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INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE ROZELLE INTERCHANGE

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Dear Committee members,

I write in regards to the roads leading immediately from and to the Rozelle Interchange. This problem is beyond poor design, beyond being slower and more inconvenient than before.

The “merge” lane located at the the western approach to the Anzac Bridge (i.e from Annandale, heading into the city) is dangerous. I don’t think it’s excessive to describe it as an accident waiting to happen.

The merging distance is not long enough to give adequate time for drivers to prepare. Drivers on each side of the merge seem to operate on sheer hope that the other car will give way, leading to situations that are like a game of “chicken”. I have been caught several times having to make a split-second decision between speeding up to beat the car merging next to me, or slam on the brakes to avoid an accident – thus almost creating one with the car behind me.

The traffic lights that were placed after the merge (i.e just after the section under the ramp that leads from Victoria Road, and before the entry to Anzac Bridge) are not helpful – in fact, I would say they increase the level of danger. They are set to cycle through red, orange, and green, so quickly that drivers either don’t bother observing them at all or are confused by them. It was a nice attempt to slow traffic and make drivers more aware, but the point is defeated by the way they operate. Additionally, these lights do nothing to alleviate the merge described above, which is required before getting to them.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Dalton