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INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE ROZELLE INTERCHANGE

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Dear NSW Committee,

As a resident of Drummoyne, I wish to take the opportunity to provide my feedback concerning the Rozelle Interchange.

The Rozelle Interchange is a welcome addition to the local community as it makes commuting into the CBD easier, and decreases potential points of vehicular/pedestrian conflict when compared to the previous routing through Rozelle. However, it does not ease congestion. It can not ease congestion. I believe the key issue is the dependence on personal motor vehicles and their significant underutilization. Many individuals commute into the City from Drummoyne in vehicles that are capable of seating five to seven individuals whilst only ferrying one or two. Three or four of these vehicles back to back take up the same profile as a city bus. In the same space, four vehicles carry four adults, and a bus carries 60. The government must prioritize useable, comfortable, reliable public transport over record investments in car-centric infrastructure. Once pleasant and useable public transport is operating, the Sydney CBD must implement a congestion charge to discourage personal vehicle use during peak periods, and to encourage the use of public transport. I hypothesize that the implementation of the charge will encourage car-pooling to share costs and encourage the uptake of public transport. However, this will only be equitable and fair when public transport is capable enough to respond to such capacity. The government can continue to build bridges, add 6 new lanes, dig deeper tunnels, and ignore the root cause. Or, the government can seriously consider investing in a reliable, comfortable, and rapid public transport system that can effectively move people into the CBD from its surrounds.

I thank the Member for Drummoyne for the extension deadline.

Regards,

Drummoyne Resident