

Presentation to NSW PAC

MPE Concept MOD 2

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Firstly, I would like to have noted my annoyance that this meeting has been scheduled so close to Christmas and we have only been given three weeks to put together a presentation. Being so close to Christmas and during normal business hours has prevented me taking leave from my job to make that presentation. One couldn't be blamed for believing this timing was to prevent as many people as possible from being able to present. Two weeks out from Christmas everyone is incredibly busy. Many businesses that our residents work for are probably experiencing their busiest time of the year. Also school children have just started their school holidays so many parents won't be able to attend as their children can't be expected to sit quietly during the presentations. The fact that for at least the last three years in a row residents have had to write submissions either just before or after Christmas seems to be designed to prevent as many people as possible from responding.

I am concerned that the proponent's facts and figures seem to be little sketchy at best and feel that the entire project/s need to be stopped and fully scrutinised by a 100% independent company – an independent company not paid for by the proponent. The fact that the existence on the site of the previously thought extinct plant *hibbertia fumana* (along with other endangered species found) was only announced after NSW PAC's previous approval when it had been discovered prior to that approval being given.

Investigations show that an amount of 1,600,000 cubic metres of clean fill are now required for the site. How was this overlooked initially? Obviously mistakes were made in initial reports.

The modification to raise the site by 2 metres from original plans will increase noise disturbance to the surrounding areas and health effects resulting from this. The run off of rain water on such a large area will increase the risk of flooding to the surrounding suburbs of Wattle Grove, Hammondville and Moorebank at least. Why would you make this area more prone to floods than it already is? Any contamination of the soil will flow into the Georges River and do untold damage to our waterways.

Liverpool Council's Cardno reports show discrepancies between reports taken by the proponents and their own independent reports. Independent traffic modelling reports have been provided differing greatly from the proponents reports. Why are so many mistakes being made?

The SIMTA July 2016 newsletter states that more than 7,000 jobs will be created whereas both sites together will only create 2,648 jobs. Reports to the public are still stating that approximately 7,000 jobs will be created.

Statements like traffic will be taken off Sydney's roads when we know that the traffic will just be moved to Moorebank from Port Botany – an area already in traffic gridlock daily. Improvement in regional air quality – is all manipulation of language.

There have been so many changes: name changes, modifications, additions, extended hours of work, tonnes of extra fill, concrete crushing machines, etc to the proposed Moorebank Intermodals that I firmly believe it has all become an utter mess. The modification applications have not been substantially the same as the initial proposals. The impacts on the community and environment will be disastrous.

The constant applications increasing the size and significance of once a much smaller intermodal need to be stopped. Another request for an extra 12 hectares of land to be included was reported in the Liverpool Leader week commencing 11 December 2017.

Construction noise is expected to exceed acceptable levels in Casula of 9 dBA during construction of the rail siding. I am wondering why this can go ahead considering these exceedances. Surely if the noise exceeds the acceptable limits then the construction should not go ahead.

This just goes to prove that you can't trust the reports that the proponents have provided. Independent studies need to be conducted to find the true facts and figures and not blindly accept the reports the proponents arrange or there will be a white elephant on your hands.