

Submission
No 138

THE TRANSPORT NEEDS OF SYDNEY'S NORTH-WEST SECTOR

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1. I have been a resident of Baukham 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 / Merelynn 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 Baukham 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:-

i. M2 to F3 via land put aside about 1960 in Lane Cove Valley / Turramurra area

ii. Merelynn 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,