

To whom it may concern:

I support **Options 2 & 3** of the Adelaide Rail Freight Movements Study.

I am a home owner at 11 Richards Terrace Goodwood. The frontage of my property faces the railway line. When I purchased my home in 1999, there were only a few freight trains traveling on the line each day. This was perfectly acceptable and livable. However, in the last 10 years the number of freights has grown exponentially. As a resident I this causes me considerable concern for both myself and my family and other residents along the existing line in City of Mitcham & City of Unley metropolitan areas.

- **Vibration/ property damage** – The vibration from the freight engines is extremely loud and shakes my entire double brick home and the windows all rattle. This often wakes me from my sleep and I cannot hear conversations inside my home. I am concerned about property damage such as cracks as a result of this constant vibration.
- **Noise** – In addition to the vibration noise, engine noise is disruptive and I also experience loud squealing noises from the tracks, especially during warmer weather. Also, the horns are close to deafening. Due to close proximity to the crossing, drivers sound the horn for several seconds which is uncomfortably penetrating even in a shut up house.
- **Pollution/health effects** – I am concerned about the carbon monoxide levels being omitted from the growing trains traveling at such close proximity to my home. My house has a covering of black soot as a result of the fumes. Studies have shown this is extremely harmful to one's health.
- **Traffic congestion** – The lengthy trains traveling at slow speed (which they have to due to being a built up area) frequently cause congestion at the Leader Street crossing where my one way street exits hold me up at least every second day.
- **Safety** – The extreme close proximity to my house (approx 5 meters) is also extremely worrying. Should a freight train derail (which is possible should there be a collision at the Leader Street crossing), it is certainly likely that the train would crash into my house

These issues are only going to get worse as freight traffic increases; therefore, I wholeheartedly support options 2 & 3 to reroute the train line to bypass the City of Mitcham & City of Unley metropolitan areas entirely.

Keeping any southern route is a short sighted remedy in my opinion as these issues, if not addressed now, will need to be remedied in the future. Our Government already has a poor reputation for being short sighted in transport projects; perhaps it is time to look at the overall picture, rather than the cheapest, short term solution.

Yours sincerely  
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