

NB Hospital Road Connectivity and Network Enhancement Project

Objection to certain elements as detailed in Stage 2 EIS

As a resident for over 30 years, I have accessed the area as a car driver, pedestrian & cyclist and would like to raise the following concerns regarding elements detailed in the Stage 2 EIS.

1. Managing impacts - Traffic & Transport

ISSUE #1: Bus stop on Warringah Rd just south of Maxwell Pde (Stop # 208741) will now be the major one used by travellers to Chatswood & the City when the bus stop just south of Fitzpatrick Rd East (Stop # 2086100) is removed to make way for the underpass. The existing bus stop (Stop # 208741) will be in an 3-lane area of Warringah Rd that has been compressed from 5 lanes, and this will create problems for traffic travelling along Warringah Rd unless there is a bus bay at the stop for buses to pull into.

ISSUE #2:

- **Roundabout at Rodborough Rd / Allambie Rd** is too small to handle the volume of traffic now & needs to be upgraded to handle expected future traffic volumes.
- **Roundabout at Allambie Rd / Aquatic Drive** will need to be re-configured to handle the increase in traffic that will arise from opening up Aquatic Drive at Wakehurst Parkway. More traffic will enter Aquatic Drive from both north & south on Allambie Rd. Also more traffic will exit Aquatic Drive and head south on Allambie Rd, also due to the opening of Aquatic Drive at Wakehurst Parkway.

ISSUE #3: No left turn into Rodborough Rd from Warringah Rd (heading west after traffic lights at Allambie Rd). Currently there is no left turn at this intersection and I believe that should remain the case. On the indicative map, this is shown as allowing the left turn.

ISSUE #4: New Bike lane – Wakehurst Parkway / Aquatic Drive intersection. There needs to be a marked “Green painted” bike lane across the left turn lane into Aquatic Drive from Wakehurst Parkway, to highlight bike movement when traffic will be turning into Aquatic Drive

ISSUE #5: Shared pedestrian & bike paths. There are three Footpaths shown on the EIS that I believe warrant being made into shared pedestrian & bike paths.

- Warringah Rd from Fitzpatrick Rd East to Maxwell Parade – this will lead from the shared path coming down from the shared overbridge and allow cyclists to safely reach Maxwell Parade, during the surface & underpass traffic merge phase on Warringah Rd. Cyclists now use Maxwell Pde & Currie Rd then Brown St to reach the quieter back streets leading to the cycling route over Roseville Bridge (on the western side)
- Warringah Rd from Maxwell Parade entry to Fitzpatrick Rd West then up hill to shared overbridge – this will allow cyclists on the western side of Warringah Rd to safely reach the overbridge during the surface & underpass traffic separation phase on Warringah Rd.
- Warringah Rd (northern side) from Wakehurst Parkway to Allambie Rd – this will allow cyclists (including school children) to safely continue from the shared path along Warringah Rd outside the hospital.

2. Managing impacts - Urban design, landscape character & visual impacts

ISSUE #1: Access points through Noise barriers. There are two points that require access through the noise barrier & these are not shown on the indicative maps.

- Shared path from Karigal Cres at end of Akora St – is required to allow access from path onto shared overbridge

- Path from east end of Karigal Cres (at corner) to Warringah Rd – is required to allow access from path to bus stop on Warringah Rd (Stop # 208674) and also to new shared overbridge to hospital.

ISSUE #2: Steps to Shared overbridge at Warringah Rd / Forestway intersection. There needs to be step access to the long winding ramp to the shared overbridge on the western side of Warringah Rd. This is because pedestrians (& many school children) who don't require the ramp, will try to access the bridge via any "shortcut" they can find. A set of stairs off the ramp, part way along it would satisfy this safely.

ISSUE #3: Fence on Warringah Rd along exit ramp from shared path down to Fitzpatrick Rd East. It appears there is a requirement for a safety fence along Warringah Rd side of the last section of the looped shared path from the overbridge down to where it meets Fitzpatrick Rd East.

ISSUE #4: Location of Noise barrier along drain line behind houses in Warringah Rd (between Fitzpatrick Rd East & Maxwell Pde). It seems a strange location for the noise barrier, which would seem better placed at front of remaining houses in that section of Warringah Rd.