The Director Department of Planning, Industry and Environment GPO BOX 39 Sydney NSW 2001

## **REF:** Application: SSI 7485

Dear Director,

**SSI 7485 is contrary to the promise given by Premier Baird in 2016.** Premier Baird assured the community that the Rozelle Interchange would be constructed underground.

Such freeways and tollways are an anachronism that will only further to increase car dependency in a manner that cannot be a long-term vision for a major world city such as Sydney

SSI 7485 damages the coherence and integrity of this part of the city by removing the *direct cycle* and pedestrian link from the proposed park to the Annandale foreshore.

The indirect link is convoluted and impractical for pedestrians and cyclists.

## SSI 7485 proposes is an ugly grey concrete traffic behemoth on Rozelle and Annandale that will degrade the future potential of the Bays precinct and divide these suburbs.

## Why was SSI 7485 has been part of the RMS's plans for months but was never brought to the attention of the public.

Buried in the EIS for the Western Harbour Tunnel were plans indicating that this flyover was essentially a fiat accompli. The legality of this deceit needs to be challenged and the exhibition phase be put on hold until the matter is investigated and the issue resolved.

That SSI 7485 has been known for months but not brought to the attention of the public that will direct affect as part of the community engagement and the EIS makes that process irrelevant.

## I ask that

- The amendment in its present form be rejected.
- That an investigation be undertaken to determine why **SSI 7485** was included in the WHT EIS before **SSI 7485** was exhibited and approved.
- That the originally proposed direct green link be reinstated.
- That congestion at the Crescent/City West Link be alleviated by constructing a tunnel network to connect Crescent traffic to both Victoria Road and the Anzac Bridge, thus doing away with the flyover/overpass proposed in **SSI 7485**.

• That further tree removal be halted in Buruwan Park and that the park be reinstated to again provide a much needed green space for North Annandale residents and shade adjacent to the Light Rail station.

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