INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF PORT OF NEWCASTLE SALE ARRANGEMENTS ON PUBLIC WORKS EXPENDITURE IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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I am currently president of a incorporayted group called residents against Intermodal development Moorebank RAID Moorebank Incorp and have been involved in the protest for over 10 years and in that time I have become aware that their are better options available for handling the freight as I have witnessed traffic gridlock in the area as we have traffic flows similar to the Sydney Harbour Bridge and we know that the extra 20000 vehicles involved in the Moorebank Intermodal freight would be better served by a container terminal in Nrewcastle and planned Intermodals at Wagga and Parkes which would have a better chance to distribute the goods involved. Also I have known for a long time that the Liverpool area is a very bad health area which has been caused by Air Pollution over a number of years and with the area having a young population with 53 per cent under 34 years of age and the diesel emissions involved with the vehicles and Locomotives would cause much damage to residents in the area. I have not being aware of any substantial infrastructure planned for the area and our research has shown that 45 percent of cargo is for Eastern creek area and 25 per cent for Newcastle and Northern NSW which makes the development inappropriate and other options more satisfactory. I would be prepared to talk to the committee investigating the inquiry as I have been aware of numerous issues over a number of years also I have believed that the project will be impossible to implement as the congestion in the area will only worsen with over 300000 more residents expected in the future John Anderson