INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE ROZELLE INTERCHANGE

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Dear Committee members,

As a resident of Drummoyne I have been significantly impacted by the traffic delays along the length of Victoria Road from Gladesville Bridge to Iron Cove bridge and through to Rozelle since the opening of the Rozelle Interchange.

The Transport Minister, the Roads Minister and department of Transport for NSW have shown little regard for the impact their actions and decisions have had on my local community. There needs to a better balance between the needs of commuters who pass through our suburb and those of us who live here.

We need to see Transport NSW and Canada Bay Council, working together to fix the issues and cease deflecting the ambiguity of ownership to focus their attention on resident and fix the worsening traffic and safety issues.

We require a review the changes to traffic on Victoria Road in Drummoyne and Rozelle.

Greater delays can be attributed to Transport for NSW's modifying traffic flows and changing traffic lights configuration to ease congestion in Rozelle and Balmain, making the situation along the Drummoyne stretch of Victoria Road significantly worse.

The timing of traffic lights along Victoria Road makes it very evident that traffic is now being delayed along the Drummoyne sections at peak times to control traffic flow.

These changes not only impact city bound travellers but also significantly impacts traffic heading in the other direction.

Crossing Victoria Rd either side of Drummoyne at peak times is a major issue as residents simply can't get out of their suburb.

The priority given to traffic along Victoria Rd at peak times has made it almost impossible to cross over Victoria Rd (from one side of Drummoyne to the other) or move safely around the suburb.

In addition to increased journey times into and out of the city, it is now increasingly difficult to move around the suburb to drop and collect the kids at school or attend medical appointments, or many other things that cannot easily be rescheduled outside of peak traffic hours.

Local streets are also now clogged with "rat running" motorists who, in turn, congest the local streets further impeding access to and from my home. There is also a disregard of these vehicles to local traffic conditions particularly driving past St Marks and Drummoyne Public Schools.

Transport for NSW needs to work with the City of Canada Bay Council to do whatever they can to improve this for local residents.

In particular, a review of the bus lane/left hand turn lanes only on Victoria Road, city bound at Rozelle and reopen lanes for passenger vehicles at Rozelle would have an immediate effect on mitigating the problems that this government has created. Also, better management of traffic through local areas particularly around schools and daycare centres.

Thank you for your consideration and forthcoming visible action on this matter.

Kind regards