

Yasmin Catley MP

MEMBER FOR SWANSEA



Prof. Mary O'Kane AC
Independent Planning Commission NSW
Level 3, 201 Elizabeth Street
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Dear Prof. Kane,

Re: Nords Wharf Concept Plan – Modification 1 (MP10_0088)

Thank you for providing an opportunity for the community to have their say on the Nords Wharf Concept Plan Modification application.

I have spoken with many concerned members of the Nords Wharf community about this modification application and I share their concerns about the applicant's proposal to upgrade the intersection of Nords Wharf Road and the Pacific Highway to a signalised seagull intersection, and construct turn restrictions on Awabakal Drive at the Pacific Highway instead of upgrading the intersection of Awabakal Drive and the Pacific Highway to a signalised seagull intersection, for the following reasons:

1. Turn restrictions at Awabakal Drive will alter the local traffic flows in the Nords Wharf Community both during construction and once the development is complete. Construction traffic and local residents wishing to travel south along the Pacific Highway would need to travel north along Government Road to use the Nords Wharf Road intersection, and similarly those travelling south along the Pacific Highway from Swansea will need to travel south along Government Road to access the development.
2. An increase of traffic including heavy vehicles along Government Road and Marine Parade will impact Nords Wharf Public School and Nords Wharf Community Preschool. There are no footpaths along Government Road and Marine Parade with the exception of a small section of footpath along Government Road between Omaru Close and Waterview Road. Many young school children walk and ride along these roads due to the lack of footpath and steep verges on both sides of the road.
3. Government Road is quite narrow and has two blind crests. Motorists approaching these crests cannot see hazards such as parked cars, pedestrians, cyclists and driveways on the other side of the hill. An increase of traffic along Government Road will exacerbate this issue.
4. Turn restrictions at Awabakal Drive will impact local bus services, increasing travel times for commuters.



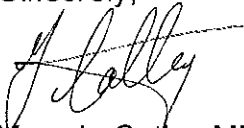
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5. The intersection of Nords Wharf Road and Government Road has poor sight distance for motorists existing Government Road and turning right onto Nords Wharf Road. I share the concerns of local community members who believe that an increase of traffic at this intersection will increase the likelihood of a serious accident at this location.

6. Turn restrictions at the intersection of Awabakal Drive and the Pacific Highway will not facilitate safe exit from Nords Wharf during an emergency. If there is an emergency such as a bushfire to the north of Nords Wharf residents will be unable to exit via Awabakal Drive and travel south away from the fire. There has been several instances in recent years where the Pacific Highway has been closed north of Nords Wharf Road due to serious motor vehicle accidents and bushfires.

It is for these reasons that I do not support the applicant's modification application and I urge you to maintain the existing consent conditions which require the applicant to upgrade the intersection of Awabakal Drive and the Pacific Highway to a signalised seagull intersection for the safety of the Nords Wharf community.

Sincerely,



Yasmin Catley MP
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19 February 2020