

**Submission
No 91**

INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE ROZELLE INTERCHANGE

Name: Cr Andrew Ferguson

Date Received: 21 March 2024

To Whom it May Concern

I am an elected City of Canada Bay Councillor.

I write in my capacity as a resident and a Councillor and not on behalf of the Council.

I live in the Mortlake/ Breakfast Point area of the council area and 5 days per week drive from home to the city via Lyons Road/ Victoria Road.

I leave home at different times each day with my travel time varying according to the time I leave in the morning. However, my travel time has on average increased.

I have spoken to many residents and received many emails and messages re these issues.

Residents generally are very frustrated and angry in particular in both Drummoyne East and Drummoyne West. This localised frustration is a consequence of the gridlock and congestion on Victoria Road Drummoyne. Many motorists are seeking to circumvent the gridlock on Victoria Road by 'rat running' in local streets not suitable for the volume and speed generated by this phenomenon. Of particular concern to me is the erosion of the amenity for residents in these streets and safety.

I do not venture solutions for the gridlock, delays and traffic chaos.

I have seen many submissions that seem to have merit and identify specific and general proposals that may or will be helpful.

However, I know an important part of the solution is more detailed and meaningful engagement with council and most importantly local residents. Residents who observe and experience these problems daily need to be listened to.

On Monday 18 March I convened a community forum to discuss these issues. Representatives of Transport NSW attended.

There was 150 residents in attendance. Arising from the meeting a number of community representatives volunteered to form a committee to work with council and Transport NSW.

There are clearly issues in Drummoyne that need urgent attention.

I urge council to form a Stakeholder Working Party to work with these community representatives and council.

I am available to provide the names and contact details of these community representatives.

Regards

Councillor Andrew Ferguson

Email received 1 April 2024 – I herein request that the following comments to be added to initial submission

I want to urge the Parliamentary Committee either review or recommend a government review of opportunities to expand Parramatta River ferry services so as to provide a better option for in particular peak period commuter needs.

Often current ferry services during peak periods are overcrowded.

There is a need for additional services to and from Drummoyne, Abbotsford, Chiswick, and Cabarita . Also, we should review the restoration of peak period services from Birkenhead.

Additional, new, and expanded services would take some of the local traffic off Victoria Road Drummoyne and lessen some of the traffic on local streets.

Regards

Councillor Andrew Ferguson