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Submission in relation to SSD-7709-Mod-1

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in relation to my objection to the above proposed works at the Moorebank Intermodal Precinct West.

I object to the application for the storage of Dangerous Goods

I note that the Modification Application Planning Report mentions that:

“Some of these commodities include small volume individual packages of hazardous chemicals; however, they are stored and distributed in significant quantities. Additionally, combustible liquid (diesel fuel) and LPG storage is provided at the Subject Site for refuelling of picking equipment such as forklifts and as standby generator fuel.”

Surely, this should be of concern for neighbouring properties and people working/residing in them. A recommendation that a *“Preliminary Hazard Analysis must be provided to demonstrate compliance can be achieved with the requirements of SEPP 33”* does not provide a great deal of comfort.

Given the recent debacle in Beirut in relation to the storage of dangerous and hazardous materials, you can well understand residents' concerns. We have all witnessed how the “regulation” around shonky building construction has panned out in Sydney in the past couple of years. How can you expect anyone to have confidence around Dangerous goods?

I object to the application for height increase

From our property we have enjoyed views over that section of the Georges River valley, which has been predominantly pleasing vegetation, from our dining room and our large back yard (our back yard, incidentally, is an 1100m² property. While there has been some commercial/industrial construction in our field of view, most of our views are still of vegetation.

Allowing this proposed increase in height will actually double the current proposed height. Our current views will essentially be destroyed as the proposed increased height will blot out the current skyline. In addition, we will be subjected to having immense corporate logos as our backdrop. This eyesore will be an absolute blot on the landscape.

This eyesore will also be in view of many other residents who had bought their properties for their pleasant views.

I object to the application on the grounds of increased noise

The valley in which the Intermodal is located is essentially like a mini amphitheatre, in that sounds are projected upwards and outwards in a westerly direction.

Currently, operations on the site are occurring from Monday through to Saturday and occur well into the night on weeknights. As you would be aware, ambient noise levels are lower during the night. As a consequence, we can quite clearly hear the sounds of the trucks and machinery that are operating on the site at night interrupting our tranquillity. I am amazed that you allow operation at night. Clearly, effects on residents' amenity and sleep patterns isn't a consideration.

When the Intermodal is in full operation, I suspect that it will be operating continuously, so we will be subjected to ongoing noise disturbance from trucks, containers, and the continual passage of goods trains. In addition to the often "squeally" braking and the noise from the multiple diesel engines, I understand that train carriage make very loud noise as they are shunted together.

I can confirm that I have not made any reportable political donations in the previous two years.

Your sincerely,

John Cola