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## **INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE ROZELLE INTERCHANGE**

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I would like to briefly state the impact that the construction and now the operation of the Rozelle Interchange has had on my neighbours and myself. I live in Moodie St, Rozelle.

During the construction of the Interchange our street was directly impacted with the construction of the new sewer line and utilities as well as the noise and dust from construction of the compounds and the noise and vibration from the tunneling.

In addition there was noise day and night from construction works and traffic using the side streets and during the day construction workers parked in the local streets which severely limited the available parking spaces for residents. In addition there was significant "rat running" as traffic wanted to avoid delays in turning onto Victoria Rd from Darling St.

One of the commitments of the Rozelle Interchange was that the traffic along Victoria Road would be substantially reduced and the amount of "rat running" on the side streets would also be heavily reduced. This has not eventuated and our residential streets are fast becoming race tracks for drivers avoiding the delay when turning onto Victoria Rd.

One solution would be to have No Left Turns from Moodie St into Victoria Rd thereby avoiding the rat running but there needs to be improvements made to turning left onto Victoria Rd from Darling St.

The modelling for this project obviously made incorrect assumptions of what drivers would do when WestConnex opened and now local residents are paying the price yet again for this inadequacy. Urgent action is required to make our residential streets safer as the "rat running" is a safety issue for all.

On a separate issue when I drive to the city I use Evans St to turn right into Victoria Rd, as only the middle lane is for cars going to the ANZAC Bridge it can take at least 2 or 3 changes of lights before being able to get into the lane as traffic on Victoria Rd blocks the intersection.

In addition getting onto the ANZAC Bridge on the very right lane and then trying to get to the Pyrmont exit is like being on a dodgem car track,

Needless to say there are significant issues with the Interchange.

Good luck in finding solutions.

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