

Dear NSW Major Projects

Re: Project Name: Shore School Graythwaite - Concept Plan Mod 2 and Project Mod 4
Case ID: MP10_0150-Mod-4

As a long term resident of Lord Street, North Sydney, I note the important role that the school plays in defining the active and vibrant character of our local community. We are very accustomed to balancing the needs of residents and our school neighbours.

With the proposed expansion of school student and staff numbers, it is important to highlight ongoing concerns regarding existing traffic volumes and speed, pedestrian safety, local resident access and risks to emergency service access. Current drop-off and pick-up conditions in Edward St already cause significant congestion and delays, frequently blocking resident access and creating a risk of potentially serious consequences if emergency access is required.

A minor increase in traffic volumes and pedestrian numbers, using existing student drop-off and pick-up arrangements, will exacerbate both resident access and pedestrian safety concerns. High pedestrian numbers, including Shore-generated movements, in Lord St and Edward St have been discussed by the community previously, in the context of creating a "pedestrian priority local area" to reduce local speeds, improve safety for pedestrians and create broader "liveable street" outcomes. Council has previously undertaken a survey on reducing speed limits. The proposed School capacity expansion now, highlights the need to revisit safety prior to implementation.

There is an opportunity to redirect drop-off and pick-up functions to the existing "special event" bus pickup and set-down area in Mount St, which provides a safe set-down location for students to access the school from Mount St via and the proposed safe pedestrian priority zone along Edward St. This arrangement would immediately, reduce congestion and associated pedestrian safety concerns in Edward St, and create a safer, more liveable street environment for the school and the broader community.

In order to safely accommodate the proposed growth in the school population and associated traffic and pedestrian movements, we seek the State Government's commitment to work with Council, the local community and Shore School, to create a pedestrian priority local area in and Edward St, Lord St and Short St, with speed limit of 20km/hr, with all drop off and pick functions being relocated from Edward St to the Mount St bus zone where special event pick-up/drop-off currently occurs. It is recommended that Council and the State Government consider the opportunity as a "living streets" initiative which can demonstrate safety and liveability principles in schools in residential communities.

I am happy to discuss further and engage other community members in the conversation, should that be of assistance.

Your sincerely,



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