

### **Submission for EIS of Albion Park Bypass**

Whilst I agree that the Albion Park bypass is desperately required to alleviate the traffic congestion currently occurring in this local area there are a number of factors which I would like to raise.

- The EIS states the biodiversity areas which will be impacted by the bypass, no mention has been made of the impact on the biodiversity generated from the current farming activity in this area.
- No mention has been made on the inevitable run off during the construction phase and its impact on Frazers Creek or Macquarie Rivulet.
- No mention has been made of the atmospheric dust generation during the construction phase, as can be seen on the current works in the Tullimbar development and its impact on the local environment both from a soil erosion / migration view point and a health view point.
- No mention has been made under socio-economic section regarding the impact on the current farming activity in the area. There would appear to be a significant reduction in farming land and one would assume the economic viability of this activity.
- With regards to flooding I was a member of the flood focus group. From my attendance at the meeting both Wollongong and Shellharbour council were not in agreement with the flood studies undertaken and appeared to have reservations about the data presented.
- I understand the plan is to build a raised embankment for the bypass to sit upon. This would appear to block the flow of water east to west from Frazers Creek to the Macquarie Rivulet which is often visually observed and detailed in the EIS on page 16 and create a dam like structure. Would this not therefore cause increased flooding on the eastern side of the bypass in the current farmland area, this would appear to be confirmed by the final comment on page 16. The effect of this increased flooding on the current biodiversity and economic impact on the farming activity in this area appears to have not been assessed.
- If the road were placed on piers, as being undertaken in Berry, would this not provide more farmland and easier water flow during rain events therefore allow better drainage.
- There appears to have been little consideration for the movement of livestock and farm equipment across the proposed bypass.