

ITEM 5.2 MAYORAL MINUTE - ROZELLE INTERCHANGE UPDATE**Attachments: 1. Rozelle Interchange - Letter to Minister for Roads**

Submitted by: Councillor Michael Megna (Mayor)

MOTION

That Council:

1. Write to the NSW Minister for Roads, the Hon. John Graham MLC, requesting
 - a. A public meeting at Council's Civic Centre Chambers with the NSW Minister for Roads to address the issue of the Rozelle Interchange.
 - b. That any local traffic management resultant from the gridlock created by the opening of the Rozelle Interchange be funded by the NSW Government.
 2. Write to the NSW Minister for Transport, the Hon. Jo Haylen MP reiterating Council's request for an increase of ferry services to wharves in the City of Canada Bay LGA, and consideration of additional services that begin further east at Cabarita Wharf, and the resumption of services to Birkenhead Point Wharf, which would incentivise mode of transport shifts for residents.
 3. Continues to advocate for better outcomes for our local community on this matter.
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BACKGROUND

Further to my Mayoral Minute last month about the Rozelle Interchange, I would like to provide Council with an update.

Following my request to the NSW Minister for Roads, the Hon. John Graham MLC, for a meeting to discuss the impact of the opening of the Rozelle Interchange on residents and businesses, the General Manager, the Director of City Assets and I met with senior Transport for NSW bureaucrats.

Councillors will find attached a letter dated 3 April 2024, that I wrote to the Minister outlining Council's frustration with what we learned in that meeting.

Effectively, it has been made clear to Council that there are no real solutions to the problems posed by the Rozelle Interchange.

The expectation from the Department is that these NSW Government problems will soon become City of Canada Bay Council problems. Their expectation is that we will come up with the solutions and divert our resources to local traffic management to solve the problems that arose from shockingly poor planning by Transport for NSW.

Furthermore, last week, I outlined these frustrations and advocated on behalf of our residents and businesses at the NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into the Impact of the Rozelle Interchange.

If Council is to be lumped with the burden of fixing the mess of our State Government, the very least we would expect is to have these problems and potential solutions explained to our residents at a public meeting hosted by Council at our Civic Centre, livestreamed to our community, and for the costs of these solutions to be met by the NSW Government.

It has been clear to Council for some time now that one possible solution for congestion in our LGA is a further investment in ferry services.

Council has consistently advocated for further investment in this mode of transport. The gridlock that has resulted from the Interchange opening once again makes it clear that, for residents to be incentivised to shift their mode of transport, more services along our LGA are required. A service

that begins further east at Cabarita Wharf should also be considered to ensure our local wharves are not 'skipped' by ferries that are at capacity.



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