



RE: Bangor Bypass Stage 2

Monday, 29 November, 2010 9:57 AM

From: "Bangor Bypass" &lt;Bangorbypass@rta.nsw.gov.au&gt;

To: "Robert Gardner" &lt;r\_s\_gardner@yahoo.com.au&gt;

Dear Robert,

Thank you for your email. Your enquiry is currently being investigated and a response will be provided shortly.

Regards,

Rikard Smit  
Project Manager

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**From:** Robert Gardner [mailto:r\_s\_gardner@yahoo.com.au]**Sent:** Thursday, 25 November 2010 10:15 PM**To:** Bangor Bypass**Subject:** Bangor Bypass Stage 2

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Wednesday, 8 December, 2010 7:47 AM

**From:** "Robert Gardner" <r\_s\_gardner@yahoo.com.au>  
**To:** "Alison Megarritty" <menai@parliament.nsw.gov.au>

Alison,

I read the article about the Bangor Bypass in yesterdays Leader (7/12/2010). I also have concerns about traffic management with the opening of Stage 2 of the Bypass.

In particular my concerns are about the RTA removing the previously agreed access on, and possibly off the east-west link of the Bypass for residents who live in the northern section of Barden Ridge.

My email below to the RTA details my concerns and I would appreciate it if you could address these concerns to the RTA at a Government level to ensure positive action is taken to reduce traffic congestion, and travelling time and distance for residents.

Your sincerely  
Robert Gardner.

--- On **Mon, 29/11/10, Bangor Bypass** <Bangorbypass@rta.nsw.gov.au> wrote:

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**Re: Bangor Bypass Stage 2 - Closure of Hook Turn**

Thursday, 6 January, 2011 12:51 AM

**From:** "Robert Gardner" <r\_s\_gardner@yahoo.com.au>  
**To:** "NASSAR Ned" <Ned\_NASSAR@rta.nsw.gov.au>  
**Cc:** "Alison Megarrity" <menai@parliament.nsw.gov.au>

Mr Ned Nassar,

I did not receive your 17/12/2010 email, however thank you for responding and including a copy of that correspondence.

I still object to the hook turn not being opened and Barden Road being closed. I am sure the RTA traffic engineers would be capable to design the requirements for both locations to operate safely with minimum cost.

I would not object to travelling 1 kilometre to access the bypass as long as it is in the direction of my trip. Almost 100% of my trips involve the use of the east west link of the bypass to travel in an easterly direction. Now this involves travelling approximately 1 kilometre south to access the bypass then approximately another 1 kilometre travelling north on the bypass to reach the point adjacent to where I enter Old Illawarra Road.

This increases my travelling time, distance travelled and costs and that of other neighbouring residents of Barden Ridge.

I request that the RTA open the hook turn and reopen Barden Road.

Yours sincerely  
Robert Gardner.

--- On Fri, 24/12/10, NASSAR Ned <Ned\_NASSAR@rta.nsw.gov.au> wrote:

From: NASSAR Ned <Ned\_NASSAR@rta.nsw.gov.au>  
Subject: Bangor Bypass Stage 2 - Closure of Hook Turn  
To: "r\_s\_gardner@yahoo.com.au" <r\_s\_gardner@yahoo.com.au>  
Received: Friday, 24 December, 2010, 1:49 PM

Dear Mr Gardner,

As indicated in my email reply of 17 December 2010 regarding Barden Road, I respond to your enquiry about closure of the hook turn to Old Illawarra Road and other remaining matters.

New Illawarra Road is posted with a speed limit of 80km/h. The hook turn is located approximately 100m north of the east-west link intersection so some portion of vehicles will be travelling at 80 km/h as they reach the hook turn location even if they intend to turn left on to the east-west link. Also, many will continue south along New Illawarra Road and may approach the intersection during a green phase for the traffic signals so they too are able to travel at 80km/h. On this basis, I believe the audit correctly assesses safety of the hook turn at a posted speed of 80km/h.

Although a local road, the closure of Barden Road is a matter for the RTA because it is specifically part of the approved Bangor Bypass project. The RTA has been consulting Sutherland Shire Council regarding the closure and will hand Barden Road back to council when road works are complete. The RTA understands your view that Carter Road should be reopened, however this remains a decision for council. The RTA has made it



known to council that it does not have any objection to Carter Road being reopened and that a number of residents have requested this be done.

New Illawarra Road is a main road that currently carries more than 30,000 vehicles per day. Access points on any main road are usually limited to improve traffic efficiency and safety, so it is not unusual for residents to travel a kilometre to reach an access point. If I am not mistaken, the opening of the connection between the east-west link and Barden Road should not increase the distance you travel on the return trip home before the traffic switch.

Yours sincerely,

**Ned Nassar**

Senior Project Development Manager (SW)

Infrastructure Development | Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW

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**From:**

**Sent:** Friday, 17 December 2010 6:27 PM

**To:** Robert Gardner

**Subject:** Bangor Bypass Stage 2 - Barden Road

Dear Mr Gardner,

I refer to your email sent 25 November 2010 to the Bangor Bypass Stage 2 project team. I have become involved with this project relatively recently when compared to the time the Bangor Bypass has been an active project and I apologise for the time it has taken to investigate your concern and provide a reply. I am only able to provide a response in relation Barden Road at this time. Your suggested treatments to address issues regarding the "hook turn" on Old Illawarra Road are being considered and I will provide a response to this matter when this is completed.

The RTA is aware that many local residents will be affected when Marsden Road access to New Illawarra Road is closed during the next traffic switch. I confirm the RTA intends to open the previously constructed connection between the east-west link (from Woronora River bridge) and Barden Road as part of the traffic switch.

Planning for the opening of the connection identified possible safety risks at the Barden Road end and a road safety review was undertaken. The safety review recommended that Barden Road be closed to motor vehicle traffic at the eastern edge of the connection if the connection were open. An indicative only sketch is attached to illustrate the location of the western most closure of Barden Road. It is planned that Barden Road remain open to pedestrians and bicycles. Arrangements are being made to make the safety review report available to the public through the RTA Bangor Bypass project web page.

The indicative only sketch suggests an interim arrangement that the RTA would initially

put in place whilst Council determines the location of the cul-de-sac (or other form of road closure with turn around facility) on Barden Road . A formal detailed design would then be undertaken with construction of the permanent arrangement to follow. The interim arrangement will have line marking, reflectors and signage. Temporary concrete barriers would be used to close Barden Road to through motor traffic.

Opening of the connection between the east-west link and Barden Road along with the closure of Barden Road to through traffic between Australia Road and the connection is consistent with the approved Bangor Bypass project.

In clarifying the flyer you may have received on Wednesday, 10 December 2010, I refer to the Bangor Bypass Stage 2 November 2010 Community Update. Page three of the update advises that the RTA is planning to open the connection and that a safety review was being undertaken to determine whether or not Barden Road would remain open or be closed. The safety review recommendation was made in the intervening time and the flyer was distributed to give some notice/information to residents that would be directly affected by the closure of Barden Road to through traffic.

The traffic switch was planned to occur yesterday but a technical difficulty during the pre-opening testing of the new traffic signals meant that this has been postponed.

You would have noticed variable message signs located in the vicinity of Barden Road on Australia Road , Old Illawarra Road and the Bangor Bypass east-west link. These signs will advise the rescheduled date for the traffic switch.

Should you have any queries specifically about the decision to open the connection and close Barden Road to through traffic, or about the progress of "hook turn" considerations, you can contact me on 8849-2305 or by reply email.

Enquiries relating to the timing of the traffic switch and other construction activities should be made to:

- Phone: 1800 633 332 (select Option 1, then Option 2); or
- Email: [bangorbypass@rta.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bangorbypass@rta.nsw.gov.au)

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Thursday, 6 January, 2011 12:52 AM

**From:** "ElectorateOffice Menai" <ElectorateOffice.Menai@parliament.nsw.gov.au>

**To:** "Robert Gardner" <r\_s\_gardner@yahoo.com.au>

Thank you for your email.

The electorate office is now closed for Christmas and will reopen on Monday 10 January 2011.

Please be assured that we will respond to your email as soon as possible.

Regards,

Alison Megarrity MP

Member for Menai

Assistant Speaker, NSW Legislative Assembly



**RE: Local Resident Issues Regarding Bangor Bypass Access (from Stella Gardner)**

Tuesday, 1 March, 2011 4:52 PM

**From:** "Denise Wilson" <denise@idplanning.com.au>  
**To:** "Robert Gardner" <r\_s\_gardner@yahoo.com.au>

Thanks for your email Stella.

Along with comments from other community members received on Friday, I have asked the RTA Project Director to re consider the RTA's response – I hope to get back to you next week. Please give me a call on 0417 693 350 before then, otherwise I will be in touch

Denise Wilson  
Independent Community Liaison Representative  
Bangor Bypass 2

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**From:** Robert Gardner [mailto:r\_s\_gardner@yahoo.com.au]  
**Sent:** Monday, 28 February 2011 7:11 PM  
**To:** Denise Wilson  
**Subject:** Local Resident Issues Regarding Bangor Bypass Access (from Stella Gardner)

20 Doyle Street  
Barden Ridge  
NSW 2234

Dear Denise

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**RE: Local Resident Issues Regarding Bangor Bypass Access (from Stella Gardner)**

Monday, 7 March, 2011 3:29 PM

**From:** "Denise Wilson" <denise@idplanning.com.au>  
**To:** "Robert Gardner" <r\_s\_gardner@yahoo.com.au>

Hi Stella

I hope to have an update from the RTA later this and will be in touch

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Denise Wilson  
ICLR

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Following the Community Information Session on 28 February 2011, a number of residents have raised concerns about the local road arrangements, including the hook turn between Old Illawarra Road and New Illawarra Road north of the Old Illawarra Road underpass.

As a result of the feedback, the project team is reviewing the situation and the project's background. The review also includes design constraints, safety issues and speed zoning in the area.

We do appreciate this is taking some time and aim to come back to you with an update in April 2011.

Thank you again for providing feedback.

Regards,

**Rikard Smit**

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