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Subject:

D392/15 & D393/16 - Moorebank Intermodal Terminal (MIC Intermodal Terminal Concept Plan) & SIMTA

Intermodal Terminal Facility

Date:

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We OBJECT to the Moorebank Intermodal Proposal

We oppose the Moorebank Intermodal proposal for the following reasons:

Historic Heritage

 The proposed site contains military heritage that is currently protected by Commonwealth Heritage List and Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act. We support Liverpool Council's application for ongoing protection;

- Military buildings show architectural designs, workmanship and techniques of the era, and used materials that are no longer common in today's construction such as American Oregon timber. These building should not be demolished as per the recommendation but conserved;
- The Australian Army has a relatively young history compared to its Allies. Therefore, buildings, memorials/plaques, gardens, bridges, headstones, chapels, cemeteries,
 Hangars, huts, bells and towers should be conserved on its original location; and
- It would be of cultural benefit for Civilians to be able to observe, respect and enjoy this military heritage.

Environment

- The development of an Intermodal will destroy native flora and fauna;
- The development of an Intermodal will have the potential to destroy the Georges River;
- The destruction of Georges River will also impact residents and native flora and fauna living downstream;
- The proposed area should be considered for environmental protection, as it is pristine riverfront land which is vital to the ecologically of the area; and
- This area could be included as part of the Great Southern Walk (Georges River Walk) an initiative by the New South Wales government.

Traffic

• The area is already congested, particularly at peak commute times;

- Trucks 'weaving' onto and off the M5 between the Moorebank and Hume Highway interchanges are already dangerous and need to be upgraded;
- The Moorebank intermodal will attract an additional 12,000 heavy vehicles and 5,000 cars per day that will need to access and leave the terminal utilising the M5 and local roads; and
- The modelling does not cater for the predicted growth of the region.

Health

- We want to continue to enjoy the outdoors without the risk of the intermodal making our family sick; AND
- There will be increased diesel fumes in the community generated from locomotives, heavy vehicles and other heavy equipment used on site. These fumes are carcinogenic; and
- The government shouldn't plan industrial development in a heavily populated residential area which has nearby child care centres, primary schools, high schools and nursing homes.

Please reject this proposal on the grounds that it is not in the public interest with other better suited sites available.

Regards,

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(please withhold personal details if this submission is made public)