Andrew Beattie - Foxground and Berry bypass - Victoria St. Design Options

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The RMS has put forward 3 Design Options for Victoria St. Berry. They have frequently stated that the overall concept design can accommodate any of the Options.

I support Option 3 with certain modifications:

- *that the two-way road between the Queen St/ Kangaroo Valley Rd roundabout and the Victoria St intersection be built to local road standards.
- *that the two-way road be continued past the Victoria St. intersection until adjacent to BUPA Nursing Home, which could then be allowed to have access to the two-way road. The same would apply to the Vannini Household, to whom the RMS has promised some kind of access. The southbound on-ramp would begin at an appropriate distance from the BUPA entrance. This would lessen the effect of on-ramp noise on Mark Radium Park, The Arbour and BUPA.

My reasons for choosing Option 3 are that it would most closely maintain the present traffic flow; that it is the only option that would encourage travellers to continue to use Mark Radium Park as their 'Rest, Revive, Survive' stop; that it would give the residents of Victoria St., particularly those west of George St., convenient access to the north bound on-ramp at the Kangaroo Valley Road interchange as well as to Kangaroo Valley Road itself which is the logical road to the Tablelands, Canberra etc.. Some drivers find it confronting to turn right at the Victoria St./ Princes Highway intersection under present full highway conditions. With much of the traffic removed to the bypass and some traffic calming installations those drivers would be more inclined to use the two-way road on both outward and inward journeys.

The medium density housing that mostly applies in the western end of George St., i.e. parts of Windsor Drive and the 2 'Over 55's Living' developments, generate more traffic than is usual in the older parts of Berry - I understand that the RMS, in its estimate of traffic movements from 'The Grange' and 'The Arbour', have used the models for nursing homes (1 to 2 movements per day) rather than for 'Over 55 Estates' (4 to 6 per day) A serious error - this group of people are very mobile!. If Option1 was employed, all of the traffic in and out of this part of Victoria St. would come to the junction of Victoria and George Streets. If south, west or northbound, they would likely choose George St. to access Queen St, Kangaroo Valley Road and the on-ramps. George St is a quiet, narrow, residential street whose community should not have to cope with such an increase in traffic and noise as would ensue with Option1.

Option 2 would remove southbound traffic from the mix but not help with northbound.

RMS have consistently claimed that Option 3 would need a much larger land take from Mark Radium Park than either of the other two options. However, recent figures (de Rooy to Redlich, Nov.30) indicate that all options are close. Option 3 comes in with a bigger footprint if built to high RMS standards but the two-way local road, as suggested, together with a local road standard roundabout at the junction with Victoria St., would not seriously affect the Park.

Thank you for the opportunity to state my opinion.

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