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INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE ROZELLE INTERCHANGE

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Impact of the Rozelle Interchange

Dear Ms Faehrmann,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment /submission on the Impact of the Rozelle Interchange.

I understand this infrastructure project was funded by tax payer dollars and that significant elements, such as a safe cycleways , pedestrian footpaths and parklands, were to be included in the completion of this project. From the comments of local residents of the surrounding suburbs at a recent forum in Drummoyne (Monday, 18th March 2024, Oxford Hotel), it appears that these elements have not been delivered as promised or expected.

As an infrequent user of the City West link, in my opinion, it is disappointing to see that the interchange area around the Annandale /Glebe turnoff, Victoria Rd turn off ramp and entry to the Anzac Bridge was designed in an irregular manner. Drivers need to veer left in order to enter the bridge on the right and need to veer right in order to turn left onto Victoria Rd. The turn into Annandale/Glebe is too long with too short a time of phasing of the right turn light (so that the light has turned red before the turn is completed , forcing drivers to speed up while turning, which is risky driving behaviour).

Further, it was sad that the long term palm trees were all destroyed from this area without thought that they could have been transplanted elsewhere with some extra thought and planning. Much habitat was lost in the construction of this whole project. Were any efforts made to ameliorate this loss? Were surveys taken of the flora and fauna that had made habitat of this long term disused area?

Worse, recent media reports have made much of the landscaping of the parkland being contaminated with asbestos. Sadly, this park is no longer able to be used by residents safely and in hindsight, I wonder whether anyone would want to play with their children or their dogs in a park that is next to a busy car interchange, with noise and unfiltered fumes? Of course, it is expected that with more electric vehicles there will be fewer fumes, however this is not a certainty for the people of the area today.

This roadway was part of the Sydney 2000 Olympics Marathon route and this appears to have been completely erased in this project, a part of Sydney's history. Surely, with such a large budget, this could have been done better.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and provide a submission on the Rozelle Interchange.

Kind regards,