

Appendix D Northern Beaches Walking Plan – Written Submissions

<p>NSW Health – Northern Sydney Local Health District</p>	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Northern Beaches Walking Plan. Walking is an important component of active transport. Pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure results in linkages within neighbourhoods and to local destinations. Use of cycle and pedestrian paths increases physical activity and decreases car dependence, offering both health environmental benefits, and reducing on-site car parking demands.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>To ensure that road network and connectivity enhancements prioritise active transport infrastructure such as separated paths, as they may reduce the potential for conflict between cyclists and pedestrians and that they are integrated with the Northern Beaches Walking Plan's existing network.</p> <p>NSLHD Health Promotion thanks Northern Beaches Council for the opportunity to comment on the Northern Beaches Walking Plan. We welcome further opportunities to assist Northern Beaches Council on policies and plans that will promote the health and wellbeing of the Northern Beaches community.</p>
<p>Killarney Heights PROBUS Club</p>	<p>We have been taking advantage of some terrific cycling paths eg Narrabeen Lagoon, Warriewood Wetlands, Dee Why to Narrabeen, Manly Vale to Fairy Bower. Your planning process I note includes for a “walking path development”. Could I ask if this could be a combined walking/cycling track development. And would it be possible to develop a comprehensive walking/cycling map for the council area.</p> <p>Our group has noticed an increasing use of the walking/cycle tracks by groups of all ages. One suggestion for your future planning is that if there is an alternative “flat” walk/ride could this take precedence over a “hilly” walk/ride.</p>
<p>Narrabeen Ward resident – North Narrabeen</p>	<p>Re article on footpaths i have one Garden St North Narrabeen east side it is a mess too narrow school kids ride their bikes to school and back can't pass it is broken up with lumps and floods when it rains it has been patched so people won't trip need to be levelled and widened has been like this for years get the Mayor to plan for this as an urgent fix it's overdue</p>
<p>Frenchs Forest Ward – Forestville Resident</p>	<p>The proposed new Keldie St footpath between Brown &amp; Deakin Streets as shown on Council Walking Plan needs to be on the western side of Keldie St &amp; NOT the eastern side. Pedestrians mostly approach from the bus stop on Warringah Rd, down the pedestrian lane to Ashton Ave &amp; along the existing Keldie St footpath which aligns with the western side of Keldie St across Brown St on their way to Lady Davidson Circuit &amp; adjacent streets.</p>

	<p>Between Brown &amp; Deakin Streets, whilst the western side is flat &amp; is the accepted walking path, the eastern side is undulating &amp; in places over 1 metre above the street surface. To push a stroller, or walk yoWig children which at times have to be on the road along here is deemed extremely dangerous.</p> <p>With the new Northern Beaches Hospital &amp; associated major roadworks underway for some time yet the increase in traffic, especially in peak hours, with drivers detouring off Warringah Rd to beat traffic deadlock, the potential for pedestrians to be involved with a traffic accident is heightened.</p>
<p>Frenchs Forest Ward – Frenchs Forest Resident</p>	<p>As you can see, I requested a footpath in 2015 without any joy. Every morning and afternoon, many groups of school children on their way to and from school walk up and down Peacock Parade usually in the road. Cars speed up and down the narrow road taking some to the two schools. I haven't included photos of the groups for privacy reasons. Walkers, many with dogs, residents and others use the road. In wet weather, most are on the road. In the name of safety, a proper footpath should be provided on one side of Peacock Parade from Lockwood Avenue and Shanuk Street to join the exiting footpath that terminates at Peacock Parade ( see photos ) At the bottom of my drive, there is a Council tree on the nature strip at an angle of 45 degrees with tree roots above ground level. A Council representative should visit our street to view the situation. The last photo shows looking up Peacock Parade from the corner of Shanuk Street where the footpath ends. You can see tree roots also.</p> <p>I request a footpath be continued from Shanuk Street Frenchs Forest up Peacock Parade to Lockwood Avenue. Opposite Shanuk Street across Blackbutts Road, there is Mimosa Public School and Davidson High. Many school children and locals walk up and down this section of Peacock Parade usually on the road as we have no footpaths on either side. In wet weather everyone uses the road. One local has a motorised vehicle for the disabled. Peacock Parade is not wide and you can just drive through if cars are parked on either side. There is a pedestrian crossing across Blackbutts Road at Shanuk Street and one across Lockwood Avenue to the Belrose Library and Glenrose shops beyond. The footpath should link up with the Lockwood Avenue pedestrian crossing. I haven't taken photos of school children for obvious reasons but they walk on the road with skate boards, bouncing balls, talking on I-phones and amongst themselves. Mum's push prams on the road as it is much harder on the nature strip to get up the hill.</p> <p>In the past, council says there is no money, I have been paying rates since 1976. This is a safety issue.</p>
<p>Pittwater Ward – Mona Vale resident</p>	<p>I'm hoping the Northern Beaches Walking Plan includes provision of safe footpaths. I live in</p>

	<p>Elimatta Road, Mona Vale where there is no footpath safe to walk on. On the western side of the road there are areas where there is no footpath at all, the verges being steep and going right down from the garden boundaries to the kerb. On the eastern side the footpath area is fairly flat but totally unsafe to walk on without risking turning an ankle. All walking is done on the road, which is fairly narrow with cars parked all along it. Constructing a proper footpath on the eastern side of the road, as has just been completed in Hill Street.</p>
<p>Pittwater Ward – Mona Vale resident</p>	<p>I am writing to Council to raise the matter of safety, access and connectivity via footpaths for pedestrian amenity along the section of Barrenjoey Road from Careel Head road to Surf road, Palm Beach.</p> <p>The closest pedestrian refuge to safely cross Barrenjoey Road is located at North Avalon Road, some 500 metres to the south. During the year with sporting training, fixtures and events, as well as permanent parking of boats, advertising trailers and dumped items, make this area less than desirable, and potentially unsafe for pedestrians.</p> <p>This section of roadway; Barrenjoey Road from Careel Head road to Surf road Palm Beach is without footpaths on both the eastern and (Pittwater) western side of this road.</p> <p>The undrained / unmade road reserve along the roadway that serves the local community for pedestrian access is bordered by Tennis courts, Rugby fields, Soccer fields, Cricket field and Dog exercise off leash and fenced areas and provides for four bus stops. This is the access to Careel Bay waterfront, to Surf road leading to Whale Beach and for Barrenjoey High school students, as well as parents with babies and prams to local shops, sporting activities, bus stops and the beach.</p> <p>Previously raised with former Pittwater Council, I retained a response letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015, advising me that:-</p> <p><i>“concept plans for Barrenjoey Road to be approved by the RMS ..... would be able to ensure that any future works on Barrenjoey Road are compatible with the provision of a footpath in the future, and subject to funding being available”</i></p> <p>As a resident of this locality, the frequent difficulty in access along the unmade road reserve by a wide range of ages/generations of residents attempting to access to school, passive recreation, dog walking in the allocated reserve area, community reserves and fields is witnessed daily.</p>

	<p>Young families living nearby have discussed their safety concerns with prams and many students on bikes to school; they are not willing to walk along the roadway with their babies and worry for their children's safe travel to school.</p> <p>Firstly, I would be very appreciative of the current information or planning, a site visit by your staff, and a discussion with the Council in aiming to obtain an undertaking from Northern Beaches Council to include funding for basic resident amenity and connectivity along a footpath in this highly utilised length of roadway for the safety of residents and visitors to be included into the draft 2018-2019 budget.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of this request, and reply in due course.</p>
Pittwater Ward – Palm Beach Resident	I absolutely support a new local walking area for connectivity, safety and access in Barrenjoey Road, Palm Beach between Careel Head Road to Surf Road.
Pittwater Ward resident – Palm Beach	<p>I live on a section of Barrenjoey Road in Palm Beach.</p> <p>I take my life in my hands every time I need to walk to a bus stop.</p> <p>There is not a safe space on either side of this very narrow road for a pedestrian, let alone mothers with pushchairs or dog walkers.</p> <p>Yet Council is spending millions on providing cantilevered walkways for backpackers from Palm Beach ferry to the beach, while ratepayers living on this section of road cannot leave their homes in safety.</p> <p>Pavements have recently been constructed south of Careel Head Rd towards north Avalon.</p> <p>Does Council have any plans for providing a similar service to my section of the road? I realise that this is an extremely narrow road, but surely something can be done.</p> <p>I await your response with interest.</p>
Newport Resident	A number of submissions were received from a Newport resident