

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE ROZELLE INTERCHANGE

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Good morning

Thankyou for extending the time for submissions. I have a number of concerns to address:

1. Traffic Light Phasing

I am aware that light phasing is a tool to manipulate traffic, but the changes to Drummoyne lights after the initial furore about the Balmain Rozelle traffic congestion has simply moved the problem west, and possibly with worse local effect that has been ignored. Additionally the changes ignore previous changes that were implemented to provide more safety at some intersections. As an example, the left turn for city bound traffic on Victoria Road into Lyons Road is extremely tight and so some years ago the waiting cars in Lyons Road were moved back from the intersection to allow turning traffic adequate room to turn. Now the light phasing has the turning traffic at the same time that the cars in Lyons Road get a green light to cross Victoria Road towards Five Dock, which has resulted in many near misses- accidents waiting to happen. The problem is exacerbated by :-

- the very short time allowed for the Lyons Road through traffic-never more than 3 cars, so people race to get through, and
- the increased numbers of rat runners travelling up the bus lane and turning left into Lyons Road to go down local streets to avoid Victoria Road

2. Intersection signage

As a flow on from above, traffic in Lyons Road coming from Five Dock has for many years had a right turn only lane and a left and straight ahead lane. Now with the additional left hand turn arrow taking so long, many cars dash out of the left lane and into the right lane to go straight ahead, putting them on a collision course with the cars in the left lane that go straight ahead as the pedestrians clear. This is not policed or enforced but has been exacerbated by the delay caused by the light phasing and the much greater numbers of rat runners.

3. Redundant parking spaces

The pressures in Lyons Road are worsened by the parking spaces just down from the intersection opposite Wrights Road and those on the other side between Wrights Road and Collingwood Street. These create bottle necks as two cars cannot pass. Remove them.

4. Signage

The signage has been appalling, and although some bloopers have been corrected, many remain. Why do signs on Victoria Road after Darling Street refer to 6 lanes when there only 4, and then 5 but never 6 until you are right at the Abzac Bridge. People keep dashing out of lanes when they realise they are in the wrong one.

The newly created very short bus lane on Lyons Road between Bayswater Road and Marlborough Street means that through traffic (yes, us locals do live here!) has to get into the left lane after Marlborough- there is not enough time to do that especially in heavy traffic. It's unnecessary- remove it.

I hope that traffic planners take more care in checking that changes made in an attempt to minimise problems in one area don't unduly worsen or endanger other areas. Please see if you can get Transport For NSW to do a better job.

Thankyou,

Regards,
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