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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE ROZELLE
INTERCHANGE**

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Hi,

I would like to share some of my concerns about the changes to traffic in Drummoyne due to the new Iron Cove tunnel opening.

I live in Gladesville and work in "East" Drummoyne on the corner of Renwick and Park Avenue. What used to be an easy 15 minute drive to work each day to start at 8am has been getting increasingly longer and more dangerous in the past 12 months. I now allow 45 minutes to drive the 5.6 klms each morning but don't often make it in that time but allowing an hour seems to be ridiculous but inevitable with the way the traffic is currently.

There are a few issues that have impacted my driving time. Firstly was creating a much longer bus lane from the Gladesville side of the Gladesville Bridge well before the tunnel opened. This reduced the number of lanes that cars could use on Victoria road and slowed the traffic down.

Seymour street should be reopened to local traffic (residents and those of us working in East Drummoyne) in the mornings so that we can go left there instead of having to wait in long lines of traffic to turn left at Lyons Road at the Post Office. We are not all "Rat Runners" some of us are actually trying to get to a destination in "East" Drummoyne not rejoining traffic further along Victoria Road.

Due to the changes in traffic light times at the corner of Victoria Road and Lyons Road only 2-3 cars can make it through the lights to turn left at the Post Office as you need to either try to get from the middle lane into the bus lane to the turn left lane in front of the buses (which is impossible because there are already many cars in the bus lane and only 3 cars fit in front of the bus at the bus stop) or get into the bus lane earlier i.e at the lights at the bottom of the Gladesville Bridge and wait behind the buses if you don't get in at the bottom of the hill then you can't get into the traffic in the bus lane.

There is also an issue with the timing of when the green left turn arrow at Lyons road is on. It used to be that the cars coming from East Drummoyne onto Victoria Road or continuing across it on Lyons Road were stationary. Now the left turn arrow comes on when the cars are driving straight at you. There is a reason why the white line is painted so far back as it is very hard to turn tight enough turning left at that corner to not hit oncoming cars or the high gutter, so you have to take that left turn very very slowly at look out for oncoming cars which reduces the number of cars that can turn left each time there is a green arrow.

My suggestion would be to move the bus stop a little further down Victoria road towards the city away from the corner of Lyons road and the pedestrian crossing making it safer for all to use the Post Office corner.

The other issue is when I finally do make it onto Lyons Road there is no point turning right into Renwick Street even though I work on the corner of that street because I can not gain access into our building by turning left at the intersection of Renwick Street and Park Avenue. The traffic is all banked up trying to turn right onto Park Avenue to either cross/turn left or right onto Victoria Road. We used to be able to go down the inside of the traffic as cars are not allowed to park on Renwick street before 8am. But unfortunately pedestrian islands were erected at that corner and you can no longer fit two cars there to turn left.

So now I have to go down Alexander Street and St Georges Crescent then back up the hill to turn left into the office at the corner of Renwick Street and Park Avenue. Often the traffic is also backed up down the hill there waiting for the cars ahead of me to get onto Victoria Road. It is so frustrating as I am so close to the office but can't get there.

Unfortunately we can't use buses to get to work as we have company cars and use them often during the day for work purposes.

The other issue I have is that I go to Physio in Rozelle which I now do at 11am to try to avoid the traffic as I can not get there before work like I used to. The bus lane has been moved to the second from the left lane and the inside lane is now a turning lane. I need to turn left at one of the turning lanes but it is dangerous to move from the third from the left lane into the far left lane to turn left trying to avoid the buses that are weaving in and out of the turning left lanes to stop at bus stops. You need to slow right down to move lanes safely which again slows the traffic down on Victoria Road. My suggestion would be to reinstate the bus lane as the far left lane and have two lanes for cars instead of one and turn left lanes.

I hope something can be done to improve the traffic conditions in and around Drummoyne as many of us do not go all the way into the city for work so the Lane Cove tunnel is of no use to us.

Regards,