

**SUBJECT: OBJECTION TO MOOREBANK INTERMODAL PRECINCT EAST
STAGE 2 AND CONCEPT PLAN MODIFICATION 2**

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First, I'd like to state that I staunchly oppose the Moorebank Intermodal proposal:

- I have been a resident of Liverpool for 24 years and am still hoping for real leadership and vision from our elected leaders. Am I being naïve? Is this PAC, on behalf of our elected leaders, going to disappoint us?
- So far, despite the numerous well-argued objections from the community, what we are being offered is the short-sighted vision in the form of this diesel spewing intermodal in the heart of our community which will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- The credibility of the previous PAC process is in tatters, the PAC process in 2014 permitted SIMTA to go ahead with their unethical plans despite well-argued objections from the community including our local political leaders at that time namely; Ned Mannoun, Liverpool Mayor, Melanie Gibbons, State MP and Craig Kelly, Federal MP.
- As the members of the PAC are aware, the proposed site is surrounded by residential areas; the site may have been suitable 30 years ago for an intermodal but is not suitable now after all these residential estates have been built. I reiterate, some homes are as little as 400 metres from the proposed site. It is being proposed in the WRONG place at the WRONG time.
- The air pollution, noise pollution and traffic from the 10,000 diesel trucks and 5,000 cars per day will negatively impact the health and wellbeing of the community especially the vulnerable.
- I refer to the recent pronouncements from political leaders of London, Paris and Madrid who have identified diesel particulate matter from vehicular traffic as a major cause of ill health for their people. London had to declare a high

alert after the build-up of fine particulate matter – PM 2.5 and PM 10. Leaders of these cities are taking active steps to reduce pollution from diesel vehicles.

- What are our leaders planning for our community? A 24 hour, 7-day operation of a dirty diesel spewing intermodal in a built up residential area and woodlands of the Georges River. If this is to go ahead, it will have a devastating effect on our community's life. What a sorry legacy for our children and generations to come!
- One of the prime reasons given for the proposed intermodal on this site is that it is Australian Government land and the Southern Sydney Freight line is close by. Is this not a case of trying to fit a proverbial square peg in a round hole? Just because there is bipartisan support for the intermodal from both our major political parties does not make the proposal RIGHT.
- What we are being promised is mitigation from the impact of this monstrosity in our midst. It has been stated by many who have raised objections that no amount of mitigation will reduce the ruinous impacts of the intermodal. It will devastate this area for ever, it will be a classic case of burning our bridges. Is this the price the community must pay for so called progress? I ask the members of the PAC, is this a reasonable price?
- The local road infrastructure is already insufficient to meet existing demands leave alone new traffic, most of which will be diesel trucks to and from the proposed intermodal. Other speakers today have covered this deficiency in detail. Should the public purse be liable for the infrastructure that will be required to make a success of this ill-conceived intermodal?
- I support strategic planning and good land use. This proposed intermodal development is in the WRONG place at the WRONG time.

I have said this before and I will say it again, I staunchly oppose the Moorebank Intermodal proposal. I would urge the members of the PAC to reject this modification proposal because it is not in the public interest.