

**INQUIRY INTO PERFORMANCE OF THE NSW  
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY**

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Partially Confidential

Parliamentary Committee

Dear Sirs/Madams,

My submission will mainly deal with item

(c) Any other related matters: Excessive freight train noise.

Excessive freight train became more apparent about 14 years ago when the state Gov't sold the running Rail stock to private operators.

Ever since that time I have been complaining to the EPA , in earlier times it was called the DEC, about wheel squeal noise and screeching. Noise limits have been measured at more than 100 Dsb and are considered a health hazard. The excessive freight train noise is ever present and is getting worse as the number of freight trains passing my property increases.

The EPA acknowledged my complaints but has not instructed the private freight train operators in earnest to fix the problem or has fined them for excessive noise.

Why is that so I do ask? It looks to me that the staff in the EPA is more in favour of the private freight train operators making huge profits rather than looking at the health effects of residents living close to the Rail line.

Attached please find some correspondence I had with the EPA.

(iii) EPA investigation into ground water contamination in the Pilliga by Santos' coal seam gas exploration.

My answer here is: Fining a multi million Dollar company only \$ 1 500 is a Joke

(ii) EPA investigation and public statements about effects of coal dust pollution

My answer here is: The EPA failed to instruct coal freight operators to cover coal wagons

Many thanks for putting this submission to the public.

Yours sincerely

Dear Sir/Madame,

I have been very dissatisfied with the performance of the the EPA. For the last 14 years the EPA did nothing to ease freight train noise, did nothing to stop air pollution with coal dust. EPA just ignored constant complaints by myself and several other residents. EPA would even ignore the instruction from the Ombudsman to whom I also did complain.

Please see attachments.

Yours sincerely