



# Wakehurst Parkway Improvements Elanora Road intersection

## Frequently Asked Questions

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Transport for NSW acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the Northern Beaches on which we work and pays respect to Elders past and present.

Transport for NSW will be completing road improvements along Wakehurst Parkway between Frenchs Forest Road, Frenchs Forest and Pittwater Road, North Narrabeen. The project will improve safety and reduce congestion for this key link in Sydney's Northern Beaches.

Wakehurst Parkway is a state-owned arterial road and popular commuter route from the Northern Beaches to Sydney's north shore and Central Business District. Sections of Wakehurst Parkway are subject to congestion, delays and safety issues.

Transport for NSW (Transport) has identified several priority locations along Wakehurst Parkway that require road improvements including additional lanes, intersection upgrades, road widening and changes to traffic operation.

The Wakehurst Parkway Improvements project (the Project) will improve network efficiency, traffic flow, address existing safety issues, reduce crashes, increase capacity for future growth and encourage the use of public and active transport.

## Elanora Road and Wakehurst Parkway intersection

### What are the existing safety issues at this intersection?

The Elanora Road and Wakehurst Parkway intersection is currently unsafe as it features an informal holding bay which is non-compliant to current road design and safety standards and has contributed to eight recorded crashes from 2017 to 2021.

Motorists stop in the non-compliant holding bay to wait and merge onto Wakehurst Parkway which is unsafe because:

- it places motorists next to oncoming traffic travelling south at 70km/hr
- the holding bay is not large enough to safely separate stopped vehicles and passing traffic
- the holding bay is not long enough to enable motorists to accelerate to the required speed to safely merge into traffic travelling southbound
- motorists rely on their rear-view mirror to assess distances between vehicles which can distort their perception.

Motorists turning right out of Elanora Road onto Wakehurst Parkway have poor visibility. This is due to the location of the give-way line. Motorists pull out past the existing give-way line, placing them closer to incoming traffic.

## What is the approved design to address these safety issues?

The approved design to address existing safety issues includes:

- removing the unsafe holding bay and installing a concrete median
- moving the Elanora Road give-way forward onto Wakehurst Parkway
- converting the existing kerbside through lane on Elanora Road into a dedicated left turn lane
- installing a dedicated northbound left turn lane into Mirrool Street
- shoulder widening to separate traffic travelling north and south from traffic making right and left turns into local streets.

## How does the approved design address the safety issues?

The approved design addresses road safety issues by:

- removing the ability for motorists to idle in the unsafe holding bay
- improving visibility and reducing travel distance by about 3.5 metres for motorists turning right out of Elanora Road
- improving traffic flow by separating motorists travelling along Wakehurst Parkway from those turning in and out of local streets
- providing more space between motorists travelling along Wakehurst Parkway from those turning in and out of local streets.

## Why is the approved design the best solution?

The design at this intersection is the best solution on balance because it:

- will improve traffic efficiency and flow along Wakehurst Parkway
- addresses known safety issues which have contributed to crashes
- can be constructed with lower impacts to community compared with other options
- has no impacts to property
- has no impact to nearby coastal wetlands and lower impact to Threatened Ecological Communities (TECs) compared with roundabout or seagull intersection.

## How did Transport decide this was the best solution?

We carefully considered the current unsafe arrangement of this intersection, and investigated multiple designs to understand how the project can deliver a safe design on balance considering property, environmental, engineering, construction considerations, funding and social impacts.

We considered a signalised intersection, roundabouts, seagull arrangement and banning right hand turns out of Elanora Road. The approved design, has gone through a rigorous planning approval process, including public display of a [Review of Environmental Factors](#) (REF). This design was assessed as providing the best solution on balance and has been approved.

## Will Transport be reconsidering the design in response to local resident concerns?

Feedback has been considered throughout the project's development and a number of design modifications have been incorporated, based on recommendations and suggestions received in community and stakeholder submissions.

Concerns regarding Elanora Road were raised during the REF public exhibition and were addressed as part of the [Submissions Report](#). Whilst we welcome feedback and enquiries at any time, the formal consultation period on the projects design was during the REF phase.

We are currently finalising detailed design in preparation for construction.

## What alternative route should motorists take if they can't find a gap?

Motorists turning right out of Elanora Road may need to wait longer for a gap during periods of high traffic flow, make a left turn and find a more appropriate intersection to turn around or take an alternative route. There are several alternative routes available including signalised intersections which provide access onto Wakehurst Parkway or options where safe U-turns can be made. The routes used will depend on driver preference as well as their origin and planned destination.

## What is a Threatened Ecological Community (TEC)?

A TEC is the collective term for a community of naturally occurring group of native plants, animals and other organisms. These communities are typically identified as being endangered and

listed as vulnerable, endangered or critically endangered.

## Consultation

### When was the proposal on public display?

The [REF](#) and [Biodiversity Development Assessment Report](#) (BDAR) were placed on display inviting submissions between **6 November 2023 and 20 December 2023**. During this time, we received 141 submissions.

### Is the project approved?

Yes, the project was approved in May 2024. The [Submissions Report](#), summarising submissions received, and Transport's responses are available to view on the project webpage.

### What consultation occurred during the REF public display?

To support the public display period, over 10,000 residents in the project area were letterbox dropped with a copy of the community update. In addition to this, two community pop-up events were held in the local area at Oxford Falls Peace Park and Bilarong Reserve.

### How were Elanora Road residents informed of the public display period?

In addition to receiving the community update via letterbox drop, residents along Wakehurst Parkway between Elanora Road and Palm Terrace were door knocked in November 2023 to answer questions on the proposal. Transport spoke directly with 12 residents and left 'sorry we missed you cards' if no one was home.

## Next steps

Detailed design is now underway. We'll keep the community updated as the project progresses.

## Contact us

If you have any questions about the project, please don't hesitate to contact our team via:

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