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RE: Mona Vale Road Upgrade Comments

Dear Sir

Enclosed is a copy of my comments to the RMS on its latest exhibition of plans for Mona Vale Road.

A GIPA response regarding option B (the Greenfield Climbing Lanes) indicates an inadequate review by RMS staff indicating a lack of intellectual rigor and integrity. (Copy previously supplied).

The 7 lane (4+2+1) proposal is out of scale and insensitive to, the landscape of the Mona Vale Escarpment through which it is passing. If the 7 lane proposal is accepted there will need planned landscape treatment to reduce the impact.

A site inspection of Professor Spooner's Newcastle Freeway (Hawkesbury) and the West Gosford separate carriageways would be worthwhile. Professor Spooner's design philosophy should be understood by decision makers planning roads in similar terrain.

Jim Longley abandoned the Mona Vale Road Corridor through Ingleside (and the Davidson Traffic Corridor and the Warringah Freeway Corridor) and will forever have his name associated with these decisions.

As this upgrade of Mona Vale Road will hopefully be built under your name, I'm sure you would agree, it should be designed to the highest possible standards.

Yours Faithfully

Philip Walker

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