



Oatley Flora & Fauna Conservation Society Inc.
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NSW Government
Independent Planning Commission

Moorebank Intermodal West Concept Plan and Stage 1 Mod 1

Dear Commissioners,

Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society Inc has the following concerns with respect to this proposal:

1. It will result in threats to both endangered koalas and the Cumberland woodland forest which have been identified at the site. We are particularly concerned with this aspect as both currently enjoy the protections of the Commonwealth EPBC Act, 1999.
2. The fire-fighting chemical, PFAS was used on this site and it is essential that actions be undertaken as to its toxic environmental effects and plans for its remediation, similar to other Defence estates which are currently under investigation.
3. The proposal entails 34 times the amount of landfill than originally stipulated (i.e. from 46,000 to 1.6 million cubic metres). It will result in a one square kilometre of unnatural, treeless plateau. The deviation from the original plan is such that we contend that the "modification" should be treated as a totally fresh proposal.
4. Though the effects of the modification may have been measured precinct-wide, there has been no assessment of them on a regional basis. For example, the plateau mentioned at point 3 above will directly affect the movement of Georges River floodwaters not only within the precinct, but further downstream, particularly in the historically susceptible Moorebank-Milperra area.
5. The site adjoins the Georges River and run-off from the development will threaten its abundant aquatic ecology and increase erosion along its banks.

Our Society strongly objects to this proposal and believes it should be rejected in its entirety so that the integrity of the Georges River and local flora and fauna are maintained for current and future generations.

Yours faithfully
Graham Lalchere
President