INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE ROZELLE INTERCHANGE

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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing in support of the proposed Inquiry into the Rozelle Interchange and the effects it has had on worsening local traffic congestion.

At the community consultation meetings prior to the building of the WestConnex Interchange, local MPs and Councillors warned of traffic "rat runs" throughout the streets leading into Balmain and Rozelle.

And we now have traffic queues halfway up Mullens Street each weekday morning during peak hour and buses to the city that are almost always delayed.

It is very disappointing that profits were put before strategies that would have benefitted the community and promoted using public transport - e.g., light rail line extended to White Bay Power Station and funding directed to creating better conditions for bus drivers and local bus services.

We are all aware of the increasing pressures on Sydney residents and focusing on reducing frustration and time costs for commutes would be a valid avenue for starting to alleviate some of these pressures.

If there are strategies for improving the flow of traffic in this area and encouraging public transport use, these would be greatly appreciated by all commuters and the local communities.

Thank you.

Kind regards,