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### SCHOOL ZONE MADNESS

In light of the freak accident at North Ryde yesterday that has left a young boy fighting for his life, school zone lights campaigner Peter Olsen has again criticised the RTA and Government over what he says is a total lack of commonsense in the siting of school zones.

“On 9<sup>th</sup> March 2009 I issued a media release pointing out major inconsistencies with school zones that I said that were risking children’s lives. Yesterday’s accident bears that out.

“The young boy was waiting for a bus on busy Lane Cove Rd outside North Ryde Public School at 3.45pm. Lane Cove Rd is 70kmh and has no 40kmh school zone near the school.

“Parents from the school have long been asking the RTA for a 40kmh zone but have been ignored. If the car had been travelling at 40kmh the boy’s injuries would have been much less severe.

“That school is one of many where the school entrance is in a side street very close to a main road that does not have a 40kmh school zone. Other examples include (see photos below):

- Peakhurst West Primary, cnr Henry Lawson Dr & Belmore Rd Peakhurst
- St Joseph’s Primary, cnr Newbridge Rd & Nuwarra Rd Moorebank
- Colyton Primary, Great Western Highway & Nelson St Mount Druitt
- Seven Hills Primary, Prospect Highway & Lucas Rd Seven Hills
- Liverpool West Primary, cnr Hoxton Park Rd & Flowerdale Rd Liverpool
- Freeman Catholic High, cnr Cowpasture Rd & Mount St Bonnyrigg
- St Gertrude Primary, cnr Cumberland Hwy & Neville St Smithfield
- St Francis Xaviers Primary, cnr Princes Hwy & Forest Rd Arncliffe

“At the other end of the scale there are numerous school zones on streets that are a long way from the schools. Examples include:

- Mt Annan Christian College, Currans Hill (40kmh on Narellan Rd, 800m from the school)
- Padstow Park Primary, Doyle Rd Padstow (40kmh on Uranus Rd, 360m from the school)
- Hurstville South Primary, Maher St Hurstville Grove (40kmh on Hillcrest Ave)
- Smithfield West Primary, Wetherill St Smithfield (40kmh on Polding St)

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Peakhurst West Public School – No 40kmh zone on Henry Lawson Dr



St Joseph's Public School Moorebank – No 40kmh zone on Newbridge Rd