

10.7. Traffic matters: Spofforth Street and Rangers Road, Cremorne - response to Council resolution

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ATTACHMENTS	1. Letter to Mosman Council 28/11/25 [10.6.1 - 2 pages]
CSP LINK	Outcome 4 – A connected LGA where safe, active and sustainable travel is preferred T4. Improve road safety by upgrading infrastructure and implementing programs that foster a culture of safe road behaviours

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to respond to the Council resolution of 13 October 2025 regarding traffic and pedestrian safety on Spofforth Street and Rangers Road, Cremorne.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- Given the shared responsibility of Spofforth Street with Mosman Council, there are limited actions North Sydney Council (Council) can take to address the concerns raised without collaboration with Mosman Council.
- Council wrote to Mosman Council on 28 November 2025 requesting a meeting to discuss a collaborative approach to address traffic and pedestrian safety concerns on Spofforth Street. Mosman Council has acknowledged the correspondence and is considering the matter along with other priorities within their Local Government Area.
- Council identifies road safety priorities with consideration of a combination of data from Transport for New South Wales' Centre for Road Safety, Council's adopted Local Area Traffic Management Plan, community accessibility, and road safety concerns. Currently available crash data indicates limited recorded crash history on Spofforth Street in the last five years.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council note the response to the Council resolution.
2. **THAT** Council note that collaboration will continue to be sought with Mosman Council regarding traffic and pedestrian safety on Spofforth Street and Rangers Road, Cremorne.

Background

The eastern side of Spofforth Street is within the jurisdiction of Mosman Council. The western side of Spofforth Street is under the jurisdiction of North Sydney Council. Given the shared responsibility for Spofforth Street, there are limited actions that North Sydney Council can undertake to address road safety and accessibility concerns.

At its meeting on 13 October 2025, Council resolved:

1. THAT Council note the multiple invitations, over many years, to Mosman Council to collaborate with North Sydney Council to address black spot and other traffic and pedestrian safety issues at Spofforth Street and Rangers Road.
2. THAT Council note the works undertaken by North Sydney Council at Holt Avenue and Spofforth Street to address the black spot and pedestrian safety in the absence of collaboration from Mosman Council.
3. THAT Council, once again, seek the cooperation of Mosman Council in addressing these traffic issues.
4. THAT the matter be referred to the CEO to consider available options under the Local Area Traffic Management Action Plan and that a report be returned to Council within three months.

Report

On 28 November 2025, in response to the above resolution, North Sydney Council wrote to Mosman Council requesting a meeting to agree a way forward to address traffic issues on Spofforth Street. A copy of the letter is attached to this report.

Mosman Council have acknowledged the letter and are considering the matter. At the time of preparing this report, no formal response nor confirmed meeting arrangements have been provided.

Spofforth Street is a local road with a significant movement function, including the operation of regular bus services. This limits the range of traffic calming and road safety treatments that would be approved or can be applied while maintaining the significant movement function of the street.

Information obtained from Transport for New South Wales' Centre for Road Safety for Spofforth Street at Holt Avenue identified three crashes at Spofforth Street and Holt Avenue in the last five years of available data. It is important to note that all recorded injury crashes at Holt Avenue occurred prior to road safety improvements implemented in early 2024 as a collaborative project between Mosman and North Sydney Council. Independent of the Centre for Road Safety, data from a recent tow-away crash reported no injuries.

There is one recorded injury at the intersection of Spofforth Street and Rangers Road in the last five years of available data from the Centre for Road Safety. The crash occurred on the eastern side of the intersection.

Council identifies road safety priorities with consideration of the Centre for Road Safety Data, Council's adopted Local Area Traffic Management Plan, community accessibility, and road safety concerns. Available crash data indicates limited recorded crash history on Spofforth Street in the last five years. Council works within budget and resourcing constraints to prioritise the delivery of road safety treatments.

Current road safety priorities based on these considerations include intersection improvements on Parraween Street at Winnie Street, on Sutherland Street at Park Avenue, and on Myrtle Street at Pacific Highway.

Council may consider localised treatments, such as speed cushions along the western side of Spofforth Street, to address specific traffic speed issues. However, such treatments would only apply to the western side and are unlikely to have a significant influence on overall traffic speeds. Treatments on one side of the street may result in drivers travelling on the opposing traffic lane to avoid the treatment or result in noise complaints from sudden acceleration after drivers travel past the treatment.

Given the limited crash history on the western side of Spofforth Street and the functional classification of the road, such treatments are not currently proposed as an outcome that would successfully address the concerns.

Council will continue to seek opportunities to work with Mosman Council to achieve road safety outcomes that address the identified issues on Spofforth Street and at Rangers Road, acknowledging that the elected body of Mosman Council determines its organisational priorities which may differ in timing and focus to those of North Sydney Council.

Consultation requirements

Community consultation has not been undertaken to inform the recommendations within this report.

Financial/Resource Implications

There are no direct financial implications for the Council in adopting the recommendations of this report.



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28 November 2025

Dear Craig,

At its meeting on 13 October 2025, North Sydney Council resolved as follows:

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As you are aware, our shared community has raised ongoing concerns about road safety and accessibility along Spofforth Street. Additionally the NSW Government is nearing completion of the Warringah Freeway Upgrade. North Sydney Council is concerned about resulting congestion on Military Road which may cause increased traffic volumes and speeds on Spofforth Street.

Due to our shared responsibility of Spofforth Street, action on traffic issues will be most effective with an agreed way forward between our two organisations. We would be keen to meet to agree locations and actions to address speed, road safety and accessibility on the street and seek a path forward to best achieve a positive outcome for our shared community.

Would you be available to meet to address these matters and discuss a coordinated approach to improving safety, accessibility and traffic management along Spofforth Street? Council is available to meet at your convenience, either in person or online.

Please let me know a suitable time for you and your team.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eoin', written over the printed name.

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