Consultation Report

BYRNE AVENUE TRAFFIC CALMING

City of Canada Bay

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## Background

The City of Canada Bay is currently investigating vehicle speeds along Byrne Avenue in Russell Lea and Drummoyne, following a pedestrian accident in late 2022 and feedback received from residents.

We would like to hear your experience of road safety on the street, so that together with our studies, Council can investigate the potential for safety improvements and traffic calming infrastructure to be put in place along Byrne Avenue.

This report provides a summary of feedback received during this round of consultation.

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## Consultation details

**Period: 4 – 30 April 2023**

Council asked the community for input from the community on:

- Where they live
- What they've experienced on Byrne Avenue
- If they support introducing traffic calming measures
- If so, what measures

**What methods were implemented to notify the community of this consultation?**

- Direct Notification Letters to 150 residences on Byrne Avenue and surrounding streets

**What engagement methods were undertaken?**

- Online engagement survey at collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au

- Direct email and phone number provided for further information

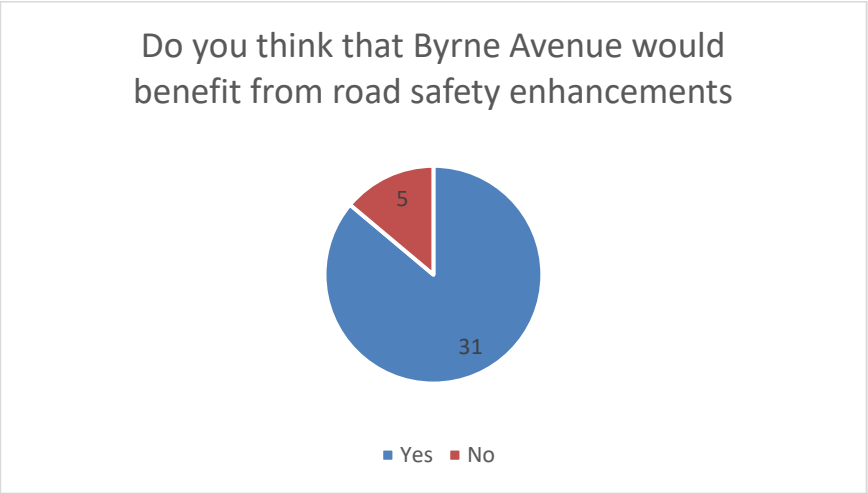
## Consultation Outcomes Summary – 36 submissions total

**Consultation Participation**

- 238 visits to the Collaborate page
- 23 survey submissions
- 13 emails

## Feedback

### Top findings




## Issues submitted

- Traffic volumes – cars using Byrne Avenue as a "Rat Run" to get to Chiswick and Abbotsford, right turn off Lyons Road is also a safety problem
- Traffic speeds – Lyons Rd to the Parade is wide and sloped, making it easy to speed. Lack of line markings and physical devices/obstacles to signal drives to slow down means cars travel down fast
- Crossing the street is dangerous – particularly at the bend in Byrne Avenue after the Parade, and to get to and from Russell Park
- Difficulty reversing out driveways - due to traffic moving very quickly along Byrne Avenue
- Existing infrastructure isn't working – "slow down" sign and 50km/h signs not effective
- No dedicated cycleway
- Driver behaviour in and around roundabouts – not slowing down, or speeding up immediately after roundabouts

## Suggested enhancements

| Enhancement | Submissions received |
|---|---|
| Speed cushions | 16 |
| Speed cushion near The Parade / towards Sibbick Street | 4 |
| Speed cushion near Lyons Road | 4 |
| Speed cushion near Russell Park | 3 |
| Pedestrian crossings | 9 |

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|---|---|
| No right turn at Lyons Road onto Byrne Avenue | 7 |
| Centre line markings, particularly where the road narrows near Russell Park | 4 |
| Chicanes | 3 |
| Make Byrne Avenue from The Parade to Lyons Road a one-way street south bound | 3 |

- Most participants suggested both speed cushions and pedestrian crossings, with some suggesting specific locations
- The right hand turn from Lyons Road and associated median strip was raised several times and suggested to be extended to reduce traffic volumes, while there were two suggestions to make Byrne Avenue one-way via a chicane system at the Lyons Road end of Byrne Avenue.
- Lighting improvements needed along the street

### Opposition to traffic calming enhancements – 5 submissions

- Participants are not in favour of humps, chicanes or speed cushions. Believe it would increase noise and pollution and will slow down emergency vehicles and reduce access for those people in wheelchairs or mobility scooters. Participants support better signage and better enforcement by police.
- Participants also stated traffic has increased mainly during peak hours but it's still peaceful during the day

### Other issues identified outside of project scope to be considered

- Trailers and boat parking needs to be restricted, some suggestions for a permit parking scheme/timed parking
- Bibby St needs speed cushions and clearer signage to reduce speeding
- The Parade has a bend between Gears Avenue and Gipps Street which a vehicle parks outside the solid line / shoulder causing vehicles to cross the double centre line to navigate the bend.

### Appendix A - Demographic data (survey only)

| name | count | percentage |
|---|---|---|
| I live or own a property on Byrne Avenue Drummoyne | 4 | 17.39 |
| I live or own a property on Byrne Avenue Russell Lea | 6 | 26.09 |
| I live near Byrne Avenue | 10 | 43.48 |
| I live in the City of Canada Bay | 3 | 13.04 |
| I don't live in the City of Canada Bay | 0 | 0 |

- Emails – 12 out of 13 emails received were from Byrne Avenue residents.
- 22 submissions received from approximately 77 Byrne Avenue residences

### Appendix D - Promotional materials

4 April 2023

The Resident
Russell Lea NSW 2046 / Drummoyne NSW 2047

Dear Resident,

**Byrne Avenue – Traffic Calming Measures**

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Your feedback would be greatly appreciated. If you have any input to provide, please share it in one of the following ways:

- Online: collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/byrneavenuecalming (or via the QR code)
- Email: council@canadabay.nsw.gov.au (subject: Byrne Avenue Traffic Calming)
- Phone: 9911 6555.
- Mail: Locked Bag 1470, Drummoyne NSW 1470 (attn: Parks & Recreation Team)

Please submit your feedback by 30 April 2023.

For further enquires you can contact our Traffic Engineer, Samuel Lindsay on 9911 6555 or via council@canadabay.nsw.gov.au.

Kind regards,

Mayor Angelo Tsirekas
**City of Canada Bay**

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