

As a resident at 69 Brighton Parade, Blackwood for more than 50 years I feel qualified to comment on the absurdity of freight trains thundering through the night accompanied by a high-pitched squeal to transport goods from one State to another, disturbing beyond endurance, the peace and quiet of residents living along the route of the Hills railway line. The time has long since passed when any far-sighted government would have displayed a certain degree of vision and wisdom to move the freight train route out of the Adelaide Hills to a location where the surrounding population would be less affected by the gross intrusion into the lives of everyone living along its screeching route.

The problem associated with freight trains has run its course. It has become an insoluble nerve-racking menacing enigma to the Hills communities along its route to Tailern Bend and Murray Bridge.

The value of using the existing freight line to transport passengers from as far as Murray Bridge far outweighs the futility of persevering with any further attempts to continue its present destructive use and aggravation of the stressed community living along its route.

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