

9.5. Traffic Matters - Spofforth Street / Rangers Road - update report

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CSP LINK	Outcome 4 – A connected LGA where safe, active and sustainable travel is preferred T1. Deliver infrastructure and programs that support healthy and active travel T2. Promote sustainable transport options and make it easier for people to get around without a private car T3. Ensure a fair allocation of assets, parking and road space to promote sustainable travel options and prioritise access for those who need it most T4. Improve road safety by upgrading infrastructure and implementing programs that foster a culture of safe road behaviours

PURPOSE:

This report responds to a Council resolution of 9 February 2026 regarding traffic and pedestrian safety on Spofforth Street and Rangers Road, Cremorne.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- North Sydney Council (NSC) representatives have met with Mosman Council to discuss traffic calming and pedestrian safety improvements along Spofforth Street.
- Mosman Council advised that they were open to discussing NSC's concerns and working collaboratively to achieve a balanced outcome, noting the need for retention of parking along Spofforth Street to support the shopkeepers and their customers.
- NSC has raised the issue of traffic and pedestrian safety on Spofforth Street with TfNSW and requested that they consider funding, investigation, consultation, design, and installation of traffic calming and pedestrian safety improvements along Spofforth Street, in the context of anticipated increased traffic along the street due to the Warringah Freeway Upgrade project.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council note the contents of this report in relation to progressing traffic calming and pedestrian safety matters on Spofforth Street, Cremorne.

Background

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.

A report responding to the above Resolution was considered at Council's meeting of 9 February 2026. The report noted that:

- 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.

At the meeting of 9 February 2026, Council resolved:

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.
3. THAT Council write to the Mayor of Mosman seeking a meeting to discuss progression of works to address pedestrian safety on Spofforth Street and surrounding streets.
4. THAT a further update be provided to Council outlining:
 - a. actions taken by North Sydney Council to further consider the concerns raised by the community; and
 - b. actions taken to follow-up with Mosman Council and their responses.

This report responds to items 3 and 4 of the above Resolution.

Report

On 9 February 2026, the Mayors of North Sydney and Mosman discussed ongoing safety issues on Spofforth Street, which spans both Local Government Areas.

On 11 February 2026, Mosman Council wrote to North Sydney Council confirming their willingness to collaborate on improvements. Mosman Council noted that any proposal must also consider retaining sufficient parking to support local businesses.

On 23 February 2026, staff from both councils met to explore options for traffic calming and pedestrian safety, including the introduction of raised pedestrian crossings. Both parties agreed to continue to work on potential mitigation measures to address issues raised by the community.

On 27 February 2026, NSC raised the community's concerns with TfNSW at a road network meeting. Council noted that, based on current TfNSW modelling, there will be a risk of increased traffic volumes and speed along Spofforth Street, from 'rat-running' due to the Warringah Freeway Upgrade (WFU). Council also presented data on accidents that had been collected by local residents, which sits outside formal data of crash history for the area.

NSC requested that TfNSW consider funding the investigation, consultation, and delivery of traffic-calming measures on Spofforth Street to mitigate the impacts of the WFU project.

NSC will continue working with Mosman Council and TfNSW to progress traffic-calming and pedestrian-safety improvements along Spofforth Street.

Consultation requirements

No community engagement has been undertaken to inform the recommendations or content of this report.

Financial/Resource Implications

There are no financial implications as a result of the Council adopting the recommendations of this report.