

Dear Sir/ Madam

**Objection to proposed extension of operating hours at Meadowbank: Your Ref SSD-9343-Mod-3**

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission. I would like to **object** to the new proposed operating hours.

This is a **residential area** and the only peace we get now is Sundays and to a limited extent Saturday afternoon. To lose this is unfair and nor was this part of the original plan.

6am to 10pm is ridiculous. My key concerns are as follows: -

**1. Diesel Crane Noise**

The current diesel cranes are overtly noisy (they sound like an army tank) and their high positioning means that everybody across a broad area gets the noise directly into their yards. These cranes should not be operating at all in a residential area, let alone for extended hours.

The *residential noise receivers* location in Macpherson street do not provide any reasonable representation of what residents hear, as they are sheltered by the Ausgrid substation and gardens, with the noisy cranes conveniently located on the opposite side – no wonder the results look low. As an aside these monitors should be moved to a more representative location.

**2. Construction staff and traffic noise.**

The parking in the street by construction workers – this generally starts at 5:45am now, the proposed hours would result in workers parking from 4:45am.

The finish hours of 10pm would result in cars leaving through the area until 10:30pm

Therefore, cars arriving at 4:45 am and leaving 10:30 ***only gives residents about 6 hours of sleep best case which frankly is completely unfair.***

**Our ability sleep is adversely affected now**

For example, a few weeks ago the traffic control lady pulled up in our street at ~5:40am Saturday with doof doof music blaring a full volume and then sat in the car with the diesel engine running for 20+mins – so no sleep in that weekend morning.

And all of this assumes that they do not breach operating out of hours which is not our experience to date.

**3. Parking**

During the current construction hours, parking is severely impacted (even though at the original exhibition the director advised us that all the people would use public transport!). Current parking restrictions provide some respite, however these do not apply on weekends. Residents would be left stranded.

The current rules are already overly generous for building projects and should not be changed.

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