

Chapter 3 Overview of supplementary submissions received



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Chapter 3 provides an overview of the process that was used to collate, analyse and respond to the submissions received during the exhibition of the Response to Submissions report for the Moorebank IMT Project. This chapter also identifies the key issues and sub-issues raised in the community and key government submissions, with further detail provided in Chapter 4 – *Response to government agency submissions* and Chapter 5 – *Response to community submissions*.

3.1 Summary of submissions received

The NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E) received a total of 109 submissions from community members and government agencies between 28 May and 26 June 2015. Of the submissions received, 101 of these were from community members (including special interest groups), 6 were from key government agencies and 2 were received from local councils.

3.1.1 Receipt of submissions

Each community submission was assigned an individual number by NSW DP&E. Rather than referring to community members by name, the individual submission numbers have been referenced throughout this report. Submitters can contact NSW DP&E to obtain their individual submission number or access NSW DP&E's website (http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=5066).

The content of each community submission was reviewed and categorised according to key issues (e.g. traffic, noise, air quality) and sub-issues (e.g. traffic impacts on the M5 Motorway). Due to the number and diversity of issues raised in community submissions, these matters raised in the submissions were grouped based on their assigned key issue and sub-issue categories. This means that while the exact wording of the submission may not be captured in this report, the intent and the issues raised have been identified. Section 3.2 provides a summary of the key issues and sub-issues raised by the community while Chapter 5 – *Response to community submissions* of this report provides a detailed discussion of the issues raised and MIC's response.

Submissions received from government agencies and local councils were reviewed and key issues raised were identified. Issues raised by government were not categorised as the issues raised were specific to each agencies assets and interests. A discussion of the issues raised by government agencies is provided in Chapter 4 – *Response to government agency submissions* of this report.

3.2 Summary of key issues and sub-issues

3.2.1 Community submissions

Table 3.1 identifies the key issues raised in submissions from the community, with most submissions raising a number of issues. As illustrated in Table 3.1, the top five issues raised by the community were:

- traffic, transport and access;
- project alternatives;
- noise and vibration impacts;
- human health risks and impacts; and
- local and regional air quality.

Table 3.1 also identifies the percentage of submissions that raised each key issue.

Table 3.1 Summary of key issues raised by the community

Key issue	No. of submissions raising issue ¹	% of submissions raising key issue
Strategic context and need for the Project	4	1.0
Planning and statutory requirements	12	2.9
Community consultation	6	1.4
Project alternatives	78	18.5
Project development phasing and construction	7	1.7
Traffic, transport and access	86	20.4
Noise and vibration impacts	44	10.5
Biodiversity	12	2.9
Contamination and soils	0	0.0
Hydrology, groundwater and water quality	13	3.1
Local and regional air quality	33	7.8
Greenhouse gas	0	0.0
Aboriginal and European heritage	5	1.2
Visual and urban design	8	1.9
Land use and property	19	4.5
Social and economic impacts	21	5.0
Human health risks and impacts	39	9.3
Cumulative impacts	4	1.0
Environmental risk analysis	0	0.0
General	30	7.1

In reviewing and collating the community submissions, a number of sub-issues have also been identified. These relate to the key issues (i.e. traffic, transport and access) and provide further detail on the nature of the issue identified in the submission (e.g. traffic impacts on the M5 Motorway). Table 3.2 identifies the sub-issues identified under each key issue.

Of the 101 community submissions received, two submissions provided general comments on the proposal while the remainder opposed the Project. MIC’s response to the key community issues and sub-issues is provided in Chapter 5 – *Response to supplementary community submissions* of this report.

Table 3.2 Summary of key issues and sub-issues raised by the community

Key issue	Sub-issue
Strategic context and need for the Project	Economic viability of the proposal Container destinations and freight demands Project benefits
Planning and statutory requirements	Concerns regarding the approval process Concerns regarding the transparency and adequacy of impact assessments
Community consultation	Adequacy of community consultation Confusion over combined proposal for SIMTA and Moorebank IMT
Project alternatives	Alternative sites for IMT Suitability of IMT at Moorebank site

Key issue	Sub-issue
	Capacity restrictions for SIMTA proposal Need for a whole of precinct approach
Project development phasing and construction	Concern regarding 24 hour IMT operations Compensation Concerns of TEU volumes
Traffic, transport and access	Impacts on local roads Traffic impacts on the M5 and M7 Motorways Traffic congestion Adequacy of traffic assessment Traffic impacts – general Traffic impacts on Moorebank Avenue/M5 Motorway Traffic safety issues
Noise and vibration impacts	Noise impacts – general Noise impacts from IMT operations Wheel squeal Adequacy of noise assessment Adequacy and feasibility of mitigation measures Noise impacts on the community
Biodiversity	Impacts on flora and fauna Impacts on Georges River
Hydrology, groundwater and water quality	Flooding impacts Impacts on Georges River
Local and regional air quality	Air quality impacts – general Diesel fumes/emissions Air quality impacts on human health Dust and odour during construction Adequacy of air assessment Adequacy and feasibility of mitigation measures
Aboriginal and European heritage	Impacts on heritage sites
Visual and urban design	Light impacts Visual impact of IMT
Land use and property	Impacts on public open space/community facilities Impacts on Georges River Property values
Social and economic impacts	Impacts on quality of living Supply chain costs Employment
Human health risks and impacts	Health impacts on the community Air quality impacts on human health Health impacts due to sleep disturbance Impacts on health systems Adequacy of human health assessment
Cumulative impacts	Adequacy of cumulative assessment
General	General concern regarding pollution from the IMT General concern raised on impacts of the Project Concerned with the impacts of rai access option Concerned about the legality of the project and accountability General comment

Sub-issues of most concern under the top five key issues are as follows:

- Traffic, transport and access:
 - > concerned about the impacts of the Moorebank Intermodal Terminal project on traffic congestion with congestion already experienced along local and general roads, including the M5 and M7 Motorways.
- Project alternatives:
 - > questions the suitability of an IMT at the Moorebank site; and
 - > suggests alternative sites for an IMT, primarily the Badgerys Creek site.
- Noise and vibration impacts:
 - > concerned about the noise impact from IMT operation, including railway shunting, alarms from machinery and wheel squeal;
 - > adequacy and feasibility of mitigation measures; and
 - > general noise impacts including increase noise from traffic generated by the Moorebank Intermodal Terminal.
- Human health risks and impacts:
 - > concerned about health impacts on the community from increase in pollution, including from traffic and operational noise; and
 - > air quality impacts on human health including impacts from diesel fumes generated from locomotives, heavy vehicles and other equipment.
- Local and regional air quality
 - > diesel fumes/emissions;
 - > air quality impacts – general; and
 - > adequacy and feasibility of mitigation measures.

Figure 3.1 to 3.3 provide a breakdown of the top three key issues raised by the community members.

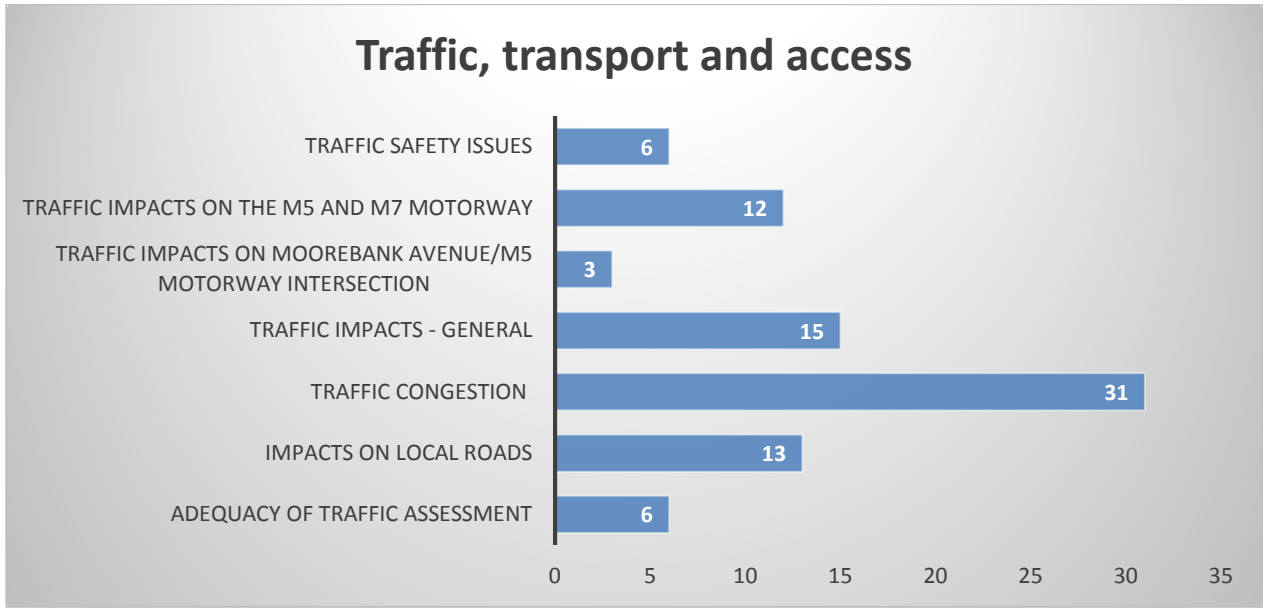


Figure 3.1 Breakdown in sub-issues under key issue 'Traffic, transport and access'

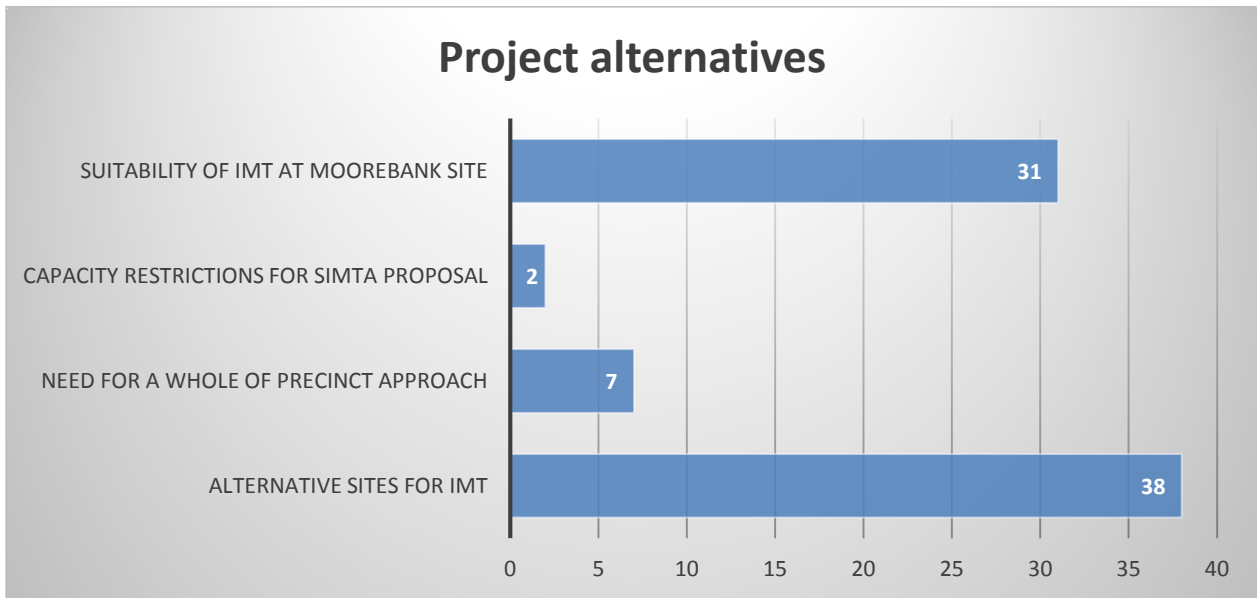


Figure 3.2 Breakdown in sub-issues under key issue 'Project alternatives'

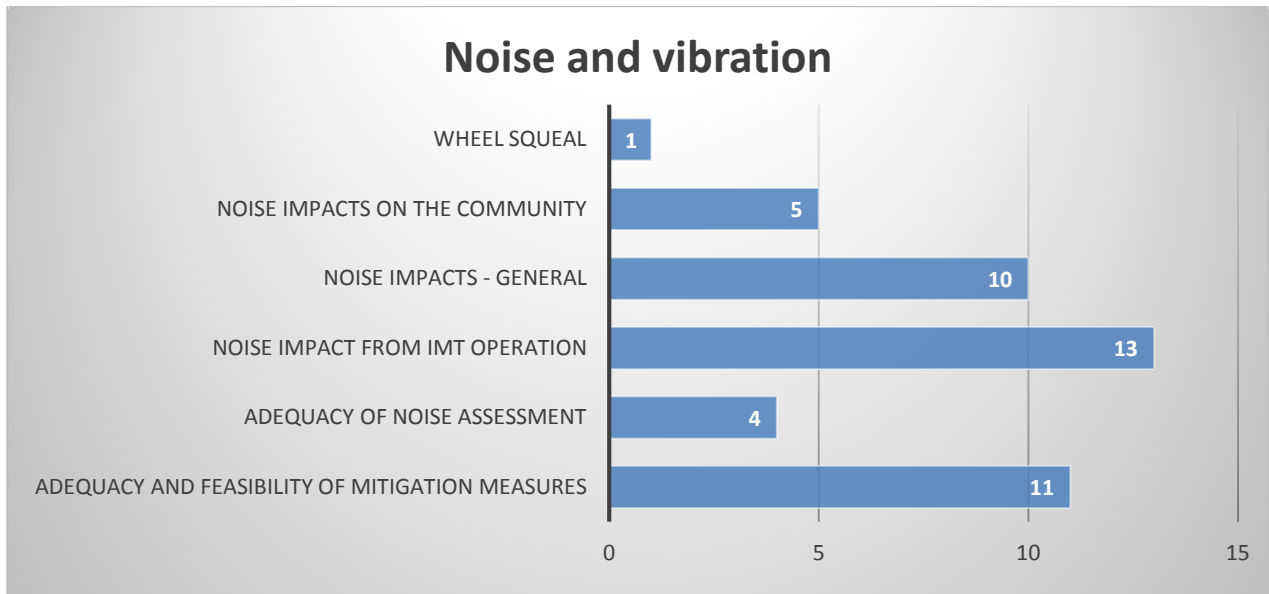


Figure 3.3 Breakdown in sub-issues under key issue 'Noise and vibration'

