



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION

Ms Hale says—

Mr PRESIDENT:

I give notice that on the next sitting day I will move:

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) the provision of dedicated rail freight lines are an asset to our community and benefit the community by reducing road transport and the associated costs of trucks on our roads, and
 - (b) rail freight assists in the reduction of air pollution and greenhouse gases being emitted into our atmosphere.
2. That this House further notes that:
 - (a) according to World Health Organisation guidelines, community exposure to noise above 30 dBA will cause sleep disturbance,
 - (b) prolonged exposure to environmental noise in excess of 70 dBA will cause hearing impairment,
 - (c) some rail movements currently exceed 95 dBA on existing rail lines within the Sydney Metropolitan area,
 - (d) the new freight line linking Macarthur and Sefton will carry around 1000 freight train movements per month, 24 hours a day, seven days a week,
 - (e) residents of Casula will be seriously affected by the operation of the new freight line when it opens in January 2010,
 - (f) the rail corridor that the new freight line passes through is controlled by the State Government,
 - (g) permission to use this corridor at excessive noise levels was given by the State Government, and

(h) noise barriers have not been provided at Casula and, as a result, the health of residents living adjacent to the railway line will be even more severely compromised than it is at present.

3. That this House calls on the Government to:

- (a) immediately construct noise barriers at Casula to protect the amenity of residents,
- (b) ensure that construction of the barrier is completed before the opening of the line, scheduled for January 2010,
- (c) review similar rail projects in Sydney to assess whether they too should be provided with noise barriers, and
- (d) require the inclusion of suitable noise abatement measures in all projects likely to generate noise levels in excess of WHO guidelines.

Signed _____

Dated _____