

SUBMISSION FROM RESIDENTS ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO HABERFIELD, ASHFIELD AND LEICHHARDT LOCAL NETWORK

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We submit the following in response to transport for NSW's proposed traffic changes to Leichhardt, Lilyfield, Ashfield & Haberfield

We oppose:

- ✗ Diversion of arterial and heavy traffic onto 'no truck' zones and local streets
- ✗ Parking and street tree removals on Norton and James Streets north (n) (North of City West Link), Mortley Ave, Bland St and Timbrell Drive
- ✗ The proposed changes to William Street Leichhardt, including the removal of traffic-calming roundabout and parking and the proposal to push traffic onto Hubert and Charles Street
- ✗ Changes in Haberfield and Ashfield which will effectively lock-down Haberfield and disperse further traffic to Bland Street, to Leichhardt north, Summer Hill and Five Dock
- ✗ Removal of traffic lights at Dalhousie Street & Waratah St intersections
- ✗ Removal of Right Turns in and out of Dalhousie St at Parramatta Rd
- ✗ Removal of Right Turns from Waratah St into Dobroyd Parade towards the City West Link
- ✗ Removal of surface connection pedestrian crossings on Dalhousie and Waratah Streets

We seek:

- ✓ Retention of direct access to Darley Road from Lilyfield via the City West Link/James/Norton intersection
- ✓ Retention of the right hand turn from Norton Street into the City West Link eastbound
- ✓ Retention of the right hand turn from Norton St north into Lilyfield Road
- ✓ Retention of parking for residents and businesses on Norton and James Streets (north of City West Link), Mortley Avenue and Bland Street
- ✓ Protection of existing and proposed cycleway routes (including on William street and Lilyfield Road)
- ✓ Installation of safe pedestrian crossings, including on William Street
- ✓ Retention of the right turn from Norton, Waratah Streets & Timbrell Drive into City West Link and Dalhousie Street in & out at Paramatta Road
- ✓ No more heavy traffic past primary schools and childcare centres
- ✓ No adverse impacts upon Ashfield Park
- ✓ Retention of existing 406 bus route
- ✓ Pause on all major changes until after opening of the M4/M5 Link

POSTPONING OF THE 24 MAY 2020 DEADLINE FOR PROPER COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Re: Objection to Haberfield, Ashfield and Leichhardt local network improvements

Following the opening of the WestConnex M4 East last year, congestion and rat running in Leichhardt worsened significantly and queuing on Darley Road has never been worse. After being told for many years that WestConnex would ease local traffic the reverse has occurred.

I'm concerned that the overall effect of this proposal will be to move traffic from arterial roads onto local streets which would have a significant impact on local businesses, residential amenity and community safety in particular for pedestrians and cyclists.

In its current form, this proposal will not resolve key problems like rat-running and congestion on local streets but could worsen them by widening streets and removing traffic calming measures like roundabouts. This is not acceptable.

In particular, I'm concerned that:

Waratah Street and Dobroyd Parade, Haberfield.

Right turn into and out of Waratah Street to be removed. Removing of traffic light, right turn to City West Link.

This is the only access for Haberfield to turn right to City West Link to go to the city. When this right turn was blocked, during the construction of Westconnex, it posed great inconvenience to Haberfield Community - the rat running worsened via Timbrell Drive roundabout and Leichhardt to access the City West Link. Removing of the Right Turn will worsen the rat running and put added pressure on Rodd Point and Leichharth roads. Instead of Westconnex easing traffic, as told to the communities of Haberfield, Leichharth, the reverse is occurring.

Parramatta Road and Dalhousie Street, Haberfield.

Right turn into and out of Dalhousie Street to be removed. Traffic lights to be removed at Dalhousie Street, Haberfield. Alternative option is to use the proposed u-turn bay to the west.

By removing of the Traffic Light at Dalhousie Strret, Haberfield, it will worsen the already bad queues on Parramatta Road going into Liverpool Road. Denied access from Haberfield and other suburbs to travel to schools in Summer Hill and Ashfiled. In addition, this will add more traffic congestion to take proposed U turn bay to the west.

Mortley Avenue, Haberfield

Removal of right turn out of Timbrell Dr onto City West Link

The motorists from the Rodd Point area and beyond will now be forced to pass through Haberfield seeking ways to reach Westconnex M4 Tunnel and Ashfield and beyond. Already, in the proposed Warratah and Dalhousie Streets right turns removed, this will leave the motorists not many options even after removal of this righ turn on City West Link. Also, referring to the NSW Roads document

- **No traffic modelling has been made available**

Residents and other key stakeholders are being asked to support permanent, radical and extremely disruptive measures, with no supporting traffic data. Without data it impossible to reliably assess the merits of the proposal because the impacts, in terms of vehicle movements, are simply not known.

claim that they are seeking to reduce the traffic past the Dobroyd Point Public School, this will infact add traffic around this school !!?

In its current form, this proposed changes are unacceptable and should not go ahead. It must be significantly reworked to keep heavy traffic on arterial roads, protect and encourage active transport in our local area, retain the village like character of Haberfield and Leichhardt and prioritise the safety of the pedestrians.

Please consider my objection closely.

Yours Sincerely,

YOUR NAME
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