

My name is Dara Bonic

I am from [REDACTED] I have lived in different parts of the area and watched it changed.

I loved the area because unlike what is magnified on the news. It IS safe and has the same problems like other areas of Sydney.

I know all my neighbours the entire length of my street. I am sure that would surprise some of you because it is not common today.

Growing up and having attended University I have also witnessed the dark side of living in the South West. And saw the inequality between myself and some of my peers over the bridge.

I watched and was a part of lobbyi group for noise walls on the M5 Georges River Bridge. I started to join the lobby Group in 2004 yet poor souls had been lobbying since the 90s one man who has since passed away . I witnessed how the Govt plays poor working class people saying we have no money to spend in bad times, and again we have no money when its good times. Yet all over the news we here how state govt is in surplus. Their response to the South West is Just Sit on a “tick box “ noise abatement program much like the 24 hr complaints line the govt is suggesting with the intermodal and when we get to you. We get to you. But in reality we will not get to you because we don’t care. The noise abatement program is just a procedure to appease the worrisome residents into believing that some-one is doing something but in reality they are Not. 90s -2016..... Have we not had a population growth? Has not the number of cars increased in the 2 decades? Yet these poor people are still thinking the govt will do the right thing. Yet they don’t. To the extent that now it is the only area on the ENTIRE network without noise walls.

When I approached MIC and stated that noise walls need to be placed on that bridge because it is the first turning point from Moorebank Avenue onto the M5 for the 1000s of trucks that will be introduced to this road. Their response was not our problem. You will need to talk with the RMS.

I do not understand how a govt project of such magnitude , and such impact on surrounding roads and residents. Is not our problem. But RMS. The throwing to and forth to govt deparments. State and Federal has already started. Yet not a shovel has been placed in the ground.

But we are use to that in this area. In 2007 I also joined in lobbying for

noise walls for the poor residents of my same area for the rail. These people are living with 97decibals. 60-65 decibels WHO standards is the norm and what the majority of Sydney siders people live with. Come the turn of the labour govt our Mp stood in an old ladies back yard with then Robertson taking a photo for local press stating you will get your barriers if you vote for us and return us back to power. But the Libs came in. And I learned a very sad lesson in politics that one will not work as hard for ones constituents when they are not in power. Ego takes over. Bad Luck, These residents stood aside for progress for the ARTC freight line thinking our govt will protect us do the right thing. Only to be kicked in the gut . I use to get anonymous letters' in my mail box by political cronies Who do you think you are. What silly people to buy on the rail line. But did anyone ever think these people BOUGHT a house. They did not abuse the system and reap your tax dollars by sitting in commission housing in Potts Point on the harbour Yet their reward for contributing to society with their tax dollars. A kicked in the gut by the govt. Sleep with 97 decibels, wake up and go to work No noise walls.

Yet down the road all through the ST George area. Noise walls are placed along the lines. In Watson's Bay going towards Bondi, you all take that road. Noise walls. The road was not even expanded as has been preached to me by various govt Departments as being the rule. In FACT the guidelines are flawed because M5 was not moved closer to the housing as was stated in the guidelines rather a lane was created in the middle . No Expansion yet noise walls. Watson Bay -noise walls, no expansion. Difference between living in east and west. I do not have faith in guidelines nor mitigation for I have seen how flawed they are and how they only work when you live on the other side of the bridge or east . In the South West you sit for decades as I have just described to you on "abatement programs", on 24hr Hotlines. That the reality is for the South West there is a greater chance, the odds are higher that you will die waiting than ever see mitigation come into fruition as I have shown.

In 2010 I took it upon myself to accompany the Mayor to an intermodal conference in the States. We sat and were in the company of 5 world renowned professors. Experts in Intermdals. We sat with representatives like our Mayor from China, Russia and Europe. All there to hear the LATEST findings on the impact moving goods industry on the city. And what are better solutions and alternatives.

The finding from the professors was unanimous that intermodals should be on the outskirts feeding into the city. For the reasons all these people

have said in the past and will be saying today.

Which leads me to the point.

We have given you peer reviewed documentation. You dismiss it. Yet Australia just this last few months has dappled in a Clean Air Policy. Something America has had for 2 decades. That's how far we are behind.

We have a modeller here who has stated our roads cannot bear the impact of the intermodal. You dismiss it.

As said the M5 Georges River bridge has not been expanded and is a car park even with the expansion of the M5. Yet the impact of putting 10 000s of trucks with such piercing noise across a residential areas and all other areas is dismissed. It was said at the MIC meeting that residents across the Liverpool area will be impacted by noise and air pollution.. But we will massage our findings. And not speak the truth as our council has shown through their counter findings using other independent analysis.

I again reiterate and question how MIC can claim that a project of this magnitude has not got a responsibility to the surrounding roads when they will be using them. Impacting them. Trucks do not fly.

It is well known now and has been proven that the freight is destined for Eastern Creek. We/ different councils have stated the LOGICAL solution to put the intermodal next to the new Airport at Badgeries Creek. In line with Americas policy of putting intermodals on the outskirts fetering into the city away from residents. But you dismiss it.

It was agreed at the last MIC meeting that there WILL be impacts on health to the surrounding area. But you dismiss it.

Campbelltown Council ,Liverpool, Bankstown Council all came to the last meeting stating this is not good for our area. Liverpool stating do not put it in our front yard put it in our back but you dismissed their concerns.

Environmental agency came and spoke about the impact on the Georges River and its Fauna..... You dismiss it. But its ok to water down the impact.

The MIC stated at the last meeting that indeed trucks will not decrease between Botany and Moorebank..... Yet today still the propaganda in their pamphlets. Lies.

MIC stated that the industry will be automated and there will be “limited
“Jobs. Yet Propaganda still to day in their pamphlets stating many jobs.
Lies.

Which leads me to the motive of the intermodal. As Senator Erik Obetz
said last year the Intermodal may have been a good idea in 2006 bit it is
not a good idea in 2016. Things have changed an airport has been
approved. Other intermodals and ports have expanded. There is no need
for a Moorebank Intermodal.

But the reality is and I STRESS . That this is no longer a business
decision for the good of Sydney but rather its come down to personal
agendas because to much money has been invested by by govt and
corporation and the big bosses now have to save face to keep their jobs.

That is what it is about. It is also as we have seen on the weekend a war
between two corporations Qube and Brookfields. On the weekend I
watch The Big Short and I hope you take the time to watch it. It showed
Greed and how a country collapsed such as the states because they did
not think about the people who collateral damage in the warfare between
big corporations and where Shareholders and corporate pay checks are
the only things that mattered. As the Professors stated to us from the
States. Learn from our mistakes be better.

Yet our government is buddy’s with the corporations Qube.
Even though they feel the intermodal is not the best solution and a bad
business decision(not a viable project) And at the end of the day it will be
government picking up the tab when this becomes a white elephant as
have been shown. which means the Average Australians will pay for
something they do not want.

In light that is 2016 and not 2006 I ask you to stop this project. For the
good of the people of the South West and the future generation and I pray
that you are different from the corporate bosses we have met over the
years and do not think of your pay check/ your ego but the common
good for generation to come. Do the right thing and transfer this project
to Badgeries Creek in line with the airport. Where it belongs. And were it
will be for the benefit of the entire Sydney region after all we are ALL
sick of the traffic in Sydney. Put the intermodal on the ootskirt feeding
in. Lets do things right for once. Not band aide solutions. And lets think
about people for once not shareholders and the corporate dollar. Thank
you.

