



## HORNSBY SHIRE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

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Road: Old Berowra Road  
Suburb: Hornsby  
Location: near Hornsby North Public School  
File Ref: F2005/01156  
LTC No: **14/2024**  
Electorate: **HORNSBY**  
Google Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/q6uW8oorcotkFCD48>  
Subject: Proposed Raised Pedestrian Crossing  
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REFERRAL OF TRAFFIC MATTER FOR COMMENT OR OBJECTION, IF ANY

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### **SUMMARY**

This report details the traffic implications of the proposed Raised Pedestrian Crossing in Old Berowra Road, Hornsby, near Hornsby North Public School.

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**SUBJECT**

Council is aware of the growing student population of Hornsby North Public School and the associated traffic and parking concerns that have come with this. During peak times, the ability to provide pick-up and drop-off space for every vehicle trying to access the school entry and exit points is impossible, due to local network constraints.

Council needs to balance the needs of the school, residents and other road users. One aspect that makes set-down and pick-up challenging at Hornsby North Public School, is the lack of street frontage at each entry point to the school.

Council has developed a proposal to install a raised pedestrian crossing in Old Berowra Road, near the school entry, to address long-standing pedestrian safety issues, to promote "Park and Walk" and to encourage active transport to school.

In recent years, Council has constructed footpaths in nearby local roads to improve pedestrian access to the school. The construction of the raised pedestrian crossing will provide a safe crossing location for pedestrians, especially school children and act as a speed reduction device within the school zone.

Key features of the proposal are:

1. Construction of a raised threshold with a marked pedestrian crossing in Old Berowra Road, near Hornsby North Public School.
2. Removal of existing "No Parking" zone in Old Berowra Road.
3. Installation of "No Stopping" zone in Old Berowra Road at the new crossing.
4. Installation of one "Bus Zone" in Old Berowra Road to replace two existing bus stops.
5. Installation of "Give Way" sign, delineation and "No Stopping" signs in Marlee Street at intersection with Old Berowra Road.

**Pedestrian Crossing Warrants - New crossing guidelines**

In the past, the installation of marked pedestrian crossings on local roads was controlled by a Transport for NSW (TfNSW) crossing warrant system. TfNSW has now recognised that the warrants were difficult to achieve on local roads. In September 2022, TfNSW released new Pedestrian Crossing Guidelines. As an alternative to the TfNSW warrants, councils may use the following pedestrian demand calculation:

- In each of two separate one-hour periods in a typical day, the pedestrian flow per hour (P) crossing the road is, or is expected to be, equal to or greater than 20.
- Children and elderly or mobility impaired pedestrians count as two pedestrians.

Site observation of the pedestrian movements in Old Berowra Road indicate that pedestrian demands at the subject location are higher than the requirements above.

## **CONSULTATION**

Public Consultation was conducted from 24 July to 7 August 2023.

Council invited comments on the initial proposal from Hornsby North Public School, residents and tenants. 119 letters were issued (some mailed out via Australia Post, some hand delivered).

Emails were sent to transport providers and authorities.

The proposal was also placed on Council's website for the 14 days.

Variable Message Sign (VMS) was placed near the proposed site, for one week from 24 to 28 July 2023, to inform regular route users of the proposal. (VMS placement - approximately in front of 70 Old Berowra Road, Hornsby, facing Marlee Street). The VMS stated "Proposed Pedestrian Crossing, Old Berowra Road, Hornsby. Have Your Say, via Council Website".

During the consultation period, forty-five (45) submissions were received by Council. A *Public Consultation Summary* of the submissions and Council responses are attached to this report. Copies of the submissions are available upon request.

A table summarising the responses is provided below:

Support	Support with suggestions	Support with questions	Object
<b>22</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>

On 12 March 2024, Hornsby Shire Council organised a face-to-face meeting with Hornsby North Public School to further discuss the proposal. Councillors, Council employees, Hornsby North Public School's Principal, Hornsby North Public School's Parents and Citizens attended the meeting. Issues/suggestions raised by parents and carers are listed below:

- a) Removing set-down and pick-up in Old Berowra Road will increase the pressure on Cawthorne Street.
- b) Safety issues and illegal driving at the intersection of Old Berowra Road / Marlee Street (u-turns).
- c) Lack of pedestrian facilities on Old Berowra Road near Amor Street.
- d) Relocate the set-down and pick-up zone further down Old Berowra Road, (in front of residential properties).
- e) Construct two separate pedestrian crossings in Old Berowra Road, one near Amor Street and another near Marlee Street.
- f) Construct right turn lane / road widening in Galston Road on the approach to Cawthorne Street.
- g) Investigate location of proposed bus stop in Old Berowra Road.
- h) Provide more footpaths in local streets to connect with bus stops.

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## **CONCLUSION**

Council has requested the NSW State Government to consider improvements along Galston Road to address traffic congestion.

Additional parking and suitable walking paths are provided in Rofe Park.

To address the issues near Marlee Street, Council is proposing to install double barrier lines and formalise the T-intersection with "No Stopping" and "Give Way" signs. As the "kiss and drop" area will be removed, there will be no need for parents to turn around immediately near the school, this will occur naturally at other locations where parents park and walk to school, hence the issue will not be concentrated to one single intersection. Due to funding limitations, it is not possible to provide facilities at every location where pedestrians cross the road. The existing two bus stops are being amalgamated into one bus zone on the departure side of the new crossing.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Plans of the proposal LTC 14/2024.
2. Public Consultation Summary.
3. Minutes of Public Consultation Meeting 12 March 2024 held at Hornsby North Public School.
4. Example of a Hornsby Shire Council suggestion only "Park & Walk" map.

## **RECOMMENDATION THAT**

1. Marked Pedestrian Crossing with a raised threshold and associated signs and markings be approved for construction in Old Berowra Road, Hornsby as detailed in this report and attached plans.
2. Street Lighting to be upgraded to appropriate level associated with pedestrian crossing.
3. Council continues to work with the school to address the traffic congestion in the precinct by encouraging "Park and Walk".
4. Council monitors the operation of the new crossing in Old Berowra Road and operation of the existing "Kiss and Drop" zone in Cawthorne Street, Hornsby.

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### **Note for voting Local Traffic Committee members.**

Under Transport for NSW 'Delegation of Functions to Regulate Traffic' (operation of local traffic committees) you are required to comment or indicate your acceptance or objection to the recommendation of this report.

Your response must be submitted in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice.

Please send your response via return email for the item, or email [trafficbranch@hornsby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:trafficbranch@hornsby.nsw.gov.au)

For further information please contact Radek Zarzycki on 9847 6524.

Upon receipt of your comments the matter will be referred to Council for action.

Radek Zarzycki, Chairman



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Comments Close Date: Friday, 19 April 2024, at 5:00pm