

# **PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE ON BEECROFT ROAD, BEECROFT**

## **Community Consultation Report**

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## Executive summary

Roads and Maritime Services is proposing to build a pedestrian bridge over Beecroft Road, Beecroft near the intersection of Copeland Road as part of the NSW Government's Active Transport Pedestrian Bridges Program.

The proposed bridge would:

- Provide a safe crossing for school children and other pedestrians
- Better connect Beecroft Public School and properties on the western side of Beecroft Road to the station, Community Centre and Beecroft Village Green
- Improve traffic flow along Beecroft Road by limiting the amount of time vehicles spend waiting for pedestrians to cross
- Include lifts on each side of Beecroft Road to ensure the bridge is accessible for people with limited mobility and prams.

Roads and Maritime invited the community and stakeholders to provide feedback on this proposal in February 2015. Some members of the community asked for more time to provide feedback, so we extended the closing date for consultation from Monday 2 March 2015 to Friday 10 April 2015.

Comments were received from 59 people and organisations. We have considered the feedback and have decided to continue developing the proposal.

Roads and Maritime is preparing a Review of Environmental Factors to outline the possible impact of the proposal and the steps we need to take to reduce them. This document will be made available to view on Roads and Maritime's website in the coming months.

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to review the proposal and provide feedback. We will continue to keep the community and stakeholders updated as the project progresses.

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# 1.0 Introduction

## 1.1 Background

The intersection of Beecroft Road and Copeland Road, Beecroft is a busy area adjacent to Beecroft Public School and close to the railway station and local businesses. There have been a number of crashes involving pedestrians along Beecroft Road. There is a high volume of school students that cross the road at this intersection.

## 1.2 The proposal

To improve pedestrian safety, Roads and Maritime is proposing to build a pedestrian bridge over Beecroft Road near Beecroft Public School as part of the NSW Government's Active Transport Pedestrian Bridges Program.

The proposed bridge would:

- Provide a safe crossing for school children and other pedestrians
- Better connect Beecroft Public school and properties on the western side of Beecroft Road to the station, Community Centre and Beecroft Village Green
- Improve traffic flow along Beecroft Road by limiting the amount of time vehicles spend waiting for pedestrians to cross
- Include lifts on each side of Beecroft Road to ensure the bridge is accessible for people with limited mobility and prams.

The proposed bridge would be located on Beecroft Road about 50 metres south of the Copeland Road intersection. This location was chosen to limit the impact on the Beecroft Community Centre and mature native trees in the Beecroft Village Green and in the Beecroft Public School grounds.

The proposed pedestrian bridge would be about 9.2 metres high and allow a clearance for heavy vehicles up to about 5.5 metres.

The features of the project include:

- Bridge footings that would not interfere with access to the school or community centre
- Removal of the existing pedestrian crossing on the southern side of the intersection to improve traffic efficiency and encourage pedestrians to use the bridge
- A new pedestrian fence on the eastern side of Beecroft Road to encourage the use of the pedestrian bridge and further improve pedestrian safety.

We would retain the pedestrian crossing on the northern side of the intersection for pedestrians to use in the event the lifts are broken.

## 2.0 Consultation approach

### 2.1 Consultation objectives

We consulted with the community and stakeholders on the proposal to:

- Seek comment, feedback, ideas and suggestions for Roads and Maritime to consider when developing the proposal
- Build a database of interested community members who Roads and Maritime could continue to engage during the development of the proposal.

### 2.2 How consultation was done

Consultation for the proposal was carried out from Monday 16 February to Monday 2 March 2015. The community and stakeholders were encouraged to provide feedback via mail, email or phone.

The close of consultation was extended to Friday 10 April 2015 following requests from members of the community.

The table below outlines the communication tools and activities used to inform the community about the proposal and invite feedback.

<b>Stakeholder meetings</b>	Meetings were held with Beecroft Public School and Hornsby Shire Council staff on Wednesday 18 February 2015 to discuss the proposal.  Additional meetings were held with Beecroft Public School during March to discuss details of the proposal.  Representatives also met with Hornsby Shire Councillors on Wednesday 27 May.  Representatives attended a Beecroft-Cheltenham Civic Trust meeting in April 2015 and met with the Save Beecroft & Cheltenham Alliance in May 2015, to discuss the proposal.
<b>Community update (Appendix A)</b>	About 1600 community updates were delivered to residents (see Appendix C for distribution area).  Electronic copies were emailed to government agencies, schools, and community groups in the local area.
<b>Letter - extended consultation (Appendix B)</b>	About 1600 letters were delivered to residents (see Appendix C for distribution area).  Electronic copies were emailed to government agencies, schools, and community groups in the local area.
<b>Project web page</b>	Information about the proposal was published on the Roads and Maritime website ( <a href="http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/sydney-north/beecroft-pedestrian-bridge">www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/sydney-north/beecroft-pedestrian-bridge</a> ).

## 3.0 Consultation summary

### 3.1 Overview

Roads and Maritime received feedback from 59 people and organisations raising 37 different matters. Comments from 35 people were supportive of the proposal. Overall people supported the proposal but suggested further improvements. Key matters raised included location, visual amenity, consultation process and heritage and environmental impacts.

### 3.2 Feedback summary and Roads and Maritime's response

Category	Comment	Roads and Maritime response
<b>Consultation</b> 20 comments	The consultation period of two weeks was too short. Further consultation with the community is needed.	<p>Roads and Maritime invited feedback on the proposal from Monday 16 February to Monday 2 March 2015.</p> <p>We typically provide two weeks for the community to provide feedback on these types of proposals unless some of that period includes school or public holidays where additional time is provided. Key stakeholder groups including Beecroft Public School and Hornsby Shire Council were consulted separately.</p> <p>Following requests from some members of the community, the closing date for consultation was extended to Friday 10 April 2015. A letter was distributed to inform the community of the extension.</p> <p>This consultation period was for the concept design stage. We will continue developing the design and Review of Environmental Factors and will seek feedback soon as more information becomes available.</p>
	<p>The consultation process is inadequate. Not everyone that will be affected by the project has been consulted or given the chance to provide feedback.</p> <p>Residents in Cheltenham did not receive the community update.</p>	<p>We used a number of methods to inform the community and stakeholders about this proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We met with key stakeholders including Beecroft Public School, Beecroft-Cheltenham Civic Trust and Hornsby Shire Council to discuss the proposal</li><li>• We distributed 1600 community updates to residents and businesses in the local area (see Appendix C for</li></ul>

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		<p>distribution map)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community updates were provided to Beecroft Public School for distribution to the school community</li> <li>• An email was sent to key stakeholders including council, education facilities and community groups</li> <li>• Information was provided on the project web page on the Roads and Maritime website.</li> </ul> <p>This consultation period was for the concept design stage. We will continue developing the design and Review of Environmental Factors and will seek feedback soon as more information becomes available.</p> <p>We are happy to add members of the community to our stakeholder database to ensure they receive future updates about the project.</p>
	No advertisement was placed in the <i>Northern District Times</i> to advertise the proposal.	Roads and Maritime regularly places print advertisements for road work and consultation for major projects, however we do not typically advertise 'have your say' periods for these types of proposals.
<b>Environment</b> Eight comments	Tree removal should be avoided or at least replaced on a one to one basis.	<p>We understand that there are a number of infrastructure projects happening in the area and are committed to minimising the impact of this proposal on the environment and the community.</p> <p>The concept design has been developed to minimise the impact on mature trees as much as possible, however we believe we will need to remove some vegetation including trees, bushes and shrubs from Beecroft Village Green and Beecroft Public School to allow us to build the bridge. The location was chosen to minimise the impact on mature native trees in the Beecroft Village Green and Beecroft Public School grounds.</p> <p>Roads and Maritime is preparing a Review of Environmental Factors to assess the environmental impacts of the proposal. We are still developing the design to fully understand the impacts so we can prepare the Review of Environmental Factors. This will outline the possible impacts and the steps we</p>

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		<p>need to take to reduce them.</p> <p>We will seek your feedback on the expected impacts in the coming months as more information becomes available.</p>
<b>Heritage</b> 23 comments	<p>The proposed pedestrian bridge design is not sympathetic with the heritage aesthetic of the local area.</p>	<p>The concept for this proposal is based on Roads and Maritime's design standard for pedestrian bridges. The design standard has been developed through a collaboration of urban designers and engineers to be used in built up areas.</p> <p>We are preparing a Review of Environmental Factors to assess the environmental impacts including heritage amenity of the proposal. Heritage aspects such as character of the local area will be considered in finalising the detailed design of the bridge.</p>
<b>Location</b> 33 comments	<p>The proposed pedestrian bridge location is not convenient for the majority of pedestrians crossing at the intersection of Beecroft Road and Copeland Road.</p>	<p>The proposed pedestrian bridge has been designed to provide a safe and efficient crossing for Beecroft Public School students. While the pedestrian movements of the community have been considered in the development of the proposal, the key priority for the proposed bridge is to ensure a safe crossing for students.</p> <p>The proposed pedestrian bridge has been developed to minimise the visual impact on the Beecroft Community Centre, mature trees in the Beecroft Village Green and Beecroft Public School grounds and parking within the Beecroft Public School. The proposed location provides good connections for the community close to the intersection.</p>
	<p>A pedestrian bridge located north of the proposed location, such as at the intersection of Hannah Street and Beecroft Road, would be more beneficial.</p>	<p>A pedestrian bridge would not be feasible at the intersection of Beecroft Road and Hannah Street due to the limited space which would require potential acquisition of private property.</p> <p>The proposed pedestrian bridge has been designed to provide a safe and efficient crossing for Beecroft Public School students. While the pedestrian movements of the community have been considered in the development of the proposal, the key priority for the proposed bridge is to ensure a safe crossing for students.</p>



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	The location is neither near the school gate nor convenient for the majority of pedestrians accessing the school.	Roads and Maritime is discussing with Beecroft Public School the possibility of an additional entry and exit point to the school grounds directly from the proposed pedestrian bridge. We will keep the community and stakeholders informed about any changes to the proposal design.
<b>Design</b> 20 comments	<p>A ramp design would better facilitate cyclists and would not require maintenance or break down like lifts.</p> <p>Ramps could be constructed to reach the corner of Beecroft Road and Copeland Road on the western side, and to come around behind the community centre on the eastern side.</p>	The proposal aims to reduce the environmental impact to the area. The stairwell/lift design has been chosen as it reduces the bridge footprint, project cost and visual impact of the bridge. A ramp design would produce a much larger footprint resulting in greater environmental impacts, including vegetation removal from the Beecroft Village Green and Beecroft Public School grounds. On this basis a ramp design would not be suitable for this proposal.
	Two or more years ago there was a 'sky walk' design proposed by Hornsby Shire Council. What has happened with this design?	<p>Roads and Maritime previously consulted with Council on an early design for the proposed pedestrian bridge. This was a strategic design that has since changed following further development of the proposal.</p> <p>Since this time we have carried out further investigations, discussions with key stakeholders and developed our pedestrian bridge design standard. These factors have contributed to the development of the concept design.</p> <p>A 'sky walk' design would not be suitable for the proposed pedestrian bridge due to the potential impact on mature trees in the Beecroft Village Green, larger environmental footprint and ongoing maintenance costs for a timber deck.</p> <p>The current design provides the least impact on mature trees in the Beecroft Village Green and Beecroft Public School grounds.</p>
	The amenity of Beecroft will be damaged if advertising is allowed on the proposed bridge.	Roads and Maritime acknowledges the community's concerns about heritage and amenity in regards to this proposal. We would not include advertising as part of this proposal as it is not considered in keeping with the character of the local area.

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<b>Access</b> 19 comments	<p>The lifts will require maintenance and may not cope with the volume of pedestrians seeking to use them, risking breakdowns.</p> <p>A warning system is needed on either side of the road to advise pedestrians at the Copeland Road intersection when the lifts aren't working.</p>	<p>Roads and Maritime has a strict protocol for lifts including regular cleaning and routine maintenance, call outs for breakdowns and emergency response for lift entrapment.</p> <p>A 24-hour phone number for the public to report issues with the lifts such as offensive graffiti or breakdowns would be provided outside the lift door and inside the lift.</p> <p>We acknowledge the request for a warning system at Copeland Road to advise pedestrians the lifts are not working and will investigate this option as we develop the proposal.</p>
	<p>The pedestrian crossing at the southern side of the Beecroft Road and Copeland Road intersection should not be removed.</p>	<p>Use of the pedestrian bridge would be encouraged as the safest way to cross Beecroft Road and therefore the pedestrian crossing on the southern side of Beecroft Road and Copeland Road intersection would be removed. Removal of this pedestrian crossing would also slightly improve the traffic flow by limiting the amount of time vehicles spend waiting for pedestrians to cross the road.</p> <p>The pedestrian crossing on the northern side of Beecroft Road and Copeland Road intersection would be retained in the event the lifts are out of order.</p>
	<p>The footpath is too narrow on the western side of Beecroft Road between the road and Community Centre.</p>	<p>The footpath on the western side of Beecroft Road is narrow due to the location of Beecroft Community Centre and the traffic barrier behind the kerb. At this stage the location of the barrier will remain unchanged as part of this proposal.</p>
	<p>The community update does not clearly state the types of access the proposed pedestrian bridge will have, such as stairs, beyond the lifts.</p>	<p>Stairs as well as lifts are proposed in the concept design.</p>
<b>Project</b> 33 comments	<p>The proposed pedestrian bridge seems like a use of funds that could be better spent for the community in other areas.</p> <p>Cost benefit of the proposed pedestrian bridge to the community.</p>	<p>The proposed pedestrian bridge was announced by Transport for NSW in <i>Sydney's Walking Future (2013)</i> to provide safe access to Beecroft Public School, town centre and station. The project is funded by the NSW Government's Active Transport Pedestrian Bridges Program.</p>

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		The project aims to improve safety for school students and pedestrians crossing Beecroft Road. The pedestrian bridge would provide a safe and efficient crossing for school children during peak traffic times and slightly improve traffic flow by reducing the time vehicles spend waiting at the intersection of Beecroft Road and Copeland Road.
	More information such as crash data, the environmental assessment and expected construction timeframes needs to be provided to the community so informed feedback can be provided to Roads and Maritime.	<p>Between July 2003 and June 2014 there were four incidents involving pedestrians at the intersection of Hannah Street and Beecroft Road, including one fatality. This is about 200 metres from the location of the proposed pedestrian bridge.</p> <p>Construction is expected to take about nine months to complete, weather permitting. If funding is available and land access is granted from the Department of Education and the Federal Government, work to build the pedestrian bridge would start in the 2015/16 financial year.</p> <p>The current consultation period is for concept design. We will continue developing the design and Review of Environmental Factors and will seek feedback in the coming months as more information becomes available.</p>
	No evidence has been presented showing improvements to traffic flow at the intersection.	<p>The proposal aims to improve safety for school students and pedestrians crossing Beecroft Road.</p> <p>Traffic modelling of the Beecroft Road and Copeland Road intersection shows the removal of the southern pedestrian crossing would slightly improve traffic flow during morning peak periods by reducing the time vehicles spend waiting.</p>
	This work cannot be done in isolation. The proposal needs to be considered in the context of other infrastructure and development activities occurring in the area.	We understand that there are a number of infrastructure projects happening in the area and are committed to minimising the impact of this proposal on the environment and the community. Construction activities would be coordinated with other infrastructure and development activities occurring in the area to minimise disruption to the local community.

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	The timing of the proposal appears politically motivated.	<p>The proposed pedestrian bridge was announced by Transport for NSW in <i>Sydney's Walking Future (2013)</i>. Roads and Maritime has been in discussion with Beecroft Public School and Hornsby Shire Council about the proposal since 2011.</p> <p>We had planned to invite feedback from the community and stakeholders in late 2014, however geotechnical investigations were required to progress the concept design before it could be presented to the community. These investigations were carried out in January during the school holidays to minimise impact on the school. We invited feedback as soon as the concept design was finalised.</p>
<b>Safety</b> Eight comments	Improved school zone signage is required, including flashing lights.	Roads and Maritime acknowledges this request for improved school zone signage and has referred it to our Network and Safety Services section for consideration.
	The existing pedestrian fence on the eastern side of Beecroft Road looks inadequate. Crash fencing should be used on both sides.	As part of this proposal the existing pedestrian fence on the western side of Beecroft Road would be removed and replaced to match the configuration planned for the eastern side of Beecroft Road. This will include safety barriers on both sides of Beecroft Road for short sections directly in front of the proposed bridge and a pedestrian fence from the intersection to just south of the proposed location.
	Additional fencing on the eastern side of Beecroft road is not required.	Additional fencing on the eastern side of Beecroft Road would be required to encourage use of the proposed pedestrian bridge and to prevent pedestrians from attempting to cross Beecroft Road in unsafe locations.
	The current design would encourage pedestrians to cut around the community centre.	The proposed concept design provides entry and exit points from both the stairs and the lifts to the footpath on the eastern side of Beecroft Road. Pedestrians can then use the footpath to access Beecroft Community Centre, the town centre and the station. They would not be encouraged to use the path behind the Community Centre.

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	Removal of school zone along Beecroft Road as part of the project.	The 40km/h school zone will not be removed as part of this proposal.
	Emergency vehicle access to the Beecroft Village Green will be impeded by the additional pedestrian fencing.	<p>A fence currently exists along the boundary of the Beecroft Village Green with emergency vehicle access located near the tennis courts. This would not be affected by the proposal. A safety barrier and additional pedestrian fencing along Beecroft Road is needed to improve safety for pedestrians.</p> <p>The additional pedestrian fencing would not have any impact on existing access to the Beecroft Village Green.</p>
<b>Alternative options</b> Six comments	Alternative safety measures in lieu of a pedestrian bridge should be investigated.	The proposed pedestrian bridge was announced by the NSW Government in <u><i>Sydney's Walking Future (2013)</i></u> to provide safe access to Beecroft Public School, town centre and station. The proposal has been designed to provide a safe and efficient crossing for Beecroft Public School students. The proposed pedestrian bridge is the preferred option for improving pedestrian safety as it would provide a complete separation of pedestrians and motorists.
	A tunnel would provide the same access with less visual impact.	Underpasses are not a preferred option for pedestrian crossings due to the lack of passive surveillance, posing a risk to personal safety and targets for vandalism. Long flat ramps would be needed to pass under Beecroft Road to comply with disability access requirements, resulting in a greater environmental impact. Construction would also require major disturbance to traffic along Beecroft Road. For these reasons a tunnel under Beecroft Road is not feasible.
	An alternative to a bridge would be a multiple direction crossing at the Beecroft and Copeland Road intersection.	Multiple directional crossings, or scrambled crossings, are only installed at intersections with heavy, continuous pedestrian traffic throughout the day that require diagonal crossing movements. Traffic modelling of the Beecroft Road and Copeland Road intersection indicates that a scrambled crossing would have a negative impact on the overall performance of the intersection and is not considered feasible for this proposal.

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	An immediate benefit could be achieved by installing a dual right turn from Copeland Road onto Beecroft Road southbound.	Although the aim of this proposal is to provide a safe crossing for school students crossing Beecroft Road, a review of this suggestion was carried out. Traffic modelling of the Beecroft Road and Copeland Road intersection indicates that an additional right hand turn lane would result in slight improvements during the morning peak period, but would result in no benefit to overall intersection performance during the evening peak period. It was also found that there is not enough room for more than two cars to turn at the same time. A rigid 8.8 metre vehicle such as a bus could not make the turn while safely staying within the lanes. For these reasons this option is not feasible.
<b>Outside project scope</b> 18 comments	Accessibility upgrades at Beecroft station, such as lifts like those for the proposed bridge, would be beneficial to people with limited mobility.	The aim of this proposal is to provide a safe crossing of Beecroft Road for school students and pedestrians. We have referred this request to Transport for NSW for consideration.
	Intersection and pedestrian facility upgrades are needed at the intersections of Beecroft Road and Mary Street, Wenham Street or Kirkham Street.	Roads and Maritime will consider this suggestion in planning for future upgrades in the area.
	The existing fence on the western side of Beecroft Road needs cleaning.	Roads and Maritime has referred this request to our maintenance contractor.
	A pedestrian crossing was removed on Wongala Crescent some years ago. It would assist greatly with pedestrian traffic if it could be reinstated.	Wongala Crescent is under the care and control of Hornsby Shire Council. We have referred this request to Council for its consideration.
	<p>The Beecroft Village Green should have the post rail fence replaced with fencing to prevent playing children from wandering onto the road.</p> <p>The status of the Beecroft Community Centre should be reviewed in light of the changing community, converting it to a childcare centre would be of great benefit to young families in the area.</p>	<p>The Community Centre is a Hornsby Shire Council asset. We have forwarded the request to Council for its consideration.</p> <p>A pedestrian fence and safety barrier will be provided on the eastern side of Beecroft Road to encourage use of the pedestrian bridge and to prevent pedestrians from crossing Beecroft Road in unsafe locations. However the extent of the pedestrian and safety fences will not extend the entire length of the Beecroft Village Green fronting Beecroft Road.</p>

## **4.0 Decision**

Roads and Maritime has considered the feedback received and will proceed with development of the proposed pedestrian bridge over Beecroft Road near the intersection of Copeland Road.

## **5.0 Next steps**

Roads and Maritime is preparing a Review of Environmental Factors document to outline the possible impact of the proposal and the steps we need to take to reduce them. The environmental assessment will be made available to view on Roads and Maritime's website in the coming months.

We would like to thank everyone who took time to review the proposal and provide feedback. We will continue to keep the community and stakeholders informed as the proposal progresses.

## Appendix A – Community update - Have Your Say

### Have your say

We will be meeting with key representatives from Beecroft Public School and the Beecroft Community Centre regarding this proposal and will continue to do so throughout the project.

We are also seeking your feedback on this proposal and would appreciate any comments by **Monday 2 March 2015**.

Please send your written comments to our delivery partner:

DownerMouchel  
Attention: New Pedestrian Bridge, Beecroft  
PO Box 8480  
North Ryde NSW 2113  
or email [enquiries\\_nsw@downermouchel.com](mailto:enquiries_nsw@downermouchel.com)

### Next Steps

Roads and Maritime will consider community and stakeholder feedback in finalising the design of the bridge and before making any decisions about this proposal.

We will continue to seek your feedback at appropriate times and will keep you updated as the project progresses.

For more information please contact the project team on 1800 332 660 or [enquiries\\_nsw@downermouchel.com](mailto:enquiries_nsw@downermouchel.com)

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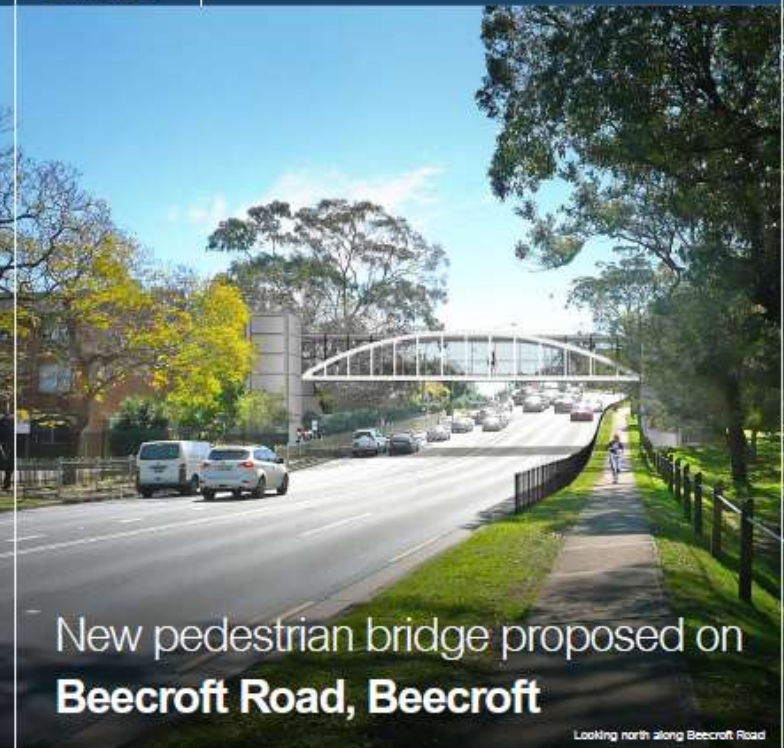
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## Have your say



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### New pedestrian bridge proposed on Beecroft Road, Beecroft

Looking north along Beecroft Road

The NSW Government is funding this proposal to improve road and pedestrian safety and connectivity in Beecroft as part of its school pedestrian bridge program. Roads and Maritime Services is seeking your feedback on this proposal by Monday 2 March 2015.



The NSW Government's Active Transport Pedestrian Bridges Program aims to improve safety and access around schools where children have to cross busy roads.

As part of this program, Roads and Maritime Services is proposing a new pedestrian bridge on Beecroft Road near the Beecroft Public School. This is close to the train station, local businesses, Beecroft Village Green and community facilities. Lots of people use the Beecroft Road and Copeland Road intersection, including school children and people with limited mobility.

We would also install a new pedestrian fence on the eastern side of Beecroft Road to encourage the use of the pedestrian bridge and further improve pedestrian safety.

### Benefits

The proposed bridge would:

- Provide a safe crossing for school children and other pedestrians
- Better connect the school and properties on the western side of Beecroft Road to the station, Community Centre and Beecroft Village Green
- Improve traffic flow along Beecroft Road by limiting the amount of time vehicles spend waiting for pedestrians to cross
- Include lifts on each side of Beecroft Road to ensure the bridge is accessible for people with limited mobility and prams.

### Location

The bridge would be located on Beecroft Road about 50 metres south of the Copeland Road intersection.

This location was chosen to limit the impact on the Beecroft Community Centre and mature native trees in the Beecroft Village Green and in the Beecroft Public School grounds.

### Project features

The proposed pedestrian bridge would be about 8.2 metres high and allow a clearance for heavy vehicles up to about 5.5 metres.

The features of the project include:

- Bridge footings that would not interfere with access to the school or community centre.
- Removal of the existing pedestrian crossing on the southern side of the intersection to improve traffic efficiency and encourage pedestrians to use the bridge
- A new pedestrian fence on the eastern side of Beecroft Road to encourage the use of the pedestrian bridge and further improve pedestrian safety.

We would retain:

- The pedestrian crossing on the northern side of the intersection for pedestrians to use in the event the lifts don't work
- The existing pedestrian fence on the western side of Beecroft Road.

## New pedestrian bridge proposed on Beecroft Road, Beecroft



### About the design

Roads and Maritime has developed the proposal so that it best fits into the local context and provides good connections.

A map and an artist's impression are provided to help explain the proposal. Please note, the artist's impression is indicative only – a full urban design assessment and detailed design is still being completed.

### Assessing our impact

We are committed to minimising the impact of this proposal on the environment and the community.

To complete an environmental impact assessment, Roads and Maritime will prepare a Review of Environmental Factors. This will outline the possible impacts of the proposal and the steps we need to take to reduce them.

We are still developing the design to fully understand impacts so that we can prepare the Review of Environmental Factors.

We believe we will need to remove some vegetation including trees, bushes and shrubs from Beecroft Village Green and Beecroft Public School to allow us to construct the bridge.

We will seek your feedback on the expected impacts in the coming months as more information becomes available.



## Appendix B – Community letter - extended consultation period



### New pedestrian bridge on Beecroft Road, Beecroft

Roads and Maritime Services is proposing to improve road and pedestrian safety and connectivity in Beecroft as part of its Active Transport Pedestrian Bridges Program. We are currently seeking feedback from the community and stakeholders and have decided to extend the closing date to Friday 10 April.

Roads and Maritime is proposing a new pedestrian bridge on Beecroft Road near Beecroft Public School. The proposed bridge would:

- Provide a safe crossing for school children and other pedestrians
- Better connect the school and properties on the western side of Beecroft Road to the station, Community Centre and Beecroft Village Green
- Improve traffic flow along Beecroft Road by limiting the amount of time vehicles spend waiting for pedestrians to cross
- Include lifts on each side of Beecroft Road to ensure the bridge is accessible for people with limited mobility and prams.

We have provided artist's impressions to help you better understand our proposal.

Further information is available on our website at [rms.nsw.gov.au](http://rms.nsw.gov.au) by typing 'Beecroft pedestrian bridge' into the search bar.

Some members of the community have asked for more time to provide feedback on this proposal, so Roads and Maritime has extended the closing date to Friday 10 April. Please send your written comments to our delivery partner:

DownerMouchel  
Attention: New Pedestrian Bridge, Beecroft  
PO Box 6465  
North Ryde NSW 2113

or email [enquiries\\_nsw@downermouchel.com](mailto:enquiries_nsw@downermouchel.com)

Roads and Maritime will consider community and stakeholder feedback in finalising the design of the bridge and before making any decisions about this proposal. We will continue to keep you updated as the project progresses.

For more information please contact the project team on 1800 332 660 or email [enquiries\\_nsw@downermouchel.com](mailto:enquiries_nsw@downermouchel.com).

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Looking south along Beecroft Road



Looking north along Beecroft Road



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If you need an interpreter, please call TIS National on **131 450** and ask them to call DownerMouchel on **1800 332 660**.

**Arabic**  
إذا كنت بحاجة إلى مترجم، يرجى الاتصال بمكتب ترجمة النجمة الوطنية (TIS National) على الرقم 131 450 واطلب منهم الاتصال بـ DownerMouchel على الرقم 1800 332 660.

**Cantonese**  
如果你需要口譯員，請致電 131 450 聯絡翻譯和口譯服務署 (TIS National)，要求他們致電 1800 332 660 聯絡 DownerMouchel。

**Mandarin**  
如果您需要口譯員，請致電 131 450 聯絡翻譯和口譯服務署 (TIS National)，要求他們致電 1800 332 660 聯絡 DownerMouchel。

**Greek**  
Αν χρειάζεστε διαμετρητή, παρακαλούμε να τηλεφωνήσετε στην Υπηρεσία Μεταφράσεων και Διαμετρήσεων (Εθνική Υπηρεσία ΤΙΣ) στο 131 450 και ζητήστε να τηλεφωνήσουν DownerMouchel στο 1800 332 660.

**Russian**  
Если вам нужен переводчик, то позвоните в Службу национальных услуг перевода (TIS National) по номеру 131 450 и скажите переводчику, что вам нужно позвонить в DownerMouchel по номеру 1800 332 660.

**Korean**  
통역사가 필요하시면 번역통역서비스 (TIS National) 에 131 450 으로 연락하여 이들에게 1800 332 660 번호로 DownerMouchel 에 전화 하도록 요청하십시오.

**Vietnamese**  
Nếu cần thông ngôn viên, xin quý vị gọi cho Dịch Vụ Thông Phiên Dịch (TIS Toàn Quốc) qua số 131 450 và nhờ họ gọi cho DownerMouchel qua số 1800 332 660.

# Appendix C – Distribution area

