

**Item 34.****Traffic Treatment - Give Way Control - Ross and Scotsman Streets, Forest Lodge**

TRIM Container No.: 2019/259886

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse changing the Stop controls in Ross Street, Forest Lodge, to Give Way controls at the intersection with Scotsman Street.

**Voting Members for this Item**

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Object</b>
City of Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]
Roads and Maritime Services	[Insert]	[Insert]
NSW Police – Leichhardt PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Balmain	[Insert]	[Insert]

**Advice**

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

**Background**

Leichhardt Police has requested consideration to change the Stop controls in Ross Street, Forest Lodge, to Give Way controls at the intersection with Scotsman Street to reduce confusion for drivers.

## Comments

The T-intersection of Ross and Scotsman Streets is controlled by Stop controls. The Stop controls were introduced as part of the redevelopment of the Harold Park precinct to calm traffic and achieve a 40km/h speed limit.

In March 2019, Leichhardt Police wrote to the City advising they have inspected the intersection with local residents and believe the current Stop controls at this three-way intersection is confusing and as such promotes unsafe driving – drivers are unsure who has the right-of-way. To reduce driver confusion, Leichhardt Police have requested to retain the Stop control in Scotsman Street but change the Stop controls in Ross Street to Give Way.

City staff have inspected the intersection and found that the sight distance for drivers are clear.

At a Stop control, drivers must come to a complete stop before the intersection and then give way to all vehicles and pedestrians within and approaching the intersection. At a Give Way control, drivers must slow down and prepare to stop to give way to all vehicles and pedestrians within and approaching the intersection.

## Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 830 letters sent out with seven responses supporting the proposal and six responses opposing the proposal.

The responses supporting the proposal agreed that changing Ross Street to Give Way controls would reduce driver confusion. The responses opposing the proposal raised concerns that drivers would travel faster through the intersection.

RMS raised no objection to the proposed traffic change and ensured that the 40km/h speed limit would be retained should the Stop controls be changed to Give Way.

## Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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