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Department of Planning & Environment

Owner of Lot 1 DP341979 and Lot 1 DP1011533

Refer to below concerns regarding the Environmental Impact Statement released November 2016 for the Rankin Park to Jesmond section of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass.

Re: Map 3 Northern Exchange:

1. *Off ramp under " Bridge to allow off-ramp to pass under bypass" -* Area of great concern as it is close to my properties and other residential properties off 150 Birchgrove Drive, Wallsend. The EIS notes 'two potential locations' for noise attenuation barriers. Clarification is required to ensure that this, along with low noise pavement is incorporated in the detailed design for the Northern Exchange. This will reduce the effect of the off ramp vehicle noise such as car/truck braking and general transiting of vehicles.
2. *"Bridge to allow off-ramp to pass under bypass" -* Again a further area of concern. Ensure that there are solid noise attenuation barriers on this section of the road as well as low noise pavement incorporated in the detailed design as a number of properties will be disadvantaged, especially due to the lower level at which the residents are orientated.
3. *Multi lane section between the two bridges -* Ensure that low noise pavement continues between the two bridges and a solid noise attenuation barrier is incorporated in the detailed design.
4. *Construction Compound -* Would like to know the location, size and use and strongly object to a crushing/batch plant close to the residential properties.
5. *Cycleway -* Very disappointed that either an overhead overpass or tunnel access (similar to the Fernleigh track) has not been incorporated in the design. Greater consideration should be given for mutual benefit of the community.
6. *Minimise visual impact -* As per the EIS assessment on visual impact, we would like to maintain the current bushland setting through natural vegetation screening.

The socio-economic impact of the project on our lives is substantial. I request the above concerns are addressed with the view to maintaining communication with the project team post detailed design and prior to the construction phase to ensure our concerns are viewed seriously.

Regards

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