Have your say

We will be meeting with key representatives from Beecroft Public School and the Beecroft Community Centre regarding this proposal and will continue to do so throughout the project.

We are also seeking your feedback on this proposal and would appreciate any comments by Monday 2 March 2015.

Please send your written comments to our delivery partner:

DownerMouchel
Attention: New Pedestrian Bridge, Beecroft
PO Box 6465
North Ryde NSW 2113
or email enquiries_nsw@downermouchel.com

Next Steps

Roads and Maritime will consider community and stakeholder feedback in finalising the design of the bridge and before making any decisions about this proposal.

We will continue to seek your feedback at appropriate times and will keep you updated as the project progresses.

For more information please contact the project team on 1800 332 660 or enquiries_nsw@downermouchel.com.

The NSW Government is funding this proposal to improve road and pedestrian safety and connectivity in Beecroft as part of its school pedestrian bridge program. Roads and Maritime Services is seeking your feedback on this proposal by Monday 2 March 2015.
The NSW Government’s Active Transport Pedestrian Bridges Program aims to improve safety and access around schools where children have to cross busy roads.

As part of this program, Roads and Maritime Services is proposing a new pedestrian bridge on Beecroft Road near the Beecroft Public School. This is close to the train station, local businesses, Beecroft Village Green and community facilities. Lots of people use the Beecroft Road and Copeland Road intersection, including school children and people with limited mobility.

We would also install a new pedestrian fence on the eastern side of Beecroft Road to encourage the use of the pedestrian bridge and further improve pedestrian safety.

**Benefits**

The proposed bridge would:

- Provide a safe crossing for school children and other pedestrians
- Better connect the school and properties on the western side of Beecroft Road to the station, Community Centre and Beecroft Village Green
- Improve traffic flow along Beecroft Road by limiting the amount of time vehicles spend waiting for pedestrians to cross
- Include lifts on each side of Beecroft Road to ensure the bridge is accessible for people with limited mobility and prams.

**Location**

The bridge would be located on Beecroft Road about 50 metres south of the Copeland Road intersection.

This location was chosen to limit the impact on the Beecroft Community Centre and mature native trees in the Beecroft Village Green and in the Beecroft Public School grounds.

**Project features**

The proposed pedestrian bridge would be about 9.2 metres high and allow a clearance for heavy vehicles up to about 5.5 metres.

The features of the project include:

- Bridge footings that would not interfere with access to the school or community centre.
- Removal of the existing pedestrian crossing on the southern side of the intersection to improve traffic efficiency and encourage pedestrians to use the bridge.
- A new pedestrian fence on the eastern side of Beecroft Road to encourage the use of the pedestrian bridge and further improve pedestrian safety.
- We would retain:
  - The pedestrian crossing on the northern side of the intersection for pedestrians to use in the event the lifts don’t work
  - The existing pedestrian fence on the western side of Beecroft Road.

**Assessing our impact**

We are committed to minimising the impact of this proposal on the environment and the community.

To complete an environmental impact assessment, Roads and Maritime will prepare a Review of Environmental Factors. This will outline the possible impacts of the proposal and the steps we need to take to reduce them.

We are still developing the design to fully understand impacts so that we can prepare the Review of Environmental Factors.

We believe we will need to remove some vegetation including trees, bushes and shrubs from Beecroft Village Green and Beecroft Public School to allow us to construct the bridge.

We will seek your feedback on the expected impacts in the coming months as more information becomes available.