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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am opposed to the current approach route selected for the Narrabri West area. In particular the surrounding area of Island Road. Which is approximately 800 metres from my farm which backs onto the opposite side of the Namoi River, 98 and 100 Genanagie Street, Narrabri.

My family have owned property in Genanagie Street for over 100 years retaining the family farm "Dunvile". The Rail freight corridor will impact dramatically on our current tranquil surroundings. I am certain that I am one of many who are averse to this current positioning of the Inland Rail link. I am horrified at the prospect of a total intrusion on my lifestyle with frequent noise, vibration and scenic obstructions.

When there are more alternative cost effective routes further west as per our local newspaper the Courier's editorial on Tuesday 2 February 2021 "Alternative Line Suggested for Inland Rail corridor".

I originally purchased my two properties 98 and 100 in Genanagie Street, over twenty years ago with a good family knowledge of the immediate area which assured me of total secluded privacy. The area being officially "Flood Zoned" in the 1980's therefore allowing "No New Development" nor having any existing neighbours in close proximity given the then positioning a priceless appeal to myself.

My home which is occupied by family is situated approximately 70 metres from the banks of the Namoi River. In 1971 a flood height of 900mm inundated the immediate house yard.

My gravest concern given the close proximity to the Namoi River is a rise in the flood water level which will impact directly on my dwelling and surrounding out buildings given this area is a natural flood way.

I believe the proposed construction of infrastructure in this aforementioned location will have repercussions that will impact and hinder the current natural flood water velocity by erecting obstacles that will collect debris in turn slowing the flow backing it up hence resulting in a damming motion dramatically increasing the upstream flood water height further inundating the township of Narrabri.

My family heritage past and present is in Genanagie street. Therefore my dream home location was this area. So I purchased the neighbouring property to the original family settlement. I purchased my properties with the intention of ultimately renovating the now existing home and retiring there in peaceful tranquillity. All my hopes and dreams have all been shattered, they are all a fanciful notion if this becomes a reality.

I declare that I have not made any political donations in the last two years.

Yours Faithfully

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