

Tracy Bellamy - Objection to Epping to Thornleigh Third Track

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Subject: Objection to Epping to Thornleigh Third Track

Dear Sir/Madam.

I would like to voice my concern about the proposed third track between Epping and Thornleigh stations.

As a local resident, the noise levels from current freight trains are already disruptive, both in sleep and waking hours, and an increase in this seems like an unfair outcome for those living near the line. Noise barriers, like those near the M2, are ineffective and not suitable in a village setting, like Beecroft, Cheltenham, Thornleigh or Pennant Hills.

The squeal of freight trains between Pennant Hills and Beecroft is horrendous at the current level. How will this be addressed?

Like many, I am astounded that such a proposal could be put forward without any plan to upgrade Beecroft Station or replace highly valued community facilities that would be lost. The negative impact on our local community with the loss of old native trees, parkland and the scout hall is immeasurable. The playground beside Beecroft station that would be swallowed by the third track must be one of the most well-used and enjoyed playgrounds in the council area and would be an incredible loss to local families. The removal of popular meeting places like these erodes the social fabric of a community. It is a shame that so many of the people who would be most affected by this action are working parents with young children and little time to devote to voicing their objection to this deadline.

Please reject this proposal. The Western Option offers a more direct route, reduces freight on Sydney's worst road (Pennant Hills Rd) and moves freight out of residential areas. Surely this is a more constructive solution.

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

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