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Life on board my yacht used to be peaceful in Koolewong but with the increase of freight trains will have to move.

It appears that the EPA. are doing nothing about the wheel squeal problems with these old freight wagons, and when I left the mooring the other day under my own engine about 1km from the Koolewong my heart missed a beat when all of a sudden there was a horrible squeal and I thought my main propeller shaft was burning out!

Then just before I was going to put my yacht out of gear I realized that it was a freight train wheel squeal so bad that it had travelled that distance from the shore and caused me to think that my shaft bearing had gone. also I love to walk to Point Clare as many people do, and it was on a very still morning near Point Clare railway station, along the waters edge where people have houses and live, that a freight train came through and I suddenly realized how much diesel fumes are pumped out from these old locos, to the point that I had to get out of this place fast!

I felt sorry for these people in these expensive houses having to put up with this pollution! Also the people who walk and cycle near the water and train track. So I did some research on line and found out that these locos put out as much pollution in one year as would 25 million modern cars!

Point Clare has a school right next to the train line and with the prevailing winds sweeping all these fumes and coal dust right into their play ground. Come on EPA you can do better than this! These are our children, this is not a third world country, I don't need to tell you and quote figures about coal dust there are plenty of people dead and buried world wide from working in and around coal dust.

I realize that some countries need the coal and eg. Japan ,China , Korea, when they're buried in snow they need some energy, and we all know what has happened in Japan with nuclear melt down . So like it or not we have the coal and they want it so we need a straight rail line tunnelled through mountains away from people for a future that will benefit everybody! for our childrens sake we have to plan a better way.