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To: SA Rail Freight
Subject: ADELAIDE RAIL FREIGH MOVEMENTS STUDY

I have been a long term resident in the Adelaide Hills. I lived at Bellevue Heights for 18years and for the past 3years have been living at Craighburn Farm. I really enjoy the Blackwood Hills area and feel it is a wonderful place to live. It has a very strong community and has a village atmosphere.

Whilst living in the Blackwood Hills area the freight train has always been a problem and an annoyance. I feel strongly that the freight train should not go through the Adelaide Hills. The rail track is far too steep and has a lot of bends and causes a considerable amount of noise with squeeking of brakes, sounding of horn and banging noise from shunting. Lengthy stops at railway crossings, while freight trains cross, is another annoyance and inconvenience. It is totally impractical for the freight train to travel through the residential areas of the Blackwood Hills.

The freight train should be re-routed to the north of Adelaide on the Adelaide Plains. The freight train would transverse through less residential areas and would be a flatter terrain for the freight train to travel on. Higher speeds would be possible and there would be less disreputation to people and vehicular traffic.

If the freight train was re-routed to the north of Adelaide, the second railway line through the Adelaide Hills could be used for more passenger commuter trains. The two lines would allow for passenger trains to travel on separate lines, one service to the city and one service from the city. At present the passenger trains have to wait on the single line near Clapham so that the city bound train, can pass the hills bound passenger train. How in effecient is that? With fast and more frequent passenger train service on two lines through the Adelaide Hills, this would allow more passenger commuters to travel on the train service. The two lines would service commuters from now very built up residential areas of Blackwood, Crafers, Stirling, Bridgewater, Mount Barker and even Murray Bridge.,etc. If residents of these areas had better passenger train services, I feel sure that they would use them. This would free up the use of cars for travel to the city and from the city. Roads would be less conjested with cars. Less fuel is used by private vehicles and enviromentally this would be much better for the community.

With two lines for commuter passengers, a spur line could be constructed to Strathalbyn, Goolwa and Victor Harbor in the future. This would be a great improvement to rail passenger services for the Flueriu Peninsula, going forward.

I feel very strongly that the freight train should be re-routed to the north of the city of Adelaide through to Murrary Bridge. This change should definetly be implement by the Government.

I forward this submission for future consideration by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.

Kind Regards from Malcolm SNELL