

Ref A – Hornsby Shire Council Traffic & Road Safety Branch memo (2007)

available here:

http://hscenquiry.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/Temp/OG_C0003FU9_DOC_223035.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. My concern relates to the impact on vehicular access to Roper Lane/Bridge Road during the 2 year 5 month Spoil transport period. I live in the Hookham's Corner estate in Rosamond Street, Hornsby which also services as entry/exit for Mt Wilga Hospital. The main safe exit route during morning commute for Rosamond Street, Manor Road, Carrington Road residents and adjoining streets is via Roper Lane/Bridge Road. There are alternative exit routes such as Carrington Road/Galston Road but this is a very hazardous junction with no traffic lights and blind bend entry onto Galston Road. Ref A confirms this junction as hazardous:- *“Furthermore, the intersections of Galston Road / Carrington Road and Galston Road / Clarinda Street both have significant documented crash history” and it recommended “The right turning movement at the intersection of Galston Road / Carrington Road be prohibited during peak hours.”*

For this reason you will see from your own traffic studies that Roper Lane is heavily used Monday to Friday mornings as is a relatively safe exit route for residents and also has traffic light access to Peats Ferry Road via Bridge Road. That being said - the current amount of vehicle movements through Roper Lane is quite unfair to residents of the Lane.

The major concern I have is that during the Spoil transport period, the trucks will congest Bridge Road during peak morning hours as they (slowly) make their way up the hill from the Quarry to queue at Peat's Ferry Road and will be slow to traverse the two sets of traffic lights. Traffic will promptly back-up along Roper Lane and cause traffic delays, not just for a week, but 2 years 5 months! It will force residents to try their luck exiting the above mentioned hazardous junctions for a 2 years 5 month period and inevitably traffic accidents at these black spots will increase. People may also try to beat the Roper Lane queue to access Peat's Ferry Road via a more hazardous route of Summer's Avenue/Peat's Ferry Road.

I would like to request that the Hornsby Quarry Road Construction Spoil Management Project provide an alternate safe exit route for residents during this extended Spoil transport period rather than subject them to 2 years 5 months of commuting delays or dangerous road junctions. I would suggest an appropriate solution would be install permanent traffic lights at Watson Avenue/Peats Ferry Road to logically divert traffic via Silvia Road/Watson Ave and remove the bulk of traffic out of Roper Lane. This would have the benefit of improving the spoil truck access to the lights at Bridge Road. The Project should fund the traffic light installation.

Yours sincerely

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