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Director, Transports Assessments Planning Services
Department of Planning, Industry & Environment
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Dear Director

APPLICATION: SS1 7485

I am writing regarding the proposed modification to M4-M5 Link, Mod 2 The Crescent overpass and changes to pedestrian infrastructure in North Annandale, Rozelle and Rozelle Bay.

The RMS must work with the community to investigate alternate design options to the proposed new car overpass and the consequential adverse impacts to pedestrian and cyclist links. I am devastated at the proposed loss of community amenity and disregard for the core urban design principles that underpin vibrant living communities within great global cities such as Sydney. Many of these design principles were captured within the originally approved design scheme and it is utterly disappointing to see a revised scheme which takes such a huge step backward. I therefore implore you to ensure reinstatement of the safe, direct access from the approved EIS Green Link to create a continuous green open space connection from the Rozelle Rail Yards and Annandale to the foreshore. This Green Link with the imbedded pedestrian connections is intrinsic to the health and wellbeing of the community and is a key foundation for the future Bays Precinct design.

My key issues with the M4-M5 Modification are:

- Significantly reduced safety and increased risk for pedestrians and cyclists with removed access over The Crescent to Bicentennial Park and the increased traffic along Johnson Street. My family and I currently access Bicentennial Park several times per week as it is the regular path of travel for me going to work, for my son to catch his school bus and for my daughter to walk to school.
- Traffic changes that limit movements around the suburb and create more congestion in the beautiful local streets of Annandale, Forest Lodge, Glebe, Lilyfield and Rozelle with no planning consideration to deal with these impacts.
- Unattractive and unhealthy urban and landscape design that is being built before a Masterplan is finalized for the district.

- Removal of direct active links to the foreshore, cutting the community off from the area and the proposed revitalization of the Bays Precinct including linking the Light Rail and bus stops to a ferry wharf and Metro station.
- Being required to cross FIVE sets of pedestrian lights at The Crescent to reach the foreshore from my home compared to the ONE set I currently encounter.
- The abhorrent visual impact that this imposing overpass will create within my immediate neighborhood which is completely at odds with the character of Annandale and the surrounding suburbs.

My submission is seeking RMS to:

- Reinstall the Green Link connecting communities and green open space.
- Redesign the vehicular infrastructure that is in keeping with the character of the district having absolute regard to the foreshore amenity that should remain fully and easily accessible and giving full consideration to its relationship to the future Bays Revitalisation Masterplan.
- Create pedestrian and cyclist connections that are continuous, safe and direct.
- Integrate active and direct connections to all active transport – including the future Metro West and Foreshore Ferry Wharf.

Yours faithfully

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