



Clause 35 of the Meeting Procedures Local Law 2019

Petition of Electors

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To the Mayor of the Town of Victoria Park,

We, the undersigned, all being electors of the Town of Victoria Park do respectfully request that Council:

DO continue with the original & approved proposal (occurring as a result of extensive community consultation) of widening Rutland Avenue to include an off-road walking and cycling path and KEEP Rutland Avenue as a two way Street.

DO NOT change this approved proposal by converting Rutland Avenue to a one-way street with traffic being diverted through other streets of Lathlain.

The reasons for this request are:

- 1 - The diversion of traffic to surrounding streets (as shown during the trial) is significant, and will be detrimental to the general amenity of our Lathlain suburb, impacting many streets. This impact includes concerns for the safety of children walking and cycling to/from Lathlain Primary School, St Augustine Primary School and Ursula Frayne Catholic College, using Gallipoli St and needing to cross Gallipoli or Goddard Streets.
- 2 - There is no extra cost to Town of Victoria Park ratepayers to continue with the original plan, as the entire project is funded by The Department of Transport.
- 3 - The "trial" was very limited, only considering traffic numbers between Rutland and Gallipoli and not considering other important information, such as:
 - the safety issues along Gallipoli St near the Gallipoli St shops where cyclists (often children riding to school) have to leave the path to travel down the middle of the road around parked cars – made significantly more difficult during peak hour with the huge increase in cars at that time on Gallipoli St.
 - No data collection was included for Goddard St or streets between Gallipoli and Goddard, even though it was very apparent there was heavy congestion on Goddard during the trial that decreased at the completion of the trial.
 - Only residents living on one side of Gallipoli, Rutland and the streets in between were notified of the trial and so many other residents impacted were not aware of the opportunity to provide feedback on the trial.
 - The rezoning of parts of Rutland Ave to R60 will likely result in an increase in traffic volumes and hasn't been factored into any modelling.
 - Safety issues resulting from the heavy traffic congestion at the intersections of Howick and Gallipoli St, Cornwall and Gallipoli St and Goddard and Orrong Rd have not been monitored or considered throughout the trial.
 - The negative impact on the overall amenity on our Lathlain suburb which will now have many streets being used as a thoroughfare.
 - The potential impact on the valuation of properties, resulting from the significant increase in traffic along many streets.
- 4 - For Lathlain residents, the long term benefits of keeping with the original plan far outweigh the Town of Vic Park's desire to deliver the project faster. The project work will be temporary and short lived, while the negative impacts of making Rutland Ave one-way will be much more significant than any short-term project and will be permanent.
- 5 - Rutland Ave is a continuation of Bishopgate St and doesn't allow curbside parking making the flow of traffic requiring to get onto Great Eastern Highway a smooth transition with minimal impact on the suburb.