

43 Submissions - Public Consultation - Bellevue Street THORNLEIGH - Proposed Pedestrian Crossing

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REFERRAL - Ausgrid	D08686122	1			Ausgrid has no objections to this proposal	Comments noted.
REFERRAL - Transport	D08696643	1			Thank you for your email regarding the proposed installation of a pedestrian crossing on Bellevue Street, Thornleigh. TfNSW has reviewed the proposed traffic improvements and has no objections or concerns regarding these.	Comments noted.
REFERRAL - Police	D08691602	1			No objection	Comments noted.
UNKNOWN	D08689045	1			Fantastic. long overdue	Comments noted.
UNKNOWN	D08693733	1			Great idea, fully support it	Comments noted.
UNKNOWN	D08694730		1		Hell no ! That's going to cause more traffic and accidents. Maybe further down but not right in the corner	There is no evidence from past experience that implementing a pedestrian crossing would generate more traffic or lead to more accidents. The existing pedestrian kerb blisters and footpath ramps have been used by pedestrians for a long time. A pedestrian crossing on the existing location will improve road safety for all road users.
UNKNOWN	D08695882			1	A pedestrian crossing would be great, BUT until observation of the STOP signs is enforced, it will cause chaos.	A minority of drivers have a disregard for traffic regulations, including STOP signs at an intersection. This is a driver behaviour issue that can only be addressed through enforcement by NSW Police.
UNKNOWN	D08694921			1	Why not just install speed bumps on wood street and Bellevue? The big issue with this intersection is vehicles not adhering to the stop signs.	A minority of drivers have a disregard for traffic regulations, including STOP signs at an intersection. This is a driver behaviour issue that can only be addressed through enforcement by NSW Police.
UNKNOWN	D08700226			1	Apologies if you have received comments regarding this proposal previously recommending not purely a pedestrian crossing. But perhaps speed bumps at that intersection in conjunction with the stop sign. Far too many cars do not stop.. nor give way regardless of road layout or foot traffic. Combining raised speed bumps with the stop sign ; with reduced speed to 40kmh and your proposed pedestrian crossing may work together to reduce this hazard and potential risks.	A minority of drivers have a disregard for traffic regulations, including STOP signs at an intersection. This is a driver behaviour issue that can only be addressed through enforcement by NSW Police.
UNKNOWN	D08695009	1			Glad to hear this is in progress. This will be a great addition to the area given the high amount of foot traffic needing to access the shops from the surrounding apartment complexes without direct pedestrian access to the Marketplace. My family uses the road frequently when walking in the area and accessing the shops with our young children.	Comments noted.
UNKNOWN	D08694917			1	Bellevue street is busy street, it has bus service as well ! needs put measure for pedestrians safety. Fully support to install zebra marked crossings line to give pedestrians priority. Restrict speed limit to 40 mph like most dense pedestrians area. Restrict shopping trolley outside shopping centre to minimise shopper crossings the street frequently.	Comments noted. Speed limits are managed by TfNSW, Council is currently working with TfNSW on a review of speed limits in town centres. Issue of trolleys will be investigated by Council's Compliance Branch.
UNKNOWN	D08694886		1		I think that this is a bad idea, the parking is blocking the view of drivers being able to see pedestrians. The crossing lulls people into a false sense of security assuming people will stop for pedestrians, which they won't as these intersections are so dangerous. To improve the plan remove the park 5 metres on all streets in the intersection. This idea is not smart and I am very concerned for the older and younger members of our community who are less aware and are in danger of a car accident. This proposal needs to be rethought and members of the community should have a say! I don't want any Thornleigh family have to experience a fatality, because of a new pedestrian crossing.	According to NSW Road Rules, no stopping restriction applies to non-signalised intersections 10 metres from the intersection. Site measurement shows drivers and pedestrians will have sufficient sight distance at the proposed location with the kerb blisters currently in place. This is in line with TfNSW technical directions and Australian Standards.

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UNKNOWN	D08694755			1	I agree the crossing is a great idea, however cars very rarely stop at the stop signs behind where this proposed crossing is. I've had countless near-misses with cars consistently neglecting these stop signs as a resident of Bellevue St driving through this intersection (majority of residents of Bellevue St would agree with this / have experienced this). Concerned this may be an issue with cars coming around these corners so fast in conjunction with a pedestrian crossing where pedestrians may now not look before they cross. Concerned this also may create more traffic congestion as only one car can fit through here at a time, and congestion of cars may build up whilst waiting for pedestrians to cross.	A minority of drivers have a disregard for traffic regulations, including STOP signs at an intersection. This is a driver behaviour issue that can only be addressed through enforcement by NSW Police. Studies show that pedestrians sometimes cross a road using a forced gap where there is no pedestrian crossing, which can lead to a higher level of disruption to traffic flow and a road safety issue. Introducing a pedestrian crossing will give priority to pedestrians so drivers and pedestrians will interact smoothly with less disruption to traffic flow, as well as providing a safer road environment for pedestrians.
OUT OF SHIRE - RESIDENT WEST PYMBLE	D08694859	1			I am supportive of a zebra crossing at Bellevue Street in Thornleigh. As density increases due to the development of apartments, please consider further road management solutions to improve safety for drivers and pedestrians.	Comments noted.
NEIGHBOURHOOD RESIDENT	D08691092			1	I am writing in response to the proposed pedestrian crossing on Bellevue Street, Thornleigh. While the proposal is helpful it isn't enough. Where pedestrians cross from the dentist to Thornleigh Marketplace on the corner of Wood & Bellevue Sts is a very dangerous spot and we also need a pedestrian crossing there. Although there is a stop sign not every driver stops to let pedestrians cross and we have to take pot luck every day getting across that intersection. Everyone in our neighbourhood is concerned about it. There have been a lot of near misses, there are elderly people and school children crossing at that spot and it is only a matter of time before a pedestrian gets hit by a car. It is especially bad in peak hour. Some of the drivers are very aggressive, I have had drivers tell me that I am supposed to give way to them which is a new one on me, I have had drivers give me 'the fingers' and one driver said to me one day "this is not a pedestrian walkway". I don't know how he thought I was going to get from one side of the road to the other without actually crossing it! I am happy to be contacted either by email or phone XXXX XXX XXX	A minority of drivers have a disregard for traffic regulations, including STOP signs at an intersection. This is a driver behaviour issue that can only be addressed through enforcement by NSW Police. Council will review the need for additional traffic facilities in Wood Street.
PEDESTRIAN	D08700083			1	I am writing in support of council's proposed crossing, and urge you to consider extension of the proposed crossing to provide a safe means of crossing across Wood Street, on the North / shopping-centre side of Bellevue Street. This crossing should be a priority since: * There is often heavy traffic passing along Wood Street coming from the Comenarra direction (a 60km/h road, often cars fail to slow down after turning). This makes the crossing dangerous for pedestrians. I including myself, my pregnant wife and my 12 month old son. * furthermore, there are two major entrances to the shopping centre carpark on Wood Street; drivers entering and exiting the centre are often distracted by the traffic and ignore / don't appear to notice pedestrians trying to make the crossing or who may already be crossing. * While there is a pedestrian crossing of Wood Street at the intersection with Comenarra, there is no footpath to access it (on the non-shopping centre side of Wood St i.e. the East side).	Comments noted. Council will review the need for additional traffic facilities in Wood Street. Footpath along the eastern side of Wood Street will be considered in future works program.

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RESIDENT - BELLEVUE	D08700568			1	As a local resident(4doors from corner) i think your plan while good for those crossing Bellevue st could also see many people run down by cars as no one stops coming up Woods st to turn left into Bellevue st and many turning right also do not stop for the stop sign. this area is the beginning of the "rat run " around the lights on Pennant hills road.the sensible thing for council to do as the population will expand as new units are built is to put pedestrian crossings on both sides of Bellevue st in Wood st lower the speed limit to 40 kph this would make easier for people to cross wood st instead of worrying they might be run down by a driver with no patience.	Comments noted. Speed limits are managed by TfNSW, Council is currently working with TfNSW on a review of speed limits in town centres. Council will review the need for additional traffic facilities in Wood Street.
RESIDENT - BELLEVUE	D08688032			1	We appreciate the offer of consultation in relation to the planned pedestrian crossing at the Bellevue / Wood intersection. We agree that the planned crossing is necessary to increase pedestrian safety when crossing between the North/South sides of Bellevue Street and support the proposal. We would however add that the crossing over Wood Street on the northern side of Bellevue St also presents significant risk to pedestrian safety, especially due to the increasing volumes of traffic travelling both north and south on Wood St. We suggest that at the same time as implementing a pedestrian crossing as proposed, a second crossing is added on the northern side of Bellevue/Wood. This would support the existing footpath which is consistent along the length of Bellevue St and together with the proposed crossing would enable safe travel in both directions across this intersection. If you require additional information on this suggestion, please let us know. Otherwise, we appreciate your consideration of it.	Council will review the need for additional traffic facilities in Wood Street.
RESIDENT THORNLEIGH	D08692657				I wholeheartedly support the installation of a marked pedestrian crossing in Bellevue Street. Currently, getting to the shopping centre from the train station in Thornleigh requires crossing a pedestrian bridge, an unmarked street crossing, and a pedestrian crossing with lights. Waiting at the pedestrian crossing with lights can add significant time onto a round trip from the station to the shopping centre; considering that the walk is very short, a five-minute wait (which is very near the worst case) could double the length of the trip. Installing a marked pedestrian crossing with pedestrian priority in this location, near the Bellevue St entrance to the shopping centre, would improve journey times and walkability considerably - especially for shoppers visiting shops near the Bellevue St entrance, which I believe includes Woolworths. Living on the other side of Thornleigh, I currently need to cross the train tracks at the station in order to reach the shopping centre, and so I must take this trip whenever I need to go to the shops. Reducing friction and journey times on this trip is very helpful.	Comments noted.

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RESIDENT - THORNLEIGH	D08696039			1	The proposed zebra crossing in Bellevue St does not provide any protection for pedestrians crossing Wood St to shop at Thornleigh Marketplace. An additional zebra crossing is required for pedestrians crossing Wood Street (i.e two zebra crossings are required - one for Bellevue St and one for Wood St). A better option would be to provide a 10 km/h Shared Zone at the intersection of Bellevue and Wood Streets, with pedestrians to have right of way over motor vehicles. Please note that one of the Conditions of Approval for Thornleigh Marketplace DA/1047/2019 was for the kerb blisters on Bellevue Street at the entrance to the shopping centre to be replaced with a Wombat Crossing. The Wombat Crossing is to be designed in accordance with TfNSW and Austroads Guidelines.	Comments noted. Speed limits are managed by TfNSW, Council is currently working with TfNSW on a review of speed limits in town centres. Council will review the need for additional traffic facilities in Wood Street. The delivery of the wombat crossing is subject to the shopping centre acting on the approval, timing of this is not under Council control.
RESIDENT - THORNLEIGH	D08696001		1		Bellevue isn't a particularly busy I don't think one is needed. If a crossing is decided upon, I think the proposed location is too close to the corner of Wood St. people turning left into Bellevue out of Wood may not see the people crossing in time to stop.	Site measurements show that drivers and pedestrians will have sufficient sight distance at the proposed location.
RESIDENT - THORNLEIGH	D08695992	1			Much needed. Can be hard to get across here when traffic is busy.	Comments noted.
RESIDENT - THORNLEIGH	D08694775	1			We strongly support new pedestrian crossing in Bellevue Street, Thornleigh. It has been needed for many years	Comments noted.
RESIDENT - THORNLEIGH	D08693843			1	I am pleased to hear that Council is planning to install a marked pedestrian crossing in Bellevue Street to access Parkway Plaza, but I am most disappointed with the proposed location as it is a safety concern. Hoping this suggestion receives your serious consideration	The proposed location is on the existing pedestrian desire line which has operated as a pedestrian facility for many years. No changes are proposed to the kerb ramps or kerb blisters.
RESIDENT - THORNLEIGH	D08695053		1		The proposed location requires pedestrians to be aware of traffic in 4 directions: both ways in Bellevue Street and both ways in Wood Street (particularly from Wood Street from the south turning left into Bellevue Street).	Vehicles are required to give way to pedestrians on a pedestrian crossing. Site measurements show that vehicles have sufficient sight distance from all directions to the crossing location. Crossings are often provided near intersections.
RESIDENT - THORNLEIGH	D08695241			1	Moving the pedestrian crossing down Bellevue Street opposite the entry to the Plaza would be a much safer option as you only need to focus on traffic in 2 directions on Bellevue Street.	Moving the proposed pedestrian crossing further west to the intersection will result in the loss of more on-street parking spaces. Existing location has been used by pedestrians to cross Bellevue Street for many years and there are no pedestrian-related crashes close to the intersection of Bellevue Street with Wood Street for the last 5 years.
RESIDENT - THORNLEIGH	D08694944			1	This plan for a crossing is essential. Due to the fact that everyone uses it to bypass the set of traffic lights at the end of the comenarra parkway to turn left, I would also suggest removing the few one hour spots alongside the shopping centre on the plan as it is too congested driving through here and people focus too often on cars weaving around/squeezing through to get down the street instead of checking for pedestrians walking past to and from the shops. I believe it would make the area clearer and safer for all.	Comments noted. The current parking regulations near the kerb blisters comply with TfNSW guidelines for a pedestrian facility, notwithstanding Council will monitor the location after the crossing is installed.

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RESIDENT - THORNLEIGH	D08694895			1	Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed pedestrian crossing. This is good news, however could I please suggest that in the interests of safety that the crossing be moved further along Bellevue Street in line with the shopping centre entrance, this would allow more time for the cars turning left from Wood Street into Bellevue to see any pedestrians already on the crossing or waiting to cross. Whilst the Bellevue crossing is very much needed we also need to address a pedestrian solution for crossing Wood Street on the Bellevue Street footpath side which is the main point of crossing, pedestrians currently have to negotiate vehicular traffic from four points plus the vehicles exiting the shopping centre rooftop carpark.	Moving the proposed pedestrian crossing further west to the intersection will result in the loss of more on-street parking spaces. Existing location has been used by pedestrians to cross Bellevue Street for many years and there are no pedestrian-related crashes close to the intersection of Bellevue Street with Wood Street for the last 5 years.
RESIDENT - THORNLEIGH	D08694939	1			While seeing the positives for pedestrians in the neighborhood (of which I am one) I believe the negatives on the vehicle traffic would be far worse, as this is already a messy intersection at peak times.	Studies show that pedestrians sometimes cross a road using a forced gap where there is no pedestrian crossing, which can lead to a higher level of disruption to traffic flow and a road safety issue. Introducing a pedestrian crossing will give priority to pedestrians so drivers and pedestrians will interact smoothly with less disruption of traffic flow, as well as providing a safer road environment for pedestrians.
RESIDENT - THORNLEIGH	D08694772		1		As a nearby resident (and someone who accesses this intersection by both vehicle and by foot on a daily basis), I object to this proposal. During peak hour or busy weekends, the traffic flow through this area is already woeful. Putting in a further obstruction to that flow for cars will make navigating this area by car far worse for direct residents. Also, have you considered how a crossing that gives right of way to pedestrians may create a queue of cars that extends as far as pennant hills road merely 50m away? Cars hoping to turn off pennant hills road may be unable to do so and create a blocked lane which is unsafe. This would also encourage increased traffic in parallel streets if motorists do a rat-run to avoid the inevitable congestion. In busy times this is as good as guaranteed. As someone who walks to the shops daily, I have no problem crossing this intersection safely in its current state. I would, however, suggest altering the left lane on the approach to wood street on the Commenara to say 'must turn left at wood street'. The lane rules are very inefficient in dealing with afternoon traffic flow in this direction and regular commuters often make unsafe turning choices by turning left in front of and around a stopped car from the right hand lane out of frustration	Bellamy Steet is often used as a rat run, providing a crossing will deter non local traffic and force it to use the State Road network. Providing left turn lane in The Comenarra Parkway cannot be supported as it will attract more non local traffic to the residential area. Council has provided traffic calming in Wood Street and series of Stop signs to deter traffic using parallel streets. Traffic volumes collected in Wood Street confirm that this traffic management is effective in keeping volumes low.
RESIDENT - THORNLEIGH	D08694863	1			This would be amazing, it's so dangerous to cross the road at the moment!	Comments noted.
RESIDENT - THORNLEIGH	D08696023		1		As a local resident who lives down the road, I believe this idea would cause more harm than good - especially during peak hour periods. I believe this will cause more traffic in all directions of the intersection, especially turning right from wood street into Bellevue street heading towards pennant hills road. I understand where this idea is coming from, I have witnessed a lot of close calls but I think this crossing is way too close to quite an already busy intersection. Thank you for considering my say!	Moving the proposed pedestrian crossing further west to the intersection will result in the loss of more on-street parking spaces. Existing location has been used by pedestrians to cross Bellevue Street for many years and there are no pedestrian-related crashes close to the intersection of Bellevue Street with Wood Street for the last 5 years. Bellamy Street is often used as a rat run, providing a crossing will deter non local traffic and force it to use the State Road network. There is no evidence from past experience that implementing a pedestrian crossing would generate more traffic or lead to more accidents.
RESIDENT - THORNLEIGH	D08694779	1			I fully support a pedestrian crossing. Please ensure it's well signposted and that street lighting is improved.	Comments noted.
RESIDENT - THORNLEIGH	D08695189	1			The proposed changes should go ahead. A pedestrian crossing may help underscore that pedestrians have right of way here and improve pedestrian safety.	Comments noted.
RESIDENT - THORNLEIGH	D08694829		1		Traffic flow in this area is already compromised at peak times during the day with traffic and pedestrians competing for right of way. Please review this "simple" idea. The traffic around this area is a bit more complex with it seen as a quick bypass of the intersection of commenara/pennant hills. This is causing the congestion.	Bellamy Steet is often used as a rat run, providing a crossing will deter non local traffic and force it to use the State Road network. There is no evidence from past experience that implementing a pedestrian crossing would generate more traffic or lead to more accidents.

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RESIDENT - THORNLEIGH	D08688907			1	The proposed zebra xing should be moved 20m further north to reduce the conflict with turning cars. This would give both drivers and pedestrians more time to see each other and improve safety. The traffic movements at the intersection would also function better.	Moving the proposed pedestrian crossing further west to the intersection will result in the loss of more on-street parking spaces. Existing location has been used by pedestrians to cross Bellevue Street for many years and there are no pedestrian-related crashes close to the intersection of Bellevue Street with Wood Street for the last 5 years.
RESIDENT - THORNLEIGH	D08689089		1		As someone who regularly walks and drives through this intersection I've never found crossing as a pedestrian to be a challenge. This can become a choke point for cars when street parking is heavily utilised and I suspect adding more impediment to the flow of traffic would make the situation worse for all.	Bellamy Steet is often used as a rat run, providing a crossing will deter non local traffic and force it to use the State Road network. There is no evidence from past experience that implementing a pedestrian crossing would generate more traffic or lead to more accidents.
RESIDENT - THORNLEIGH	D08693744	1			This would be great and welcomed ,the amount of cars turning without indicators it's a wonder nobody has been killed and we have a lot of elderly residents now to	Comments noted.
RESIDENT - THORNLEIGH	D08694942	1			Great idea! Definitely would make it safer when we use this road frequently to walk to the station with our two young children.	Comments noted.
RESIDENT - THORNLEIGH	D08693792	1			A very good idea. A long time coming.	Comments noted.
RESIDENT - THORNLEIGH	D08694035			1	I want to express my appreciation for your proactive approach to traffic management at the intersection of Bellevue and Wood St in Thornleigh. However, I have some concerns regarding the proposed upgrade, as it seems to overlook the more pressing issue of pedestrian safety when crossing Wood St. The current crossing at Bellevue, equipped with blisters, functions well and provides a relatively easy crossing point due to the road narrowing, causing many vehicles to slow down naturally. My previous communications with the council have focused on the safety of crossing Wood St to access the shopping center, which remains a significant concern. As the area becomes more developed, young families like mine often use the path from the shops to travel south along Bellevue to access the Great North Walk, Jane Starkey Park, Thornleigh Oval, and residential areas. Wood St presents several hazards for pedestrians, including: Wood Street being used as a "Rat Run" to bypass two sets of traffic lights on Pennant Hills Rd, resulting in long waiting times for pedestrians to cross, even when there are more considerate drivers. Despite efforts from the police and council, many drivers do not stop at the stop signs, and there is no priority given to pedestrians. The presence of a school bus stop and parked buses obstruct visibility for pedestrians trying to cross. Both entrances to the shopping center car park are located on Wood St, leading to many vehicles turning into the street without allowing pedestrians to cross safely. I hope these concerns can be addressed as part of the traffic management plan to ensure the safety of pedestrians in the area	A minority of drivers have a disregard for traffic regulations, including STOP signs at an intersection. This is a driver behaviour issue that can only be addressed through enforcement by NSW Police. Bellamy Steet is often used as a rat run, providing a crossing will assist in deterring non local traffic and force it to use the State Road network. Council will review the need for additional traffic facilities in Wood Street.

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RESIDENT - THORNLEIGH	D08696034			1	<p>Firstly, I appreciate the initiative by the Council to improve pedestrian and traffic safety in our neighbourhood and appreciate for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed changes. My feedback echoes the sentiments of many in our area. After discussion with many of our neighbours, we agree on the urgent need to enhance pedestrian safety, and commend the council's efforts. However, we feel that the placement of the proposed crossing must be reconsidered to better cater to the community's needs. The major concern is the location of the proposed crossing. Although the upgrade on Bellevue Street may contribute to pedestrian safety, we feel that a more suitable position for the crossing is on Wood Street. The reasons for this suggestion include:- Pedestrians are frequently stranded on either side of Wood Street for several minutes due to heavy vehicle traffic, often only getting to cross due to a driver giving pedestrians right of way.- The intersection of Bellevue and Wood Street is complex for pedestrians to navigate, especially with traffic coming from five directions including cars exiting quickly from rooftop and underground parking for Thornleigh Marketplace.- Wood Street is used as a shortcut / 'rat run' by motorists to bypass the traffic lights and access Pennant Hills Road more quickly via Thornleigh Street, often treating the existing stop sign as a give way, with frequent near-miss incidents.- There is lots of foot traffic of young families, the elderly and walkers who frequent the dog park, playground, and sports oval, which further warrants the necessity of a crossing in this area.- There is a frequently used bus stop on Wood Street, primarily attended by children.I request the council consider the concerns and suggestions presented above while making the final decision, and reconsider the proposed location. I believe these modifications will significantly enhance pedestrian safety, further reduce the use of Wood Street as a shortcut and improve the quality of life the local community.On a related note, considering the heavy pedestrian activity in this area, many residents would welcome the introduction of a 40km/h zone in the whole vicinity (including the dog park, oval, etc.), which we believe would further enhance safety and tranquility.I trust the Hornsby Local Traffic Committee and the Council will consider these views when making the final recommendations. We appreciate the council's efforts in prioritising the safety of the residents and are confident that these suggestions, if implemented, will serve the needs of the community more effectively.</p>	<p>The upgrade of the kerb blisters to a marked pedestrian crossing has been requested by many residents over the years, but the strict TfNSW crossing warrants prevented Council from installing a marked crossing, hence the kerb blisters were provided with the intention that in the future (now) the crossing could be upgraded. Since the uptake of the new rezoned lands in Thornleigh the medium density apartments have generated many more pedestrian movements along this pedestrian desire line. This was noted in the 2009 Local Traffic Committee report at the time of the approval of the kerb blisters. In relation to provision of a new facility in Wood Street, this would be a separate project considered as part of future works under the Active Transport Program. Council is aware of the rat run issues in Bellevue Street. The priority of pedestrians at a crossing can deter more non local traffic which will be redirected back to the State Road network.</p>
RESIDENT - THORNLEIGH	D08695826			1	<p>Firstly, I appreciate the initiative by the Council to improve pedestrian and traffic safety in our neighbourhood and appreciate for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed changes. My feedback echoes the sentiments of many in our area. After discussion with many of our neighbours, we agree on the urgent need to enhance pedestrian safety, and commend the council's efforts. However, we feel that the placement of the proposed crossing must be reconsidered to better cater to the community's needs. The major concern is the location of the proposed crossing. Although the upgrade on Bellevue Street may contribute to pedestrian safety, we feel that a more suitable position for the crossing is on Wood Street. The reasons for this suggestion include - Pedestrians are frequently stranded on either side of Wood Street for several minutes due to heavy vehicle traffic, often only getting to cross due to a driver giving pedestrians right of way. - The intersection of Bellevue and Wood Street is complex for pedestrians to navigate, especially with traffic coming from five directions including cars exiting quickly from rooftop and underground parking for Thornleigh Marketplace. - Wood Street is used as a shortcut / 'rat run' by motorists to bypass the traffic lights and access Pennant Hills Road more quickly via Thornleigh Street, often treating the existing stop sign as a give way, with frequent near-miss incidents. - There is lots of foot traffic of young families, the elderly and walkers who frequent the dog park, playground, and sports oval, which further warrants the necessity of a crossing in this area. - There is a frequently used bus stop on Wood Street, primarily attended by children. I request the council consider the concerns and suggestions presented above while making the final decision, and reconsider the proposed location. I believe these modifications will significantly enhance pedestrian safety, further reduce the use of Wood Street as a shortcut and improve the quality of life the local community. On a related note, considering the heavy pedestrian activity in this area, many residents would welcome the introduction of a 40km/h zone in the whole vicinity (including the dog park, oval, etc.), which we believe would further enhance safety and tranquility. I trust the Hornsby Local Traffic Committee and the Council will consider these views when making the final recommendations. We appreciate the council's efforts in prioritising the safety of the residents and are confident that these suggestions, if implemented, will serve the needs of the community more effectively.</p>	<p>The upgrade of the kerb blisters to a marked pedestrian crossing has been requested by many residents over the years, but the strict TfNSW crossing warrants prevented Council from installing a marked crossing, hence the kerb blisters were provided with the intention that in the future (now) the crossing could be upgraded. Since the uptake of the new rezoned lands in Thornleigh the medium density apartments have generated many more pedestrian movements along this pedestrian desire line. This was noted in the 2009 Local Traffic Committee report at the time of the approval of the kerb blisters. In relation to provision of a new facility in Wood Street, this would be a separate project considered as part of future works under the Active Transport Program. Council is aware of the rat run issues in Bellevue Street. The priority of pedestrians at a crossing can deter more non local traffic which will be redirected back to the State Road network.</p>

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