

D392/15 - Moorebank Intermodal Terminal - MIC Intermodal Terminal Concept Plan

D393/16 - Moorebank Intermodal Terminal - SIMTA Intermodal Terminal Facility Stage 1

Good afternoon everyone!

I would like to speak opposing the two plans, i.e. D392/15, Moorebank Intermodal Terminal Concept Plan and D393/16 SIMTA Intermodal Facility Stage 1.

My name is Suren and for the past 22 years [REDACTED] has been home to me and my family. I am retired and that is the reason that I am able to attend this meeting. My wife and boys are at work.

I say this as I believe that there would have been greater numbers in attendance today from our neighbourhood had this meeting been scheduled for a more favourable time for hard working families. I would also like to inform the meeting that I have discussed the aforementioned proposals with a lot of my neighbours and friends and their view is that the intermodals are a done deal and that I was wasting my time fighting them.

Well, their cynicism is not going to deter me!

23 years ago, my wife and I were looking at buying and building our first home in a family friendly neighbourhood. As anyone looking for a home knows, LOCATION is very important. We selected [REDACTED] after reviewing many locations around Sydney. Yes, we have Holsworthy Barracks and other Defence facilities in our backyard, but we are happy to share our neighbourhood with them. We have raised our 2 boys in [REDACTED] and it has been an ideal environment in which to raise a family. Given these two intermodal plans, can it be the same in the future?

I refer to the Department of Planning Executive Summary for both plans which concludes and I quote "... the proposal's benefits outweigh its potential adverse impacts and therefore is in the public interest..."

Well, I beg to differ!

First of all, let me say that I am not against development of infrastructure. I agree that an intermodal would be in the public interest;

however it must be in the RIGHT location. The above proposals are not in the RIGHT location due to close proximity to residential areas of Casula, Wattle Grove and Moorebank.

Other speakers have spoken about why this is not the RIGHT location. What I would like to impress on the PAC is that this location may have been RIGHT 30 years ago, but that is not the case today. 30 years ago this neighbourhood was not the residential area that it is today.

To build an intermodal right in the heart of a residential area is WRONG.

We need vision and good planning from our leaders. What is being proposed is neither good vision nor good planning. What is being promised instead is chaos in our lives.

If these proposals go ahead, and I am still hoping that good sense will prevail, what is being promised is:

- Traffic chaos from significantly increased truck movement
- Poor air quality through pollution, diesel and other particulate matter
- Noise and vibration pollution
- A real potential to contaminate the Georges River AND
- Visual and light pollution.

All the aforementioned WILL have a detrimental impact on the health of the people of our neighbourhood. I am thinking of the children at day care and at school, mums and dads raising their families, people who are ill, the retired and the elderly. All these people will NOT have quiet enjoyment of their hard earned labour.

Our local members of State and Federal Parliaments and Liverpool Council are all of the opinion that the LOCATION is not RIGHT and that an alternative at Badgerys Creek would be more appropriate. Is anyone listening to our representatives?

I do not know what sins have been committed by the people of this neighbourhood to deserve such a 24x7 pollution emitting monstrosity in our backyard! I do not believe that we deserve this. This is the WRONG location!

I would urge the PAC to redirect these proposals to Badgerys Creek, the RIGHT location.

Thank you!

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