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Mr John Owen  
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Dear Mr Owen

**Re: Euroka St roundabout, Northbridge**

The Association is dismayed that, at its meeting on November 15 2006, Willoughby Traffic Committee recommended that Council not proceed with the installation of a roundabout at the intersection of Euroka St and Sailors Bay Rd.

This roundabout was an integral part of Northbridge Town Centre Masterplan that was approved by Council in 2004. The roundabout was planned so that vehicles entering or exiting proposed laneways or large new residential/commercial buildings planned for Sailors Bay Rd would not need to cross lines of traffic, thereby causing even greater congestion in Sailors Bay Rd. Two such large buildings (128 and 175) have been built and a third (154) is seeking approval. Already, traffic entering 128 Sailors Bay Rd from the west is causing blockages to both east and west bound traffic. It can only get worse.

During the past year, the Association was informed by Council officers that the roundabout has been designed and that funds would be available in the 2007/2008 year. We understood that the developers of 128 Sailors Bay Rd had made a financial contribution towards the cost of the roundabout.

Traffic Committee's decision seems mainly to be based on facilitating an exit from Euroka St, whereas this was always a secondary consideration. We are not surprised that Euroka St residents showed "a weak indication of community support". It is Northbridge commuters, school parents and Town Centre residents and shopkeepers who are most affected and should have been consulted. The Association urges Council to proceed with the roundabout as planned in the 2007/2008 year.

Regards

Malcolm Lye  
Secretary

Copy: Sailors Bay Ward councillors, Gladys Berejiklian MP