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## **INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE ROZELLE INTERCHANGE**

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# Submission to the NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into the Impact of the Rozelle Interchange

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Rozelle Interchange's opening has had a real and detrimental impact on, and around, Victoria Road for the residents of Drummoyne. Now both moving on Victoria Road and trying to get across Victoria Road to reach the other side of Drummoyne is virtually impossible and at a standstill most days in AM peak.

Recent changes to traffic light phasing on Victoria Road has eased congestion for residents of Balmain and Rozelle, but caused total gridlock in Drummoyne and now further west up Victoria Road.

What used to be a somewhat slow but moving trip into the city has now been brought to a standstill.

Some observations for your consideration:

## 1. Bus lane and left hand turn only lane after the Iron Cove bridge in Rozelle

- a. Virtually everyone travelling along Victoria Road after the Iron Cove going to Rozelle or Balmain, turns left at Terry Street. This means the rest of this left hand turn only lane (into Darling St, Evans St etc) is unused in morning peak hour. Move the bus lane back to kerbside and get rid of the left hand turn only lane – it's totally pointless
- b. During the first few weeks of Rozelle Interchange opening, I was travelling on a 500X (extended bendy bus) and the driver confessed to me that those buses are too big and long to easily weave in and out of the bus only lane and getting to the kerb to collect passengers. Meaning he was often driving across the two lanes. Again, there is no point to having this.

2. **Rat runs** – Google maps tells drivers when travelling along Victoria Road between Gladesville Bridge and Iron Cove Bridge to city, it's quicker for them to turn left at Lyons Road and use Renwick St or go down to St Georges Crescent and come back up at Park avenue to re-enter Victoria Road. Can you make a no left hand turn from Victoria Road into Lyons Road during the morning peak to stop this please?

3. **Phasing of traffic lights.** Previously when turning from Park Avenue (eastern side) onto Victoria Road heading to the city, we would get a left hand turn arrow after the green light, allowing more flow of cars. The left hand turn arrow has now disappeared BUT traffic sitting on Victoria Road heading to the city is left waiting. So now no one is moving. What is the point of that? This reduction of traffic moving out of Park Avenue

onto Victoria Road, means that traffic is banked back for several blocks in and around Park Avenue, making it hard for me to get out of my house.

- a. Changes to the phasing has also greatly affected the intersection of Lyons Road and Victoria Road for motorists on Lyons Road. Travelling from the east side of Lyons Road to cross over Victoria Road and head west is now very difficult, with only two cars often getting through. Moving around Drummoyne from one side of Victoria Road to the other is now difficult. Even crossing Victoria Road at this junction as a pedestrian has become risky – the time for a pedestrian to get across so many lanes of traffic is very short especially with traffic building and motorists getting more frustrated and impatient trying to turn.
4. **Ferries** – while the ferry is a great way to travel, it's a long walk from my house to the ferry stop. It would be great if you would consider upgrading the old ferry wharf down at Birkenhead and restarting ferries there. Or come to an agreement with the marina down there for a ferry to be able to go from there.
5. **Transport for NSW and Canada Bay Council don't talk to each other.** Raising any of the above traffic issues with Transport for NSW only leads to them re-directing you to Canada Bay Council. Talking to Council, they tell you to talk to Transport. No one is taking any responsibility or accountability for these issues – Council and Transport should be working together. More communication is needed and better interaction.

Drummoyne residents have been adversely affected by the opening of Rozelle Interchange. There are no alternative routes to take besides Victoria Road. We need urgent changes to fix some of these issues that can be easily and quickly addressed.

Yours sincerely  
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