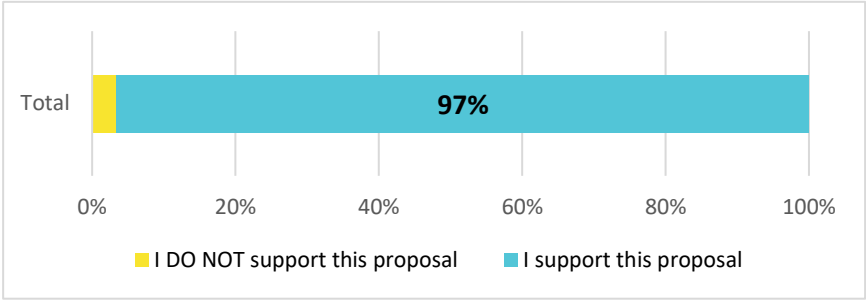


Community Engagement Summary Report

Project name	Improving Road Safety - Grevillea Street, Collaroy Plateau								
Consultation period	23 August – 24 September 2024								
Background	To promote safety and connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists, we propose the installation of a marked pedestrian crossing on Grevillea Street. This crossing will link the local retail precinct with the footpath that provides access to Wheeler Heights Public School.								
Total number of submissions	87 87 via Blink Form 0 emails								
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Summary of findings	The community response to the proposed marked pedestrian crossing on Grevillea St was overwhelmingly positive, with safety improvement being the primary driver of support. Residents, particularly those with school-aged children and elderly individuals, emphasised the current dangers of crossing and the long-standing need for this infrastructure. While the majority view the proposal as necessary and overdue, some concerns were raised about potential traffic congestion and visibility issues, especially given the proximity to car park exits and delivery zones. Several respondents suggested additional measures, such as speed bumps or modifications to traffic flow in the surrounding area, to further enhance safety and manage traffic. Overall, the community feedback indicates strong support for the crossing, viewing it as a critical step in improving local pedestrian safety, with some								

	recommendations for considering broader traffic management strategies in conjunction with this proposal.
Engagement approach	<p>The engagement was planned, implemented and reported in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Strategy (2022).</p> <p>A Have Your Say project page¹ was established with information provided in an accessible and easy to read format. Local residents received notification letters requesting feedback on the proposed installation of a marked pedestrian crossing.</p> <p>The project was primarily promoted through our regular email newsletter (EDM), media channels and signage at the proposed location to reach those frequenting the area.</p> <p>Feedback was captured through the Blink Form embedded onto the Have Your Say project page. The form included a question that directly asked respondents for their level of support on the proposed works. We also invited comment through email and in writing.</p>

How we notified	
Properties notified by letter	89 letters
Visitors to Your Say page	116 visits

Findings		
Theme	What we heard	Council response
Safety improvement	<p>Strong support for enhancing pedestrian safety, especially for children and elderly.</p> <p>Many respondents view the proposed crossing as a necessary safety measure.</p> <p>A number of respondents suggested making this a raised crossing to improve safety.</p>	<p>The proposed marked pedestrian crossing will reduce speed, prioritise pedestrian safety and highlight where it is safest to cross and where legal on street parking can occur, improving road safety outcomes for all road users.</p> <p>Constructing the crossing as a raised device is not considered necessary as speeding issues</p>

¹ <https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/improving-road-safety-grevillea-street-collaroy-plateau>



		are not evident in this location with road widths already narrowed.
Traffic concerns	<p>Some worry about increased congestion and potential for car collisions.</p> <p>Concerns raised about the impact on traffic flow, especially during school times.</p> <p>Suggestions for making the car park one-way to improve traffic flow.</p> <p>Mentions of issues with delivery vehicles parking in no-stopping zones.</p>	<p>This will be monitored however congestion levels are unlikely to differ significantly from current conditions while the presence of the crossing should improve safety particularly for vulnerable road users.</p> <p>While some cars may have to wait for a pedestrian to complete their crossing this is a safety benefit</p> <p>Council may consider reviewing traffic flow arrangements through the carpark however this is outside the scope of this project.</p> <p>Parking of delivery vehicles in No Stopping zones is a parking enforcement matter that can be investigated by Council Rangers as a breach of the NSW Road Rules.</p>
Location of crossing concerns	<p>Worries about visibility, especially with cars exiting the shopping precinct car park.</p> <p>Concerns about lighting in the area.</p>	<p>The proposed section of Grevillea Street has existing No Stopping restrictions and these will be retained ensuring vehicles have no parked vehicles impeding sight lines. There will be adequate visibility to the crossing for vehicles exiting the carpark which would be exiting at low speeds.</p> <p>The proposed section of road has existing lighting at the intersection adjacent to the crossing on Veterans Parade, additional streetlights are also present at the carpark located on the southwestern corner of</p>



	<p>Mentions of multiple entry/exit points (car parks, laneways) complicating the situation.</p>	<p>Grevillea Street, and another 30 metres east of the proposed crossing. Ambient lighting from the shops will also assist with illuminating the area.</p> <p>Pedestrians are currently crossing to/from these laneways and carpark access points. The introduction of the crossing will highlight the safest point to cross Grevillea Street. There are large numbers of school children crossing Grevillea Street to access the existing pedestrian crossing in Veterans Parade or to access vehicles parked in the shopping centre carpark .</p>
<p>Additional infrastructure suggestions</p>	<p>Requests for a concrete footpath on Ettalong Street.</p> <p>Suggestion for a roundabout at Rose Avenue and Veterans Parade junction.</p> <p>Proposal for speed-bump style pedestrian crossings as a standard.</p>	<p>The footpath requests will be included for consideration in Council's Future Footpath Program.</p> <p>A roundabout at the intersection of Rose Avenue and Veterans Parade is not currently being considered and would tend to reduce pedestrian safety and lead to vehicles queuing back across the pedestrian crossing. It would also be difficult to accommodate within the existing road geometry given the use of the intersection by buses</p> <p>Council considers the type of crossing infrastructure on a case by case basis with raised crossings being introduced in locations where speed reduction is also required.</p>

Verbatim Responses received via Online Blink Survey form

Personal details have been redacted where possible. Spelling and grammatical errors have been amended only where misinterpretation or offence may be caused.

No.	Comment
1	A crossing is necessary. Drivers turn into Grevillea St, other vehicles come out of the car park, and trucks come in and out of the lane that runs off Grevillea St behind the shops. I cross that exact spot nearly every day, and when there are multiple vehicles in the area, it requires a lot of care to cross, with cars typically not giving way to pedestrians. Children in a hurry are particularly vulnerable.
2	About time... this was needed long ago. 😊 thank you
3	Dear Council, this is a welcome road safety improvement. This truck regularly parks in this location whilst making deliveries to the Augusta Cellars.
4	Excellent plan. Will provide a safe crossing for WHPS pupils and parents during school term.
5	Fantastic idea! I am a teacher at the school and I witness families attempting to cross there everyday. It would be a very welcome and useful addition to make our kids safer.
6	For the safety of pedestrians
7	Good Initiative
8	Good safety initiative
9	Hundreds of people cross here each day. A pedestrian crossing is necessary for safety.
10	I believe this is overdue as existing crossings from public school lead towards the shops and the footpath on the northern side of Grevillea st. Just need a concrete footpath down Ettalong st for safe pedestrian egress as blind corner and difficult terrain.
11	I believe this will make the parking and other crossing extremely busy for general traffic congestion when school times are on. Adding a crosswalk will impact the general traffic in the area and cause more car collisions due to exit from car park
12	I cross here with my primary school kids a number of times a week and I agree the crossing would make a big difference to everyone's safety
13	I cross this road with my kids daily. A zebra crossing would be welcome.
14	I support this proposal as it is vital to give the school children and elderly residents (from nearby RSL village) safe passage across the roads. I am concerned however, that there could be future issues with people turning left out of the Augusta Shops car park onto Grevillea Street at speed towards the crossing, while possibly still looking to the right for oncoming traffic. The traffic flow of the August shopping center is (i believe) an already known issue. Congestion is common, caused when cars turning onto Grevillea St from Veterans Pde, who want to enter the car park, are forced to bank up due to an existing car trying to exit the car park (two cars can not enter and exit at the same time). This often causes confusion, distraction, and drivers making poor choices, which is concerning close to a pedestrian crossing, largely used by children.



15	<p>I support this proposal with changes. I would like the council to consider making this a speed-bump style pedestrian crossing. This acts to calm traffic calming, which will assist in enforcing the crossing. In fact, I would like the council to make speed-bump style pedestrian crossings as their standard for non-intersection crossings, such as here in Grevillea Street.</p>
16	<p>I think it should also include a raised area for the crossing as is seen on the crossing on veterans parade.</p>
17	<p>I think it will be a good idea.</p>
18	<p>I would also support anything that council can do as far as vehicles parking and, often blocking pedestrian access at the top of Alexander Street Collaroy Plateau. I have reported the problem before.</p> <p>Council, please monitor this, cars are parking all over footpaths- everywhere!</p>
19	<p>I would support this proposal if the car park was made one way through the full length, entry only on Veterans Pde near Rose Ave and Exit only on Grevillea St. During busy periods, this intersection is already subject to being gridlocked. Adding another point of stoppage will only worsen the situation.</p>
20	<p>It is surprising how long it has taken for the council to propose this crossing considering how busy the street with shops and school is.</p> <p>Please go ahead. The sooner the better.</p>
21	<p>It's needed.</p> <p>However, school children will be walking directly into the front of the VAPE store. Not good!</p>
22	<p>Large delivery vehicles consistently park in this no stopping zone and obstruct pedestrian visibility at this location.</p>
23	<p>Long overdue (I lived more than 10 years at [REDACTED] Collaroy Plateau)</p>
24	<p>Our family regularly walks our five year old daughter to Wheeler Heights Public School and find crossing Grevillea a very dangerous prospect. Along with it being a major intersection, the entry of the shop car park makes it very difficult</p>
25	<p>The council should also look into making the entrance to the shops from Grevillea st one way as in busy times traffic gets built up at the car park entrance an effects cars turning off veterans Parade which inturn effects the pedestrian crossing. Cars could enter from grevillea and exit onto veterans pde.</p>
26	<p>There are also serious issues at the top of Rose Avenue where it joins Veterans Parade in a T-junction as it is impossible to turn right even at non-peak times. If we could have a roundabout there I think that would really assist. Many thanks, [REDACTED]</p>
27	<p>This is a very good idea. I am 78 years old and have to be very careful crossing Grevillea Street as cars etc come off Veterans Parade very quickly indeed.</p>
28	<p>This is very much needed.</p>
29	<p>This should be a raised pedestrian crossing to lower vehicle speeds into a busy local centre and better prioritise people walking. I support the addition of a pedestrian crossing.</p>



30	This shouldn't even be asked; it has to happen, it's so dangerous with so many kids crossing every day.
31	<p>Two 2-way car park entrances, a stop sign proposal, and a lane way used by semitrailers all within 20 metres and will cause unnecessary congestion with a crossing proposal, and an increased visibility risk with high volumes of traffic at the location.</p> <p>This plan was purposefully put out independent of the stop sign plan also being proposed.</p> <p>This plan does not take into account the other proposal. One needs to be decided and then the other proposed or rightly both together.</p> <p>Insufficient addressing of visibility and lighting in the areas is also of concern.</p>
32	Very important to help school students, families and community members cross safely
33	We need a roundabout on Blandford street and Telopea with so much traffic heading to Plateau park for sports game day ,sport training, recreation and using the community centre and also children walking to these use these facilities a refuge or crossing would be so much safer especially at night when these activities are still ongoing .
34	What a great idea should have happened 40 years ago
35	Wish something more could be done for pickup and drop off as well as parking
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