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INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE ROZELLE INTERCHANGE

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I have lived in Drummoyne since 1983, on both the east and west sides of Victoria Road. I attended the WestConnex Forum on Monday 18 March organised by Canada Bay Councillor Andrew Ferguson. I wish to make the following submission to the NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into the Rozelle Interchange, with emphasis on the impact on Drummoyne residents of recent measures taken to ameliorate the effects of the Interchange on Rozelle residents and on traffic flow in the tunnel to White Bay.

Significant safety issues:

These have arisen due to changes to the traffic light sequencing and different combinations of allowable traffic turns and flows, eg:

1. The very tight LH turn into Lyons Rd from Victoria Rd heading south east is now permissible at the same time as cars head straight across Victoria Rd from the eastern side going towards Five Dock. This is an accident waiting to happen, involving vehicles or pedestrians, because the turn is so tight on that Post Office corner.
2. Ratrunning in East Drummoyne has been encouraged and has increased dramatically by continuing to allow cars to turn left from Victoria Rd into Lyons Rd and Edwin Street during the morning peak, and rewarded by an overgenerous traffic light window for ratrunners to rejoin Victoria Rd at Park Avenue. There should be No LH turns permitted from Victoria Road at Lyons Rd or Edwin Street for a period in the morning peak, similar to the NO LH turn signs that were previously in operation heading south west on Lyons Road at Tranmere and Thompson Streets. The traffic light time for cars exiting Park Avenue must also be reduced to discourage ratrunners.
3. Cars travelling east in the LH lane on Lyons Rd at Victoria Rd, and wishing to go straight across Victoria Rd, are at risk from other cars going straight ahead from the RH turn only lane, resulting in near misses as the cars in the wrong lane try to beat cars in the correct lane to the single lane of Lyons Rd across Victoria Rd. This needs to be monitored and policed appropriately.

Inappropriate Measures taken to hold traffic back:

4. Massive delays from as far back as before the Gladesville Bridge have resulted from repeatedly holding citybound traffic back at the lights at Lyons Rd, halfway between Lyons and Edwin St, Edwin St, Day Street and Park Avenue. This has just exacerbated the already slow morning run between the Gladesville and Iron Cove Bridges. After a torturous trip, the traffic often miraculously disappears once you pass Park Avenue and the Iron Cove Bridge is completely empty! Surely these measures have to be better balanced.

Other:

5. There are two parking spaces on the LH side of Lyons Rd heading west towards Victoria Rd which prevent traffic being able to queue efficiently in 2 lanes to get across or turn at Victoria Rd. I am not sure why these have been placed there (for some years), but they should be removed immediately given that the time taken for East Drummoyne residents to get through the Victoria Rd intersection has increased exponentially and other parking is available in nearby streets.

Thank you for considering my concerns, and those of many other Drummoyne residents, and I look forward to hearing that appropriate measures will be taken to address them.

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