02) 9228 6455**
 - post: **Major Projects Assessment, Department of Planning and Infrastructure, GPO Box 39, SYDNEY NSW 2001**
 - email: **plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au**
 - website: via the entry for the project on the Department's website **majorprojects.planning.gov.au**.

*Under clause 115Z(5) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, the Director-General may provide copies of submissions received during the exhibition period, or a summary of the submissions, to the Proponent. Further, it is Departmental policy to place a copy of your submission on the Department's website. If you do not want your name to be made available to the Proponent, or on the Department's website, please clearly state this in your submission.

Your submission

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___ We are a group of Pennant Hills residents who live in Binomea Place and are ___
concerned with noise issues on the Epping to Thornleigh Third Track proposal – ___
___ SSI 5132. ___

___ Our issue is that the CURRENT noise levels already exceed the maximum noise ___
___ guidelines and we are concerned that these unacceptable noise levels will not be ___
___ reduced or addressed in the proposal. In fact, we anticipate an increase in ___
disturbance because of the increase in the frequency of freight services. ___

Please turn over

Our properties back onto the eastern side of the railway line. We are particularly susceptible to railway noise because of the topography of our location for the following reasons:

- Because we back onto the railway line, there is effectively no barrier between our homes and the railway.
- There are tall, large footprint buildings on the western side of the line, directly opposite us, and these act to reflect the rail noise straight back to us, increasing its impact.
- We are on a very steep gradient of the line as it leads into Pennant Hills, thus we get more low speed diesel noise and more wagon clunking
- As we are close to the curve approaching Pennant Hills, we get noise from both sides, both from the line behind us and from the stretch of line that curves back towards Beecroft.

We request consideration for special treatment for this area in analysing and treating the noise that affects our small community. In particular, we request that you consider treatments, such as a noise barrier on the eastern side of the railway in addition to ongoing work in reducing the noise at source.

What happens to my submission?

A submissions report will be prepared to respond to issues raised during the exhibition period.

The NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure will review the submissions report and the Environmental Impact Statement prior to making a recommendation for determination to the NSW Minister for Planning and Infrastructure.

The submissions report will be made publicly available once a determination on the proposal is made. At this time, you will receive a letter to direct you to where your issues have been responded to in the report.