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Director Transport Assessments,  
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We, the residents of 96 Boundary Street, Narrabri NSW 2390, write to object in the strongest terms to the Inland Rail Narromine to Narrabri project (**Number SSI 18 9487**).

We have reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement issued by ARTC, attended numerous meetings and had personal visits from ARTC and have reviewed the Final Rail Corridor and Construction Impact Zone Maps as well as monitoring the plan for the last 4 years and we have long maintained that we will be adversely impacted by the construction of the Inland Rail.

We have a 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom brick establishment with a pool and outer sheds on 85 hectares which we plant and produce crops for rearing cattle, to maintain our Primary Producer status (therefore making over \$20,000 per year).

Our main concerns (in no particular order) are as follows:

- The devaluation of the remaining parcel of land. Our end goal would be to pass this fertile property onto our children or sell the property and move to the coast as our retirement plan. We would not be able to fulfil this goal with the devaluation of our entire property.
- Lack of shade from trees in the remaining parcel of land, for the cattle.
- The loss of value of pine trees, in which we could sell for income, on the block in which the rail is to be built.
- The degrading of the area of remaining property will reduce the quality of stock in which we could produce.
- We will lose water supply in one paddock, due to the bore being taken out. This will also affect the quality of our stock.
- The noise and dust produced by the rail will affect multiple things, including the pool, the stock, the washing, the house and the machinery.
- The welfare & quality of the stock, being close to a railway with trains.
- The detrimental effect to our mental health and wellbeing with the impending and unknown future caused by the N2N Project.

We sincerely hope that you review this submission when deciding on the plans of the Inland Rail Corridor, and duly compensate the affected residents. The above points (which personally affect our income, wellbeing and future) may be specifically written from our point of view, however there will be hundreds of Primary Producers from Narromine to Narrabri who are also feeling the same way and who have, like us, been already adversely affected by even the plans of this project. We trust you will make the right decision.

Yours sincerely,

Wayne and Roslyn Thorn

