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11th September 2019

Dear Director,

Re Rozelle Interchange Plan

Department of Planning
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Scanning Room

Our concerns about the proposal for the Rozelle Interchange are as as follows:

It will establish a major arterial link through Annandale bringing more traffic to Glebe and Forest Lodge at the expense of local amenity and Community.

The visual impact of a busy raised arterial road will be noisy and affect local amenity both for local residents and people using Bi- Centennial Park. It was our understanding that the original plan was for the interchange to be underground to avoid the noise pollution and visual impact that is obvious in the new design.

The building of a major arterial road as proposed will encourage more motor vehicle traffic along the Crescent and Ross Street clogging already busy streets.

The Pedestrian Crossing at Johnson Street across the Crescent.

This crossing is a major link for pedestrians to travel to Bi-centennial Park and the Tramsheds from Annandale, and from Glebe for pedestrians travelling from Glebe/Forest Lodge to Annandale and Lilyfield. To remove this crossing and replace it with four signalised crossings will substantially increase the time, and the distance walked, for pedestrians. Walking as a method of transport should be encouraged and made safe and easy not longer and more difficult. Together with a busier road the effect of removing the direct crossing is to alienate Annandale/Lilyfield from Glebe and the Parklands.

Shared Cycle and Pedestrian Paths.

We think that with the increase in bicycle use, which should be encouraged, shared paths are dangerous and lack forward thinking. We have the experience of the shared path along the foreshore walk through Glebe as an example. We have had many complaints about bicycles endangering pedestrians and indeed a number of accidents have been reported. Into the future building new infrastructure there should be no shared paths.

Inability to turn right at Johnson Street to the Crescent

Local residents and other road users regularly turn right from Johnson Street to the Crescent. This is the most convenient method of getting from Annandale/ Lilyfield to Glebe and Forest Lodge, if this is removed other suburban streets will be impacted. The alternative route will be Booth Street, Annandale and then Wigram Road and or Minogue Crescent through Forest Lodge. Booth Street is already very busy, Wigram Road and Minogue Crescent are suburban streets. Wigram Road is already too busy for a street that is only safe for one lane of moving traffic. Another possible alternative will be for vehicles to travel across the Crescent into Chapman Road and do a U-turn there and go back to the Crescent and turn left. This will be dangerous as Chapman Road ends in a narrow car park used by people visiting the park where people including children are exiting and entering their vehicles. Neither of these alternative routes are reasonable or acceptable.

Yours Sincerely,

Brian Fuller,

President

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