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Mr Nick Tobin  
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Dear Mr Tobin

**Re: Traffic in Northbridge**

At NPA's committee meeting on March 1, the committee discussed the outcome of the recent general meeting, which 90 residents attended. In relation to the nursing home DA and the Northbridge Park Masterplan, we noted that the main concern uppermost in residents' minds was traffic congestion, closely followed by lack of street parking. We also noted remarks by Cr Hooper that traffic studies for developments like the nursing home typically dealt with traffic and parking issues within a block or two of the development but did not take into consideration Northbridge as a whole (or Willoughby as a whole).

In the past few years in Northbridge, we have seen the development of a new preparatory school (Shore), the expansion of Shore's playing field facilities, a strong growth in student population at the two primary schools, five substantial three or four storey new apartment buildings, several SEPP5 developments, an expansion of Northbridge Hotel, big growth in commuter parking in the suburb, and increased patronage of Willoughby Leisure Centre. During the period, no doubt through-traffic to and from the city and northern suburbs has also increased. All these factors have increased overall traffic and exacerbated parking problems in Northbridge.

In particular, residents are concerned about entry into and exit from the suburb, where there is only one main entry/exit with traffic lights – Sailors Bay Rd.

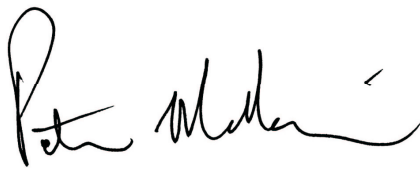
In the future, we will have a new car wash facility, and we see on the drawing boards a 116-bed nursing home, increased use of Northbridge Oval, a major new sports complex, and additional SEPP units. Ultimately, we will again face the potential expansion of Northbridge Plaza and car park. Furthermore, the approved Northbridge Town Centre Masterplan contemplates a series of four storey residential/commercial buildings in Sailors Bay Rd and Strathallen Ave plus a town square which would eliminate 16 street parking spaces in Bellambi St. In addition, 81 townhouses are likely to be developed at the Market Garden (Willoughby Paddocks) site. All will generate more traffic and further increase parking problems for Northbridge residents.

Is it any wonder that Northbridge residents resist big new developments and the traffic they generate?

The NPA committee believes that it is time for a major Traffic Study in Northbridge to establish a long term strategy to deal with traffic in and through the suburb. We believe the study should focus particularly on the corridors from the Suspension Bridge to Tenilba Rd and from Clive Park to Alpha Rd.

It is unlikely that NPA would be able to fund such a study by itself. We seek support from and the advice of Council about how best to pursue such a study with Council and RTA.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter McNair', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Peter McNair  
President

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