



Transport for NSW

Have your say - Proposed intersection improvements on Henry Lawson Drive, Georges Hall

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Proposed intersection improvements will help reduce northbound and southbound congestion on Henry Lawson Drive, Georges Hall

Between now and Monday 3 August 2020, you can have your say on plans to upgrade Henry Lawson Drive, Georges Hall, from Beale Street to Rabaul Road.

In February 2020, Transport for NSW sought feedback on stage one of a proposed three-stage Henry Lawson Drive upgrade. The findings of that consultation, along with community feedback, have been published on the Transport for NSW website.

As part of a commitment to improve travel on the entire corridor, Transport for NSW is also fast-tracking a proposal to upgrade a key pinch point on Henry Lawson Drive – from Beale Street to Rabaul Road, Georges Hall. Designs for the upgrade are well advanced and work could be underway as soon as early-2021.

The upgrade will deliver early relief for local residents and road users, who experience significant congestion along this busy corridor. This work will not slow down delivery of the Henry Lawson Drive upgrade program, which was announced by the NSW Government in 2018.

The proposed upgrade will be funded under the NSW Government's \$366m Urban Road Upgrade and Congestion Program. This funding is in addition to the NSW Government's \$100 million commitment to the three-stage Henry Lawson Drive upgrade.

Transport for NSW welcomes feedback on the project by **Monday 3 August 2020**.

Background

About 6,100 vehicles travel along Henry Lawson Drive, Georges Hall, during the AM and PM peak periods alone.

Southbound congestion during peak periods can extend from the Milperra Road intersection all the way back to Flinders Road, Georges Hall. At the same time, northbound traffic is slowed or stopped by vehicles waiting to turn right at the non signalised intersection of Henry Lawson Drive and Rabaul Road.

Crash data for the area are typical of roads where congestion leads to driver frustration. Between 2014 and 2019, 36 percent of recorded crashes were rear-end collisions.

Without changes to this stretch of road, congestion and wait times will grow longer over the next ten years. Southbound vehicles at the intersection in 2029 could expect average delays of more than a minute in AM peak periods, compared to the 20 seconds experienced in 2019. This figure almost doubles in the PM peak, from a 36 second average wait time (2019) to 65 seconds (2029).

Our proposal

To address these issues and to better accommodate expected traffic growth in the area, Transport for NSW is proposing to widen Henry Lawson Drive, from Beale Street in the north to Rabaul Road in the south. The wider road will provide two continuous southbound lanes, helping alleviate congestion and improve travel times.

We are also proposing to prohibit the right turn from Henry Lawson Drive, northbound, onto Rabaul Road, eastbound. There are no signals at this intersection, so vehicles waiting to turn create downstream congestion extending towards Milperra Road.

Key changes

- **Henry Lawson Drive (southbound) onto Haig Avenue** – changing the left turn-only lane to a shared left and through lane; extending the auxiliary lane approach to the intersection by about 45 metres
- **Henry Lawson Drive (southbound) between Endeavour Road and Rabaul Road** – utilising the existing shoulder to construct an additional southbound lane
- **Henry Lawson Drive (northbound) onto Rabaul Road** - Banning right turn movement



About 6,100 vehicles pass through Georges Hall each day during the AM and PM peak periods alone

What you need to know

Proposed no right turn – Rabaul Road

At present, only around 40 vehicles an hour make a right turn at this intersection during the morning peak period. However, queuing vehicles can have flow on effects, often bringing through traffic to a halt.

The proposed No Right Turn at Rabaul Road means road users will need to turn right at signalised intersections with Haig Street (between Beale Street and Rabaul Road) and Tower Road (1.3 kilometres south).

We appreciate this change might affect journeys for local residents, but will contribute to an easing of congestion.

Changes to driveways

To allow for the widening of Henry Lawson Drive, we will need to reconstruct a number of driveway entrances along the eastern side of Henry Lawson Drive. This requires no further action from residents and landowners and we'll directly contact affected properties to discuss the changes.

Removal of trees

Our work requires the removal of a number of trees from along Henry Lawson Drive. We are working to limit the number of trees as much as possible. However, it is inevitable a number of them will need to be removed, either because they are in the path of the road work or because they pose a threat to the safety of workers during construction.

Parking on Henry Lawson Drive

Our work involves widening Henry Lawson Drive along its eastern side. Areas that might be commonly used for parking will not be available after construction begins and will not be reinstated when the widened section of road opens to traffic.

We appreciate parking is a concern for residents and businesses and Transport for NSW welcomes comment on this issue.



Queuing northbound traffic increases the potential for crashes

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What's next and when will work begin?

We will assess and respond to all public submissions to this process. We'll publish a consultation report addressing the issues that were raised and advising the public of the outcome, including any changes we make to the upgrade design.

Pending the outcome of consultation and finalisation of the design and assessment processes, construction is expected to begin in the first half of 2021. We'll provide advance notification of our intended start date. We'll also provide regular three-monthly project updates, which renew or outline changes to our work schedule and address any issues that might have arisen with the project.

How do I have my say?

You can make a submission using the details below. The public comment period closes on **Monday 3 August 2020**.

Noise and disruption

There will be periods where our work generates more noise and disruption than at other times. We are required to take all appropriate steps to minimise construction noise, wherever feasible. One condition is we require our work crews to complete the noisiest tasks, including jackhammering and concrete cutting, before midnight.

We're also required to notify the public in advance when our work requires changes to traffic conditions, such as road closures and detours.

We welcome comments on how we can mitigate the effects of our work on local residents and businesses.

Our work schedule

When construction begins, our standard working hours are **7am to 5pm, Monday to Friday** and **8am to 1pm, Saturday**. We can work up to five days a week.

Our out-of-hours (night) work may take place between **8pm and 5am, from Sunday to Thursday** nights. We can work up to **five nights a week**.

We don't work public holidays. This schedule will be confirmed closer to the construction period and we are required to advise the public in advance if we need to work outside published times.

We welcome comment on this schedule, including any factors we need to consider when scheduling our work.

Consultation outcomes – proposed Henry Lawson Drive upgrade, from Tower Road to Keys Avenue

The public comment period on the first stage of a three stage proposal to upgrade Henry Lawson Drive from Tower Road, Georges Hall, to Keys Avenue, Milperra, closed in March 2020. Under the proposal, the intersection of Henry Lawson Drive, Milperra Road and Newbridge Road would be upgraded and additional lanes would be provided between Tower Road and Keys Avenue.

The 78 responses addressed themes including: the extent of stage one work; the proposed widening; the possibility of a flyover/underpass/overpass; and design suggestions for consideration.

A summary of the submissions and Transport for NSW responses can be viewed or downloaded on the project webpage – nswroads.work/henrylawsondrive.



Work to upgrade Henry Lawson Drive, Georges Hall, could begin as soon as early-2021

For more information:

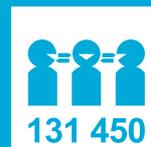
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