

Subject: Trans shipping Submission
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My name is Robert Barnes. My address is [REDACTED]. I am writing this submission on behalf of myself and other community members opposed to the proposed Trans shipping of coal from the Hay Point Tug Harbour to an offshore location onto bulk carriers. I have lived at my residence for the past 13 years and I have been employed in the towage of bulk carriers to and from the coal terminals at the port of Hay Point for the past 12 years.

My opposition to trans shipping is firstly on environmental grounds. I have seen and experienced first hand the dust problem associated with loading coal onto ships. Whatever measures that are taken by the two coal terminals to suppress the generation of dust from the unloading of trains to the loading onto ships is not effective. In weather conditions with strong trade winds, the forward surface of the accommodation on the ship, which is normally white in colour is generally black from coal dust and is generally washed off, plus any spillage from loading, by the ships crews, straight over the side of the ship. I see this not being any different in the trans shipping operation. only this will be done closer to pristine marine environments.

Secondly, I oppose the trans shipping proposal on the noise and light pollution that will impact on our village and the marine environment. I accept the noise from the coal terminals as they were both here when I moved to Halftide. However, when you look at the close proximity to the village and offshore locations of conveyors and other ancillary equipment required by this operation, it can only have a detrimental effect on the community, the wildlife, and marine life I am one of several shift workers that reside here and it would make life intolerable with the trans shipping operating 24/7.

Thirdly I oppose the trans shipping proposal as there is still a huge amount of spare loading capacity between the two existing coal terminals. I have seen Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal expand from two to four offshore berths and Hay Point Coal Terminal [BMA] expand from two to three offshore berths. Information readily available from North Queensland Bulk Ports will show that both terminals are running well under capacity and forward projections show it will not change in the near future.

I trust that my submission will be read and I can be contacted by the email address or [REDACTED] to expand on the brief explanations given.

Regards,
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