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RE: DA2018/1924 - Forest Way FRENCHS FOREST NSW 2086

To whom it may concern,

I have been a resident of Keldie Street, Forestville for 20 years.

Firstly, I would like to say that the revitalisation of Forestway Shopping Centre should be very positive for our area - ie provision of essential services plus amenities.

However, the building of the new Northern Beaches Hospital and the ongoing, associated roadworks have highlighted the potential for significant motor vehicle traffic management issues on our residential streets.

Many drivers have now discovered a 'rat run', by which they can avoid issues on Warringah Road. They are though creating a whole new range of issues on streets such as Ferguson St, Brown St, Deakin Ave, Grace Ave and Keldie St (this is not an exclusive list).

Not least of these issues is poor driver behaviour, most notably flaunting of the permanent 40kmh limit that is currently law on all these streets - ie speeding. This problem is then exacerbated by a) the increased number of vehicles now being left parked on streets by residents and commuters and b) the absence or poor quality of pedestrian walkways. I often see older residents (who don't want to trip on tree roots) or parents pushing strollers, walking on the road itself. These two factors mean that drivers may have reduced reaction time to a given situation, especially if they are also going too fast.

How to address this ? Commuters must be able to park and pedestrians must be able to walk. This leaves the issue of driver behaviour. The permanent 40kmh zones must be reinforced by :-

more speed humps on affected streets
better, more visible speed limit signage on these streets
regular policing and enforcement of speed limits by our police force

Thanks you for reading and considering this submission.

Paul McTigue