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The new offramp/interchange proposed from the Hume Highway will be an issue that would significantly affect Bingara Gorge. It has the potential to create a "short cut" through Bingara Gorge, particularly as congestion increases at the Picton Road/Hume Highway intersection.

The location of the proposed interchange allows northern access to, and southern exit from, the Hume Highway only. Access from the northern side of the Hume and access to the southern side of the Hume will still require vehicles to travel through Bingara Gorge via Fairway Drive to the existing Picton Road interchange. This will potentially require an upgrade of Fairway Drive earlier than anticipated to provide the necessary capacity for anticipated traffic numbers. Further detailed traffic modelling will be required to identify the potential impact on Fairway Drive as a result development of the Wilton North Precinct, and in the absence of a direct connection from Wilton North to Picton Road. It is noted that the Planning Proposal contains confirmation from RMS that likely traffic volumes at the junction of the exit ramp and Fairway Drive are required and that there is sufficient capacity at that junction.

As regional traffic growth continues and volumes of traffic utilising the Hume Highway and Picton Road to access the Illawarra and southern highlands continue to increase, the alternative route created by the new exit ramp and roads will be increasingly attractive to through traffic. Channelling regional traffic through the Bingara Gorge community, on local residential streets has obvious impacts on the amenity of residents, the character of the Bingara Gorge community, and on road and pedestrian safety. There is no indication in the draft precinct plan as to how regional traffic use of this route would be deterred, or consideration of the potential need for road network upgrades or consideration of safety and amenity noise and air quality impacts) as a result of the proposal.

I concerns regarding the traffic impact to the existing Fairways Drive at Bingara Gorge, mainly due to the absence of any certainty of alternate intersections to Picton Road as per the TMAP, the uncertainty of the timing of the new off and on ramp which they assume would be constructed simultaneously for the first stage of development within Wilton North proposal.

I further support Lendleases's proposal detailed in attachments