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The Secretary
Public Works Committee
Parliament House
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Attn: Scott Hennessy,

Dear Scott, please accept the following as my submission to the above committee for the meeting on Monday 27 October 2014 regarding the South Arm Highway Extension/Rokeby Main Road.

I am a resident in the Howrah Gardens area, and I am opposed the current plan to bypass Buckingham Drive.

The previous Labour Government had reassured residents of Howrah Gardens that Buckingham Drive would NOT be bypassed. However since the change to the Liberal Government, they have reversed the Labour Governments decision without consultation of residents.

The decision to bypass Buckingham Drive will greatly effect in a negative way, the residents of Howrah Gardens. Some of the major concerns include,

- 1) potential reduction in the value of houses in the area
- 2) isolation from the Howrah community
- 3) extra travel, every time residents access the South Arm Highway to head towards the city
- 4) extra fuel costs
- 5) the potential for a significant bottleneck for residents leaving Howrah Gardens via Tollard Drive due to merging with traffic from Rokeby
- 6) delays in response times for emergency services including ambulance, police, fire etc due to less access to the area and increased travel time
- 7) safety issues as there will only be ONE way into, and out of the area via the proposed new slip road up to Tollard Drive
- 8) inconvenience for families/friends and visitors to the area
- 9) effect on the three businesses in the area
- 10) increased cost of taxi's for residents in the area due to increased travel time

I urge the committee to strongly consider amending the current design of the proposed new highway to retain direct access to Buckingham Drive.

I propose the following, but I am open to alternative designs so long as direct access to Buckingham Drive is maintained.

- 1) A slip lane left upon exit of Buckingham Drive - there is plenty of room for this and it would be easy to complete and at minimal cost.

2) Allow right hand turn access into Buckingham Drive when travelling East (ie from Howrah towards Rokeby). Such access across a multi lane highway is not uncommon, ie like the right hand turn into the Lower Domain Road traveling towards the city from the Tasman Bridge.

3) Build the proposed access (slip) road up to Tollard Drive. Allow traffic to travel along this road, for all access (right) when exiting Buckingham Drive. Make it a one way road, so Rokeby traffic cannot bypass the new lights and travel down to Buckingham Drive to access the highway. This proposal overcomes the major current safety concern, ie the right hand turn out of Buckingham Drive across all lanes of the highway.

4) Small slip lane for left hand turn into Buckingham Drive travelling from Rokeby towards Howrah.

These are simple solutions, with a minimal cost, and no disruption to traffic flow (no stoppages). There would then be continued full access to the three businesses in the area, and this would avoid the need to pay them any possible compensation.

I look forward to discussing this issue further at the meeting on 27 October 2014

Regards

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