

Director, Transport Assessments Planning Services
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Application: SSI 7485

Dear Director Transport Assessments Planning Services,

I write regarding the proposed modification to M4-M5 Link, Mod 2 The Crescent overpass and changes to pedestrian infrastructure in North Annandale, Rozelle and Rozelle Bay Foreshore area. *I object to the overpass as put forward in the modification and to the relocation of the Green Link*
I request RMS work with the community to explore alternate design options to the proposed new car overpass design and the changed pedestrian and cyclist links. I am seeking the reinstatement of the safe, direct access from the approved EIS GreenLink to create a continuous green open space connection from the Rozelle Rail yards and Annandale to the foreshore. The GreenLink was more than just a walk way - it put people central to the design, maximising safety, and providing much needed accessible open space for the community now and into the future Bays Precinct design.

I am requesting RMS put people back into the plan - we want you to reinstate your own vision as laid out in Transport for NSW Future Strategy 2056. Work with us to design a feasible option that brings the best elements from the approved EIS design into the modification.

My key concerns with the M4-M5 Modification are:

1. The significantly reduced safety and increased risk for pedestrians and cyclists with removed access over The Crescent to Bicentennial Park and the increased traffic along Johnson Street. *Especially with my young kids!*
2. Being required to cross five sets of pedestrian lights at The Crescent as my option to reach the foreshore from Annandale or from Rozelle Bay light rail stop. *Toddlers are terrible waiters, and 5 is way too many to put them*
3. Removal of direct active links to the foreshore, cutting the community off from the area *at risk.* and the proposed revitalisation of the entire Bays Precinct, including linking the Light Rail and Bus stops to a Ferry wharf and Metro station. *← what?! Metro too? Noo!*
4. Urban and landscape design that is being built before a finalised Masterplan for the area. *Nothing beautiful or efficient ever came from quick, short decisions.*
5. Traffic changes that limit movements around the suburb and create further congestion in the local streets of Annandale, Forest Lodge, Glebe, Lilyfield and Rozelle with no planning to deal with these. *YIKES. ↑ You know that bridge over 5 streets.*

Alongside these issues my other concerns include:

I totally get that it's a tricky problem to solve, but I'm just really disappointed that ALL the good things from the previous approved plan are out. As a graphic designer, I can fully get behind point 3 above. It won't work well in the end if it's a collage of quick, short-sided choices. Plus with so many kids and families in Annandale (mine included) it's not sitting well to either just have a bridge or over 5 streets.

My submission is asking RMS and the Project Team to:

- ✓ • Reinststate the GreenLink connecting communities and green open space from Rozelle to Bicentennial Park
- Relocate and design pedestrian and cyclist connections that are continuous, safe and direct.
- ✓ • Design the modification infrastructure and active links in response to the character of the suburbs, the location of the foreshore and it's potential future development. *All the homes do this! So should the roads.*
- ✓ • Provide pedestrian and cyclist paths that maximise people safety and do not force them onto busier streets, unsafe concrete plazas and caged walkways. *Especially the HUGE population of little people that arent great at crossing roads on their own!*
- Integrate active and direct connections to all active transport - including the future Metro West and Foreshore Ferry Wharf

Furthermore I suggest:

If there has to be a long, awful concrete bridge, can we at least have some benches to stop to tie shoes, sun cover and garden beds along the way? That way even if my 2 year old gets too tired to make it the full way to the park, it will feel like we've seen a bit of green and had some explore time? Also, PLEASE keep cyclists separate by physical barrier to where we'd be walking with prams and little kids on scooters. There's so many commuters that it would feel like a stressful stampede of wheels vs families if it wasn't safely separated. Which would honestly be scarier than trying to contain an excited, energetic toddler with a bike or scooter at 5 road crossings!

Yours Sincerely,

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