Dear Councillors,

John Giardina, Janelle Sewell, Geoff Stallard, Brooke O'Donnell, Katy Ritchie, Lesley Boyd, Mary Cannon, Sue Bilich, Lisa Cooper, Cameron Blair, Dylan O'Connor and Margaret Thomas

I am a ratepayer residing in Priory Road for some 40 years now and wish to bring to your attention my experience and concerns regarding the State and Australian Black Spot Programs Submission at the intersection of Priory/Kalamunda Roads that went to Council in December last year.

Nearly the entire proposed slip lane to assist those turning right would be in a 40kph area which is often now congested, particularly during the school crosswalk times staggering and banking movements both in and out of Priory Road. This can be bumper to bumper back to Maida Vale Road (from Priory Road) and gridlock all traffic. A school is opposite this Black Spot and cars are always parked along Kalamunda Road outside the school and always flow into Priory Road at the actual Black Spot. We have had people park on our verge (and we are closer to the other end of the short street) for child drop off and pick-ups. Congestion has at times taken up the entire Road; winter is a nightmare.

The residents of Priory Road have a long history of voicing their concerns regarding the traffic congestion, speed and the "Black Spot"; so much so that in 1998-1999 the City resolved to close Priory Road at it's southern end to make it a cul-de-sac. For some reason this did not eventuate and we were left perplexed and disappointed. The residents of Priory Road have asked the City to reduce the speed limit from 60 to 50kph to no avail. We have a "recommended 40kph" sign on our verge which no one appears to take any notice of. Buses need to stop in this very short street and because of the constant traffic and need for movement, road rage is often seen and heard. Our front fence has been impacted twice. Children and parents use this route walking to and from the school which is located opposite the "Black Spot". Approx. 450 persons (students, staff and public) attend this school most weekdays. Bus stops have been pulled out of the ground and left on the side of the road out of frustration and others have been moved and re-inserted in various spots (on one occasion this happened overnight). The roundabout at the Maida Vale end is an extremely dangerous spot, particularly if needing to enter Priory at a 75 degree entry (coming from Hawtin Road end which I do often); please try this entry; if any oncoming traffic is entering the roundabout coming from West, I guarantee 1 out of 3 encounters will leave you very concerned.

It is noted in the minutes from 17.12.19 that closing off Priory Road would be taking away an access which has always been there; however, Maida Vale Road, (now known as Old Maida Vale Road) once went through to Hawtin.

We need a collaborative approach; any bandaid, short term, solution will no doubt prove itself to be an ongoing issue with the anticipated new train station and housing in itself increasing the traffic which will result in more people using Priory as a fast track short cut. Without a long term workable traffic solution (bearing in mind Priory Road is a "local distributor" and not a "distributor B" road. The right turn slip lane into Kalamunda Road will prove in the short term to be inadequate, leaving the public with the Black Spot.

In reference to 13. OPTION 1:

The minutes of 17.12.2019 states the proposed slip lane would not likely meet minimum benchmark for Black Spot funding. The Black Spot remains a significant issue and safety is paramount.

I have received many letters over 30 years (as many other Priory Road residents); so much discussion, input and requests have failed to come to some sort of workable solution.

This letter is written without prejudice to Councillors and Council staff whom voted in the OCM on 17.12.2019. We hope some Councillors whom previously supported the right hand turn slip lane into Kalamunda Road; may reconsider their vote after hearing concerns from a residents perspective.

Closing off Priory Road or no entry right into Kalamunda Road would likely cost as little or less than the anticipated right slip lane and is considered favourable and worth serious consideration.

Maxine McWalters

03/03/2020

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The residents of Priory road wish to express their concerns about the proposed endorsement of the construction of an acceleration lane on Kalamunda Road.

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