

11th November 2014
 1 Greenhill Ave
 Normanhurst 2076

Dear Sir / Madame

RE: Trelawney Street Site - Proposed Heavy Vehicle Site Access and Waiting in Local Streets

We wish to submit our concern over and dissatisfaction of the proposed access to the Trelawney Street Tunnel support facility site and the negative effect this will have on our lives and that of our young children.

Under the current proposal access to the site is via Loch Maree Avenue and direct southbound access onto Pennant Hills Road which will have an enormous negative impact to the flow of traffic through the lights at Loch Maree / Pennant Hills Road.

As it stand today, it is often very difficult to turn right towards the north from Loch Maree as the traffic on Pennant Hills Road often blocks this intersection.

We have grave concerns about the impact of having heavy vehicle combinations, be it a tipper or truck & dog or semi trailer, seriously congesting this intersection further as they attempt to enter the site through the proposed access point.

From the south, these vehicles will be subjected to the sequence of lights, which today barely allow 4 cars through at a time, therefore a single heavy vehicle will be pushed to make it through the intersection and safely clear Pennant Hills Road.

From the north the heavy vehicles will be faced with a very tight left hand turn into Loch Maree Ave, and those pulling a trailer will be forced to take some of the middle lane to complete the turn, effectively making Pennant Hills Road a single lane carriage way for "through" traffic. If a local vehicle is at those lights turning right towards the north onto Pennant Hills Road, this turn will be even more problematic.

I think it is safe to assume that there will be delays at the currently proposed entrance with 1140 truck movements throughout an 11 hour / 660 minute operational day (that's almost 2 trucks per minute). These delays will, without doubt, block Loch Maree Ave and Pennant Hills road causing traffic chaos in the surrounding area and impacting traffic flows to our residences. With these obvious negative impacts outlined the current proposal is absurd!

In the ensuing blockages you will have a heavy vehicles queued back to the proposed exit gate onto Pennant Hills Road resulting in nothing in or out. We can see even larger issues with having fully laden heavy vehicles attempting to cross 3 lanes of traffic to use the right hand turn lights into Phyllis Avenue, the traffic around Bunnings on a Saturday is shocking on that 100 m stretch of road, and always has a queue at the lights as a result of Mc Donald's patrons' and running any heavy vehicle down there for a u-turn is going to be a disaster.

I am at a loss as to how this routing has been considered as a proposal and we strongly object to the proposal in its current form! It simply has to change.

As an alternative, we believe the site has more than sufficient access on the Pennant Hills Road frontage, with an entrance capable near to Trelawney Street allowing safe

access and exit gate further down the site, with a ban on the heavy vehicles turning right onto Phyllis Avenue.

This alternative allows 3 lanes of traffic to continue to move along Pennant Hills Road south bound and mitigates the disaster that will be on Loch Maree under the current proposal. Heavy vehicles that approach from the south can use Duffy – Chilvers – Sefton and Dartford Roads through that light industrial area. Laden vehicles needing to go north can use the Beecroft Road intersection to turn around.

Another equally concerning issue is that of heavy vehicles parking up in local streets and there must be a ban on heavy vehicles in Nelson, Trelawney, Loch Maree and Greenhill Avenue and its adjoining streets through to Stuart and Campbell Streets. This is a family area with many many children in this area and a huge safety issue, not to mention noise and pollution issue.

Around the corner of Greenhill, Nelson and Trelawney streets alone there are 9 children under the age of 8. To have a mix of children this young and heavy vehicles in such close proximity to a major works site could result in a terrible disaster that should be avoided at all costs by way of a ban on heavy vehicles in local streets.

The community of the Loch Maree area need for this proposed site access to be amended, as it is not workable or safe in its current form.

Yours sincerely

The Lethlean Family