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INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE ROZELLE INTERCHANGE

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I have been travelling by car to work along Victoria Road for the past 25 years. Since the Rozelle Interchange has opened it has been an absolute nightmare. Initially I thought it would be great. The only real problem I had was when reaching the city tunnel I had to constantly brake (& still do) all the way along until you start coming up the other side of the tunnel onto Anzac Bridge as the speed limit is only 60kms and with the deep fall of the road your car automatically picks up speed. Every car will be replacing their brakes very quickly! Then there is the issue with congestion in the tunnel when 2 lanes go into 1 (signage needs to be painted on the road not just small signs overhead saying to merge - very dangerous indeed) and then having to merge with traffic coming thru from the City West Link tunnel.

Now that the Govt has just pushed the problem back up Victoria Road to appease residents of Balmain/Rozelle (and the press) by changing the timing of the lights on the intersections driving through Drummoyne, it has become a nightmare. As soon as I hit the Gladesville Bridge it is bumper to bumper traffic. When I reach the Iron Cove Bridge there is no traffic at all and you breeze into the tunnel.

When returning home from the city, it is the same problem in reverse with the slowing down of the traffic trying to get up across the Gladesville Bridge.

Also, if avoiding the city tunnel there are huge issues too with lanes merging & having two lanes taken up for a bus lane & a lane for access by Balmain/Rozelle residents.

In my opinion a complete failure to improve the traffic congestion on Victoria Rd.