



Yarraville and Footscray Residents Perception Survey

Who are MTAG?

Maribyrnong Truck Action Group (MTAG) is a community group formed out of concern about the negative effects of the growing number of trucks using the streets of Maribyrnong as a thoroughfare. MTAG is not politically aligned. Our members represent the spectrum of political views; we are joined by a shared conviction that it is time something is done to address excessive levels of truck traffic and to get it off our residential streets.

Why are we doing this?

As you may be aware, the state government is at this time commissioning an extensive survey – the Eddington East-West Transport Study – into the future of transport and freight in Melbourne, and one of its terms of reference is looking at heavy transport issues in the inner west. The public are invited to put forward submissions as part of this process before the end of May. MTAG are currently putting together a submission. We believe the results of this Residents Perception Survey will provide us with vital information about how the community of Maribyrnong feel about living in an area which contains major freight routes. The importance of this Survey cannot be underestimated; with the planned expansion of the Port of Melbourne the Bracks Government has predicted there will be a doubling of the number of trucks on our roads in the next 10 years.

All responses to this Survey will be strictly confidential. You do not need to provide any information which will identify you.

**Please return the completed Survey to MTAG by 07 May 2007. Our postal address is:
MTAG, PO Box 6509, West Footscray VIC 3012**

Physical Health

1. Have you or anyone living at your address been diagnosed with:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma | <input type="checkbox"/> Pulmonary Disease |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heart Disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Lung Cancer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blood Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Immune System Dysfunction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Neurone Disease | |

Other (please specify):

2. Have you or anyone living at you address suffered from:

Using the seven point scale below please circle your response to each question.

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Coughs and Phlegm: | Never 2 3 4 5 6 Always |
| Lightheadedness: | Never 2 3 4 5 6 Always |
| Nausea: | Never 2 3 4 5 6 Always |
| Increased Allergies: | Never 2 3 4 5 6 Always |
| Eye, nose or throat irritation: | Never 2 3 4 5 6 Always |
| Recurring Respiratory infections: | Never 2 3 4 5 6 Always |

Comments:

3. Do you believe there has been a negative impact on your health due to your homes proximity to a major freight route?

Yes No I don't know

4. Do you know anyone who has had their health affected by proximity to a major freight route?

Yes No I don't know

5. If you have children, do you believe your home is in a safe environment for your children?

Yes No I don't know I don't have children

5a. If no, why not?

6. Have you received any information from the local or state government about the effects of diesel particles on human health?

Yes No I don't know

6a. If yes, what was it?

Emotional Health

1. Is your, or your family's sleep, affected by truck noise?

Using the seven point scale below please circle your response to each question.

Never | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Always

2. If your sleep is affected by truck noise how does this affect you?

Please comment:

3. Do the trucks using you local streets ever cause you or members of your family concern as a driver, pedestrian or cyclist?

Using the seven point scale below please circle your response to each question.

Never | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Always

4. What concerns you about the trucks using your local streets?

- Diesel fumes
- Noise
- Non-compliance of road rules eg speeding, running redlights, tailgating
- Transport of dangerous and hazardous goods
- Other (please specify)

Liveability and Amenity

1. Is your residence or street affected by:

- Truck noise
- Diesel fumes
- Vibrations from truck traffic
- Residual soot
- Parking of large vehicles
- Road pavement or other damage (please specify) _____

- Problems accessing private property due to high truck volumes and speeds.

2. Do you feel that the effects of truck traffic on your local streets prevent you from spending time outside your house? ie in your yard?

- Yes No I don't know

3. Do you believe that your quality of life would improve if you lived in an area with less truck traffic?

- Yes No I don't know

Comment:

4. Do you believe that the high levels of truck traffic in your local area have affected the value of your property?

- Yes No I don't know

5. Do you believe that the Victorian state government has a legal responsibility to protect the health and safety of its citizens?

- Yes No I don't know

6. If yes, do you believe the Victorian state government is fulfilling its duty of care?

- Yes No I don't know

Role of Governing Bodies

1. In your understanding, who is responsible for controlling the levels of freight traffic in your local area?

- Local council
 State Government
 Federal Government
 I don't know

2. How effective do you feel your local government is in controlling the levels of freight traffic?

Using the seven point scale below please circle your response to each question.

Never | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Always

3. How effective do you feel the Victorian State government is in controlling the levels of freight traffic in Maribyrnong?

Using the seven point scale below please circle your response to each question.

Never | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Always

4. Would the volume of truck traffic through your local area affect your voting preferences in local or state elections?

- Yes No I don't know

5. Do you believe that if residents want to voice their concerns over the level of truck traffic in their local area that they are able to do so.

- Yes No I don't know

Demographics

- Female Male

Age: _____ years

Postcode: _____

How long have you lived in the City of Maribyrnong? _____ years

How many of your children are affected by this? _____

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