17 March, 2008

RTA
PO Box 973
PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Dear Sir,

RE: SCHOOL ZONE - NARELLAN ROAD, MOUNT ANNAN

At the Council meeting of 11 March 2008, Councillor Cagney, through Questions Without Notice, requests that;

"Council write to the RTA and suggest that the RTA conduct a review of the existing school zone adjacent to the Mount Annan Christian College located on Narellan Road. School buses drive into the school property to drop off students so therefore the fact that there is a signal controlled pedestrian crossing within the 40km zone needs review."

Accordingly, Council requests that the RTA undertake a comprehensive review of the existing school zone of Narellan Road. With particular consideration to the prevailing traffic management facilities, traffic generation and pedestrian patterns.

Should you require further information regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned on (02) 4645 5015.

Yours sincerely,

ADAM WILKINSON
MANAGER
ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE DESIGN
2 April 2008

The General Manager
Camden Council
DX 25807
CAMDEN

Attention: Mr Adam Wilkinson,
Manager Environmentally Sustainable Design

Dear Mr Wilkinson

School Zones – Narellan Road, Mount Annan

I refer to your letter dated 17th March 2008 regarding the 40 km/h School Zone adjacent to Mount Annan Christian College on Narellan Road.

The RTA is committed to providing a safe road environment for students adjacent to school premises. As part of our Safety Around Schools Program, announced by the Minister for Roads and Transport in November 2001, 40 km/h Schools Zones have been provided on all roads with an active direct access point from the school (either pedestrian or vehicular), including multi-lane and high-speed roads.

In accordance with this Program, a School Zone has been provided along Narellan Road for Mount Annan Christian College. The college has a pedestrian access adjacent to the bus stop on Narellan Road, in front of the college. School zones are installed to protect the school access points irrespective of any other safety facility that may also be present at the site or levels of usage. Your letter confirms that the direct vehicular access to the school remains from Narellan Road, and therefore the school zone is required under the current RTA Policy.

Should you have any further queries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact RTA’s School Projects Officer, Jon Gaylard, on 8849 2175.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Hilary Johnson
Manager, Speed Management
TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

TC04

SUBJECT: NARELLAN ROAD, KENNY HILL - 40 KPH SCHOOL ZONE
FROM: Director Works and Services
FILE NO: Traffic and Transport/Complaints and Requests/Speeding

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To gain the support of Council for the Roads and Traffic Authority to conduct a review of the existing School Zone on Narellan Road associated with Mount Annan Christian College.

BACKGROUND

Since the installation of the School Zone on Narellan Road Council Officers have become aware of the local community's reluctance to concur on the necessity for a School Zone in this section of roadway given the particular vehicle and pedestrian movements and the location/set back of the school.

MAIN REPORT

On a number of occasions Council has approached the RTA and the Local State Member to question the necessity for a School Zone on this section of Narellan Road. Council officers are unaware if a review has been undertaken by the RTA, however the RTA have informed Council that no changes are proposed to the existing zone on Narellan Road. Council Officers, in consideration of this matter, acknowledge that safety aspects around schools are of paramount importance and that School Zones have been a positive initiative in the control of vehicles and pedestrians around most schools.

CONCLUSION

Given the number of complaints received at Council from various members of the community a re-evaluation of the necessity for a School Zone on Narellan Road at Kenny Hill is appropriate. Accordingly, it is recommended that Council again write to the RTA seeking their re-evaluation of the school zone on Narellan Road at Mount Annan Christian College.

RECOMMENDED

That Council:

i. support a re-evaluation of the School Speed Zone on Narellan Road at Mount Annan Christian College;

ii Council write to the RTA requesting an immediate review of the School Speed Zone on Narellan Road at Mount Annan Christian College.

RESOLUTION
That Council:
  i. support a re-evaluation of the School Speed Zone on Narellan Road at Mount Annan Christian College; and
  ii. Council write to the RTA requesting an immediate review of the School Speed Zone on Narellan Road at Mount Annan Christian College.

THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED

TC66/08

ACTIONS
From: Steve Grady [Steve.Grady@busways.com.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 28 January 2009 1:05 PM
To: John Burgess
Subject: RE: Narellan Road 40kph Speed Zone

Hi John, the same to you re New Year. I have spoken to my manager Dave Davies and the following comment in relation to Narellan Road 40 km/h speed zone is;

As with general traffic, Busways does experience delays on Narellan Rd in the vicinity of Tramway Dr owing to the school zone, and as such would support its removal with the proviso that in doing so there is no diminution in overall safety at the bus stop adjacent to Mt Annan Christian School.

Busways Group does not have any designated School buses dropping off or picking up students on Narellan Road at the bus stop adjacent to the school entrance, as all of the students attending the Mt. Annan Christian School utilise normal service buses. The only designated school buses use Tramway Drive to pick up and drop off students.

I trust that this is helpful but please let me know if you required anything further.

Regards,

Steve Grady
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Busways Group Pty Ltd

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-----Original Message-----
From: John Burgess [mailto:john.burgess@camden.nsw.gov.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 28 January 2009 11:38 AM
To: Christopher Wildbur; Steve Grady
Subject: Narellan Road 40kph Speed Zone

Dear Chris and Steve,

All the best for the new year. You may recall the L.T.C. Meeting held on 8 December 2008 and in particular item TC04 – Narellan Road, Kenny Hill – 40kph School Zone.

The Council adopted the L.T.C. Recommendation which was; that Council –

i. support re-evaluation of the School Speed Zone on Narellan Road at Mount Annan Christian College;

ii. write to the R.T.A. requesting an...
Adam has advised that during discussions on the item, he recalls, that it was mentioned that the Police and Busways would be prepared to provide support to Council for the request to the R.T.A. for the review. If you do recall this and are able to provide written support then the Council would appreciate same. If you are in a position to undertake this than a reply to this email would be sufficient. Thanks and regards John.

John Burgess
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12 February 2009

Roads and Traffic Authority
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PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Attention: Mr Paul Davidson

Dear Paul,

RE: NARELLAN ROAD, KENNY HILL – 40 KPH SCHOOL ZONE

As you would be aware, the above matter was considered by the Camden Local Traffic Committee at the meeting of 8 December 2008, with the following recommendation being submitted to Council:

That Council:

Support re-evaluation of the school zone on Narellan Road at Mount Annan Christian College;
write to the RTA requesting an immediate review of the School Speed Zone on Narellan Road at Mount Annan Christian College.

Council wishes to advise that the recommendation was considered at the Ordinary Council meeting held 27 January 2009 and adopted in full.

In accordance with the adopted recommendation, Council wishes to bring to your attention the need for the matter to be considered and actioned by the RTA’s Speed Management Department.

Regarding support for this matter I can advise that the local bus company Busways, informs that the only designated school buses uses the side street, Tramway Drive to pick up and drop off students. The company would support the removal of the school zone on Narellan Road, noting their desire to maintain safety at the strategic corridor route bus stop on Narellan Road.

If you would like any further information concerning this decision please do not hesitate to contact John Burgess on 02 4645 5016.

Yours sincerely,

ADAM WILKINSON
MANAGER
ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE DESIGN
11 March 2009

Adam Wilkinson
Camden Council
PO Box 183
CAMDEN NSW 2570

Re: School Zone – Narellan Road, Mount Annan

Dear Adam,

Thank you for your letter dated 12 February 2009, requesting a speed zone review of the 40 km/h School Zone adjacent to Mount Annan Christian College on Narellan Road.

The RTA is committed to providing a safe road environment for students adjacent to school premises. As part of our Safety Around Schools Program, announced by the Minister for Roads and Transport in November 2001, 40 km/h Schools Zones have been provided on all roads with an active direct access point from the school (either pedestrian or vehicular), including multi-lane and high-speed roads.

In accordance with this Program, a School Zone has been provided along Narellan Road for Mount Annan Christian College. The college has a pedestrian access adjacent to the bus stop on Narellan Road, in front of the college. School zones are installed to protect the school access points irrespective of any other safety facility that may also be present at the site.

Based on your request to remove the School Zone on Narellan Road, the RTA contacted the Principal at Mount Annan Christian College and was advised that the direct access from Narellan Road is utilised on a daily basis by many students when entering and leaving the school and needs to remain open. Therefore, in accordance with the NSW Government’s commitment, the School Zone on Narellan Road will not be removed.

Should you have any further queries regarding this matter, please contact me on 02 8849 7216.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Peter Carruthers
AV Speed Management Manager
Our Ref: GM09/2072

17 April 2009

Ian Gannell
Camden Council
PO Box 183
CAMDEN NSW 2570

Re: School Zone – Narellan Road, Mount Annan

Dear Ian,

Thank you for your letter dated 25 March 2009 regarding the 40 km/h school zone on Narellan Road, Mount Annan.

The RTA is committed to providing a safe road environment for students adjacent to school premises. As part of our Safety Around Schools Program, announced by the Minister for Roads and Transport in November 2001, 40 km/h Schools Zones have been provided on all roads with an active direct access point from the school (either pedestrian or vehicular), including multi-lane and high-speed roads.

In accordance with this Program, a School Zone has been provided along Narellan Road for Mount Annan Christian College. The college has a pedestrian access adjacent to the bus stop on Narellan Road, in front of the college. School zones are installed to protect the school access points irrespective of any other safety facility that may also be present at the site or levels of usage.

The direct pedestrian and vehicular access to the school remains from Narellan Road, and therefore the school zone is required under the current RTA Policy.

School zones have minimal impact on vehicle travel time. The slower speed in school zones lessens the risk of crashes, and even minor crashes can have lead to significant time delays to motorists.

If there is a particular school that does not conform to the RTA Policy, please inform the RTA and these schools will be inspected for compliance with the Safety Around Schools Policy.

Should you have any further queries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me on 02 8849 2216.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Carruthers
A/Manager Speed Management
The CEO
Camden Council
37 John St
Camden

Re:

As a relative newcomer to the area, I am puzzled as to the necessity for a 40 KPH School Zone on Mitchell Road between Tramway Drive and Henry Hill. The nearest school is Yhun Christian College which is situated one kilometre away at the end of Benjamin Place.

It seems to me that the School Zone only serves to block up the traffic as I have yet to see pedestrians or school children crossing the road.

I await your explanation with interest.

Yours,

Robyn Messei

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19 June 2009

Robyn Messer
58/1 Hyde Parade
PARK CENTRAL  NSW  2560

Dear Robyn,

RE:  NARELLAN ROAD 40KPH SCHOOL ZONE

Thank you for your letter in relation to the above issue. Narellan Road is a State Road under the control of the RTA. Council has made submissions to the RTA in relation to this issue. The RTA has advised that it is RTA policy to install these school zones on all roads which have frontage to school (or part thereof).

Please call me on 4645 5011 should you need to discuss this.

Yours sincerely,

CALUM HUTCHESON
TEAM LEADER TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT
Calum Hutcheson

From: Calum Hutcheson
Sent: Friday, 8 January 2010 10:07 AM
To: Tom Allen
Subject: FW: Camden LGA issues raised on State Roads
See below

Regards

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Team Leader, Traffic & Transport

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From: LANCE David C [mailto:David_LANCE@rta.nsw.gov.au]
Sent: Friday, 18 December 2009 3:50 PM
To: Calum Hutcheson
Subject: RE: Camden LGA issues raised on State Roads

Calum,

The issues raised have been reviewed by the RTA. Please refer to comments below:

Proposal 1 (Remembrance Drive, Camden South)

'Keep Left Unless Overtaking' signposting would not be supported at this location. The 'keep left' rule only applies on roads with a signposted speed limit of over 80km/h. In addition the RTA's technical direction 2000/3 specifies that 'Keep Left Unless Overtaking' signs are only to be used on roads where there are no traffic control signals on the road. The traffic signals at the intersection of the Old Hume Hwy prevent the use of 'Keep Left Unless Overtaking' signs on this road.

Proposal 2 (Camden Bypass / Narellan Road, Narellan)

The installation of a free flowing left turn into the kerbside lane at this location would not be supported. This intersection was previously modified by the RTA after representations from Council. These improvements provided a better angle of approach for north bound drivers turning left onto Narellan Road as well as improving sight distance for north bound left turning drivers. It should be noted that a large proportion of drivers exiting from Camden Bypass proceed across Narellan Road to turn right at Camden Valley Way. At present these drivers can safely merge into the second lane requiring only 1 lane change manoeuvre to turn right at Narellan Road. The proposed changes would require these drivers to merge across 2 lanes. In addition, there is a relatively heavy movement for west bound vehicles on Narellan Road turning left at Camden Valley Way. The weaving movements in this section of road would be exacerbated by the proposal.

Proposal 3 (Narellan Road, Narellan Vale - Alamein Road to Camden Bypass)

The RTA would not be in favour of the proposal to utilise the shoulder at this point to lengthen the left turn

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bay into the Camden Bypass. The shoulder on this road is heavily utilised by cyclists and any proposal to
lengthen this left turn bay would require the existing shoulder to be maintained.

Proposal 4 (Narellan Road,Currans Hill)

This school zone has been subject to a recent review. That review indicated that the proposal to remove the
school zone would not be endorsed.

Proposal 5 (Narellan Road/Camden Valley Way, Narellan)

The proposal to permit the left turn movement from the second lane at this location has been investigated.
The west bound left turn from Narellan Road at this intersection is activated in 5 out of 8 phases. The minimal
benefit gained by the introduction of a dual left turn is not considered sufficient to offset the reduction in
capacity for the through movement on Narellan Road / The Northern Road.

Proposal 6 (The Old Northern Road/Camden Valley Way, Narellan)

This intersection is currently under review as part of the assessment process associated with an adjoining
development application. Provision for 2 south bound through lanes will be considered as part of that review.

If you need further information please do not hesitate to ring me.

Regards,

David Lance
Road Network Officer

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From: Calum Hutcheson [mailto:Calum.Hutcheson@camden.nsw.gov.au]
Sent: Friday, 18 December 2009 3:10 PM
To: LANCE David C
Subject: FW: Camden LGA issues raised on State Roads

David,

Can we get a response to issues 1 to 4 below as soon as possible please.

Regards

Calum Hutcheson
Team Leader, Traffic & Transport

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24/10/2011
From: Calum Hutcheson  
Sent: Tuesday, 1 December 2009 1:42 PM  
To: Horne Doug  
Subject: FW: Camden LGA issues raised on State Roads

Doug,

We need an RTA response to issues 1 to 4 separate from the issues 5 and 6 below.

Regards

Calum Hutcheson  
Team Leader, Traffic & Transport

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From: Tom Allen  
Sent: Tuesday, 1 December 2009 9:44 AM  
To: Calum Hutcheson  
Subject: FW: Camden LGA issues raised on State Roads

Calum

Issues 1 - 4 are from Mr Godby.

Tom Allen  
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From: Tom Allen  
Sent: Tuesday, 17 November 2009 4:47 PM  
To: Horne Doug  
Cc: Calum Hutcheson  
Subject: Camden LGA issues raised on State Roads

Dear Doug

A number of issues have been raised by residents concerning issues on state roads. I have provided

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comments on each and would appreciate responses back from the RTA to provide to Cr Greg Warren (Chairman of the Camden LTC). If you could facilitate this by the end of next week, that would be appreciated.

Proposal 1 (Remembrance Drive, Camden South)
"Have Police enforce travelling in the outside lane of the Camden By-pass before Elizabeth Macarthur Avenue when travelling from the Shire boundary. Drivers who come from the Shire or from Armour Avenue tend to travel in the inside lane because they know that they will have to merge for the bridge. However, this clogs both Armour Avenue and Elizabeth Macarthur Avenue because all the traffic in the inside lane stops vehicles from exiting Armour and Elizabeth Macarthur. When vehicles are travelling in the outside lane, vehicles from Armour and Elizabeth Macarthur can access the Camden Bypass to the inside lane. As a 80kph area, it is illegal to travel in the inside lane, unless overtaking. After Elizabeth Macarthur, it is actually best if traffic travels in the inside lane, as this allows traffic from Cowper Drive and Burrarorang Road to access the By-pass more easily. The cost would be nil (except for Police time, which would be more than covered by fine revenue) and would save the need to build expensive seagull lanes or roundabouts on the By-pass. I noticed on the weekend (don't know why I haven't thought about it before) that the linemarking at the point where the northbound traffic on the By-pass goes from single to double lane (at about the shire border) actually directs the traffic into the inside lane, rather than the outside lane, thereby encouraging traffic to travel in the inside lane and break the law."

Council Officer Comment: Since this section on road is 80km/h and there are no "Keep Left Unless Overtaking" signs in place the understanding is that it is not illegal to travel in the inside lane. Due to there being a number of intersections where right turns are permitted "Keep Left Unless Overtaking" signs are not considered appropriate and are not permitted in any case in the vicinity of the traffic signals at the Old Hume Highway intersection (Ref. RTA Technical Direction 2000/3).

With regard to the linemarking at the start of the dual-carriageway section, note that this is within Wollondilly LGA. However, no objections to the lane delineation line being curtailed further along the road instead of the current arrangement where is runs from the start of the taper (See Photo 1).

Proposal 2 (Camden Bypass / Narellan Road, Narellan)
"Remove the painted area at the intersection of the Camden By-pass and Narellan Road for traffic going off the By-pass and turning left into Narellan Road. This painted area forces traffic to join the centre two lanes, when there is, actually, a third lane that could be used for the left turn. Sometimes the traffic is banked all the way up onto the By-pass. There is more than enough room before the Camden Valley Way intersection for traffic that wishes to turn right into CV Way to move to the right turn lane (certainly much more than is provided for traffic travelling over the Macarthur bridge and wishing to turn right into Burrarorang Road."

Council Officer Comment: No objection subject to sightlines/lane widths etc. being achieved. (See Photo 2)

Proposal 3 (Narellan Road, Narellan Vale - Alamein Road to Camden Bypass)
"Make the parking/bus stop lane from, say, the Alamein Road access to the Camden By-pass on Narellan Road into a left turn only lane. There are two left turn lanes at the exit to the By-pass, but only one gets used because of the current road design. At peak times, most of the traffic wishes to turn left onto the By-pass and the queue sometimes stretches over the hill towards Mount Annan whilst the inside lane runs smoothly. The sealed lane to do this already exists and it would only need the moving of a bus stop and the possible moving of some guard rails and signage back further from the road to achieve an effective result at very little cost. The RTA will probably say that the lane is only designed as a parking lane, is under specifications, etc, etc, but the reality is that it would work and would help remove what is, currently, a frustrating and, potentially, accident causing situation."

Council Officer Comment: Not supported unless a minimum 2 metre shoulder width can be maintained.

Proposal 4 (Narellan Road, Currans Hill)
"And, of course, get rid of the ridiculous school zone at the Mount Annan Christian School which serves no purpose, other than to clog up traffic at busy times of the day, causing frustration and nose/tails. By the time the zone comes into effect, all the kids from the bus stop, etc have gone as they have been picked up by busses for their schools at St Gregs, etc. I have never seen a MACS student use the area, only those from other schools using the bus stop. A simple welding of the gate shut would deny any access (without, it appears, inconveniencing any student of MACS) and save many thousands of $
per year in petrol, insurance and other costs."

**Council Officer Comment:** Understood that this suggestion has been passed through the RTA earlier this year. A review was carried out by the RTA - including input from the school principal - and the request to remove this school zone was rejected.

**Proposal 5 (Narellan Road/Camden Valley Way, Narellan)**

*From Council Officer:* On Narellan Road approaching the intersection with Camden Valley Way there is one left turn only lane, three ahead only lanes and one right turn only lane. In view of the volumes of traffic turning left into Camden Valley Way (sometimes backing up beyond the length of the slip lane on Narellan Road) and the fact that there are two lanes on Camden Valley Way, could consideration be given to the left hand ahead only lane being converted to ahead and left?

**Proposal 6 (The Old Northern Road/Camden Valley Way, Narellan)**

"On the Old Northern Road approaching the signalised intersection with Camden valley Way there is a left turn only and an ahead and right turn lane. Could consideration be given to the Left Turn only lane being Ahead and Left Turn in view of the fact that there are two ahead lanes into Narellan Town Centre."

**Council Officer Comment:** Subject to achieving satisfactory phasing of the traffic signals, this proposal is supported in view of the relatively low volumes of traffic which turn left at this intersection. [Note that The Old Northern Road and Camden Valley Way from The Old Northern Road to Narellan Road are still classified as State roads.]

**Regards**

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**Tom Allen**
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Calum Hutcheson

From: Tom Allen
Sent: Friday, 20 August 2010 12:34 PM
To: 'Steve Presgrave'
Subject: Narellan Road School Speed Zone
Our Ref. CRMS 12050398

Dear Steve

Thanks for your email. Your concerns are shared by Council. Because speed zoning is the responsibility of State Government and Narellan Road is a State Road, Council recently asked the Roads and Traffic Authority to investigate the School Speed Zone on Narellan Road. The RTA responded that because the school has a pedestrian access on to Narellan Road the school zone is required under current RTA policy.

Regards

Tom Allen
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From: Steve Presgrave [mailto:jedisteve@live.com.au]
Sent: Friday, 13 August 2010 3:10 PM
To: Council Mailbox
Subject:

Hi Camden council

Can you please advise if there is any action on removing the school zone at Currans Hill, the school is over 800 metres from Narellan Rd, rarely IF EVER do school kids actually cross this road.

Websites like http://www.schoolzonelights.com.au/anomalies1.html highlight the inconsistency of this school zone with many others. Don't Macurthur residents get enough traffic issues.

Please see the attached picture.

Why would you not have made a road to the existing traffic lights at Currans hill, how much did it cost so the school got its own traffic lights. (which parents run the red light on day in day out). Red light runners are far more dangerous than speeders.


what happened to Cnr Warren
from above article - THE police and Busways have backed a Camden councillor's call to abolish the school zone on Narellan Road.

THE POLICE, do you think any speeding ticket fought in court is going to be held up, ill fight it every time.
Just my comments, ive lived in the area for over 20 years. School zones should not be placed on main roads, build a walkway or something. Please

Stephen Presgrave

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