

11 Beresford Road  
Chatswood 2067  
27 June 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Nelson St Chatswood road closure: Metro project.**

I wish to raise a concern and offer a possible solution to one aspect of the plan. I live at 11 Beresford Ave Chatswood.

It is the intention of the project to close Nelson St, Chatswood as part of the long term works for the Metro line. They have indicated that they will provide a right turning lane from the Pacific Highway, for those who wish to access Mowbray Road from the Pacific Highway. This single solution ignores the local residents in Chatswood West who use Nelson St daily to access the Pacific Hwy Southbound when they are coming from Mowbray Road.

**It is a well-worn path for locals who live in Chatswood West and parts of Lane Cove, to head east on Mowbray Ave, cross the Pacific Highway then turn left into Orchard and again left into Nelson, to then access the Pacific Highway heading south.**

If you live in the catchment bounded by Mowbray, Pacific Highway and Fullers Road, then there are very few options to access the Pacific Highway except via Nelson St.

It is not possible to widen Mowbray Road, due to the Church and the Pub, to provide a right hand turn directly onto the Pacific Highway. The only other possible access is via Centennial Ave next to the schools. This route is already beyond capacity due to the increasing number of students at the Chatswood Public and Chatswood High schools.

As the town planner who worked for DEC on increasing capacity of the two local schools, I am acutely aware of the looming traffic burden in the coming five years on Centennial Ave. There will be well over 3000 students attending the two school campuses.

With Nelson St removed, and the rat runs through Artarmon closed already, then Centennial Ave will become a gridlock.

**A sensible solution would be to provide a set of lights with a right hand turn, at Eddy Ave onto the Pacific Highway.** This would help relieve the pressure on Centennial and provide a route for the local community who are affected by the Nelson St closure.

If it's not provided as part of these works, then the area will eventually become gridlocked and locals will have no real options that do not include significant diversions.

I have provided an illustration below and I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this issue further. I can be contacted on 0407 232 409.

Kind regards

Suzanne Clarke-Nash

Map of area and pathway indicated.

