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PENRITH LAKES SCHEME

Application Number: DA2 MOD 6, DA3 MOD 5, DA4 MOD 10

Attention: Director – Modification Assessments.

Castlereagh Christian Conference Centre Limited objects to the above application for the following reasons:

Castlereagh Christian Conference Centre Limited (CCCCL) comprises two Heritage buildings, the Wesleyan church (1847) and the original Schoolhouse, together with an accommodation and conference facility built in 1999-2000. Across the road and bordering the subject site is the heritage State schoolhouse and the Principal's residence, now tenanted by our caretaker. This is a cohesive suite of buildings and is known collectively as the Castlereagh Heritage Precinct.

This Precinct borders the south-eastern corner of the subject site and will be directly affected by the proposed extension to permissible transportation hours. The accommodation comprises 6 modern cabins arranged at the south end of the Precinct and near to the Haul Road, internal to the subject site from the southern site entry. Our Caretaker's residence is also a similar close distance to this Haul Road.

The extension of transportation hours means noise from the passing truck & dog traffic will heavily impact both these residential facilities an hour earlier in the morning, and will not cease until 9.00pm. Virtually ALL waking hours will be subject to this burden.

The Application fails to recognize that this Precinct, being immediately adjacent to the subject site, and lying at a significant distance from the station points for the background sound measurements used in the supporting reports, is in a different sound context.

The significantly lower background noise level here requires a lower limit than typically called for elsewhere.

The application fails to address the noise impacts from the discharging and stockpiling/spreading processes at the unloading points. If the transport window were to be extended, on-site discharge times would require extension to match.

For an hour earlier and three extra hours into the evening, daily, our accommodation and conference guests and our caretaker would need to bear the burden of loud warning BEEPS as trucks reverse to discharge and the impact BANGS (much louder than general traffic noise) as the back-door on each truck and dog falls shut. At peak times, this will be a continual barrage with barely seconds between each salvo, only to be replaced by the high revving engine noise as they manoeuvre to exit the tipping zone.

In failing to address the above matters, the application also fails to address any means of amelioration to these specific noise impacts. As the "sensitive" areas are at the north and south ends of the subject site, adoption of the following measures would provide significant ameliorisation:

- On-site tipping and distribution hours via south end site entry to be limited to 7.00am to 6.00pm
- Tipping zones to be located an adequate distance from the boundaries of adjacent sensitive properties. (The subject site boundaries are within just 20 meters of our facilities in places).

Thankyou for your consideration of these objections.

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