

15 September 2023

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

**Laura Street, Newtown - Proposed Raised Pedestrian Crossing  
Have Your Say**

Council has prepared a design plan to construct a raised concrete pedestrian crossing at the intersection Laura Street and Hawken Street, Newtown. The proposal aims to improve safety for pedestrian and motorist and will help address concerns with pedestrian and motorist behaviour at this location, particularly during busy times.

**The Plan**

The following works are proposed and are illustrated on the attached plan  
Laura Street, Newtown (Plan No. 10247):

- Construct a new raised concrete pedestrian crossing to replace existing at grade (flat) pedestrian crossing. The new pedestrian crossing will be slightly relocated from the existing location by approx. 0.4m (where shown on plan);
- Construct “gutter bridges” with heel safe grating to provide safe access over existing kerb and guttering to the new raised pedestrian crossing (where required);
- Construct landscaped kerb blister islands in the road adjacent to the new raised pedestrian crossing. Landscaping to be suitable species of native grasses (subject to final design);
- Construct new kerb ramps to improve crossing safety for pedestrians (where shown on plan);
- Reconstruct some sections of damaged concrete footpath with new concrete footpath (as shown on the attached plans);
- Reconstruct sections of kerb & gutter with new concrete kerb & gutter (where shown on plan);
- Adjusting the existing “No Stopping” signage & zone (where shown on plan);
- Resurface some sections of the asphalt road with new asphalt (subject to final funding allocations at the time of construction);
- Install associated pavement line marking and signage as required;

Please refer to the attached Consultation Plan (Plan No. 10247) which illustrates the proposed works.

**Parking Changes**

The proposed works do not change any of the existing parking arrangements in the street. Therefore, there will be NO LOSS of parking spaces resulting from the proposed works after they are completed. Some street parking will also be affected temporarily during construction to facilitate the construction activities.

**Streetlighting**

The existing street lighting at the location is deemed adequate. Therefore, no changes are proposed to the existing street lighting due to the works.

Please note however that Ausgrid is progressively replacing all existing streetlights throughout the Local Government area with new energy efficient and environmentally friendly LED streetlights and this will be completed independent of this project.

## Have Your Say

Council welcomes feedback in relation to the proposal. Please send the response by one of the following methods:

Email: [council@innerwest.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@innerwest.nsw.gov.au)  
Mail: Inner West Council, PO Box 14, Petersham NSW 2049  
In person: Submit your written comments to the Customer Service team at the Leichhardt Service Centre, or any of the other service centres listed on the bottom of this letter  
By phone: call me on 9392 5139

Please quote Council's reference *Jonathan Weng* on any written correspondence.

Comments close at 5pm on **Friday 29 September 2023**.

## What Happens Next?

Council has not yet made any commitment to change the traffic and parking arrangements in the street. A report, together with the community's comments and this proposal, will be considered by Council's Local Traffic Committee (LTC) at its meeting on Monday 16 October 2023. The Committee will make recommendations for Council to consider at the Council meeting on Tuesday 14 November 2023.

Council will notify everyone who provided comments of the final decision.

The LTC meeting agenda will be available to view on Council's website in the week before the meeting at [www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/council/meetings/committees/local-traffic-committee](http://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/council/meetings/committees/local-traffic-committee). Members of the public may register to speak at this meeting. If you wish to do so, please contact Council's Administration Assistant—Infrastructure Services on (02) 9392 5788 to advise of your attendance. Please note that COVID restrictions may apply and limit personal attendance to the Traffic Committee (subject to restrictions in place).

## When Is the Work Planned?

These works are expected to be built in the 2023/24 financial year subject to outcome of this community engagement, final approvals and budget allocations. At this stage, a firm construction date cannot be advised and residents will be further notified before any work starts in the street.

## Further Information

For specific enquiries about this project, please contact myself on 9392 5139 or alternatively email me your responses to [jonathan.weng@innerwest.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jonathan.weng@innerwest.nsw.gov.au).

Yours Sincerely,



Jonathan Weng  
**Civil Engineer, Investigation and Design**