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Adelaide Rail Freight Movements Study

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To who it may concern,

I wish to formally submit a comment on the published study on Adelaide Hills Rail Freight. I am in support of options 2, 3 and 4 which involve the re-routing of the existing Adelaide Hills rail line.

These are the only options that address the environmental impact to residents and community safety in its entirety.

If this can be done whilst providing a faster and more efficient operating service, then these options clearly represent the most feasible options I believe.

I personally own a property in Stirling which adjoins the rail line. The increased noise of laborious engines and screeching wheels trying to grip the track under heavy load has come to the point where we rarely enjoy a good nights sleep. When I walk along a path near the local lake I can see the huge grease-pumps that have installed to lower rail squeal and also notice the grease spread for hundreds of metres up and down the track. When it rains, the oily water runs straight into the large Woorabinda Lake (part of the Stirling Linear Park) which is adjacent.

I think it is madness that the rail authority can pollute so willingly with oils and noise, at any time of the day or night, without consequence. Surely choosing a flatter route is the better option for our environment as well as our economy. I believe the time for band-aid solutions like track grinding, grease pumps and the like...has passed and likewise, another temporary solution such as option 1 in the study is as-wasted as the grease smeared through our local bushland.

Lets fix this for the long term and for our children.

Yours Faithfully,

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