Proposed intersection improvements at the Princes Highway and President Avenue, Kirrawee

Community Consultation Report

August 2017
Executive summary

This report provides a summary of Roads and Maritime Services' consultation with the community and key stakeholders on proposed intersection improvements at Princes Highway and President Avenue, Kirrawee.

The NSW Government is funding this proposal as part of its $300 million Gateway to the South Pinch Point Program which will improve traffic flow on Sydney's key southern road corridors by upgrading major intersections.

The proposal includes:

- widening on the south-eastern side of the intersection and into the existing median on the eastern side of the intersection, to accommodate lengthened right and left turn lanes from President Avenue, onto Princes Highway. This would result in the removal of about six trees
- widening into the existing median on the southern side of the intersection to accommodate a lengthened right turn lane eastbound onto President Avenue
- widening into the existing median on the western side of the intersection to accommodate a dedicated left turn lane from President Avenue onto Princes Highway
- introducing a peak hour right turn ban from President Avenue onto Princes Highway northbound between 3pm and 7pm, Monday to Friday
- modifying the median on the northern side of the intersection to improve safety for vehicles turning right from President Avenue northbound onto Princes Highway
- relocating the traffic control signals in the existing median on the western side of President Avenue
- installing new pavement, kerbs and signage
- relocating utilities
- road surfacing and line markings.

Roads and Maritime invited feedback on this proposal in May, June and July. We received feedback from 66 people, with four people supporting the proposal, 24 people with conditional support, 26 who opposed the proposal and 12 who did not state a preference.

The 24 people who provided conditional support of the proposal raised the following:

- maintain the right turn from President Avenue onto Acacia Road at all times
- review traffic phasing
- improve pedestrian access
- install a clearway on President Avenue from Glencoe Street to Acacia Road during peak periods.

The 26 people who opposed the proposal raised concerns around the PM peak right turn restriction on President Avenue and its impact to the local road network.

We thank everyone for considering the proposal and for their feedback.

The decision

After considering all responses, along with the proposal's aims and design requirements, we have decided to proceed with the proposal unchanged. We will continue to keep the community and stakeholders informed as the project progresses.
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1. Introduction
1.1. Background

The intersection of Princes Highway and President Avenue has been identified as part of the NSW Government’s $300 million Gateway to the South Pinch Point Program.

The Princes Highway is an important urban arterial road, and forms part of the A1 road corridor. The A1 connects the south coast of NSW and Wollongong to Sydney. It also provides access to major roads including the M5 Motorway, A3 King Georges Road, A36 Princes Highway (city) and M1 Pacific Highway.

There are currently high volumes of vehicles travelling in both directions on President Avenue and the Princes Highway. Due to these volumes, the intersection of the Princes Highway and President Avenue is experiencing congestion and delays. These delays are caused by turning vehicles blocking through traffic. This proposal aims to improve the flow of traffic and overall efficiency of the intersection.

Benefits include:

- improved operation of Princes Highway along the corridor and at the intersection with President Avenue
- improved safety at the intersection, with a reduction in the number of rear-end crashes and crashes involving motorists changing lanes
- reduced traffic delays and a better flow of traffic for motorists at all points along the corridor.

1.2. The proposal

Roads and Maritime is proposing to improve traffic flow and ease congestion at the intersection of Princes Highway and President Avenue.

The proposal includes:

- widening on the south-eastern side of the intersection and into the existing median on the eastern side of the intersection, to accommodate lengthened right and left turn lanes from President Avenue, onto Princes Highway. This would result in the removal of about six trees
- widening into the existing median on the southern side of the intersection to accommodate a lengthened right turn lane eastbound onto President Avenue
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- relocating the traffic control signals in the existing median on the western side of President Avenue
- installing new pavement, kerbs and signage
- relocating utilities
- road surfacing and line markings.

We have included a map to show the location of the proposed intersection improvements.
Figure 1- Proposed intersection improvements at the Princes Highway and President Avenue, Kirrawee
2. **Consultation approach**

2.1. **Consultation objectives**

We consulted with the community and key stakeholders on the proposal to:

- Seek comment, feedback, ideas, and suggestions for us to consider when developing the proposal, including consultation outcomes into the environmental impact assessment known as a review of environmental factors
- Build a database of interested and concerned community members with whom we can continue to engage during the proposal’s development and delivery.

2.2. **How consultation was done**

Community members and stakeholders were encouraged to provide their comments via email, mail or phone contact with the project team.

**Table 1 - How consultation was done**

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<th>• Sutherland Shire Council has been consulted about the proposal and will be involved in the continual development of the proposal.</th>
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| Have your say community update – May 2017 | • Distributed 77,000 letters (Appendix A) to local residents and businesses (Appendix B) inviting feedback on the proposal, including nearby proposals along the Princes Highway corridor  
• Direct email and mail to MPs, council, emergency services, schools and universities, large businesses, religious centres and community groups in the local area. |
| Website | • Roads and Maritime project webpage updated with latest project information including the community update. |
| Online consultation tool | • An online consultation tool was made available for the community to provide feedback. Feedback was provided via an interactive map using drop pin comments and was open to the public during the consultation period. |
| Social media | • A targeted Facebook ad ran between Saturday 22 June and Sunday 30 June, reaching 29,571 local residents and motorists travelling along the corridor. |
3. Consultation summary
3.1. Overview

We received feedback from 66 people, with four people supporting the proposal, 24 people with conditional support, 26 who opposed the proposal and 12 who did not state a preference.

The 24 people who provided conditional support of the proposal raised the following:

- maintain the right turn from President Avenue onto Acacia Road at all times
- review traffic phasing
- improve pedestrian access
- install a clearway on President Avenue from Glencoe Street to Acacia Road during peak periods.

The 26 people who opposed the proposal raised concerns around the PM peak right turn restriction on President Avenue and its impact to the local road network.

3.2. Feedback and Roads and Maritime’s responses

Roads and Maritime has provided responses to all feedback received on this proposal. The responses have been provided directly to those who commented as well as in this report, which will be made available to the public.

All comments have been considered to help Roads and Maritime make decisions on this proposal. Matters raised during consultation that are not within Roads and Maritime’s area of responsibility have been forwarded to the relevant departments.
Feedback received and matters raised relating to intersection improvements on Princes Highway, Kirrawee and Kogarah, including new and extended clearways from Kirrawee to Menai have been addressed in separate consultation reports and are available on our website. Matters relating to intersection improvements at Princes Highway and President Avenue, Kirrawee, have been responded to below.

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<td>Active Transport</td>
<td>What provisions will be made in this proposal for cyclists?</td>
<td>Cyclists are able to ride on any road, by using a traffic lane.</td>
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<td>The NSW Government understands the health benefits of cycling and is encouraging people to lead an active lifestyle. Since 2011, the NSW Government has invested historic levels of funding into building cycle ways and pedestrian infrastructure.</td>
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<td>Design</td>
<td>The PM peak right turn restriction on President Avenue should also be restricted in the AM period.</td>
<td>The aim of this proposal is to improve the efficiency of the intersection at the Princes Highway and President Avenue.</td>
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<td>There is currently no signalised pedestrian link on the south side of the intersection due to the dual left turn lane movement from President Avenue onto Princes Highway. Installing a signalised pedestrian crossing would require a dedicated signal phase and would create further congestion at the intersection for vehicles travelling westbound on President Avenue.</td>
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<td>As part of this proposal we have considered the aims, including impacts to the community and safety for all road users. A signalised crossing is not being considered on the south side of the intersection.</td>
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<td>Two dedicated right turn lanes are needed on President Avenue for vehicles turning right onto Acacia Road.</td>
<td>Vehicles turning right from President Avenue onto Acacia Road northbound in the AM peak are higher in volumes compared to the PM peak. Due to these higher volumes the right turn cannot be restricted during this time in order to maintain the flow of the intersection and overall aim of the proposal. Restricting vehicles from turning right from President Avenue onto Acacia Road during the PM peak will improve the overall efficiency of the intersection and allow for improved flow of traffic for the high volumes of vehicles travelling north and south on the Princes Highway in the PM peak period. The extension of the right turn bay on President Avenue will also allow for greater holding capacity of vehicles, allowing through traffic to flow.</td>
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<td>What considerations have been made in this design regarding the impact to the road network as a result of housing and commercial development in the area?</td>
<td>The Gateway to the South Pinch Point Program focuses on short to medium term solutions to improve travel time and reliability for all road users, including improving the efficiency of the Princes Highway and President Avenue intersection. The proposal has been designed with considerations to achieve the most suitable level of intersection performance based on all scenarios, including predicted development and growth.</td>
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<td>The road alignment at the intersection of the Princes Highway and President Avenue is off in the proposal.</td>
<td>An additional lane has been included as part of this proposal to improve traffic flow for eastbound vehicles on President Avenue. Lane markings will guide vehicles across the intersection as part of the new design.</td>
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<td>Remove the through arrow on President Avenue for vehicles travelling westbound to allow two dedicated left turn lanes for vehicles turning onto the Princes Highway.</td>
<td>There is currently a high volume of vehicles travelling westbound on President Avenue and turning left from President Avenue onto the Princes Highway. The shared through and left turn lane as part of this proposal will cater to these volumes and improve the overall flow of the intersection.</td>
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<td>Congestion is being caused by traffic light phasing at the intersection of the Princes Highway/Acacia Road and President Avenue. Phasing favours vehicles turning onto Acacia Road/Princes Highway.</td>
<td>Traffic lights in NSW are controlled by the Sydney Coordinated Adaptive Traffic System (SCATS), which allocates the length of green time based on real time traffic flow. Sensors beneath the road measure the flow and density of traffic approaching the lights in each direction and the green time is allocated accordingly. The length of time the light stays green varies in response to changing traffic conditions. This ensures that the traffic light phasing is operating at maximum efficiency. Vehicles travelling on the Acacia Road are currently given priority in the traffic light phases due to the high volume of traffic on the road. Roads with higher traffic demands are given longer green time to reduce congestion along the network. The proposal includes changes in traffic signal phasing to control the traffic movement at the intersection. The proposed design will improve the overall efficiency of the intersection.</td>
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<td>Freight and heavy vehicles who use the right turn to travel north on the Princes Highway will be unable to get around the Glencoe Street roundabout as an alternative route in PM peak period.</td>
<td>President Avenue is not a heavy vehicle route, therefore the right turn ban will not affect existing heavy vehicle movements.</td>
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<td>Environment</td>
<td>Where and what will the replacement trees be at the intersection of the Princes Highway and President Avenue?</td>
<td>No replacements of trees are proposed in this area. Tree removal is minor, with low visual impacts and a majority of existing trees to be maintained.</td>
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<td>Local road network</td>
<td>Restricting right turns out of President Avenue onto Acacia road northbound during PM peak period will cause increased vehicles volumes on local roads.</td>
<td>Improved efficiency on the state road network will have flow on improvements to the local road network.</td>
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<td>Traffic counts undertaken in preparation of this proposal indicate minor right turn movements from President Avenue onto the Princes Highway during the PM peak period.</td>
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<td>Restricting right turn movements during the PM peak period will improve the flow of traffic along the main arterial route, including more green time for vehicles travelling in both directions along the Princes Highway.</td>
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<td>An alternative route study was completed as part of this proposal and the additional distances and travel times to motorists were acceptable.</td>
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<td>Out of scope</td>
<td>The F6 extension is needed. These proposals are short term solutions and will be ineffective as traffic demands increase.</td>
<td>The Gateway to the South Pinch Point Program focuses on short to medium term solutions to improve travel time and reliability for all road users. Intersection improvements at Princes Highway and President Avenue aim to improve congestion and journey reliability, improving the overall efficiency of the state and local road network.</td>
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<td>(F6 extension)</td>
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<td>Roads and Maritime has been conducting a study into developing the F6 extension, a possible link between the M1 at Waterfall and the Sydney Motorway Network. The F6 extension study was identified as a priority in the NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan, 2012 and the State Infrastructure Strategy Update, 2014.</td>
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<td>Geotechnical analysis is now being carried out to determine the underground geology along the corridor.</td>
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<td>Out of scope (requests for investigation and improvements)</td>
<td>Add an additional left turn lane for vehicles travelling southbound on Glencoe Street turning left onto President Avenue, this would allow the other lane to be a straight through and right turn for vehicles.</td>
<td>The purpose of this consultation was to seek feedback on the proposed intersection improvements at the Princes Highway President Avenue, Kirrawee. Glencoe Street is under the care and control of Sutherland Shire Council. Additional capacity for turning lanes has been referred to council for investigation.</td>
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<td>No parking is required in both directions on President Avenue from Glencoe Street to Acacia Road during peak periods.</td>
<td>The Sydney Clearways Strategy identified roads for investigation of possible new and extended clearways. The community and key stakeholders, including council and businesses, will be consulted during any development of a clearway proposal on these roads. For more information about the Sydney Clearways Strategy, please visit <a href="http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/clearways">www.rms.nsw.gov.au/clearways</a>. This request has been referred to our clearways team for investigation.</td>
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<td>Intersection improvements are needed at the Princes Highway and Waratah Street.</td>
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<td>A grade separation is needed at the intersections of the Princes Highway, Acacia Road and Oak Road, Kirrawee.</td>
<td>The purpose of this consultation was to seek feedback on the proposed intersection improvements at the Princes Highway President Avenue, Kirrawee. A grade separation at the intersections of the Princes Highway, Acacia Road and Oak Road are considered outside the scope of this project.</td>
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<td>An underpass is required at the intersection of President Avenue and Gymea Bay Road.</td>
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<td>Traffic light phasing needs to be optimised for vehicles travelling southbound on the Princes Highway to improve intersections at Rawson Avenue and Farnell Avenue.</td>
<td>The purpose of this consultation was to seek feedback on the proposed intersection improvements at the Princes Highway President Avenue, Kirrawee. Intersection improvements at the Princes Highway, Rawson Avenue and Farnell Avenue are considered outside the scope of this project.</td>
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<td>Three lanes are needed for vehicles travelling north and southbound on Oak Road to turn onto the Princes Highway, heading towards Acacia Road.</td>
<td>The purpose of this consultation was to seek feedback on the proposed intersection improvements at Princes Highway and President Avenue, Kirrawee. The addition of a north and southbound lane on Oak Road is considered outside the scope of this project. Oak Road is under the care and control of Sutherland Shire Council. The request for additional lanes has been referred to council for investigation.</td>
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<td>Development will result in additional commuters using Kirrawee railway station.</td>
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<td>Close access onto Acacia Road from Flora Street.</td>
<td>The purpose of this consultation was to seek feedback on the proposed intersection improvements at the Princes Highway President Avenue, Kirrawee. Closing access to Acacia Road from Flora Street is considered outside the scope of this project. Flora Street is under the care and control of Sutherland Shire Council. The request to close access has been referred to council for investigation.</td>
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<td>Cars disobeying pedestrian crossing at Acacia Road and Flora Street.</td>
<td>Roads and Maritime has provided five traffic light lanterns at this pedestrian crossing, including one on each approaches mast-arms. These improvements have been carried out to increase the visibility of the traffic light for motorists. In addition safety signage has recently been installed to warn approaching vehicles of the signalised pedestrian crossing. It is an offence for vehicles to disobey a red light. The enforcement of traffic laws remains a primary responsibility of the NSW Police Force. This includes motorists disobeying road rules. Roads and Maritime encourages you to contact Sutherland Local Area Command on 9542 0899, who will determine whether targeted enforcement activities may be appropriate.</td>
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<td>An additional northbound lane on Acacia Road is needed.</td>
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4. **Decision**

We thank everyone who provided comments and the community and stakeholders for considering the proposal.

After considering all responses, along with the proposal’s aims and design requirements, we have decided to proceed with the proposal unchanged.

5. **Next steps**

We will continue to keep the community informed of the project’s progress. Work is expected to start in early 2018.
6. Appendices

6.1. Appendix A – ‘Have your say’ community update May 2017

Proposed intersection improvements on Princes Highway and clearways on Old Princes Highway, River Road and Bangor Bypass.

The NSW Government is funding these improvements as part of its $300 million Gateway to the South Pinch Points Program and $121 million Cleanways Program.

Roads and Maritime Services is proposing this work to make your daily commute better. Upgrading these intersections and introducing a clearway will also make getting around on weekends much easier for you, your friends and family.

Roads and Maritime want your local knowledge to help us make this proposal work better for both the local community and all road users who travel through this section of the Princes Highway. We are seeking feedback by Monday 3 July 2017.

We are providing a number of ways for you to find out more information about our proposal:
• displaying our draft Environmental Impact Report (EIRA) Display locations can be found on our website.
• this community update
• community information sessions where the project team will be available to answer your questions.

In addition to improving traffic flow through this section of the Princes Highway, these changes would make this stretch of road safer. It would reduce the number of rear-end crashes and crashes caused by lane changes.

Proposed intersection improvements at Princes Highway and The Boulevarde

- extension of the left slip lane from Princes Highway westbound onto The Boulevard
- removing about 8 trees and 16 shrubs
- improving safety by closing access from Princes Highway to the Boulevarde
- construction of a traffic island to improve pedestrian safety and to separate left and right turning traffic from Princes Highway into Princes Highway
- installing new pavement and kerb
- relocating utilities
- simplifying and line marking

We have included a map to help explain the proposal.

Proposed intersection improvements

Alternative access to access The Boulevard from Princes Highway service road.

- Proposed intersection
- Proposed new exit from Princes Highway
- Proposed access route
- Proposed new lane
- Proposed walking path
- Proposed bicycle path
- Proposed clearway

Princes Highway and The Boulevarde proposed intersection improvements
Proposed intersection improvements at Princes Highway and President Avenue

Roads and Maritime has developed this proposal to ease congestion at this intersection of Princes Highway and President Avenue. High volumes of vehicles travelling in both directions on President Avenue are reducing through flow to two lanes when turning northbound and southbound onto Princes Highway, causing congestion and delays.

The proposal includes:

• widening on the south-eastern side of the intersection and into the existing median on the eastern side of the intersection, to accommodate lengthened right and left turn lanes from President Avenue onto Princes Highway. This would result in the removal of about six trees.

• widening into the existing median on the southern side of the intersection to accommodate a lengthened right turn lane eastbound onto President Avenue.

• widening into the existing median on the western side of the intersection to accommodate a dedicated left turn lane from President Avenue onto Princes Highway.

• introducing a peak hour right turn lane from President Avenue northbound to Princes Highway. This would result in the removal of about six trees.

• modifying the median on the northern side of the intersection to improve safety for vehicles turning right from President Avenue northbound onto Princes Highway.

• relocating the traffic control signals in the existing median on the western side of President Avenue.

• installing new pavement, kerbs and signage.

• relocating utilities.

• resurfacing and line marking.

We have included a map to help explain the proposal.
Proposed new and extended clearways on Old Princes Highway, The Grand Parade, Linden Street, River Road and Bangor Bypass, from Acacia Road, Kirrawee to New Illawarra Road, Menai

The NSW Government is funding this clearways proposal as part of the $172.1 million Clearways Program, which aims to reduce congestion and delays on Sydney’s roads.

Background
On Monday 27 July 2015, Roads and Maritime Services introduced new and extended clearways on Princes Highway, from King Georges Road, Blakehurst, to President Avenue, Kirrawee. We are now proposing new and extended clearways on Old Princes Highway, The Grand Parade, Linden Street, River Road and Bangor Bypass, from Acacia Road, Kirrawee to New Illawarra Road, Menai.

The proposed clearways will help to provide more reliable travel times for motorists and maximise the benefits of the proposed intersection improvements.

Sydney’s Clearways Strategy
The NSW Government has committed $121 million to installing new clearways on Sydney’s road network. Since 2013, we have installed over 170 kilometres of new and extended clearways across some of Sydney’s busiest corridors and we are continuing to investigate new and extended weekday and weekend clearways across the network.

Next steps
Roads and Maritime will carefully consider all feedback before deciding to proceed with each proposal. We will keep you updated as each proposal progresses.

Online consultation tool
Roads and Maritime has created an interactive online consultation tool for the proposed intersection improvements along Princes Highway and intersections on Old Princes Highway, River Road and Bangor Bypass. The tool allows community members to place comments at a specific location on a map of the proposed project areas. This will help the project team to better understand the feedback. We receive by providing the exact location a comment is referring to. To submit your comments on our online tool visit rms.ny/sw/princes-highway-upgrade and follow the instructions.

Background
The Princes Highway is an important urban arterial road, and forms part of the A1 road corridor. The A1 connects the south coast of NSW and Wollongong to Sydney. It also provides access to major roads including the M5 Motorway, A3 King Georges Road, A26 Princes Highway (city) and M1 Pacific Highway.

Proposed new and extended clearways from Kirrawee to Menai

What hours of operation are proposed?
Roads and Maritime are proposing to install new and extended clearways to operate in both directions on:

- weekdays from 6am to 10pm and 3pm to 7pm.
- weekends and public holidays from 9am to 6pm.

The proposed weekday clearway hours are consistent with the weekday clearway hours that have recently been installed on Princes Highway, north-east of this proposal, to minimise confusion for motorists.

Alternative parking arrangements
The proposal would impact 17 parking spaces between Glenrose Street and Auburn Street during clearway hours. Parking studies identified that there was capacity in the adjacent side streets to accommodate the demand for parking removed from Old Princes Highway. The extended parking spaces between Princes Highway and Auburn Street and near Vermont Street would not be impacted by this proposal.

Have your say
To find out more or provide feedback:

- Phone: 02 8849 2374
- Email: G25@rms.nsw.gov.au
- Gateway to the South Pink Point project from PO Box 97J, Paramatta CBD NSW 2124
- Website: www.rms.nsw.gov.au/infocentre

Translating and Interpreting Service
If you need an interpreter, please call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) on 131 480 and ask them to telephone Roads and Maritime Services on 02 8849 2374.

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