

**Tracy Bellamy - Wheel squeal in Beecroft**

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To the Director-Infrastructure Projects.

Epping to Thornleigh 3rd Track Project-SSI 5132,NSW Dept of Planning and Infrastructure.

Dear Sir As you know the freight trains running through Beecroft have been emitting very loud Wheel squeal.We have now measured this and have found it to be of the order of 110 decibels.This happens day and night,and will become more frequent with the proposed 3rd line(doubling the effect).There are 3 schools in this area close to the railway,whose pupils' hearing could be adversely affected,which could become a major public health issue.This clearly needs to be studied further,and noise barriers will have to be built along the line if the 3rd line is to go ahead Yours Sincerely Ross Barnettson,Professor of Medicine,University of Sydney