

26th April 2018

Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC
Chair, Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Parliament House
4 Harvest Terrace
West Perth WA 6005

Dear Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC

Petition No. 056 – Joondalup/Wanneroo Road Overpass

We the residents question the current validity of the business case regarding the Joondalup Drive/ Wanneroo Road Interchange project. Residents, business owners and Regent Garden's Aged Care Facility, all within the suburbs of Carramar and Tapping, perceive that this project is no longer required due to a large reduction in traffic since completion of the Intersection upgrades of Joondalup Drive and Wanneroo Road in September 2017 and the extension of the Mitchell Freeway North from Burns Beach Road to Hester Avenue.

There has not been any broad community consultation. Initially some residents within a 200 metre boundary of the proposed construction purportedly received notification via newsletters from Main Roads WA while many within the boundary did not. The Interchange will affect people outside the 200 metre boundary and they should be made aware of the project in its entirety.

Main Roads WA held 2 shopping centre displays on 21 & 28 October 2017 to seemingly provide the community with information and view concept designs. Both sessions were not attended by Main Roads WA employees, but by a consultancy firm that could not address any concerns or impacts raised by residents. Advisement from them was to contact Main Roads WA as they did not know the answers. Transport Minister Hon Rita Saffioti stated "these were attended by 250 people" which equates to approximately 1.7% of the Carramar & Tapping community.

The City of Wanneroo Mayor, Cr Tracey Roberts, contacted Main Roads WA and Transport Minister, Hon Rita Saffioti, in February 2018 requesting an urgent public forum to address the community's concerns and impacts related to the project. Their response was to invite Mayor Roberts alone to a meeting and they were not prepared to hold a public forum (both parties declined), instead advising of another 3 information sessions provided by Main Roads WA. The sessions hosted on 17 March 2018, 22 March 2018 and 24 March 2018 were to "TELL" the community what was going to occur. Any concerns and impacts raised by residents were completely disregarded and ignored by Main Roads WA. Traffic measurement to justify the changes to local roads were conducted on one day only and the stated "peak" times were incorrect and by no means reflect the true peak times of these roads/ intersections.

Main Roads WA have stated that the project will include a graded Interchange/ flyover bridge, spanning approximately 850 metres in length. 10 metres in height, from road level to top of sound barriers, in an East-West orientation on Joondalup Drive. A roundabout situated below the flyover to service North and Southbound traffic on Wanneroo Rd. The project funding will include modifications to St Stephens Crescent in Tapping located to the eastern side of the overpass and Drivers Place, and the west side of overpass. Main Roads WA have stated that any additional Intersection upgrades required beyond the project boundaries would have to be funded and provided by the City of Wanneroo.

The City of Wanneroo have responded to Main Roads WA, advising there is not any funding available to make the immediate infrastructure changes to the intersections of Clarkson Avenue/Wanneroo Road, Cheriton Drive/ Joondalup Drive and Waldburg Drive/Joondalup Drive. If these upgrades cannot be made, the risk to road users and pedestrians trying to access Joondalup Drive out of Carramar and Tapping will be increased substantially.

At this stage the issues have not been taken to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administrative Investigations (Ombudsman).

In summary, there are a number of impacts we have identified for the community:

- Bridge construction directly in front of Regent Gardens Aged Care Facility. High Care and Independent Residents. Modification to their road network will endanger the lives of elderly drivers and fellow road users. Drovers Place/Joondalup Drive intersection closure to right in right out turns will force east bound traffic from Joondalup to continue along Joondalup Drive, go around the proposed roundabout and head back towards Joondalup before making a left hand turn into Drovers Place, or rat run through Drovers shop carpark from Wanneroo Road entrance to access their facility. Will also inhibit Ambulance access to facility. No consideration regarding Transperth Bus services for the aged on Joondalup Drive due to Bridge. Advised Bus Stops were to be removed at initial meeting with Main Roads WA.
- Bridge will completely eclipse Wanneroo Botanic Gardens and Drovers Business Precinct from East and West bound traffic, thus putting more pressure on already struggling businesses. We have been advised that about 200 permanent jobs will be lost due to the adverse effect the flyover will have on Drovers and surrounding businesses. Drovers Place /Joondalup Drive intersection closure to right in right out turns will force east bound traffic from Joondalup wishing to access Drovers Place Shops and Botanic Gardens to continue along Joondalup Drive, go around the proposed roundabout and head back towards Joondalup before making a left hand turn into Drovers Place or access through the Drovers shopping centre carpark entry off Wanneroo Road. Rat run to Businesses located on Drovers Place.
- Removal of signalised pedestrian crossing, both visual and audible at Wanneroo Road intersection. Substantially increasing risk to sight and hearing impaired, as well as elderly from Regent Gardens with mobility aids who frequently use the crossing to access Carramar shops. Local school groups and families also utilise this to access Joondalup Lake cycle path, Neil Hawkins Park and Drovers Business Precinct.
- Closure of right in, right out turns from St Stephens Crescent and Joondalup Drive Tapping will funnel traffic to Clarkson Avenue/Wanneroo Road and Waldburg Drive/Joondalup Drive intersections, thus increasing the risk to lives of Students, Residents and Day Care attendees in the already heavily congested school zones of Tapping Primary School, St Stephens School and Goodstart Child Care Centre creating "rat runs" through the suburb. Transperth bus services will also be removed from St Stephens Crescent.
- Increased pressure on Houghton Drive/Joondalup Drive Carramar intersection. Free flowing traffic created by the Interchange will inhibit right in, right out turn increasing risk to road users and pedestrians also creating more problems through another heavily congested school zone of Carramar Primary School. Will force unwanted "rat runs" through the suburb.
- Increased pressure on Cheriton Drive/Joondalup Drive intersection created by free-flowing traffic from the Interchange and lack of signalised intersections to provide a break in this flow, thus increasing risk to road users and pedestrians.
- Proposals from Main Roads WA to the City of Wanneroo is to implement either traffic signals or roundabouts at Cheriton Drive/Joondalup Drive, Carramar, Waldburg Drive/Joondalup Drive,

Tapping and Clarkson Avenue/Wanneroo Road, Tapping but at the Cities expense. The City of Wanneroo has already investigated the possibility of installing a roundabout at the Cheriton Drive/ Joondalup Drive intersection, but it has been realised that there is not sufficient space for this to be constructed safely as trucks leaving Woolworths in the shopping centre at this intersection will not have sufficient room to manoeuvre around the roundabout safely. In addition by following this proposal, even if funds were available, it would completely negate the claim of free-flowing traffic by building the Interchange.

We the residents believe that the negative impacts of the overpass will greatly outweigh any benefits to the many thousands of residents in Carramar, Tapping and the wider community.

Yours sincerely

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