

Hume Coal Project and Berrima Rail Project (SSD 7172 & SSD 7171) Second Referral - Additional Documents. BERRIMA RAIL PROJECT

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IMPACT ON WORK

As the area grows there are more rural properties being developed and landscaped, this work involves many trades, J&J Stonewall Constructions have had many jobs in the areas affected by rail traffic. For example if Iona Park Road is blocked you would have travel around Moss Vale to Hedlam Road to access the sites in that area. We generally only have 2 -3 workers on site during the job, ranging from several weeks to months. There are a lot of other trades on these jobs and there could be up to 8 – 10 tradesmen there on the bigger jobs. Any delay in getting to or from work or with deliveries has a direct impact on these workers as well as suppliers.

We also use a mechanic who is in Carribee St Moss Vale and it will not matter which way you try and get there you must cross the rail line at a level crossing on Douglas Road either near the Lime Works or Ingham's Feed Mill. There is also a large Industrial development going on in the Douglas Road area for major manufacturing sites many of which will be 24 hr operations, the council was going to build an overhead rail crossing at the Cement Works but this has stopped with no plans for a resumption of work, in any case it does not overcome the problem of accessing Douglas Road. There is no easement or plan to extend Douglas Road to Berrima Road and therefore no alternative other than go over a rail crossing. Any increase in rail traffic or line maintenance will cause delays for businesses in the area.

The potential for delays is high and in business if a delivery is held up then productivity is lost and therefore income.

POLLUTION

The railway line runs directly behind Robertson Public School. There were many studies done in Newcastle on the amount of pollution that was given off by coal trains. I do not think that any pollution is acceptable, even if the coal wagons are covered there will be coal dust on and about the train also the trains will be going down to the coast through Robertson and be long and heavy trains if they are on the brakes behind the school the brake dust (which could be carcinogenic) will be blown all over the play ground and school buildings for later dispersal.

LINE MAINTENANCE

Who will be responsible for maintaining the line?

Because of the increase in Rail Traffic there will have to be more line maintenance, when there is any sort of work going on in or around a road there are inevitably traffic disruptions either to the speed or access to these roads with Stop/go controls, portable traffic lights or barriers.

Any delays for workers or local deliveries will cause loss of production, income and lifestyle for the local community.

SUMMARY

The cost of erecting bridges even over the major access routes is high and the increased rail traffic and subsequent line maintenance for coal transport will cause business disruption and therefore loss for people who work in the district, any pollution is totally unacceptable even if within some stated guideline. No one should be exposed to any form of pollution from a known source especially children.

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