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Mr Robert Miesegeas
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Dear Robert,

I had the pleasure of meeting you late last year at the Northern Beaches Council (NBC) meeting room in Mona Vale when you and the NBC met with the community groups of Newport & further north re the extension of the B-Line north of Mona Vale.

I am writing on behalf of the Newport Residents Association. We were provided a copy of a letter from yourself to one of our members Mr David Frost of 437 Barrenjoey Road Newport dated 21st March 2018. In that letter you made the following statement;

'It was determined based on the assessment and comparative analysis carried out, that an extension to Newport would provide the best service. This also took into consideration relevant information from Census, Opal and Transport NSW survey data and was supported by key local stakeholders, Northern Beaches Council and local electoral office.'

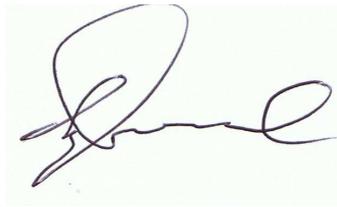
We are mystified at the statement of support from 'key local stakeholders' given that we had a Rally on the 22nd October 2017 which drew approx. 700 people who either were strongly against the B-Line coming to Newport or were voicing their concerns about it. Additionally 3,140 plus people signed a petition with only one of those signing in support of the B-Line to Newport, all the others said no or prove it to us that it is viable – you cannot say that is support from the major key stakeholders (i.e. the community). We have previously sent you a copy of the petition containing those 3,140 signatures (which includes their individual comments).

With the preparation of the Review of Environmental Factors (which your office has now advised will not be released until May sometime) we are concerned that its reliance may be on your view of 'the support of key local stakeholders' to drive a favourable report. The community has been very patient in waiting for the REF (initially projected for February) to prove that the extension of the B-Line to Newport would indeed provide the best service to the communities north of Mona Vale and a roundabout at the corner of Barrenjoey Road and Neptune Road Newport would not have a detrimental effect on Newport and its village.

Further, one of the concerns is the establishment of another 'choke point' for traffic coming from north of Newport. The advice by a number of the community organisations north of Newport is that they have not been directly consulted regarding the traffic impacts on their communities, despite your officers advising us that the REF would include the outcomes of such consultation. We are aware that some of those community organisations have written to your office outlining their objections to any extension of the B-Line past Mona Vale.

We look forward to both the arrival of an unbiased REF document and your response to the concerns we have raised above.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light green background. The signature is cursive and appears to read 'Gavin Butler'.

Gavin Butler
President

Cc Hon Rob Stokes, Member for Pittwater