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Submission on the PoHC Land Use and Transport Strategy.

I am writing to inform you on my views on the propose Port of Hastings Corporation port expansions at Westernport Bay and the associated Land Use and Transport Strategy.

Some concerns are:-

1. Destruction to our environment and a comprehensive UPFRONT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECT STUDY (not staged) is required. Threats to endangered species like the, southern brown bandicoots & the growling frog are obvious.
2. This proposal is not in keeping with the country rural atmosphere which many have chosen to live in. Green wedge zoning must be maintained.
3. Health concerns regarding diesel fumes, which is a know carcinogenic (at 16+ times a day freight trains 24 hrs a day + 3400+ diesel trucks per day)will be released into the air that families and individuals will be forced to breathe.
4. Safety concerns with such industrial infrastructure in a rural area zoned Green Wedge. In case of accident, what will the freight containers be carrying now, or in the future?
5. Excessive noise day and night from freight trains and huge truck movements.
6. Land acquisitions without an economic study to see if the port is viable.
7. Extreme drop in property values with those who they propose to have a freight train line through their land and constant noise, pollution, and industrial industry movement.
8. The constant threat of having a Nuclear Power Reactor built at Hastings and what will containers carry through our township. i.e. Radioactive materials, where new infrastructure will encourage such to be built, contrary to the will of Victorian citizens.
9. The fear of terrorism associated with this type of infrastructure and in the case of war we these new port expansions and freight corridors will become a possible target.
10. The adverse effects of massive dredging, increased tankers from 200 per year to 2000 plus super tankers combined with the massive berthing requirements to support the increase of shipping will see the destruction of the mangroves, seagrass, already endangered, which is believed will erode the coastline and cause flooding. Threatened and rare migratory & indigenous bird species protected by RAMSAR, UNESCO BISOSPHERE RESERVE, JAMBA/CAMBA migratory bird agreements will be compromised.

The Victorian Government has recently announced the banning of commercial net fishing in the bay based on environmental reasons. The Port of Hastings proposal will it is believed, have a much greater, irretrievably damaging effect on Westernport Bay than what the commercial fisherman have ever have had.

It is important that this state develops in a way that is supported by its people. It is believed that the processes used in these planning stages for the Port of Hastings expansions and the associated Land Use and Transport Strategy have not been done to satisfy Victorians to be well informed on these projects. I do not support the project.

Yours sincerely,

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Signature: