

Submission for the proposed “Sydney Metro – Chatswood Dive Site”
Application Number: SS15 7400

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Introduction

Location of our property, vehicle & pedestrian entry of our building is directly opposite to the proposed Chatswood Dive Site on the south side of Nelson Street, Chatswood. Please refer to the site plan below;



After attending the information session that was held on 21 May, 2016 at Dougherty Community Centre and reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) published by Transport for NSW. We would like to make our submission below in relation to the Proposed Dive Site at Chatswood.

Proposed permanent closure of Nelson Street Bridge:

Proposed permanent closure of the existing bridge at Nelson Street over the railway line will have a significant impact to all existing residents on Nelson Street. Especially for those who live on the west side of the existing bridge. Not to mention other residents in Chatswood/visitors to the area who use Nelson Street in order to by-pass the congested Albert Ave, Orchard Road & Mowbray Road intersections at peak hours during both weekdays & weekends.

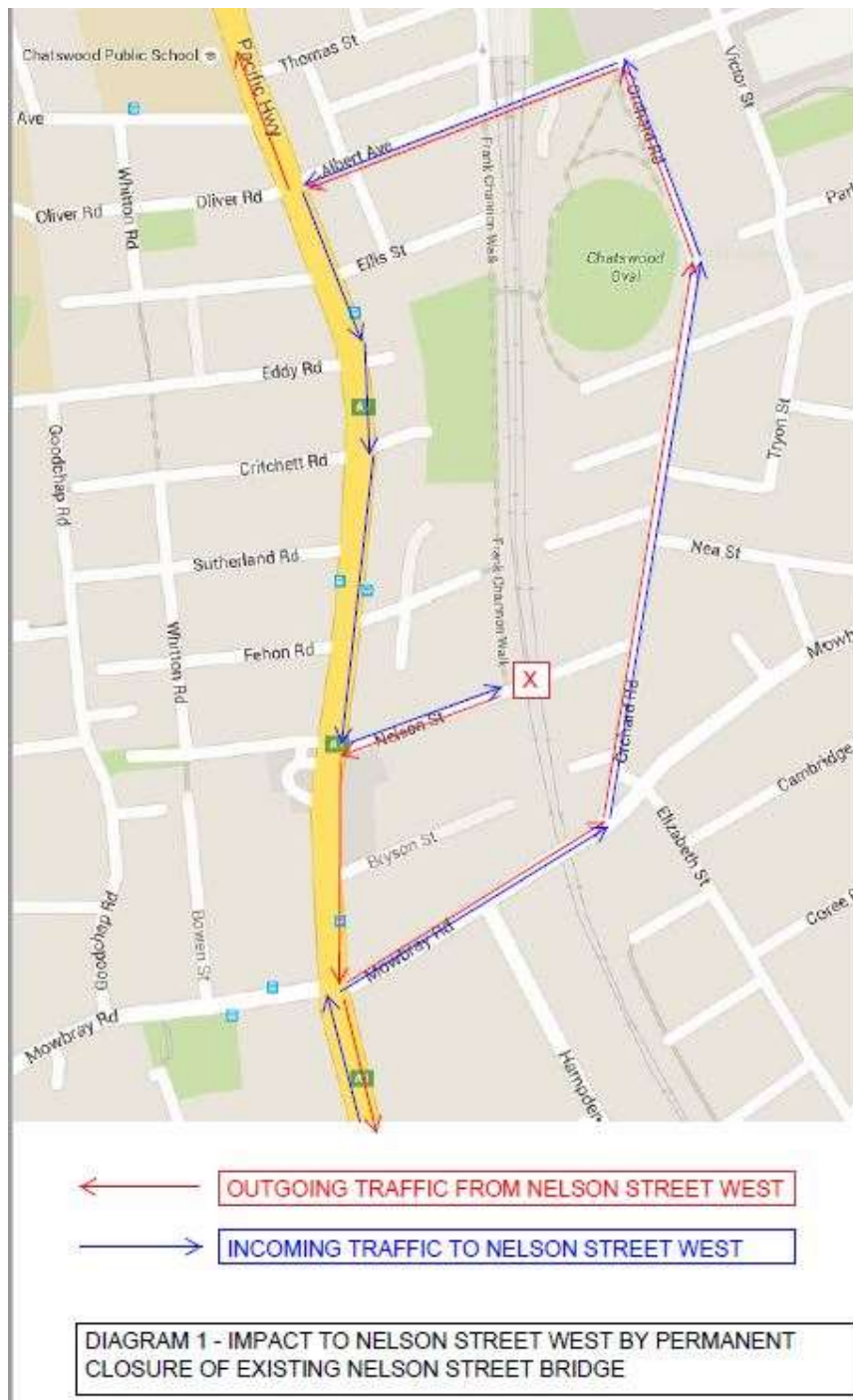
There are total 58 residential lots on Nelson Street West comprises "2 lots at No.19, DP137155", "5 lots at No.17, SP76342", "6 lots at No.15, SP89243" and "45 lots at No.9-11, DP65120" Nelson Street, hundreds of local residents will be affected by the proposed closure of Nelson Street bridge.



Currently, all residents on Nelson Street West can access Orchard Road for eastbound traffic & Pacific Highway for westbound traffic on Nelson Street.

Once the bridge closed over railway line on Nelson Street for construction of the Metro Tunnel Portal at Chatswood, residents will be forced to use Pacific Highway, Mowbray Road, Orchard Road and Albert Avenue for outgoing & incoming traffic to/ from Nelson Street West.

Please refer to the 'Traffic Impact Diagram 1' below clearly demonstrates additional traffic added to the already congested local roads network.



Please also note that all Mowbray Road, Orchard Road & Albert Avenue are heavily congested during peak hours on both weekdays & weekend.

Extracts from Willoughby City Council's Traffic Committee Meeting No.:410 dated Wednesday 17 February 2016 below highlighted Albert Avenue already experienced extensive queuing without additional traffic from the proposed closure of Nelson Street Bridge.

4.2 ALBERT AVENUE, CHATSWOOD

REFERENCE: 23 G10
WARD: WEST WARD
AUTHOR: MICHAEL FOSKETT
MEETING DATE: 17 FEBRUARY 2016

Council has received several complaints about traffic congestion along Albert Avenue during afternoon peak periods and Saturdays. To address this issue, it is proposed to restrict the times when parking is permitted on the southern side of Albert Avenue between Orchard Road and the Railway Bridge.

At present there are 2P ticket parking restrictions in place between 8.30 am and 3.30 pm on weekdays, and between 8.30 am and 4.30 pm on weekends. 'No Parking' restrictions apply between 3.30 pm and 6.30 pm on weekdays. Observations have shown that at times when the 'No Parking' restrictions apply, some drivers continue to park in the zone to wait for passengers from Chatswood Station. This reduces Albert Avenue to one westbound lane, leading to increased congestion during the afternoon peak period. It is therefore proposed to replace the 'No Parking 3.30 pm-6.30 pm Mon-Fri' restrictions with 'No Stopping 3.30 pm-6.30 pm Mon-Fri'.

It was found that on Saturdays there was extensive queuing along Albert Avenue after 11am. This could be somewhat alleviated if 'No Stopping' restrictions were introduced between 11am and 6 pm on Saturdays. It was not considered necessary to prevent parking on Sundays at this stage. However traffic conditions will continue to be monitored.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The existing "No Parking 3.30 pm-6.30 pm Mon-Fri" restrictions on the southern side of Albert Avenue between Orchard Road and the Railway Bridge be replaced by "No Stopping 3.30 pm-6.30 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-6 pm Sat".
2. The existing "2P Ticket 8.30 am-3.30 pm Mon-Fri, 8.30 am-4.30 pm Sat-Sun" restrictions be replaced by "2P Ticket 8.30 am-3.30 pm Mon-Fri, 8.30 am-11 am Sat, 8.30 am-4.30 pm Sun" restrictions.

Therefore, the proposed permanent closure of existing bridge on Nelson Street without other alternative option for existing residents on Nelson Street West is NOT SUPPORTED.

Request for 'Condition(s) of Approval' regarding Nelson Street bridge permanent closure as follow;

Condition of Approval 1 - We fully support the proposed "Signalised" intersection by CWWPA at Nelson Street /Pacific Highway as an interim solution to address impact to local residents on Nelson Street West, to provide alternative vehicle access to/ from Nelson Street, west of the railway line.

Such "Signalised" intersection shall allow a 'Right Turn' phase control for northbound traffic on Pacific Highway to Nelson Street west, also allow traffic from westbound traffic on Nelson Street onto Pacific Highway northbound & southbound lanes. Diagram 2 below illustrates such interim traffic arrangement during construction of the Metro project & closure of Nelson Street Bridge for Nelson Street west residents without adding extra traffic to congested local roads network.

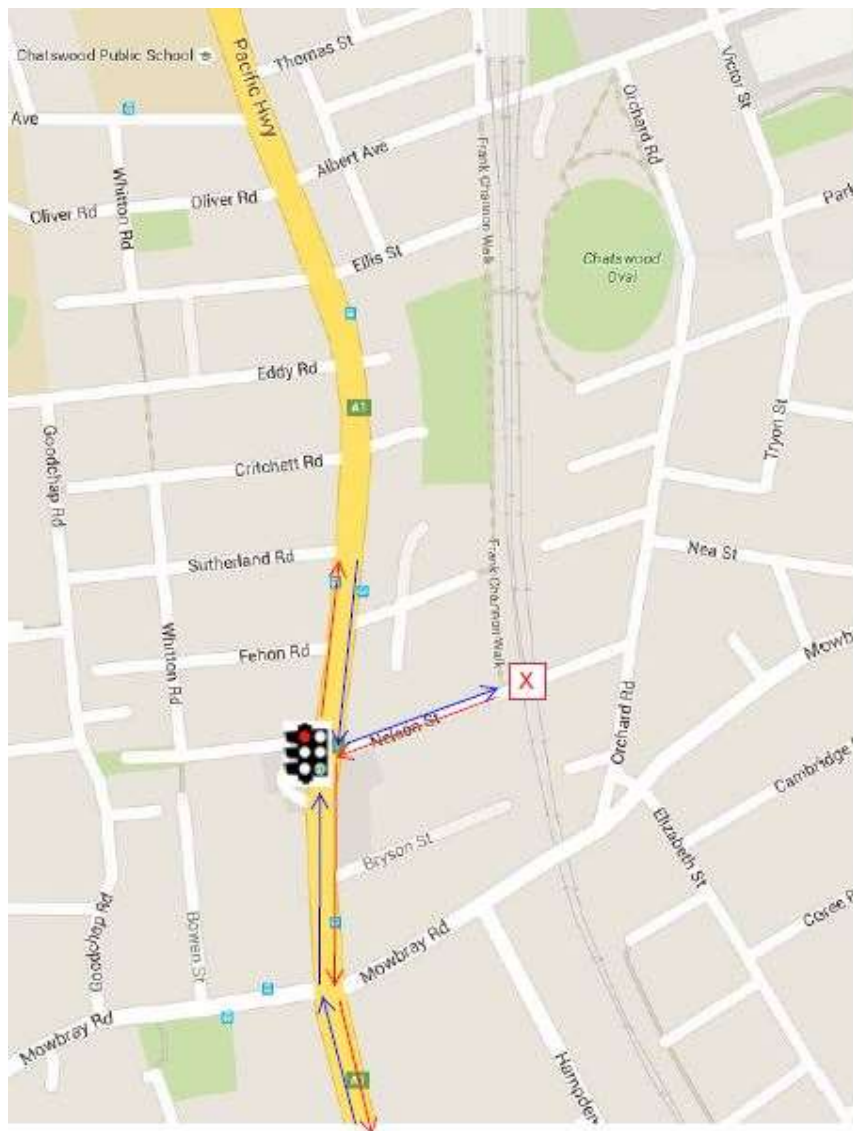


DIAGRAM 2 - PROPOSED 'SINGALISED' NELSON STREET / PACIFIC HIGHWAY INTERSECTION PRIOR TO PERMANENT CLOSURE OF EXISTING NELSON STREET BRIDGE

Condition of Approval 2 - Consideration shall be given for the construction of a new road after completion of the Metro Tunnel Portal in Chatswood, over the 'Dive' structure at location similar to existing private road within the existing Ausgrid site. Please refer to Diagram 3 below;



DIAGRAM 3 - PROPOSED 'SIGNALISED' MOWBRAY ROAD / FRANK CHANNON WALK EXTENSION FOR VEHICLES, PEDESTRIANS & CYCLISTS

We understand that Frank Channon Walk would be extended from Nelson Street to Mowbray Road on the western side of the rail line according the EIS document, Section 6.9.1 on page 174. Such will enhance facility / amenity for both pedestrians & cyclists that is FULLY SUPPORTED.

However, a new two ways local road that run parallel to the proposed Frank Channon Walk extension shall be considered for light vehicles, such will allow vehicles on Nelson Street to access Chatswood East, shopping precinct and other areas via Mowbray Road rather rely on Pacific Highway only. A 'Signalised' intersection at the New Road / Mowbray Road intersection to be implemented for safety moment of vehicles, pedestrians & cyclists. The proposed new road shall be restricted to light vehicles only.

Condition of Approval 3 - All existing 'on street parking' provision currently on Nelson Street to be retained, residents on Nelson Street shall be given parking permit with unrestricted time limit for such 'on street parking'.

The proposed Metro Dive Site at Chatswood IS NOT SUPPORTED unless the above 'Conditions of Approval' being incorporated as part of the Determination / Approval by the Minister for Planning NSW.