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RE: Moorebank Intermodal Precinct West: Stage 3 – SSD-10431

To whom it may concern,

I write on behalf of the local residents in the Holsworthy Electorate, who I have joined with for over eight years, to voice our concerns on the negative impacts the Moorebank Intermodal will have on the local area.

This submission is in objection to the proposed Moorebank Intermodal Precinct West (MPW) Stage 3.

The Stage 3 proposal seeks approval for the establishment of a works compound at the southern end of the MPW site, associated ancillary works and importation of clean fill material. In addition to this, the proposal looks to subdivide the site into 9 allotments.

What is interesting about this proposal, is that a number of the planning documents, including air quality and noise and vibration reports, continually refer to the reports submitted for MPW Stage 2, meaning that no new studies have been undertaken.

Supposedly, because no new or additional works are being introduced in Stage 3, no updated assessments need to be undertaken at this stage. I find this extremely concerning, as there were a number of issues in those reports raised by the community, most of which have never been addressed.

One of these concerns is the noise generated from the construction and subsequent operation of the Moorebank Intermodal. In the MPW Stage 2 report, that has since been used again for the Stage 3 proposal, it concludes the following - *"Construction vibration would not significantly impact human comfort at the nearest residential receiver. No further assessment of construction vibration was necessary"*.

That report was conducted in October 2016.

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Since construction on the Intermodal has begun, residents have already felt the need to raise concerns of noise, and while this has been brought to the attention of Moorebank Intermodal Company, they continue to use the 2016 report to receive planning approvals on successive proposals.

Another concern that is regularly raised with me is the impacts to local air quality. The Air Quality report submitted states that their modelling found that impacts to air quality from the project were only minor when compared to the existing background.

Areas of South-West Sydney already have lower air-quality and higher asthma rates in comparison to the rest of Metropolitan Sydney, therefore this development should not be allowed to further contribute to this, even if the effects only appear to be minor.

I urge that new studies be undertaken that adequately investigate the concerns that are consistently raised by the community. Impacts such as noise are already being felt by residents, with it set to worsen as the Intermodal gets closer to being operational.

I believe that it is in the best interest of the community that the MPW Stage 3 proposal be rejected until further studies have been done and the community has had their concerns adequately addressed.

I have strongly objected to the Moorebank Intermodal plans and proposals for a number of years and find it extremely disappointing that proposals still continue to be submitted, without any attempt to address concerns that the community has raised.

I continue to and will always firmly stand by my view, and the community's, that we are not the only location for a freight terminal of this scale, and we are definitely not the best option.

Yours sincerely,



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