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RTA Sydney Region  
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Attention: Mr. Paul Culshaw  
Manager Infrastructure Development

Dear Mr. Culshaw

### **ROADS BOOST FOR SOUTH SYDNEY**

I would like to thank you and Mr. Murray Cleaver of your office for your visit to Randwick City Council's offices on 28 October 2003 to brief Council officers on the proposed Southern Sydney Road Projects.

Council is encouraged to note that the State Government has undertaken a ten year \$80 million program to upgrade the road network and key intersections along South Dowling Street and Southern Cross Drive. Council supports these proposed road improvements that are designed to cater for the anticipated large increase in developments in the South Sydney region.

The Mayor of Randwick Councillor Dominic Sullivan has previously made representations to the Mayor of South Sydney and the Member for Heffron Ms. Kristina Keneally concerning various issues associated with the Victoria Park Master Plan proposals. The main issues of concern for Randwick City Council relate to the increased traffic passing into and through the Randwick LGA.

It is therefore Council's view that the Program should be supplemented with the following proposals: -

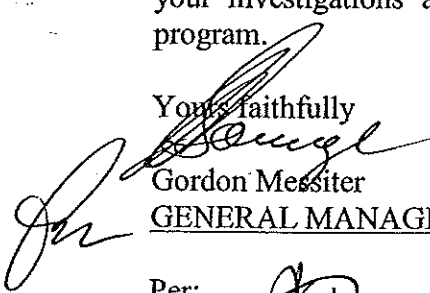
- In regard to the major improvements foreshadowed in the Program for the intersections of Cleveland Street, Dacey Avenue and Todman Avenue with South Dowling Street, Council is anxious that such improvement works should be suitably designed to reduce pressure on the existing street network in the area by discouraging traffic passing through the Randwick LGA;
- A direct connection to the Eastern Distributor, for both northbound and southbound traffic, from the Victoria Park Master Plan site should be incorporated;

- Substantial at grade improvements to provide at least two exclusive right turn lanes for traffic turning right from O'Dea Avenue into South Dowling Street should be carried out;
- A full grade separated interchange at the intersection of Epsom Road and Eastern Distributor should be constructed;
- RTA's investigation should be extended to include the Eastern Distributor/Anzac Parade corridor. Currently the section of Anzac Parade, between the Kingsford roundabout and Todman Avenue, carries large volumes of through traffic that should ideally use Southern Cross Drive;
- Council supports the reconfiguration of the O'Riordan Street, Wyndham Street, Bourke Street and Botany Road intersection. However, the impact of the Green Square Town Centre development should be carefully assessed, and increased traffic on Epsom Road should be directed through Southern Cross Drive. It is stressed that the residential amenity of Lenthall Street cannot be compromised;
- The widening of Lachlan Street and McEvoy Street is also supported, however, any increased cross regional traffic flow at its eastern end, should be directed along South Dowling Street/Eastern Distributor;
- Any direct connection between Southern Cross Drive and Gardeners Road should be carefully assessed in terms of its impact on the Kingsford roundabout.

Council looks forward to working with the RTA and South Sydney City Council in developing an efficient system of road network in South Sydney Region and the Authority's efforts in this area are appreciated and supported.

I would therefore appreciate if you could periodically advice Council's Director Asset and Infrastructure Services Mr Mick Savage (ph: 02 9399 0905) of the progress of your investigations and finalisation of design proposals that are included in the program.

Yours faithfully

  
Gordon Messiter

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