

Questions from Vincentia Matters (in red) and Answers from Shelley Hancock (in black)

The NSW Government remains committed to upgrading the intersection of Jervis Bay Road and the Princes Highway and as you would be aware Transport for New South Wales is continuing to evaluate three options including a flyover.

Has a decision already been made that an overpass will not be built?

No decision has yet been made regarding a preferred option and my comments to have been seriously misconstrued and misreported. I simply pointed out that there were concerns about a flyover as expressed to me by TfNSW, who have been liaising with your group as well as the wider community and will continue to do so.

· If so, why has there been the charade of community consultation?

· How is a whole town going to be “wiped out”; west of the highway with an overpass being built?

The fact remains that a number of properties on the western side of the Princes Highway at Falls will be impacted by a flyover.

· What are the environmental concerns?

The environmental concerns have been expressed to me by TfNSW and you are able to request this information from them.

· What are the “intended consequences” of building an overpass?

Unintended consequences may be environmental or social.

· How do you justify your statement that an overpass will not improve travel times when all the expert opinion regarding roundabouts says that they do not work at T-intersections (such as JB Road) and so obviously an overpass would speed up both the highway traffic and the vehicles exiting JB Road?

NO RESPONSE

This morning you described the intersection as “critical” and “dangerous” so how can you accept a second class option for the JB intersection which is the busiest between Nowra and the Victorian Border according to Transport in NSW.

It should be made clear that I remain committed to a solution and will await the TfNSW evaluation of the options.

