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Member for Drummoyne



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The Hon Jo Haylen MP
Minister for Transport
52 Martin Place
SYDNEY NSW 2000

By email to: office@haylen.minister.nsw.gov.au

Dear Minister,

Re: Reinstating Birkenhead Point Ferry

My office has been contacted by _____ of _____ regarding
reinstating the Birkenhead Point Ferry in Drummoyne.

Please find attached correspondence detailing her concerns.

Your response in this matter is appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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Member for Drummoyne

Contact
Stephanie

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: Friday, 29 September 2023 5:21 PM

To: ElectorateOffice Drummoyne <ElectorateOffice.Drummoyne@parliament.nsw.gov.au>

Subject: Reinstating Birkenhead ferry

Hello, as a south-eastern Drummoyne resident of Market St, my daughter and I are regular users of the ferry to/from Drummoyne wharf.

The problem is, however, that due to the distance we (like others in vicinity, including Rodd Point and Russell Lea etc) need to drive to/from Drummoyne wharf. This has become increasingly difficult due to extreme traffic backlogging at any point when trying to cross Victoria Rd.

For example: It can take me 10-15mins to return home after dropping my daughter off in the morning. The recent changes to the traffic light sequencing (travelling east on Lyons Rd wanting to cross Victoria Rd) means barely 2 cars can cross the lights, and backlogging occurs. Backlogging is also a regular occurrence on Renwick st travelling south and wanting to cross Park Ave (as cars bank up to turn right towards Victoria Rd). Those of us that want to travel straight (to get to south-west Drummoyne) are hence jammed due to all traffic wanting to enter Victoria Rd. If the road was modified to allow 2 lanes (one going straight, the other turning right - which is possible as it's a really wide road) - this would help the issue.

As you can tell it is extremely difficult to get to Drummoyne Wharf (and return home). One solution would be to reinstate the ferry from Birkenhead point to/from city, during peak hours especially. This would service all western/southern residents in the vicinity and help ease inter-Drummoyne traffic. Further, there are already extreme capacity issues on existing Drummoyne services (especially on weekends) - so extra ferries to/from Birkenhead would surely help this too.

We appreciate your consideration and help on the matter. Can you please pass on my feedback on congestion to the relevant road/transport parties to see if some fixes can be implemented. Thank you.