

**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE ROZELLE  
INTERCHANGE**

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To the Parliamentary Committee,

I am making the submission as a tax paying resident of the Inner West who, like millions of others across all demographics, has lived through the noise, dirt, dust and inconvenience of this construction for the last 4 years.

Key points below:

1. What is the nature of a society which produces such an outcome for key infrastructure that services millions of people within a 24 hour period ?
2. Specific traffic/congestion causes now from my observation
3. Decision makers who implemented this project - clear disrespect for citizens across all demographics living in the inner west.
4. Accountability must be one result of the Parliamentary Inquiry. Corruption, lack of accountability, incompetent decision making within government and private contractors.
5. Parliamentary Inquiry to be funded by John Holland and CPB Contractors
6. Sydney as one of the most heavily tolled cities in the world -

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1. What is the nature of a society when a construction company/politician/person of influence proposes and approves a project which blatantly does not have the proper solutions for so many people, of different demographics and needs, and yet costs billions of tax payer \$\$ - paid to John Holland and CPB Contractors. What is the nature of that society if not corrupt and disrespectful?

Whoever signed off on this needs to feel full culpability and pay a cost. John Holland and CPB Contractors needs to be held to account for the atrocity it has created at the Tax payer expense. As professionals why did they not intervene and ensure workable solutions? What accounts for their lack of responsibility and professional expertise?

2. Access to Victoria road from Drummoyne is almost unbearable. Many side road access's to Victoria Road are completely blocked during peak hours - exacerbated because the traffic lights have been reprogrammed to hold the traffic back away from the Iron Cove Bridge... so now it blocks every side road access from the bridge back past Gladesville Bridge. Anyone travelling into the city ,by bus or car over the Gladesville bridge in peak hour is badly impacted. Streets accessing the City West Link are hugely impacted right back to the Henley Marine Drive access point at Haberfield. Its a disgrace

Anyone living on the Balmain peninsula through to Rozelle is effectively locked into their suburb during extensive peak hours. They are unable to access the free way at all as the streets are blocked. Forget the ferry alternative argument which is just purile... There aren't enough car spaces or easy access points to a ferry for everyone on that peninsular. Many people living in Balmain need to access Western Sydney for work, not only the city. A ferry is of no use to them. They can't get out of their suburb without stress. School children, the elderly, health workers, teachers, all demographics of our society are impacted.

The new bus lane in the centre of the road going into the city from the Iron Cove Bridge seems to create more havoc. Buses chop and change lanes to pick up passengers - ) it would appear that returning the bus lane to the left side lane will free up traffic to flow into the city for now.

Commuters coming from Parramatta get into Sydney quicker - which seems to be the only goal of the plan - - but at a toll cost which mounts up for those commuters.

3. A prominent and respected journalist recently wrote that Australia, despite its sense of pride and grandeur, has become very average and ordinary. The outcomes of this project illustrates that we are less than ordinary.

Why are citizens carrying on with the business of their lives, families and work also expected to find the time and energy to hold well paid bureaucrats and politicians to account ? .

Its very hard to be proud of a city that takes so much from their citizens to spectacularly under deliver and cause greater havoc in a central piece of infrastructure that services many 100,000s of thousands of people. It has been a tragedy in its unfolding.

4. What entitled, self serving or irresponsible and disrespectful behaviour and series of events or discussions and neglect allowed this to happen? Accountability must be taken ...

5. John Holland and CPB Contractors can collectively pay the cost of the Parliamentary enquiry - feel some of the sting of stuffing something up so spectacularly

6. What series of decisions and assumptions allowed that Sydney will be the highest tolled city in the world - sending \$\$ to John Holland and CPB Contractors, Transurbans pockets? One can assume it is not people bearing the cost of child care, parenting, rent, part time work, cost of living increases, educating and caring for children and taking care of family members. Generally it is people living the blunt brunt of decisions of those in power who meet only their own needs and agendas. So very ordinary. Nothing to be proud of here. No leadership to aspire to here... So last century.

Finally,

May those responsible come to realise & understand the full impact of their actions, processes and decision making and be held to account.