

**ITEM 62. TRAFFIC TREATMENT – REMOVAL OF ROAD CLOSURE AND
MANAGED ACCESS – GEORGE STREET THE ROCKS AND
HICKSON ROAD MILLERS POINT**

TRIM RECORD NO: 2015/541677

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the removal of the Friday and Saturday night road closure in George Street at Alfred Street, The Rocks, and managed access in Hickson Road at Pottinger Street, Millers Point, subject to the following conditions:

- (A) The City, Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority and Sydney City Police continue to monitor traffic and social behaviour in and around The Rocks.

DECISION

BACKGROUND

The northbound road closure of George Street at Alfred Street, The Rocks, and the managed northbound access of Hickson Road at Pottinger Street, Millers Point, on Friday and Saturday nights from 10pm to 3am were introduced in October 2007 to address anti-social behaviour.

The traffic arrangements have been in operations for the past 8 years but there have been significant changes in and around the north-western area on central Sydney since the arrangements started.

Changes include the development of Barangaroo, realignment of Hickson Road, Walsh Bay redevelopment, Argyle Street closure from George to Harrington Streets, Hickson Road reduced to one lane under the Sydney Harbour Bridge, realignment of Towns Place and Dalgety Road, Wynyard Walk project and more recently the CBD bus network plan was implemented.

The upcoming CBD and South East Light Rail (CBDSELR) project will close sections of George Street and change the way traffic enters and leaves The Rocks, Millers Point and Walsh Bay.

COMMENTS

Due to the light rail impact on traffic access, the Hickson Road and George Street traffic arrangements on Friday and Saturday night needs to be removed to assist local and visitor access.

The Barangaroo development began in 2012 and already has made significant changes to pedestrian and traffic access around the site. Changes include realignment of Hickson Road, Towns Place, Dalgety Road, new Barangaroo internal road network and construction of the Wynyard Walk pedestrian project.

The road closure and managed access removal are necessary to ensure residents, businesses and visitors can gain access to the north western section of central Sydney.

George Street and Hickson Road will be monitored during the CBDSELR construction and after its completion in early 2019.

CONSULTATION

The City advised residents and businesses in The Rocks, Millers Point and Dawes Point of the need to remove the Friday and Saturday night road closure in George Street and managed access in Hickson Road to assist local and visitor access.

FINANCIAL

Funds are not required to remove the road closure and managed access.

ATTACHMENTS

Traffic Treatment – Removal of Road Closure and Managed Access – George Street The Rock and Hickson Road Millers Point

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MANAGED ACCESS AND ROAD CLOSURE SITES



