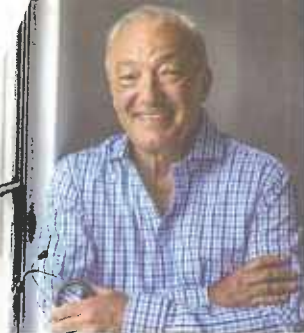




Dr Mike Freeland MP

Federal Member for Macarthur



13th July 2017

Dear Kinsley,

RE: "The Northern Road Upgrade"

As discussed via telephone, please see the attached correspondence from Dr. Freeland, concerning the request for submissions about The Northern Road Upgrade between Mersey Road and Glenmore Parkway.

Thanks for your assistance.

Kind regards,

Brydan Toher

Office of Dr Mike Freeland MP

Member for Macarthur





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Federal Member for Macarthur



12th July 2017

To whom it may concern,

I write in relation to the Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan, to make a submission about The Northern Road Upgrade, in my capacity as the Federal Member for Macarthur. In my role, I hear from constituents daily with their concerns about the state of our local roads, and our State's poorly thought out transport system.

Countless residents from my electorate spend hours each and every day stuck in gridlock, as they commute to and from work. This is valuable time that could be better spent at home with their families and loved ones, but is instead foregone as residents are made to commute to their place of employment.

Local roads within my electorate, and transport corridors leading to and from it, already are overly congested as a result of poor planning. With the Macarthur region and Sydney's South-West experiencing rapid growth and development in recent times, without appropriate planning and consideration of our community's future needs this issue will only be exacerbated.

Perhaps one of the most significant developments in Sydney's South-West will be that of the new Western Sydney Airport at Badgerys Creek. When one considers the location of the new airport, it is feasible to conclude that a great deal of traffic to and from the site will flow along The Northern Road. The Northern Road itself links onto Narellan Road, which is infamous for its severe congestion.



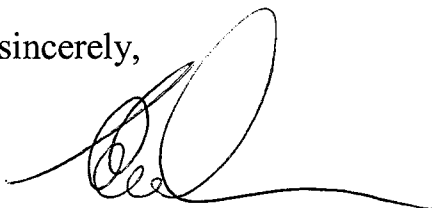
Since being elected, I have been fighting for a new rail line, to link Leppington, Campbelltown and surrounding suburbs to the new airport. I strongly believe that the provision of adequate public transport, and associated infrastructure is necessary to address the current problems facing our transport network, and in catering for future demand.

Upgrades to The Northern Road are already inadequate; it requires at least three to four lanes each way, rather than two. Once again, residents are being let down by poor planning and a lack of vision. Upgrades should be made to improve road safety, reduce congestion, and cater for future demand. Any project undertaken to improve this transport corridor should, in my opinion, be part of a holistic approach which leads to an effective and integrated transport network.

Our region demands that the Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan be carried out and delivered on in fashion that counters previous approaches to planning in New South Wales, which have led to a poorly thought out and poorly managed transport network.

Upgrades that are being undertaken today should cater to the needs of tomorrow. These projects need to be mindful of future developments that will attract an influx of people travelling to the region daily, and moving to the region with its future growth prospects. I write this letter as a father and grandfather, who can appreciate the value of getting home in time to spend time with the family, as a doctor who has worked within Sydney's South-West for over three decades, and as the Member for Macarthur, who witnesses congestion on our local roads, and the impact that this has on local residents, far too often.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Dr Mike Freelander', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

DR MIKE FREELANDER MP
Federal Member for Macarthur