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To: SeniorClerk, Committee (SEN)

Subject: The Inquiry into Inland Rail-Narromine section-My Objection

In December 2017 ARTC held a meeting at the RSL in Narromine. There were 200+ people at the meeting. Prior to that the consultation period for the western route went well and there were few if any objections. At that December meeting the community was informed the line would now go east of the town rather than west. An astonishing change that caused some anguish in the room when people found it the line was going close to the Villeneuve Rural Residential Estate south of the town. Likewise the High Park Rural Residential Estate was affected.

Since that time many meetings have been held by ARTC in various formats trying to minimise the massive change of route. I have attended the majority of them as I was one of the consent officers of High Park & Villeneuve in my position as Health & Building Officer for Narromine Council. It was disappointing to me to be advised of the route change which seriously affects the two estates but It is true the new route minimises the effect on the town of Narromine.

There was NO CONSULTATION on the route change. As I am retired from Council I cannot indicate the Council's views except to say the Mayor Craig Davies was rude to the petitioner objecting to the route change when he confronted her as she gathered petitions in front of the local Coles store. I believe also the two local members Mark Coulton (Parkes) and Dugald Saunders (Dubbo) have offered little balanced support to the Inland Rail Route.

It is appreciated that this National project is essential but the way it has been done together with the change of staff whenever a meeting is held locally, has been below par.

The line continues to be constructed between Parkes and the junction of the turnoff on the line to go East or West. If it does go East as the staff informed me it would, then serious compensation should be made to sound proof the railway line where it is near houses. This may include triple glazing of homes and earth banks. This will help but it should be realised that people built in these two subdivisions to have a quiet rural lifestyle. Yes, change occurs everywhere and should be carried out professionally. How can a large organisation conduct itself in this manner?

Yours faithfully

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