

NSW Department of Planning and Environment
Attn: Director, Infrastructure Projects
GPO Box 39
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: M4 East extension - EIS - submission

When we moved into the Concord area in the last 1980s our street and local area was a quiet residential area. However, over the past 5-6 years there has been a progressive increase in traffic volumes and movement (rat-running) through our street and local area. Drivers are avoiding the M4 and Parramatta Road as traffic congestion has increased. The increase in traffic volume (and redirection of traffic movement) is a result of greater east-west traffic movement.

As a result, several years ago Canada Bay City Council introduced local area traffic management changes to slow and/or deter through-traffic vehicle movement in our residential area. The changes however have not reduced traffic volumes (only slowed or redirected traffic to other streets, including our street).

We note that the EIS includes a section dealing with '**Proposed further assessments**' (extract provided below) which mentions further studies of traffic movement and volumes and impacts on the local and regional road network as a result of the M4 east extension. It's important that this work be carried out thoroughly and in full consultation with local residents and councils.

4.2.3 Proposed further assessments

A traffic and transport impact assessment would be undertaken as part of the EIS. This assessment would identify potential impacts and nominate mitigation measures to avoid or manage these impacts. It would include:

- An assessment of construction traffic impacts including route identification, number, frequency and size of construction related vehicles, the nature of existing traffic, and the need to close, divert or otherwise reconfigure elements of the road network associated with construction of the project, including:
 - o An assessment of traffic impacts on the surrounding network over the staged construction period.
 - o Recommendations for appropriate traffic and transport management and mitigation measures.
- An assessment of traffic impacts including an assessment of forecast volumes and potential changes to traffic patterns associated with the project including:
 - o Forecast traffic volumes for the M4 Motorway / tunnels and the local road network, based on detailed traffic modelling for the project and the local and regional road networks.
 - o Traffic congestion and movements on the surrounding road network.
 - o Travel time analysis.
 - o Tolling sensitivity.
 - o An assessment of the performance of key interchanges and intersections.
 - o An assessment of the impact on key connecting roads such as Parramatta Road, Concord Road, Wattle Street, Frederick Street, Dobroyd Parade and City West Link.
 - o An assessment of the impacts of the project on road users including motorists, public transport, freight, pedestrians and cyclists; on local and regional road networks.
 - o Consideration of opportunities to improve public transport.
 - o Road safety analysis.

As the proposed M4 widening and extension will be a tolled road we are concerned that drivers will continue to avoid the M4 and therefore continue to use (including increased traffic volumes) in the local surrounding streets. This will result in a further decrease in amenity and safety for residents and children. It will therefore be critical for detailed design work be undertaken to protect the local area by introducing local traffic management systems as part of the detailed design work for the project.

Residents must also be consulted fully throughout the design work to ensure that our local residential streets are protected from drivers rat-running through the local residential streets as the project construction proceeds and most importantly, when the tolled roadway opens.

We'd appreciate if this issue could be highlighted in the assessment report on the EIS including a recommendation (or condition) that the proponent must prepare a detailed community consultation plan to deal with traffic impacts in local streets adjoining and surrounding the M4 widening and eastern extension.

Yours faithfully,

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