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The Minister  
Department of Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the proposal for the Berry bypass, in particular the treatment of Victoria Street (west end).

Our main concerns are:

1. Present high speed traffic on Victoria street
2. Access to the highway for buses, (and emergency vehicles) from Victoria Street, and
3. Sound attenuation.

Presently, Victoria Street is regrettably subject to some high speed traffic. I assume this traffic is not local, but through traffic trying to dodge potential congestion on Queen Street, or as a link road between Wharf Road and the Highway south bound. Generally driver behaviour on Victoria Street is acceptable but there are some drivers whom we would want discouraged. To close the access from Victoria Street to the highway would achieve this objective.

However, the western end of Victoria Street is presently a bus route providing a service from Gerringong thru Berry into Nowra for school children and other commuters. The bus service is essential for the residents of the [REDACTED] and I should imagine for the residents of the Arbour and school children commuting to Bomaderry and Nowra. To have the bus service, so conveniently located [REDACTED], discontinued through closing access to the highway, would have a severe impact on the amenity of our residents. I suggest consultation with the bus service provider would be essential when considering the treatment of the western end of Victoria Street.

Further, given our residents are aged (as are those at the Arbour, and the Bupa facility), it is essential that there is easy access to and from the Bypass from Victoria Street for emergency vehicles.

To achieve the access required, we strongly support the proposed option 3 for the treatment of Victoria Street.

Regarding sound attenuation, circulated plans do not indicate any sound attenuation on the east side of the bypass south of the Victoria Street intersection. We consider that sound attenuation in this vicinity may be important to the residents of [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully

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