

Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE ROZELLE
INTERCHANGE**

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We wish to put these matters before the NSW Parliamentary Inquiry established on 07/02/2024 into the Impact of the Rozelle Interchange.

In previous correspondence on 5/12/2024 to Transport for NSW Roads we drew attention to some of the early problems around the Victoria Road/Lyons Road intersection that have been exacerbated by the decisions made to attempt to improve traffic flow around the Rozelle Interchange:

- Increased congestion caused to residents east of Victoria Road as they attempt to enter Lyons Road especially from Wrights Road, where two parking spots on the southern side of Lyons Road impede the flow of two lanes at the lights to cross or enter Victoria Road, particularly difficult at peak hour. This effectively means traffic is funnelled into one lane, causing long delays with frustrated drivers often tempted to run the red light, as often only three cars can use the right green arrow onto Victoria Road.
- Significant further congestion if a bus is trying to enter or exit the bus terminus via the turning circle around in Wrights Road. It is indeed dangerous for pedestrians trying to cross Wrights Road especially in the mornings when a number of private school buses also park in Wrights Road to pick up students.

We take this opportunity to highlight further issues that were raised in the recent West Connex public forum held at Drummoyne on 18/03/2024.

Rat Run on Renwick & Alexandra Streets

- With the long delays to traffic coming from west of the Gladesville Bridge up Victoria Road and the changed sequencing of lights at the Drummoyne Post Office corner, many motorists are turning left onto Lyons Road at a very tight corner and then proceed to turn right, using either Renwick or Alexandra Streets as a 'Rat Run' to be able to re enter Victoria Road at Park Road. These motorists are thus using quiet residential streets to avoid traffic crawling towards the Iron Cove Bridge, creating another bottleneck at the intersection of Park and Renwick. Up to twenty vehicles have been observed doing this, at just one green light sequence.

Motorists Ignoring "Right Hand Only" Signage on Lyons Road (west) onto Victoria Road

- Traffic heading east on Lyons Road from Five Dock to enter the Victoria Road intersection has a right turn arrow painted on the right lane but often motorists decide to ignore this when they see the bank up on Victoria Road. They proceed across the intersection to join the 'Rat Run', cutting off motorists who have waited in their appropriate lane to cross, forcing cars to merge at the narrowest of spaces, often with pedestrians ready to cross. This is highly dangerous and needs enforcement with stronger signage and camera/fines.

Dangerous Left Hand Turn from Victoria Road into Lyons Road (east)

- Since the changed sequencing of the lights at the intersection of Victoria Road and Lyons Road has been introduced, a green left hand arrow permits motorists to make the turn while traffic is heading straight across Lyons Road or turning right onto Victoria Road towards Gladesville Bridge. Given this is a very tight LH turn (queueing in Lyons Road East is set back for this reason) it is a highly dangerous exercise, both for motorists making the turn & those hoping to make the short green arrow period, not to mention the pedestrians waiting on the corner to cross.

Suggestions

In conclusion, we offer these suggestions improve traffic flow and safety:

- Make the spaces in Lyons Road opposite the Wrights Road intersection 'No Stopping'.
- Add 'Keep Clear' on the road at the intersections where Lyons Road meets Wrights, Renwick, Collingwood & Alexandra Streets to improve traffic entering & leaving.
- Stop the Left Hand turn at the Post Office when traffic is coming out of Lyons Road.
- Improve signage for the "Right Hand Turn lane from Lyons Road west onto Victoria Road, including camera enforcement.
- Consider making Renwick and Alexandra Streets 'Local Traffic' only.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.