

**Item 63.****Traffic Treatment – Speed Cushions – Clara Street, Erskineville**

TRIM Container No.: 2021/488877

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of speed cushions in Clara Street, Erskineville, at 5 metres north of Ethel Street.

**Voting Members for this Item**

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Object</b>
City of Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]
Transport for NSW	[Insert]	[Insert]
NSW Police – South Sydney PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Heffron	[Insert]	[Insert]

**Advice**

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

**Background**

The City is currently reviewing the playground on the median island in Ethel Street, Erskineville.

Ethel Street is a Shared Zone to provide a safe area around the playground. However, residents have requested additional traffic calming measures in Clara Street, on the approach to Ethel Street (and near the playground) to reinforce the existing 10km/h speed zone. The proposed speed cushions would improve safety and reduce vehicle speed turning into Ethel Street.

## Comments

Ethel Street playground is being upgraded as part of Stage 16 Parks Upgrade works. The local community are concerned about the speed of vehicles turning into Ethel Street from Clara Street as it presents a pedestrian safety hazard, especially considering the proximity to Ethel Street playground and the existing Shared Zone around the park.

This proposal would help to improve general safety in the area by reducing the speed of traffic travelling along Clara Street. This measure is part of the City's commitment to calm traffic and improve residential amenity.

## Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area on traffic calming to this location. Consultation activities included online engagement, a letter to residents and project signage at the park. A Zoom consultation feedback session was held on Wednesday 21 April 2021. One resident attended this session.

There were 1133 letters sent out and an online feedback form. A total of 15 submissions were received via Survey Monkey during the public consultation period, with approximately 85% supporting the proposal and 2 submissions opposing the proposal.

The majority of responses supported enhancing the traffic calming measures in order to improve pedestrian safety.

## Financial

Funding is sourced from the Ethel Street Playground renewal project.

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