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Mr David Way, Senior Planning Officer
Independent Planning Commission NSW.
By Email on 25 June 2019.

RE: Moorebank Intermodal West Concept Plan and Stage 1 MOD 1 (SSD 5066 Mod1) and
Moorebank Intermodal Precinct West Stage 2 (SSD 7709).

Dear Mr Way,

For over 12 years now we have written, inspected and talked about this proposal in the suburb of Moorebank. On each occasion we make the same initial statement:

It is the wrong type of development in the wrong place.

The area bounded by Moorebank Ave and the Georges River then looking east toward Bankstown is a Virtual Island. The suburb is already almost inaccessible and all traffic, north, south and from the west must find a way through the maze. Add a huge container terminal and the district will become impassable.

A dozen or more issues have been thoroughly researched and advanced to the Commission. Issues such as air pollution and the health of residents, impossible traffic movements, a huge gift of land and proposed infrastructure such as bridges and rail lines *given away* to private enterprise, the start of Badgerys Creek Airport making Moorebank a distant logistics problem and now we read that bulk container shippers are likely to move goods from Brisbane to Melbourne on the west side of the Great Divide.

The Moorebank Intermodal is looking more like a white elephant every day.

The most serious question however is how much damage will there be to wildlife if this proposal is completed? Already we know that the Liverpool LGA has now only 6% of the original bush at the time of white settlement. The native bushland here contains not only rare plants (*Hibbertia fumana*) but old-growth trees with hollows. Many native mammals and birds rely on hollows which take a minimum of 150 years to develop.

Most critically, we believe there is a remnant population, up to 1000 individuals, of the Koala. This colony reaches to the woodlands of Wollondilly and is thought to be healthy. If we were to lose any part of this colony it would represent a tragedy of major proportions. A unique and widely loved animal that can never be replaced. Thousands of tourists come to Australia each year to see Koalas and other unique fauna.

Mr Way, you can now see where this discussion is going? Badgerys Creek Airport with a planned passenger traffic of 80 million in 40 years, almost complete loss of bushland in the region,

nothing to show our visitors?

Many alternate land-use ideas for the Moorebank land have been offered. However, a substantial Nature Reserve protecting what we have left of Australian wildlife which will be quiet, provide cleaner air and carbon sequestration and a filter to a fresh-water stretch of the Georges River, can be ours forever. Sustainable and nurturing.

Will the Commission please consider very carefully what it is we will lose if this proposal is completed?

Sincerely
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