

Frequently asked questions: Brisbane Water Drive safety review

The NSW Government has provided \$2 million to investigate safety improvements along Brisbane Water Drive between Glenrock Parade and Manooka Road, Point Clare.

What is the Brisbane Water Drive safety review?

Brisbane Water Drive is a State Road connecting the Central Coast Highway at West Gosford to Railway Street and Blackwall Road at Woy Woy. It is the primary link between Woy Woy and Gosford.

In 2015 the NSW Government announced \$2 million for safety upgrades at three intersections along Brisbane Water Drive. The intersections are at Jirrah Avenue, Lorraine Avenue and Penang Street.

Initial work has involved a route safety investigation to ensure safety issues are identified and addressed for this section of Brisbane Water Drive.

Has the community previously provided feedback about Brisbane Water Drive?

The community has previously provided feedback to Roads and Maritime Services about this section of Brisbane Water Drive and some of the long-standing issues raised by the community include:

- Difficulties for pedestrians trying to cross Brisbane Water Drive, which has limited formal crossing facilities
- Safety concerns for motorists entering and exiting side streets due to lack of formal turning lanes
- Safety concerns caused by sight distance and road design issues
- Concerns about the safety of children around Point Clare primary school.

Will all community concerns be addressed?

The area investigated is within a constrained environment and is bound by rock walls and existing housing on the western side and water and existing housing on the eastern side.

The safety investigation will determine the safety performance of the route and identify road safety improvements and priorities along this section of Brisbane Water Drive. Roads and Maritime will identify priorities for improvement to this section of the road in the short, medium and long term to address safety deficiencies that are identified.

The potential safety improvements will be prioritised based on a range of criteria, including traffic volumes, crash data, road design constraints, economic analysis and community feedback.

The total cost estimate for proposed work along this section of Brisbane Water Drive is \$10 million. This work is currently unfunded and will be considered on a competitive basis as funding becomes available.

The \$2 million of announced funding will be used to further investigate options, prepare funding proposals and design this high priority work.

What are the proposed safety improvements?

The proposed safety improvements include:

- Providing right turning bays at Sunshine Drive, Sunnyside Avenue and Takari Avenue
- Installing new traffic lights, including removing existing mid-block signals at the Koolinda Avenue and Jirrah Avenue intersection
- Building a pedestrian footpath from Collard Road to Jirrah Avenue
- Improving sight distance at Lorraine Avenue and banning the right turn in
- Improving safety at Penang Street by banning the right turn in and right turn out movements
- Installing a roundabout at the Collard Road and Welwyn Grove intersection. This roundabout will serve as a u-turn facility for motorists entering Penang Street and Lorraine Street, due to the banned right turn movements.

What can I do to contribute to the safety review?

The community has previously provided feedback to Roads and Maritime about this section of Brisbane Water Drive. We have identified potential safety improvements that will be prioritised based on a range of criteria and availability of funding. We are seeking community feedback on potential projects that have been identified by Roads and Maritime.

Where can I find more information on the strategy and provide my feedback?

We encourage you to send us your comments by Friday 25 November 2016 to:

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We will carefully consider your feedback and continue to keep you updated as the project progresses.

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