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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE ROZELLE
INTERCHANGE**

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I live in Drummoyne and travel to the central coast for work. This means i either drive or catch a bus then a train to Gosford.

1. Driving out of Drummoyne is now a nightmare. I need to head west over the Gladesville bridge so would not expect the Rozelle interchange to affect this drive. However the traffic is so blocked up trying to get onto Victoria Road that it can take up to 1-hour to get out of Drummoyne and onto Victoria Road to head west. Before the Rozelle interchange was active this was a 5-minute drive from my house to Victoria road to travel west.

2. When i catch a bus it is a bit better, but the travel takes 2.5 times as long just because it is public transport. I walk up to Victoria road because it is quicker than catching a bus down Lyons Road to Victoria Road in Drummoyne.

The bus journey into the city is odd since the bus lanes were changes. The bus lane weaves in and out of the lane closest to the curb and into the middle lane. This has the effect of reducing the lanes other transport can drive in towards the city and looks a bit dangerous at times.

In short, Drummoyne is a now a carpark in the mornings. Trying to get out of the suburb to travel to work is a nightmare and takes a totally unreasonable amount of time.

When driving to and from the city when it is not peak hour the signage is still not adequate and the constant lane merging and changing is dangerous. Often cars get caught in the wrong lane and make quick decisions that put themselves and others in danger.

It seems that when driving into the city, drivers are funnelled from 4 or more lanes to eventually 1-lane. Clearly the amount of traffic coming down Victoria Road will choke as the funnel gets tighter.

I cannot understand why transport planners did not model the traffic flows and work out how to come up with an optimal plan. Surely this was predictable.

I do not know the answer to this problem but a solution needs to be developed and implemented for all those who travel along Victoria Road to the city and residents of the surrounding suburbs who now live in a daily carpark.

I also do not understand why flyovers were not put in place above ground at the Rozelle interchange. There is so much traffic the needs to stop at the intersections above ground.

PS: Our elderly neighbours do not attempt to drive around the local roads in Drummoyne because of the traffic. They do not drive anywhere before 10am or after 3pm. This includes medical appointments and shopping from groceries. So there is a flow on to local businesses as a result of older people attending to their affairs in reduced timeframes.

Thanks-Please fix these problems!!!