

7.1. MM01; Roundtable working group on impacts of ‘hoon’ cars on residents of North Sydney, Kirribilli, Milsons Point, Lavender Bay, McMahons Point and beyond

On 24 March 2024, I raised a Mayoral Minute in response to resident complaints about the significant and adverse impacts of noise pollution on residents as a result of the cumulative impacts of construction and that generated by “hoon” cars. Council, therefore, resolved:

“1. THAT Council strongly advocate for the State Government to address increasing noise pollution through a review of the EPA Noise Guidelines, adoption of electric vehicles, provisions in relation to the use of electric power tools in urban areas, noise, and CCTV monitoring in areas experiencing a rise in “hoon” cars.”

Since that time I have written to the Minister for Police, the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Climate Change seeking action to address these issues, particularly “hoon” cars. In early April 2025, together with Council’s Director Open Space and Infrastructure, I met with residents of Blues Point to discuss particular impacts of these cars on their lives and to identify action that Council may take to mitigate those impacts.

The installation of traffic calming measures on Blues Point Road to slow down the cars has been identified as an action that may be taken by Council.

Unfortunately, due to the well-documented financial constraints that Council is seeking to repair, those works are not currently funded but have been identified under Blues Point Masterplan works and may be able to be delivered in the 2026/27 financial year if Council’s Special Rate Variation application to IPART is successful.

Yet traffic calming measures alone may not wholly address the impacts of this driver behaviour.

I also met with the Local Area Commander who detailed the resourcing constraints that NSW Police are managing and the difficulty of policing this behaviour.

However, too many residents continue to endure the “hoon” cars that loop at night from the Sydney Harbour Bridge, through North Sydney, Kirribilli, Milsons Point, Lavender Bay, McMahons Point and beyond.

On 2 April 2026, I again wrote to the Minister for Police on this issue – a copy of that correspondence is **attached** to this Minute.

Recently, I attended the launch of “Swap in the City” at Greenwood Plaza, on behalf of Council, and met a resident from Millers Point (in the City of Sydney LGA) who approached me to discuss the issue of “hoon” cars. She described how the cars start in Millers Point, then drive over the Harbour Bridge to North Sydney and Millers Point residents hear the engines from both places. She had been in contact with residents in the Bayside Council area seeking to collaborate on actions across local government areas.

Clearly, there is a more general issue beyond the North Sydney LGA. As density increases, the impacts of noise pollution will be felt more widely.

Indeed, I have now twice, informally, raised this issue with members of the Traffic Committee and those State representatives acknowledge that it has been an issue for at least a decade and that policing has been difficult, not least due to resourcing. This issue seems to fall between environmental offences (noise pollution) and anti-social behaviour and a review of enforcement strategies and responsible agencies at the State level may be the best way forward.

I therefore propose that Council initiate a “roundtable” with affected North Sydney residents, residents from Millers Point and Bayside Council area to collaborate on practical action and joint lobbying efforts to the State Government on this issue.

I therefore recommend:

1. THAT Council invite impacted residents from the North Sydney, City of Sydney and Bayside local government areas to a roundtable working group to share experiences and to collaborate on on practical action and joint lobbying efforts to the State Government on the impacts of “hoon” cars on affected residents.

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Dear Minister,

Request for enforcement action – “dangerous and noisy hooning” cars and motorcycles at Kirribilli, Lavender Bay, Milsons Point, McMahons Point and North Sydney

I refer to my previous correspondence to your office in December 2024 regarding community concerns about anti-social and dangerous behaviour by people driving “dangerous and noisy hoon” cars and motorcycles that are impacting thousands of residents in Kirribilli, Milsons Point, Lavender Bay, Blues Point, McMahons Point and North Sydney on weeknights and weekends over the last few years.

The actions of a few drivers continue to cause widespread community frustration, anger and concern, significantly affecting their amenity and the safety of local streets. Council and councillors continue to receive frequent complaints from residents; many of whom have expressed that enforcement action by the NSW Police appears limited or inconsistent. For example, residents have provided the following accounts:

“The persistent noise issue, at all hours, is causing unacceptable stress and anxiety to many residents, as well as speeding vehicles using our streets as a drag strip being a significant danger to pedestrians and other road users.”

“Persistent noise at all hours is an acute problem in Blues Point Road, especially in the Reserve. I would suggest to council to abolish the unsightly car park at BP Reserve. This would help solve anti-social behaviour, noise and the issue of rubbish. There is no need for the lights to be on all night as it encourages after hours anti social behavior and noise in a residential area. Bikes & hooning (from outside LGA’s) congregates in that area into all hours with revving modified cars and motor bikes and then racing up Blues Point Road. They use and abuse the parkland that ratepayers maintain.”

"I live on the Southern end of Blues Point Rd, McMahons Point Sydney adjacent to Blues Point Reserve where many people, including visitors to our State come to picnic or simply enjoy the magnificent vista of Sydney Harbour

My residence is situated adjacent to a public park. Late at night and in the early hours of the morning, groups of cars and motorbikes regularly gather in the park carpark area. They then accelerate aggressively up and down our street, often repeatedly, generating extreme engine and exhaust noise. This behaviour is deliberate and sustained.

The disturbance significantly affects the well-being of local residents. Sleep is interrupted on a near-nightly basis, and the peaceful enjoyment of both private homes and the public park is compromised. The park should be a place of quiet recreation; instead, its ambience is routinely shattered by high-intensity vehicle noise. As well residents in the area have the right to a peaceful nights sleep. I summer it is impossible to open the balcony door and windows to obtain fresh air because the noise is so disturbing."

These are but three examples of resident concerns. I, therefore understand that NSW Police resources are precious and stretched. However, I request that you prioritise a "blitz" on "hoon" cars in this locality, including actively patrolling and enforcing provisions to prevent the continuation of this behaviour. Furthermore, I invite NSW Police to continue to work with Council and the community to address these issues.

Thank you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,



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