

3 December 2004

Ms Kristina Keneally, MP
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Dear Ms Keneally

Council at its meeting held on 23 November 2004, considered a report concerning the RTA's proposal for the construction of new access ramps at Southern Cross Drive and Gardeners Road, Eastlakes, and resolved that:

- (a) *Council support the concept of the Gardeners Road access ramps with Southern Cross Drive, and encourage the early implementation of this initiative by the New South Wales State Government subject to the following conditions, namely that:*
- i. the RTA be responsible for the funding and prior implementation of traffic calming measures in the West Kingsford Precinct with a new Local Area Traffic Management Scheme, to discourage cross traffic movements taking shortcuts through these local residential streets;*
 - ii. the RTA implement appropriate noise mitigation measures, as identified in the environmental assessment, prior to the completion of the ramps, subject to Council being satisfied with these measures;*
 - iii. the provisions for pedestrian movements and local traffic arrangements on Gardeners Road shall be to the satisfaction of the Randwick Traffic Committee.*
 - iv. prior to the completion of the access ramps and six months after completion of the access ramps, the RTA shall undertake a full comprehensive traffic assessment of the operation of the Kingsford Roundabout to assess the impact of the ramps, and implement appropriate measures in consultation with Randwick City Council, to improve the traffic flows through Gardeners Road/the roundabout/Anzac Parade corridor;*
 - v. the RTA, in conjunction with Council, Council officers and interested Councillors shall undertake appropriate community consultation, which shall include but not be limited to monthly public meetings with key stakeholders and community groups, letter box drops, newspaper advertisements, etc, to allow residents of West Kingsford and Kensington*

every opportunity to be informed of the details of the Ramps project and associated mitigation measures, and ensure that their concerns are addressed adequately prior to the commencement of construction of these facilities; such consultation shall be conducted and concluded to Council's satisfaction prior to the nomination of the successful contractor for the construction of these facilities;

- (b) a brief statement be included in the Mayor's column in the Southern Courier to state Council's position on the proposed ramps;*
- (c) the City of Sydney be urged to consult Randwick City Council to discuss and implement suitable measures which will mitigate further traffic increases along Lenthall Street as a result of the proposed development on the "Dolina" site at 87-103 Epsom Road, Rosebery, prior to granting approval to this development, and as required by the RTA in its letter dated 19 October 2004 to the City of Sydney;*
- (d) the City of Sydney be requested to investigate and undertake Community Consultation in relation to residents' requests for the reopening of Dalmeny Avenue, Rosebery, at Kimberley Grove;*
- (e) the RTA be urged to formalise the design for the provision of a grade separated interchange at the intersection of Epsom Road and Southern Cross Drive and prioritise it as the next to go ahead as part of the 10 year \$80 million Roads Boost for South Sydney program;*
- (f) the RTA be requested to provide an update of its investigations and traffic modelling of the various measures proposed by Randwick City Council for inclusion in the \$80 million program;*
- (g) the Member for Heffron, Ms Kristina Kenneally, be advised that while Randwick City Council acknowledges, in principle, the wider benefits of the proposed ramps in improving overall transport efficiency, by contributing greatly to the movement of people and goods across South Sydney region, Council cannot unconditionally support any proposals that would be detrimental to the local residential amenity in its local government area, and would, therefore seek her support in achieving appropriate Community Consultation, acceptance and installation of the proposed mitigation works by the R.T.A. prior to the implementation of the ramps by the RTA;*
- (h) the Member for Heffron be requested to liaise with the Council of the City of Sydney in support of residents' requests for the reopening of Dalmeny Avenue, Rosebery, at Kimberley Grove; and*
- (i) the R.T.A. be urged to consider the provision of on and off ramps on the northern side of Gardeners Road to cater to the needs of Sydney City bound motorists and, further, to cater to the needs of motorists residing in the City of Randwick; and*
- (j) Council's Senior Traffic Engineer write to the R.T.A. as to the benefits of the above northern on and off ramp arrangements to the City of Randwick.*

I would like to draw your attention to clauses (g) and (h) of the above resolution.

The main issues of concern for Council relate to the increasing volume of traffic passing into and through the Randwick local government area. Many residents of West Kingsford have already made representations raising serious concerns in regard to the anticipated increase in traffic volume, speed and the resultant loss of their residential amenity.

Please contact me on Tel: 9399 0813 if you would like to discuss these matters.

I look forward to your positive response on these matters.

Yours sincerely

Murray Matson
MAYOR