

378 Annandale Street Annandale, NSW 2038

Saturday, September 14, 2019

Director, Transport Assessments Planning Services, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

Regarding application number SSI 7485

Dear Director:

I am writing about the proposed modification to the M4-M5 Link (Rozelle Interchange). I wish to object to this modification.

The proposed modification will turn The Crescent into a major thoroughfare that will funnel large flows of traffic into Annandale. The modification will also limit pedestrian access to the foreshore. In my view, therefore, the modification represents bad planning.

My specific objections are as follows.

- 1. The eastbound section of The Crescent will narrow from four lanes to one at Johnston St, Annandale. This is guaranteed to increase Johnston St traffic. There are three public schools on Johnston St and the increased traffic will run past these schools. This puts young lives at risk.
- 2. Pedestrians will have to navigate four road crossings to access the harbour foreshore at Johnston St. This is an unacceptable restriction on those who want to enjoy the harbourside parks.
- 3. The modification greatly lengthens the link from Annandale to the planned Rozelle Rail Yards park. Those wanting to reach this park from the Annandale side will now have to traverse a long, looping pathway over multiple lanes of vehicular traffic. This is a deterrent to using the promised park.
- 4. The proposed overpass from The Crescent to the City West Link will be an eyesore and will raise vehicular noise in nearby residential areas. Further, the overpass is also a direct contradiction of the government's promise to put the Rozelle Interchange "mostly underground". This is a betrayal of the people of the Inner West.

I request that the proposed modification be abandoned.

Yours sincerely,

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