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Legislative Council Select Committee Greater Hobart Traffic Congestion

To Inquiry Chair Robert Armstrong and other Committee members.

I've sent the email below to the Mayor of Kingborough, who supported my suggestions (from personal experience) and advised me to send them to you, as your inquiry is listed on the parliamentary website as one of the "**Committees Currently Receiving Submissions**".

I would appreciate your feedback on my comments, including an indication as to whether you are able to take these issues up with the relevant authority and/or Minister.

Dear Mayor,

Comments have often been made by you and others about the effect on Kingborough residents when there are traffic delays on the Outlet. While long-term solutions are required there are some improvements which should be feasible in the near future.

Earlier this year I was driving from Kingston to Fern Tree around noon - not usually a peak time for traffic on that route. However, just past the Mt Nelson turnoff I was confronted with a traffic jam - both lanes inching downhill at a snail's pace (almost literally!). With the temperature at 30 degrees and carrying medication which had to be kept at a much lower temperature, this situation was very concerning, as it would be for most people but especially anyone with a baby, elderly or sick person or an animal in the car. There was no way of knowing the cause of the problem or how long it would take to reach the Davey St junction, and of course there is nowhere to pull out of the traffic or to find any shade on that section.

If there had been a sign BEFORE the Mt Nelson turnoff warning of the problem

*ahead I could have easily gone down Proctors Rd or Nelson Rd, as would many others, thus relieving the buildup on the Outlet below the turnoff. I would suggest that in other recent cases, as when city-bound traffic was banked up well beyond the Kingston turnoff, there should also be signs **before** any point where it would be possible for drivers to get out of a jam - either to take an alternative route in their original direction, or to go in a different direction entirely. Sometimes it might make sense to return home and wait for the traffic to clear.*

The "slow moving traffic ahead" sign on the downhill run to the city has been quite helpful, but too late for anyone to take a different route. Presumably it's only activated by heavy vehicles as I haven't noticed it indicating slow traffic in other situations. That sort of sign could be installed at intervals along the Outlet, and would ideally include estimated time to the city under the current traffic conditions, as happens in other states.

On another point: At the junction with Davey St I usually need to turn LEFT towards Fern Tree and the slip lane normally allows that to happen with minimal delay. However when there is even a slight buildup of traffic going through those lights towards the city it is not possible to access that slip lane to the left. That means not only do I get frustrated, but all the drivers wanting to turn left there are stuck in the same lane as those wanting to proceed to Macquarie St and so we are adding to the waiting time at the lights for everyone, instead of being able to move out of the way.

With regards,
Amanda