

I have been a resident of Hawthorndene for the last 12 years. During this time we have noticed a significant increase in not only the number of goods trains, but also the increase in the length and noise of those trains.

The noise level that some of these trains creates actual causes pain in our ears. It is impossible to sit in our garden whilst they go past and barely possible to hear your self think whilst locked in doors.

This problem has been let get way out of hand. No industry would be aloud to subject it's workers to these noise levels and I can not see for the life of me how the Government can let the train owners to get away with it.

These trains are travelling through densely populated areas and I can foresee a huge class action being brought upon the culprits if the Government does not take this matter seriously and solve the problem. There is always a solution and this needs to be solved.

Whilst the passenger train line was being upgraded there was a noticeable lessoning of the noise from the trains. I believe this was probably due to the fact that the trains were travelling slower because of the workers on the line. If the trains can slow down for workers safety they can also slow down from the safety of the hills residents.

Whilst this would only be a temporary assistance at least it would help a little.

As the number of trains will increase further over time and they will probably also increase in their overall length – larger and more engines will need to be used hence increasing the noise. I can see only 1 alternative that has the possibility of resolving the problem and that is moving the trains out north.

This has become an urgent matter for all hills residents who live within cooe of the track, and it is about time the Government took affirmative action instead of dilly dally around with one report after another. You don't have to be Einstein to work this out. Just come and live near the tract for a few days and see if you would think it was acceptable.

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