

To whom it may concern,

I have lived in Brookstead all my life. My wife and I bought our house 24 years ago. The new inland rail line is going approximately 120 metres from our house, and Mann silo road is only 100 metres away from us. My issue is that everytime a train approaches Mann silo road it will have to sound its horn. I have already ask this question to the ARTC to which the reply was "that you already live on an existing line". A grain train only comes to Brookstead in peak season for a couple of weeks not every 40 minutes 52 weeks a year.

Although I am only a short distance from Mann silo road there will be another crossing just out of Brookstead on Elsdon road where one would think the horn will be sounded there as well. The next problem is the train being so heavy and Brookstead is basically the start of the pull to Pittsworth the train would be at full throttle and speed, another noise issue. The Brookstead school is also on Ware street. How can the kids learn with all the noise and vibration?

When the overpass is being built, will the traffic be diverted through Brookstead with the increased traffic flow on the Gore Hwy from the new second range crossing, this would make Ware street a nightmare. Do we get triple glazed windows, air conditioning, will we be compensated for the excess electricity we will use because of our house being closed up 24/7? The vibration from the train will also be an issue on our houses as it's already hard enough to stop our houses from moving because of the movement in the black soil. The devaluation of houses and businesses on Ware street will also be a major issue.

Regards

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