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Re: Objection to Application number SSI 7485

To whom it may concern,

This letter is to formally register my objection to the proposed changes to the approved design of the M4-M5 link MOD 2 contained in Application number SSI 7485.

As a local resident and cyclist, I have a number of specific objections to the proposed changes.

1) Pedestrian access to Bicentennial Park and Jubilee Park

This modification makes it much harder for me to access the public waterfront.

This pedestrian arrangement should be modified to allow pedestrians to cross direct from Johnston Street to the Park via The Crescent.

2) Relocation of the green link

This modification would abandon one of the centerpieces of the original design: a pedestrian and cycling green link to connect the Rozelle Goods Yard to Bicentennial Park.

The proposed pedestrian bridge further north up the City West Link creates an unnecessarily long walk for pedestrians and an unnecessarily high climb of 5+ meters.

RMS and the contractors should reconsider other design options for a continuous green link from Rozelle Goods Yard, across the City West Link into Jubilee Park, including a link to Annandale and the Rozelle Bay light rail stop.

3) Visual impact and obstruction of 'people's mural'

This modification will impose hugely on the local landscape in the inner west. A new elevated overpass is completely at odds with local development standards and will have a significant negative visual impact on Annandale and its surrounds.

The overpass will also obstruct Rodney Monk's heritage mural which decorates the northern side of the light rail viaduct along The Crescent. That mural was commissioned by the Leichhardt Council in 1980 and inspired by political and social movements in the inner west. It is a dearly loved and historically important local artefact that should be protected.

This proposal could be replaced with a slot cut and cover trench running under Whites Creek to push traffic underground instead of over ground and avoid the massive imposition of an overpass and destruction of the 'people's mural'.

4) Destruction of mature fig trees at Buruwan Park

This design proposes to rip up Buruwan Park and all the vegetation at that site including over 70 trees and several beautiful mature fig trees.

Removing this vegetation will impact on the liveability of our suburb by removing shade, making our local area warmer and destroying the green barrier it provides between the City West Link and residences. Even if these trees are replaced with saplings, it could take up to a decade for tree cover to return to this site.

Any modification to this proposal should make every possible effort to save these trees and vegetation. At a bare minimum, these trees should not be removed until a full Urban Design and Landscape Plan has been completed.

I hope that you will give due consideration to these points.

Yours

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