

TO: NSW Department of Planning

Submission on Newcastle Inner City Bypass Rankin Park to Jesmond

Date:

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I consent / do not consent to my name being published on the list of people who have made a submission.

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I object to the project as exhibited in the EIS.

The design of the Northern intersection significantly downgrades access from Jesmond Park to the Silver Ridge and Brickworks Park area by requiring path users to cross three sets of traffic lights. This will be slow and inconvenient for people using the path to commute to work. As one of the crossings is in the middle of an expressway on-ramp linking roads with speed limits of 70 and 90 Km per hour, it will be particularly dangerous if people cross without waiting for the lights.

A grade separated connection in the form of a flyover or underpass, allowing walkers and cyclists to continue along the south side of Newcastle Road is the only acceptable solution.

The new crossing of Newcastle Road (bridge 7) will create a useful connection to the University and Jesmond shops and should be included in the project.

It is disappointing that one of the healthiest & most sustainable transport modes is ever an afterthought. I believe it should be integral to successful Road Infrastructure planning. The Car-o-centric thinking of our planners is anachronistic and will be shown inadequate as the years pass. The best use of the finances is to do it right the first time.

