BERRY "BYPASS"

Consideration of a bypass of Berry has been on record since the 1950s when North Street was the north/west boundary of the township and earmarked for a bypass.

Since then the physical size of the town has virtually doubled to the west, yet the RTA/RMS has never adapted its thinking from the original idea.

What they insist on is not a bypass but a bisect.

They have made some minor concessions to the route but have quite clearly not wanted to hear anything that might cause them to truly and openly consider an alternative route.

It has been clear that their focus has always been on the highway and the benefits that will bring to road efficiency and safety and they have been unable to understand that any intrusion on Berry is most important for the residents who will be left to live with the negative impacts of the northern route.

There have been so many errors in their figures - calculations of quantities, costs, effect, etc, that we should be forgiven if we have lost confidence in their ability to arrive at the correct decision for the Town.

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