

INQUIRY INTO CROSS CITY TUNNEL

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The Director,
 Joint Select Committee, Legislative Council,
 Parliament House.

Dear Sir/ Madame,

Re: Inquiry into the Lane Cove Tunnel.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written inquiries of Lane Cove Tunnel. Please find enclosed the inquiries:

1. There are news from the media (newspapers, radio): once Lane Cove Tunnel is opened, the Epping Road lanes will be reduced to one lane only (for car) and another lane for bus.

Is this true? If yes, this creates major concerns for the road users and community.
 Do the Government, RTA and the Lane Cove Tunnel company want to "force" people using Lane Cove Tunnel?

The residents living in the area (Epping Road) do not have any objections for the 3 lanes on Epping Rd to be kept opened.

Lane Cove Tunnel should become an alternative road (and also an addition to Epping road) which is currently very congested.

Please do not close the currently available lanes of Epping Road. Forcing people to use Lane Cove Tunnel (i.e. to add more profit for the Lane Cove Tunnel company) is not the solution for easing the Epping Road congestion and it is not helping the community. The community has contributed profusely by paying tax and/or GST to the Government. The Government is responsible for building the road and infrastructure and not shifting the responsibility to a private company which interest is to make profit. The Government and RTA should support, help and "safe guard" the interest of the community.

Please do not repeat the "bad" precedent of the Cross City Tunnel.

2. Current congestions of Epping Road is mainly due to the closure of Mars Road (to Banksia St. or to Lane Cove East). People from the Lane Cove West Industrial Area have to exit to Epping Road, and big proportion of cars will turn right at Moore Street or Centennial Avenue.

Why is Mars Road closed? Is Mars Rd closed to create more gridlock, so the Lane Cove Tunnel construction can be justified?

If Mars Road is open, there are alternative ways for people to travel east and this traffic will not cause a gridlock to that part of Epping Road. The interest of the smaller number of Mars Road residents have to be weigh and balanced against the interest of larger number of people/ community. Speed bumps and speed limit can be put on Mars Road, if there are concerns that people will speed at the residential area.

3. The congestion is worsened by changing that part of Epping Road from 3 lanes into 2 lanes, to accomodate westbound traffic from Epping Rd turning right to Tantaloon Road.

Is there no better traffic arrangement to make this part of Epping Road less congested?

4. The construction of Lane Cove Tunnel does not consider safety issue for traffic users. Scattered road blocks and sharp merging entries and exits are made. This creates a lot of "black spots" and can cause a lot of accidents for cars that will merge/ exit (to and from) the main roads.

We do hope that the Government, RTA and Lane Cove Tunnel Company will consider the safety and interest of the community and the road users. We respect, honor and will vote for the Government who supports the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

N Paul.
Resident and Taxpayer.