

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE ROZELLE INTERCHANGE

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The am inbound congestion plaguing Victoria Rd and City Westlink were both foreseeable and preventable. The enquiry needs to focus on why warnings from Inner West council, traffic engineers and others were ignored , hold accountable those responsible and ensure no repetition of this design failure.

Moving forward, ameliorative steps need to be considered.

These include:

(1) Ensure traffic queueing up on Victoria Rd to turn right into The Crescent doesn't block the left hand Anzac Bridge turn off from the shared lane.

(2) Close the bus stop immediately before the left turn onto the Anzac Bridge. This will permit shared bus and car traffic on the otherwise dedicated bus lane. The bus stop is little used. Travel time increases for bus travellers will be nil to negligible. The bus stop can be reopened when the congestion problem is solved e.g when West Harbour Tunnel opens.

(3) Provide extra inbound merge capability from TheCrescent ramp to the City West Link/Anzac Bridge. The conflict with traffic turning into and coming from James Craig Drive needs to be addressed. Perhaps another overpass needs to be constructed.

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