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I wish to lodge my concerns relating to the Moorebank Intermodal Terminal exhibition and hearing. As the hearings always seem to be in business hours, I have been unable to attend, due to work commitments. I request that you accept these comments since I was unable to attend in person.

My family and I live approximately 500 meters from the boundary of the Moorebank Precinct East and have serious concerns about the impact of this development on my family. I am further concerned for the impact of the Intermodal development on my local community, the local environment and the ability of everyone in our local council area to move around the local area in reasonably timely manner.

My specific concerns are as follows:

1. SIMTA is very dismissive of the community and its concerns. The information they provide to the community update in the form of a newsletter to our letter box. This document rather than truly informing us about what is going on with the development and the next round of inconveniences to expect, reads like self-promotion. The reminder to the community that they can contact SIMTA about the project should be more prominent. When my family has made feedback or complaints SIMTA always seem to have an excuse or blame someone else for the issue. It is impossible to feel that the community and its concerns are truly being heard and responded to with more than more than a brush-off. There has been a real issue with dirt blowing into Wattle Grove from the project. When my husband complained about the fact, SIMTA suggested it was coming from other developments in the Local Government Area (many KMs away from our house). We are only expecting the dirt issue to increase if SIMTA are permitted to bring more fill into the precinct.
2. The western edge of Wattle Grove now suffers much more noise than before the project started, SIMTA made commitments to ameliorate noise but so far none have been forthcoming. SIMTA have not been trustworthy or reliable in their dealings with the community and our need for protection from noise from both parts of the SIMTA project. SIMTA has broken its social contract with this community.
3. SIMTA has now constructed its rail spur into MPE and there is no noise protection for residents in Western Wattle Grove facing the spur with nothing but trees to protect them. How can SMITA think that trees alone will be enough of a noise barrier to protect resident from the increase in noise that the extra rail so close to houses will cause. A full review of the change to the noise profile of the area needs to be undertaken. The review should consider all terminal related noise sources and cumulative effect to noise increase produced by the precinct and its operation on all residential areas in the LGA.
4. The traffic in the South West of Sydney has become much heavier since this project was approved and the M5 and many local roads are already heavily congested most of the time. When you consider the growth in housing in our Local Government Area and its associated increase in traffic volume these new residents represent, it would be unconscionable to approve additional volume at the terminal until SIMTA has done new modelling based on current traffic conditions and until SIMTA has shown (as previously directed by PAC) that the traffic created by the existing approval can be borne by the local road network.

5. SIMTA have said that the precinct will use electrically powered vehicles and equipment on site to help with noise and pollution issues. This is somewhat negated by the state of the locomotives which will run to and from the site on the new freight line. The quality of the locomotives allowed to enter and use the site will significantly impact the local air quality in Wattle Grove and Casula. I ask that the commission ensure the use of new engines meeting current protection standards, such as the standards from Europe. This is also important for trucks using this facility.

6. Since work on SIMTA's project started I have personally noticed a marked decline in native birds in our local area. Many trees have already been cleared during the extensive site levelling for this project. This belies SIMTA's assertion that there would be little environmental impact from the development. I request that the commission require SIMTA to inspect the surviving habitats and go to greater lengths to protect these habitats for our native birds.

Thank you
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