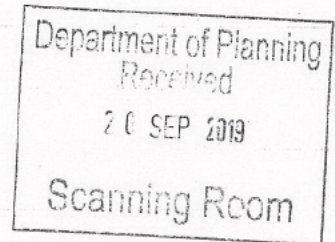


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LILYPFIELD
NSW 2040

Tuesday 24 Sept.

Director, Transport Assessments Planning
Dept. Planning, Industry & Environment
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Sydney NSW 2001
Application: SSI 7485



Dear Sir,

I am writing about the modifications
to the my-m5 link at Johnston Street, North
Auradale and changes affecting pedestrians.

My husband and I regularly walk along the
Bicentennial Park Foreshore, often with
our pre-schooler granddaughter. We
get into the foreshore park via the
pedestrian crossing at the northern end
of Johnston St, where it intersects with
The Crescent. We walk down Johnston
St to this crossing - very straightforward
very safe. This is the main access
route for people from Auradale,
Lerabhardt and the southern part of
Lilyfield. Many, like us are elderly
or have small children in
strollers, some families with children
(all on bikes) also cross here, as do
adult cyclists.

The proposed changes will mean we will
have to traverse 4 or 5 traffic light-
controlled crossings, taking much more
time and involving greater risk, not to
mention having to endure breathing the

exhaust fumes of many vehicles whilst waiting to cross and crossing. I believe our walk down Johnston Street to the crossing points will also entail more danger to health and safety because of the increased traffic volumes (and their fumes)

The former Leichhardt Council went to great expense and trouble to restore the waterfront industrial area to foreshore parkland to create Brackenall Park. Ease of access and the connection of quite heavily populated residential areas has greatly improved amenity and physical and psychological health for residents. Being able to see the waterfront coming down Johnston Street also gives a lift - our community extends into this open space. These benefits will all be lost if the proposed overrun proceeds. I therefore beseech you to reconsider this drastic change to what was approved.

At the very least please consult with the local community about alternative means of access, such as a pedestrian tunnel across to the park.

Yours sincerely