

Cowan Road, Mt Colah – Responses to Public Consultation

TRIM	Support	Object	Comments (summarised)	Council Response
Totals	18	14		
D08239188	1		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supports the proposed installation of pedestrian refuges. 2. Suggests speed humps due to speeding concerns. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comments noted. 2. Provision of the speed humps is considered unwarranted considering the narrow geometry of the road. The pedestrian refuges will provide speed reduction through deflection of traffic flow around the pedestrian refuge islands.
D08239717	1		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. School supports proposed pedestrian refuges as it will provide pedestrian amenity for students to walk to school. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comments noted.
D08240705	1		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supports the proposed installation of pedestrian crossing. 2. Concerns over speeding vehicles on Cowan Road accessing Telopea Street. 3. Resident for 57 years. Refuge is best thing in years. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comments noted. 2. Comments noted. 3. Comments noted.
D08244643	1		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Concerns over unaccompanied primary aged students using refuge safely. Requested consideration that refuge be upgraded to pedestrian (zebra) crossing due to proximity to school. 2. Request refuge proposed near Gray Street was not moved further from corner over concerns it wouldn't be used due to pedestrian desire lines. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provision of a pedestrian crossing at this location is not warranted due to relatively low pedestrian volumes. The pedestrian refuges will provide a staged crossing facility of the road for school children, in accordance with TNSW technical directions. 2. Proposed location of refuge selected as safest of three locations to accommodate pedestrian desire line as well as allow for Swept Path requirements of heavy (long) vehicles.
D08245332 Petition organised by a resident, signed by 14 residents		14	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Objects to proposed installation of pedestrian refuge near Gray Street. 2. Has observed a decline in traffic volumes in recent years in subject location due to deficiency of the State road network. 3. Concerned that pedestrian refuge will not provide speed reduction. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comments noted. 2. There are no numerical minimum warrants for the requirement of pedestrian refuges on local roads as opposed to marked pedestrian crossings where minimum pedestrian and vehicle movements must be met. 3. Considering the narrow geometry of the road, the pedestrian refuges will provide speed reduction through

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Requesting traffic data collected to justify the project. 5. There is no pedestrian desire line at the proposed Gray Street pedestrian refuge location. 6. No direct school access onto Cowan Road due to gate being locked. 7. Concerned proposed refuge will put pedestrians who use it at risk due to low numbers of traffic volumes and driver bias. 8. Concerned proposed refuge will be unnecessary road safety hazard and visual impairment to local aesthetics and amenity of the area. 9. Concerned that residents will not be able to access their properties due to delineation around pedestrian refuge islands. 10. Concerned road width at subject location is not sufficient to allow for on street parking if double barrier lines are installed. 	<p>deflection of traffic flow around the pedestrian refuge islands.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. While COVID has prevented Council from undertaking detailed traffic analysis, traffic counts will be obtained at the location as soon as practicable. 5. Based on the school population and location of residence of students. The anticipated pedestrian movement at this location are in the order of 50 pedestrian movements during the peak period. Ongoing requests from parents of school students have requested a pedestrian facility at this location to provide a safe crossing location for their children. 6. School has locked Cowan Road access gate for security reasons and in response to neighbouring properties concerns. 7. There are no numerical minimum warrants for the requirement of pedestrian refuges on local roads as opposed to marked pedestrian crossings where minimum pedestrian and vehicle movements must be met. 8. Pedestrians Refuges are built in accordance with TNSW technical directions. Their built form and appearance is mandated by the TNSW guidelines. 9. Council will provide broken delineation lines on painted median directly outside affected property accessway, making it legal to turn across painted median. 10. The proposed pedestrian refuge will remove some parking and also provide a staged crossing of the roadway. Following previous reconstruction of Cowan Road and installation of kerb ramps, Council received requests to ban parking in Cowan Road to improve safety of school children. The installation of the proposed pedestrian refuge will see Cowan Road (west) lose five (5) spaces due to installation of No Stopping zone. Cowan Road (east) will lose eight (8) spaces due to installation of refuge and parking restrictions. In total 13 parking spaces will be removed near the refuges. The parking restrictions are mandatory to maintain adequate site lines for pedestrians and drivers at and on approach to the refuge location.
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D08246771	1		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supports the proposed installation of pedestrian refuges near the Mount Colah Public School. 2. Consideration for the safety of the school children, school staff, local families, train commuters along with the general community. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comments noted. 2. Comments noted.
D08246782	1		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supports the proposed installation of pedestrian refuges near the Mount Colah Public School. 2. Will improve safety in the area for school children and local families (along with train commuters - including school children who catch trains to high schools, plus local residents, school staff, and the general community) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comments noted. 2. Comments noted.
D08246790	1		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supports the proposed installation of pedestrian refuges near the Mount Colah Public School. 2. Questioned if refuge could be upgraded to pedestrian (zebra) crossing due to proximity to school. 3. Concerned about existing vehicles parking too close to intersection of Gray and Telopea Streets. Could Council consider signposting No Stopping signs at intersections to prevent vehicles parking too close. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comments noted. 2. Provision of a pedestrian crossing at this location is not warranted due to relatively low pedestrian volumes. The pedestrian refuges will provide a staged crossing facility of the road for school children, in accordance with TNSW technical directions. 3. Installation of No Stopping signs to reinforce the existing 10 metre rule at intersection has been added to the proposed plan.
D08247049	1		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supports the proposed installation of pedestrian refuges near the Mount Colah Public School. 2. My children regularly cross this road and it is difficult, particularly at the busy times of school drop off and pick up. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comments noted. 2. Comments noted.

D08247220	1		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supports the proposed installation of pedestrian refuges near the Mount Colah Public School. 2. Will ensure children walking to school and the general public will be safer crowding the road at that point. I have 3 children, all that attend Mount Colah Public school, who will directly benefit. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comments noted. 2. Comments noted.
D08247222	1		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supports the proposed installation of pedestrian refuges near the Mount Colah Public School. 2. Applauds all efforts to make area safer for pedestrians and cyclists, young and old. 3. Would like to see similar refuge at top of Northumberland Road at intersection with Pacific Hwy. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comment noted 2. Comment noted. 3. Northumberland Road request has been added to list of locations for future consideration dependent on available funding.
D08247340	1		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supports the proposed installation of pedestrian refuges near the Mount Colah Public School. 2. A lot of school children use this road to cross. Potentially quite a dangerous situation that will be helped a lot by the install. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comment noted. 2. Comment noted.
D08247588	1		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not opposed to the pedestrian refuge. 2. Concerns relating to too many road signs for the project cluttering road side. 3. Concerns over whether plan allows for local bus routes and waste vehicles being able to manoeuvre around pedestrian refuges. 4. Concerns regarding resident's vehicles parked on road being hit by vehicles turning into Cowan Road. 5. Concerns that most children are driven to school in place of walking. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comment noted. 2. The installation of warning signs and parking regulations is mandatory for pedestrian refuges, however Council will review proposed plan to limit unnecessary signage where possible. 3. Design has been developed in consultation with the local bus operators including field trials of the device to ensure the bus and other heavy vehicle movements are accommodated. 4. A Swept Path analysis has been conducted to accommodate heavy (long) vehicle movements when turning into Cowan Road. 5. Previous walking and cycling surveys conducted with all schools within the Hornsby LGA highlighted concerns from many families about the lack of pedestrian facilities available and subsequent road safety concerns over children walking or cycling to and from school where no facilities are provided. This is part of a wholistic approach to encouraging active travel infrastructure for vulnerable road users and is inline with the safe system principles to road safety. Based on the school population and location of residence of students. The anticipated pedestrian

			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Concerns over drivers cutting corner at intersection of Belmont Parade turning into Cowan Road. 7. Requested consideration of crossing facility on Ku-Ring-Gai Chase Road due to high volume of vehicle movements. 	<p>movement at this location are in the order of 60 pedestrian movements during the peak period.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. The pedestrian refuge will encourage drivers to navigate the corner without crossing to the centre of the road. 7. Ku-Ring-Gai Chase Road is a State road and any facilities provided on that road are subject to an extensive approval process under the jurisdiction of Transport for NSW. The funding available for the Cowan Road project is part of a Federal Stimulus School Zone program providing road safety facilities for vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists.
D08249105	1		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supports the proposed installation of pedestrian refuges near the Mount Colah Public School. 2. Parents of one current and one future student of Mount Colah Public School 3. Pedestrian refuges would be positive and beneficial 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comments noted. 2. Comments noted. 3. Comments noted.
D08249890	1		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mount Colah Public School P&C supports the proposed installation of pedestrian refuges near the Mount Colah Public School. 2. Would provide extra safety measures to assist students coming to or from school. 3. We are always encouraging our students and families to walk or bike ride to school to limit vehicle movement, contribute to reducing environmental emissions and for their own health benefits. Extra additional pedestrian crossings will assist in encouraging students and their parents to walk or ride more often. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comments noted. 2. Comments noted. 3. Active Travel is an initiative encouraged by the NSW Department of Education and Training as well as Transport for NSW and Hornsby Shire Council with the aim of reducing congestion and safety issues within school zones.
D08249898	1		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supports the proposed installation of pedestrian refuges near the Mount Colah Public School. 2. Have three children who regularly walk, ride and scoot to school 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comments noted. 2. Comments noted.
D08257419	1		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supports the proposed installation of pedestrian refuges near the Mount Colah Public School. 2. Believes more parents will likely allow their children to walk to school if there is a safe crossing facility. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comments noted. 2. Comments noted.

D08268680	1		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supports the proposed installation of pedestrian refuges near the Mount Colah Public School. 2. Does not believe there is a speeding problem along this section of Cowan Road 3. Issues with increased traffic during school peak times at the Belmont Parade railway bridge intersection. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comments noted. 2. Comments noted. 3. This section is on the State road network and any facilities provided on that road are subject to an extensive approval process under the jurisdiction of Transport for NSW
D08280589	1		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bus operator supports proposed refuges as per amended plans and site meeting. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comments noted.