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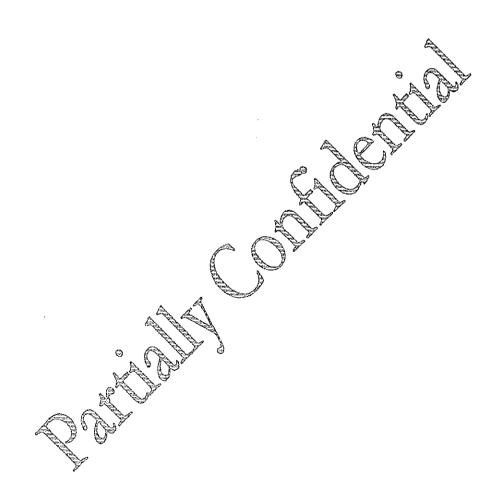
## THE TRANSPORT NEEDS OF SYDNEY'S NORTH-WEST SECTOR

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- 1. I have been a resident of Baulkham Hills Shire Council since March 1967 during which time I have been disturbed at the lack of transport.
- 2. About 1960 :-
- a) land was put aside for
- i. Castlereagh Expressway
- ii. Freeway to the north via Lane Cove Valley Turramurra
- b) Highs Rd / Taylor St / Merelynne Ave West Pennant Hills was planned to be a major thoroughfare linking on to North Rocks Rd at the junction with Barclay Rd.
- 3. In the 1990s:-
- a) the M2 was constructed on the land reserved for the Castlereagh Expressway
- b) connection from M2 to F3 was planned via land put aside for Freeway to the north
- c) a minority group from Turramurra area objected to the M2 / F3 connection via land put aside about 1960
- d) Pennant Hills Road was widened to take traffic originally planned to go via land put aside about 1960.
- 4. In 2007/08 RTA provided \$700,000 to Baulkham Hills Shire Council (BHSC) for construction of bus lane in Highs Rd Taylor St Aiken Rd West Pennant Hills. Unfortunately BHSC returned this money to the RTA.
- 5. Private bus operator has tried to get sufficient buses into the system but is frustrated by things including:-
- a) all traffic city / east/ south bound forced onto:-
- i. Castle Hill Rd two lanes reducing to one lane in southern exit of tunnel under Pennant Hills Rd at the eastern end of Castle Hill Rd
- ii. Highs Rd / Taylor St / Aiken Rd / Oakes Rd one lane.
- 6. Troubles could be overcome by matters including:-
- a) connecting of:-
- M2 to F3 via land put aside about 1960 in Lane Cove Valley / Turramurra area
- ii. Merelynne Av to M2 and North Rocks Rd at intersection of Barclay Rd
- iii. Castlewood Dr Castle Hill to Highs Rd for buses with camera to identify illegal use
- b) installation of bus lane Highs Rd Taylor St Aiken Rd Oakes Rd with camera to detect illegal use
- c) making one lane exit from Castle Hill Rd tunnel under Pennant Hills Rd to two lanes
- d) supply of:-
- i. buses to Hillsbus to meet demand
- ii. parking for cars at Beecroft Station and bus stops more adequate than provided at M2 Barclay Rd Bus Station.

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Yours faithfully.