

**Submission**

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## **INQUIRY INTO SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY**

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# Chris Patterson MP

## Member for Camden



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Mr Greg Alpin MP  
Member for Albury  
Chair Staysafe Committee  
Parliament House  
Macquarie St  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Mr Alpin

Please find below a submission regarding the School Zone review currently being conducted.

On Narellan Road at Mt Annan a school zone currently exists at the entrance to Mt Annan Christian College. This College is almost 1k from the Narellan Road entrance. Narellan Road is the main feeding road onto the F5 which in turn is the main expressway to Sydney from the Camden area. The school also has traffic lights at the entrance. The children attending the school are usually dropped off at the school not on Narellan Road.

This school zone creates a complete bottleneck in the local area affecting Narellan Road between Narellan to Campbelltown and arterial roads, Tramway Drive leading into Narellan Road and Mt Annan Drive leading into Narellan Road. It also creates traffic jams on the exit ramps from the F5 onto Narellan Road which once again flows back to the F5. The peak traffic congestion trying to access Narellan Road becomes a logistic nightmare. The major intersection, which has the arterial roads feeding onto Narellan Road and the traffic lights, creates a flow on effect throughout Mt Annan and Currans Hill.

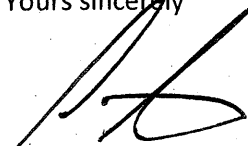
When the school zone comes into effect in the mornings and afternoons is when most people are leaving the area to commute to work or to get to a train station or returning home and adds some 20mins to 30mins to their trip. The local community are totally frustrated with the situation and I receive daily phone calls from motorists caught up in the traffic jam created by the school zone.

I met with representative of the school last week who raised concerns about removing the zone. They currently have issues with bus access which is being worked through with Camden Council. I have asked the School to make a submission if they consider appropriate.

Major consideration is safety of the children at all times and I am fully supportive of this.

I would appreciate any consideration and review of this particular site.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Chris Patterson', written over the typed name.

**Chris Patterson MP**  
Member for Camden