

**The undersigned residents of New South Wales reject the Government’s current plans to build an additional bridge over Iron Cove and ask the Legislative Assembly to put the project on hold while the full range of options (including the building of a tunnel from the Gladesville Bridge to the ANZAC Bridge with links to other infrastructure both existing and planned) are presented to, and considered by the community.**

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**T**O THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE  
ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED –

The Petitioners are residents of the State of New South Wales who use Iron Cove Bridge. The bridge forms the central 508 m of the 3.9 km (approx.) of Victoria Road passing through Drummoyne and Balmain/Rozelle between the Gladesville Bridge and the ANZAC Bridge. This entire length of road has inadequate carrying capacity and as part of the public transport strategy the Government proposes to erect an additional four-lane bridge over Iron Cove adjacent to the existing bridge. We believe that the proposed bridge is deficient as a solution and does not address the major causes of the present delays to buses and general traffic which are the gross volume of through traffic going from the Gladesville Bridge direct to the ANZAC Bridge vice versa together with the four major intersections in that section of Victoria Road. The major intersections are Westbourne Street, Lyons Road, Darling Street and the Roberts Street / City West Link / The Crescent complex.

We wish to bring to the attention of the house that -

- We are aggrieved that the general community was not given adequate opportunity to present their views in the process leading up to the announcement by the Premier of the Government's intention to duplicate Iron Cove Bridge.
- We are aggrieved that the government did not genuinely and openly consider the full range of options under discussion in the community.
- We are aggrieved that the government has refused the community suggestion to convert the current "transit lanes" to "bus only" lanes as an extended trial to simulate as closely as possible the conditions planned to become standard operations on the 3.9 km of Victoria Road currently being considered. It is acknowledged that the introduction of a dedicated bus lane in each direction will require active policing during this time period.
- We are aggrieved that the government has released insufficient information and proposes to allow so little time for comment that the current process has become invalid in the eyes of the community.
- We are aggrieved that the Government has not articulated the impact that duplication of the bridge in conjunction with the other measures proposed by the Government will have on the traffic congestion and delays for motorists (including those travelling in the "opposite to peak" direction who will be restricted to two lanes for the major part of the 3.9 km under the plan).
- We are aggrieved that the Government has claimed privilege to documents relating to the duplication of Iron Cove Bridge thus excluding the community from a debate in which the participants are fully informed.

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**A**nd your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.