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**Mr Ray Brownlee
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Dear Mr Brownlee

I write to invite you to appoint a member of the Randwick Council staff to a Working Party considering options for a Local Area Traffic Management Plan in Kensington and Kingsford, specifically for the streets most likely to be affected by the proposed ramps at Gardeners Road and Southern Cross Drive.

In August the NSW Government announced the first step of its \$80 million, 10 year road package for South Sydney – south-facing ramps at Gardeners Road, Eastlakes, to provide direct access to and from Southern Cross Drive.

The ramps will relieve congestion caused by traffic travelling from the south and heading to destinations to the east, such as UNSW, Prince of Wales Hospital, the beaches, Aussie Stadium and the SCG, Centennial Park and Fox Studios.

Currently, this traffic clogs key intersections along South Dowling Street, particularly at O'Dea and Lachlan at morning and evening peaks.

The ramps will also reduce traffic on local roads, such as Lenthall Street in Kensington and Sutherland, King and Maloney Streets in Mascot.

Every car or truck we can get off our local roads is a plus.

However, if the ramps are built without an accompanying local traffic management scheme for Kingsford and Kensington (i.e., those local streets bordered by Gardeners Road, Anzac Parade, and Todman Avenue) through traffic will 'rat run' on local roads to head east.

That's why a Local Area Traffic Management plan and a review of the capacity of the Kingsford roundabout are essential parts of the proposal to build the ramps.



In December I held a community meeting with Kensington and Kingsford residents and the RTA to hear the community's recommendations on how to keep through traffic off local streets in this precinct.

In February I held a second community meeting with Kensington and Kingsford residents and the RTA. At this meeting, the RTA presented 5 options for keeping through traffic off the main road. These options can be viewed at www.rta.nsw.gov.au Copies are also available from my office.

In summary, they are:

1. Permanent no left turn from Gardeners Road between Tunstall Ave and Doncaster Ave except buses to Eastern Ave.
2. Permanent no left turn from Gardeners Road between Tunstall Ave and Doncaster Ave except at Eastern Ave with speed management.
3. AM peak hours (6:30 - 9:30) No left turn from Gardeners Road from Tunstall Ave to Doncaster Ave, except buses to Eastern Ave.
4. PM peak hours (3:30 - 6:30) No right turn from Eastern Ave to Gardeners Road, buses excepted.
5. AM and PM turn restrictions (Option 3 and Option 4) PLUS speed management

Regarding the recommendations that include no left turns, it would be helpful if residents had a common view on whether those bans should be weekday AM peak only or weekday AM and PM peak only or full-time left turn bans.

The most important issue with any local area traffic management scheme is to reduce through traffic on some residential streets without increasing it on others. In any scenario likely considered to be equitable, some sharing of traffic demand (and possible sharing of bus demand) between streets other than Eastern Ave needs to be

Following on from the February community meeting, a working party consisting of local residents, nominated by the precinct committee, was formed with the RTA and myself to put together options for a local traffic management plan for Kensington and Kingsford.

The task of the working party is to examine the five initial options, as well as any other ideas, and make recommendations to the community on appropriate traffic management options. These recommendations will be presented to the local community for feedback and further consideration. Ultimately the RTA would present any options for a LATM to the Council for consideration and approval.

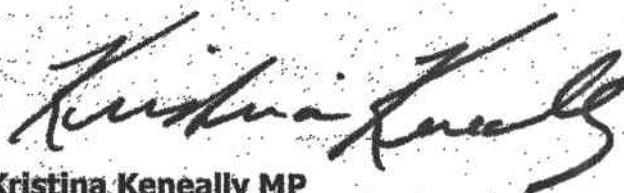
At our first meeting the Working Party resolved to write to you and ask that you appoint an appropriate staff member to participate. The members of the Working Party felt this was appropriate and useful, especially as Council traffic

engineers will need to assess any LATM plan for local streets and make recommendations to Council.

I have attached a copy of the report from the Working Party's first meeting for your information.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions. I look forward to hearing from you, and welcoming Randwick Council's participation in the Working Party.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kristina Keneally', with a stylized, flowing script.

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