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Dear Mr Bushby

Re: WARRINGAH FREEWAY – BUS LAYOVER

As you know, Council supports the bus layover proposal at Cammeray as a means to improve public transport.

I want to thank you for your crucial decision to proceed with the shared regional bicycle and pedestrian path adjacent to the Cammeray golf course. This is clearly the most cost effective and least disruptive time to undertake these works. Council greatly appreciates the inclusion of this facility in the bus layover project.

Council's last remaining concern regarding this project is that it is not currently intended to install a noise wall to shield residents from the Warringah Freeway and the bus layover.

Similarly, to the regional bike path, a noise wall will be much cheaper to construct at the same time as the bus layover. Since my previous letters, I continue to receive further correspondence from residents in the area who are deeply concerned that the bus layover project is going ahead without the installation of noise walls.

The Warringah Freeway has a large negative impact on the residents of North Sydney. The volume of vehicles using this road has progressively increased. For many years, Council has been asking the RTA to investigate the installation of sound barriers along the Freeway, particularly at Cammeray. Sections along the Warringah Freeway through Naremburn, Artarmon and Lane Cove have received noise walls. However, to date, Cammeray has not.

If the Warringah Freeway were built today it would automatically receive noise walls along its entire length. It is only because there has been a gradual and steady increase in vehicle volumes and associated noise that this road has not been given the noise wall treatment which it requires.

The bus layover project will move the Warringah Freeway on-ramp closer to residential properties. The bus layover project is already under construction. Therefore, Council requests that the RTA **urgently** reconsider this matter and install sound walls along the Warringah Freeway, adjacent to the bus layover, in consultation with the residents.

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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MAYOR