

I am strongly opposed to the size and location of the proposed Moorebank intermodal (s).

I have lived in Liverpool for over 55 years and I have enjoyed the clean air, ample environment and a growing thriving community.

This growth has meant our community has had to deal with a poorly considered road system that has not met the requirements of our growing community, leaving many of our community caught in gridlock on a daily basis just leaving and returning to Liverpool to attend work.

The idea that this intermodal project will contribute in excess of over 10,000 truck movements a day to our already congested roads is just ludicrous and unacceptable to a community already struggling with access on roads already at full capacity.

Add to that this proposed mega modal is set right in the middle of a bustling community, with numerous schools, preschools and residential development in a basin along the Beautiful Georges River. Rivers by nature are in basins where the ability of the air flow is limited by the topography. This area is already known for the poor air movement and at present is known for the high density of asthma experienced by the local community that cannot be solely attributed to the socioeconomic status of this community as was unfortunately presented at the community consultations.

The residents along the west of the proposed major development will also be subjected to heavy train movements 24 hours a day seven days a week year in year out. The southern Sydney Freight line that will feed the intermodal via a steep incline into the facility across the river will mean the screeching of brakes and the rumbling of containers without respite or noise abatement to protect them from the constant din that will infect their days and nights. This is compounded by the noise they already experience from the M5 motorway which too has no noise abatement and where the health impacts are already measureable.

At an absolute minimum it is essential that some measures are taken should this project proceed, that the entire community can be assured that when (not if) the air quality, the noise levels, pollution and run off exceed the expected safe levels that the community are guaranteed of efficient **monitoring on site** and can result in the immediate shutdown of the entire facility until the impacts have been removed or mitigated. It is essential that air quality monitors, to the level of diesel particulate are ON SITE not Kilometres away in a neighbouring suburb.

It is unbelievable that the Georges River will be subjected to run off from both trucks and rail that the detention basins will be unable to protect in the case of heavy rains or flood episodes. The proposed detention basins according to the maps available are simply insufficient to the task and overflow of waste, diesel fuel and overflow from the constant flow of traffic rail and containers and the propensity for flooding in this area is simply outrageous. Millions of dollars have been spent on returning the river to a healthy environment for flora and fauna and all this will be lost in the event of even one negative event. The proposed plantings along the river in the public access area will no doubt be kept to a minimum as opposed to providing dense planting that can be used to absorb noise and filter minor run off. The heat created from enormous hardstand areas will not be mitigated in anyway, contributing to the higher temperatures experienced in the vicinity and negatively impacting on all living creatures and vegetation.

The Community of Liverpool accepts that intermodals are essential in the provision of goods however placing such a large facility in the middle of a community is not only insensitive but potentially dangerous. The negative health impacts and costs to this community will far outweigh the commercial benefits over the coming years and the cost to the community will escalate over time. Will the proponents be liable for the recompense to society for the costs involved in the long term care of those affected by these unacceptable impacts?

As this project was first flagged in 2004 it is unbelievable that so little has been done to address and prevent the overwhelming consequences to the community, that the voice of the community has gone unheard, simply because the Crown Land is cheap and easily accessed. My community deserves better, we have worked hard to ensure our river is being protected and returned to a pristine state, my fellow residents deserve a clean, viable community in which to live, where the air is clean, the roads safe to traverse and the environment protected. The mere size of this facility is prohibitive on all levels.

This submission hasn't addressed the light spill, the likely rat runs, poor protections on our roads and the very few jobs that this automated facility will inflict on our community, I will leave that for others to address. Liverpool is not the dumping ground for everything no one else wants, other than that the land is 'relatively cheap' as it is crown land, putting the country's largest inland port in the middle of suburbia is unacceptable on every level. Our community deserves better and to not address the enormous impacts is irresponsible and I implore the panel to truly reconsider this proposal on this site. That is not in itself license to dump it on another, but a chance to genuinely consider placing smaller, well distributed and accessible container terminals on the periphery of our Cities with access via rail from all our ports not just port Botany would allow the fair and equal distribution of produce to all communities that wouldn't endanger our people, our environment and our wildlife.

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