

**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE ROZELLE
INTERCHANGE**

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West Connects interchange has created abhorrent traffic conditions for the Rozelle/Balmain community.

We are literally having our lives manipulated by the traffic control of a state government who has deprioritised our suburbs and have created new traffic issues rather than resolving.

We can see they are controlling Rozelle traffic flows and creating congestion to service other roads. This was evident in early January when they knew media coverage was rampant so "tweaked" the traffic light settings which allowed traffic to flow through Rozelle. It was short lived and has continued to be chaos.

The "state government made traffic" starts at Wellington St Rozelle and goes to Anzac Bridge. It's literally isolated to just our communities.

The traffic lights on Victoria Rd are so short phasing there is no chance for more than a few cars to get across each intersection throughout Rozelle.

Travel times Tues 12 March according to Google Maps at 8:30am-

Wellington St Rozelle to City = 26mins

Compared to

Hunters Hill to City = 31mins (a suburbs many kms away that during morning peak historically took 50mins).

This was a "good" day. Travel from Rozelle to the city has gone from 15-20mins to 30-40mins on average. This is unacceptable and highlights a complete lack of understanding of traffic flow data and design.

No one has looked at the very simple solution of switching one of the lanes coming west bound over Anzac bridge in the morning peak to be city bound. This would allow for more time and additional lane for the ridiculous 4 lanes into 1 lane merge.

In addition, this would allow you to reinstate an extra lane on Victoria Rd through Rozelle (we all know we don't need 24/7 turn left lane). On weekends it gets even worse with the lane on Victoria Rd and Darling St changed to a right hand turn lane - meaning 2 lanes goes to 1 for Victoria Rd.

The complete lack of transparency and data driven decisions is crazy. Planners must do better.