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Dear Hon. O'Farrell,

RE: F3 Widening Project – Increased Traffic Noise from Road Surface

I and my fellow Berowra residents have been following this issue with keen interest via:

- A series of articles, often front page, by the Hornsby Advocate newspaper. Also there has been a scores of "letters to the editor" for the Hornsby Advocate and the Berowra Bush Telegraph on the F3 noise issue.
- RTA Media Release of 16 December 2008 regarding the F3 noise. This was obtained via the good efforts of Hon Ruddock & Hon Hopwood. I note in the Media Release that the proposed diamond grinding is not to be applied to all lanes that adjoin the suburb of Berowra. The diamond grinding will only be applied to the new lane. Existing lanes northwards of the Berowra ramps will miss out, but this is where most residents of the suburb of Berowra live!
- My own inquiries.

It is quite clear to my fellow residents and I that this issue is not progressing satisfactorily for the communities of Mt Colah, Mt Kuring-Gai and Berowra.

My fellow residents and I have been in contact with our local Members of Parliament, NSW & Federal. As a sample of some of my fundamental concerns with the RTA and the F3 Widening Project please see the following, with my additional emphasis of today in bold type:

====Extract from my letter to: Hon. Ruddock 18 March 2008====
==== (& also Hon. Hopwood) ====

"I do not object to the necessity of adding an extra lane to the F3 for the Berowra, Mt Kuring-Gai and Mt Colah sections.

However I do strongly object to:

- A) A noisier road surface being applied to the Mt Kuring-Gai and Mt Colah sections of the F3. **Large sections of the F3 with no suburbs beside them have a quieter road surface!***
- B) **The noise reduction that is to be applied for the F3 widening elsewhere will not be applied to the existing road for the Berowra section.***
- C) **There has been NO community consultation on the above. The RTA report for public comment (April 2006) only stated that "investigations are in***

progress" to determine what the road surface would be for the Berowra to Mt Colah sections (Section 7.4.7 of the April 2006 report). The RTA's now decided position (A) and (B) is at odds with my expectations and those of the communities of Berowra, Mt Kuring-Gai and Mt Colah.

D) Follow up traffic noise evaluation will only be for 12 months and only in selected parts of Mt Kuring-Gai and Mt Colah. Berowra and the larger parts of Mt Kuring-Gai and Mt Colah are to be excluded from the noise evaluation when the F3 widening is completed.

Why:

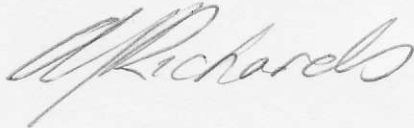
- 1) are Berowra, Mt Kuring-Gai and Mt Colah being unfairly treated to a noisier road surface compared with other sections of the F3?***
- 2) has there been a total lack of the due process for community consultation for such a critical matter as: a noisier road surface resulting from the F3 widening work?***

I would appreciate your response regarding the above irregularities and unfairness."

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The issues in the above have still not been addressed for Berowra!!!

I and my fellow Berowra residents (as well as Mt Kuring-Gai and Mt Colah) would appreciate these issues being raised in the NSW Parliament by our elected representatives in the hope of getting a satisfactory outcome for all residents along the southern portion of the F3!!!

I look forward to
Yours sincerely



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