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INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE ROZELLE INTERCHANGE

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To the Portfolio Committee #6,

Writing to give my feedback regarding the Rozelle Interchange.

I use the tunnel from my start in Gladesville through Victoria Rd to the Anzac Bridge daily in my commute to work and back. As a motorcycle rider I have the following comment to make. The purposeful delaying of east bound traffic lights before the Ironcove bridge may help to reduce the perception of congestion for cars being the result of the interchange, but it does nothing to help those of us on 2 wheels. The gridlocked traffic is all on Victoria Rd where narrow lanes mean that there is no room for us to safely filter through the traffic. Once in the interchange the wide lanes mean we have plenty of room to filter through the traffic.

There are often tens of us riders piled up behind a bus until we get to the Ironcove bridge set of lights and I believe one change that would impact a set of the daily commuters is to not slow down the east bound traffic before the interchange. The cars and trucks will still end up in a traffic jam, but it can be in the tunnel where they have recycled air in their cars meaning zero impact to their travel time or health. Riders on the other hand would spend less time on Victoria Rd getting to the interchange and would then still be able to filter on through the tunnel traffic at <30kph leading to an overall reduction in travel time compared to where we are currently. Failing that, and unlikely to get funding, another option would be to widen Victoria Rd to allow for a 60cm Motorbike lane eastbound so we can travel past any busses without being slowed down.

I hope you can take this point of view that affects a large number of motorists using this interchange.

Kind Regards,