

Main effects on Lavender Bay Precinct

Access to school via Hunter Crescent is of some concern, on behalf of its residents. It is a small cul-de-sac, presently consisting of 5 low rise apartment buildings and an entrance to Shore School grounds, off William Street. The report states "With the ingress at Hunter Crescent, a gated entry should be established and opened during the busy period for student pick-up after school. This gate and use of appropriate signage should deter unauthorised entry to the access road." However, the resultant increased traffic flow in William Street, and the unforeseen traffic using Hunter Crescent, remain issues of worry.

Reversal of traffic flow in William St. Options 1A, 2A and 3A are of the utmost concern. ***These involve the reversal of traffic flow in William Street.*** The report states "In order to reverse the one-way direction of William Street south of its intersection with Blue Street, Council approval is required. They will need to notify the neighbouring residents who will be affected by the change and given a chance to comment. Furthermore, if the one-way direction is reversed, signage will have to be reposted and Council may choose to retain the metered parking on the western side of William Street or relocate it to the eastern side of the road...".

William Street is a steep, narrow one-way north-bound street sharply angled near the complex intersection of Blues Point Road, Lavender and Unions Streets. Reversal of traffic flow would involve down-hill traffic being emptied into Blues Point Road, some 10 m from the intersection, and having to turn acutely northbound or cross traffic to turn southbound for headings either east- or west-bound (on Lavender or Union Streets). IT IS A PLAN FOR DISASTER AND SHOULD BE REJECTED WITHOUT FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

Similarly, the projected queuing of cars for student pick-up in Union Street presents a traffic hazard with potentially disastrous consequences should there be a collision. The risk of collision should not be underestimated given the western setting sun alignment straight down Union Street. Shore has purchased a very large property and should be responsible for housing its traffic queues on its property.

What is required, assuming that something will be done by Shore School to improve the traffic flow, is innovation. This should start with working on ways to reduce the traffic movements involving staff and students. After all, there are few places anywhere that are served as well by close access to public transport. Additionally, the work-place sector is staggering hours to reduce the peak hour congestion – what can Shore School do in this regard?

It is not good enough to say that future stages will be dealt with in the future. An innovative big picture is required now to deal with the existent problems and to avoid problems in the future.