



Attending Traffic Committee Meetings

The North Sydney Traffic Committee is not a Committee of North Sydney Council, but a Committee set up as a requirement of Transport for NSW (TfNSW)

Council has been delegated certain powers from TfNSW with regard to traffic matters upon its local roads. A condition of this delegation is that Council must take into account the Traffic Committee recommendations.

There are four permanent members of the Traffic Committee, each of whom has a single vote only. The members are:

1. NSW Police
2. Transport for NSW
3. State Member of Parliament (for the location of the issue to be voted upon)
4. North Sydney Council

Council operates its Traffic Committee on the basis that the single Council vote, upon any issue, is determined by the majority vote among those Councillors present at the meeting.

Generally, the Mayor chairs Traffic Committee meetings; however, in the Mayor's absence it is customary for a pre-elected Councillor to take the chair.

Traffic Committee meetings are held on Fridays at six week intervals. Meeting agendas and reports are published on Council's website on the Thursday in the week prior to the meeting.

Council allows the members of the public to address the Traffic Committee.

Traffic Committee meetings are open to the public, under new conditions during the COVID-19 situation.

Individuals or groups wishing to address the Traffic Committee on a particular item must register to speak before 12 noon on the day prior to the meeting (Thursdays) by completing the Traffic Committee Registration form.

Upon arrival at Council, attendees will be asked to register their presence and follow the normal COVID safe check-in practices and procedures. Numbers may be limited to comply with social distancing requirements.

Members of the public are requested to switch off/silence mobile phones for the duration of the meeting.

Such items will then be brought forward, in Agenda order, and dealt with before items in which there is no interest from the public.

As the Chairperson calls the brought forward items on the Agenda, the meeting will be open to registered speakers who will be invited to speak in turn.

The following points should be noted by members of the public wishing to address the Traffic Committee:

- Addresses must relate to an item on the Agenda;
- Addresses should be limited to three (3) minutes, with a possible extension of time at the discretion of the Chairperson;
- Addresses should be made to “Mayor, Councillors and Committee Members”;
- If you have previously addressed the Traffic Committee on the subject then any further address must be made to present new information ONLY;
- Groups, or persons wishing to present similar points of view, should nominate a spokesperson - not address the Traffic Committee individually; and
- Having made your address and answered any questions put to you by the Committee, you may take no further part in the discussion.
- The meeting is not a debate, it is a forum to allow the Committee to hear the community’s concerns
- Council may record the meeting to assist with preparation of the minutes, however the recordings will be deleted and will not be published or distributed.

All questions and comments are to be addressed through the Chairperson who will indicate who is to speak next.

When all representations have been heard, the Traffic Committee will be asked by the Chairperson for a resolution to determine the matter whilst the interested parties are present.

All Traffic Committee resolutions are referred to the full Council for their approval. The recommendation sent to the full Council is the recommendation that has the majority vote of the four permanent members of the Traffic Committee. If Council wishes to proceed contrary to the majority vote, the TfNSW and Police have the right to appeal Council’s decision before the Regional Traffic Committee. Council must notify the TfNSW and the Police and give them 14 days to decide whether they propose to lodge an appeal on the matter in question.

Any action relative to any issue under appeal to the Regional Committee must then cease until the matter is determined.

The Sydney Regional Traffic Committee is chaired by an independent chairperson and submissions and representations are welcomed from all interested parties.

For more information regarding Conduct at Traffic Committee meetings refer to Council’s *Code of Meeting Practice* available from Council’s website or contact Council’s Governance team on 9936 8100.