

Summary Report of Community Engagement

Project name	Beacon Hill Traffic Calming – Beacon Hill Road West, Beacon Hill
Public notification period	8 September – 8 October 2023
Background	<p>Council received concerns from local residents about vehicles travelling at high speed, interrupted traffic flow and the development of a 'rat run' in Ryan Place and Beacon Avenue due to traffic congestion on Beacon Hill Road, Beacon Hill and drivers seeking alternative routes.</p> <p>To address these issues and improve pedestrian and road safety, Council undertook a review of the streets adjacent to and intersecting Beacon Hill Road and proposed traffic calming solutions to address the issues.</p> <p>Council is also advocating for Transport for NSW to address the issues with the intersection of Warringah Road and Beacon Hill Road.</p>
Total number of submissions	90
Summary of findings	<p>Many respondents agree that improvement is needed to reduce traffic flow/congestion and reduce speed through the local residential streets of Beacon Hill West.</p> <p>Community response to the proposed calming solutions was mixed. Of the 90 responses received, 49 responses supported the proposal whilst 41 responses did not support the proposal.</p> <p>The main concerns raised by non-supporting respondents was the need to improve traffic flow, loss of parking and increasing pedestrian safety on Beacon Hill Road, which was out of scope for this proposal. The Beacon Hill Road matters are being addressed in partnership with Transport for NSW.</p>
Engagement approach	<p>The engagement was planned, implemented and reported in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Strategy (2022).</p> <p>A project page* was established on our Have Your Say platform with information provided in an accessible and easy</p>

	<p>to read format. The page was promoted through resident letters and on Council's 'Your Say' Page.</p> <p>Feedback was captured through an online submission form on ONEBlink. Respondents were asked a sentiment question to indicate whether or not they support the proposal. An open-field comments box provided community members a space to share their comments. Email and written submissions were also invited. Contact details were provided should people have questions.</p>
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*<https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/traffic-calming-beacon-hill-road-west-beacon-hill>

How we notified	
Properties notified by letter	288 letters
Authorities notified by email	N/A Transport for NSW were consulted in the predesign phase of the project.
Visitors to Your Say page	423 visits, 297 visitors

Findings		
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Concerns for pedestrian safety	A number of respondents are supportive of the proposal. They noted they have been concerned for the safety of pedestrians due to the increase in traffic on local roads and speeding motorists and welcome traffic calming in the area.	Council aims to improve safety in our local areas for pedestrians and motorists by working with TfNSW to physically reduce the speed limits of local roads and redirect traffic to regional roads like Beacon Hill Road.
Loss of parking	Some respondents were concerned for the loss of parking due to the proposed double centre lines.	<p>Council proposes the double lines to improve visibility and safety around the bends and at the approach to the raised thresholds.</p> <p>Parking for private vehicles remains the responsibility of the property owners.</p>

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		<p>Residents with multiple vehicles should utilise garages and existing driveways and/or prioritise off-street parking according to their needs.</p> <p>Council has reviewed the parking loss and will adjust where possible during the detailed design process to maximise parking opportunities, without compromising on safety.</p>
Speed humps	<p>Many responses were in support of the proposed speed humps.</p> <p>Other responses noting speed humps indicated concern for parking loss, the potential danger they could impose, their impact on noise and potential damage to vehicles.</p> <p>Some residents believe that speed humps will not reduce the number of vehicles using these streets.</p>	<p>Speed humps have been proven to be successful in reducing the average speed travelled along a road, therefore improving safety for other motorists and pedestrians.</p> <p>The recommended travel speed over a speed hump is 25 km/hr. When travelling at the recommended speed or lower, no damage should be incurred to a vehicle.</p> <p>Appropriate warning signs will be installed at the approach to each speed hump to ensure a vehicle has enough time to slow down before travelling over the speed hump.</p> <p>Council has seen a significant reduction in the average speed of vehicles and traffic counts when traffic calming devices such as speed humps are installed.</p> <p>Council will review the proposal of speed humps including their locations and make design changes where</p>

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		possible without compromising on safety.
Local traffic only	Introduce a No Left Turn from Beacon Hill Road to Ryan Place (3-6pm Mon - Fri) Local Traffic Only	“No Left Turn - local traffic only” restrictions from Beacon Hill Road are not enforceable. The restriction on turning movements would apply to all vehicles if implemented as part of these measures. Evidence shows that they are difficult to police and would put undue pressure on the local police force. Similar situations exist in Frenchs Forest (Kanya Crescent and Grace Avenue) and without police patrols have proved ineffectual.
Beacon Hill Road improvements – (outside the scope of this project)	<p>Several respondents suggested enhancements to improve traffic flow on Beacon Hill Road. These included removing parking, changing the phasing of the traffic lights at the intersection with Warringah Road and installing speed humps.</p> <p>The community noted their concern around the installation of traffic calming devices in side streets and the congestion impact this will create on Beacon Hill Road.</p> <p>Other suggestions noted for Beacon Hill Road included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of a pedestrian crossing on Beacon Hill Road • Removal of traffic lights at Warringah Road • Reinstatement of the sign, 'Turn left anytime 	<p>Beacon Hill Road is a regional road, which is designed to carry larger volumes of traffic. Vehicles passing through the area should be using this road, rather than the side streets, which are designed for local traffic.</p> <p>Council and Transport for NSW have recently undertaken a parking review on Beacon Hill Road, installing some restrictions between 6am to 7pm to improve traffic flow. No further parking restrictions on Beacon Hill Road are planned at this time.</p> <p>Speed humps are not suitable for Beacon Hill Road for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The steep incline of Beacon Hill Road does not make it suitable for speed humps.

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	with care' onto Warringah Road.	<p>2. They will further slow the traffic flow on this already slow route. If speed humps were introduced on Beacon Hill Road, more motorists would take the local residential streets instead of the regional road.</p> <p>Traffic light phasing is under the control of Transport for NSW. Transport for NSW are looking at options to improve the performance of the lights.</p> <p>In Council's experience, improved traffic light phasing, and removal of parking alone will not stop the problem of motorists 'rat running' through the streets west of Beacon Hill Road.</p> <p>Council will continue to work with Transport for NSW and advocate for Beacon Hill Road traffic flow to be improved.</p> <p>The installation of a pedestrian crossing on Beacon Hill Road is not currently supported by Council due the potential hazard it poses to pedestrians. Pedestrians are encouraged to cross Beacon Hill Road at traffic lights.</p>

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1.	These improvements cannot come too soon. I have been waiting for 20 years for something like this.
2.	I live on Elliot St and have received the council documentation about traffic calming proposal in beacon hill. The issue is about traffic calming. There is not a speed problem as the roads are narrow, windy and difficult to manovure due to all the onstreet parking. The solution is therefore NOT speed bumps, the solution is no left turn signs, local traffic only, on beacon hill road. Speed humps will not stop the rat run, as speed humps will still take the same amount of time as it does now as most people cannot exceed 40kmph due to the narrow and windy road. There needs to be a deterrent at the source, which is on beacon hill road. Speed bumps will not solve this problem as they will still take the rat run and exceed the speed limit as they go up Elliot street hill.
3.	Please do not put any speed humps in Beacon Hill. My car suspension has had to be serviced/replaced twice in the last few years due to speed humps and pot holes. Why not put in speed cameras instead showing the drivers speed like at Telegraph Rd Pymble. These Beacon Hill roads are so narrow and have so many pot holes needing to be filled. You also have cars parked on each side of these narrow roads causing these 2 way roads to become 1 way. Visibility needs to be improved. I don't agree that the council should lower the speed limit in this area to 40km/h. With the tightness and road width you rarely get to 50km/h anyway. Maybe cars should only be allowed to park on 1 side of the street. Beacon Hill road also needs pot holes filled in. I would focus on improving the traffic flow on Beacon Hill Rd on to Warringah Rd. You could make Beacon Hill Rd 2 lanes each way during peak times. The traffic light at Warringah rd east bound turning right (south) into Willandra Rd needs to be on a sensor. It goes green all day when no vehicle is there delaying traffic going west. You could also open up 2 way traffic from Oxford Falls Rd to Tristram Rd. The time limit for the green arrow turning right from Warringah Rd into Ellis Rd needs to be longer. 5 cars getting through is not enough.
4.	<p>I've been a resident here for 5 years now. Disappointing still nothing has been done.</p> <p>In this time I've had three cracked wing mirrors and at least twice it has taken 15 minutes to come down willandra off warringah rd.</p> <p>While speed is an issue, noise is also a bigger issue on the pinch point at Elliot st on the steep hill. Adding a speed bump means more revving up the hill in front of our house.</p> <p>A little confused why there is no parking between 3-7pm at the bottom of Beacon hill rd and this does not continue to the top? Every house in between has ample on property parking.</p>

* Personal details have been redacted where possible. Spelling and grammatical errors have been amended only where misinterpretation or offence may be caused.

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	<p>Possibly no left turns could be put in place on Ryan and Beacon Ave between 3-7, residents only? Understand it's hard to police.</p> <p>Would like something to be done but believe there is a better option and bang for buck.</p> <p>Hope that there is investigation into the level of noise should this path be chosen.</p> <p>Good luck</p>
5.	<p>Adjusting timing of traffic lights on Beacon Hill Rd to allow traffic to flow would be the only way to ease the congestion on Beacon Hill Road.</p> <p>The proposed speed bumps are quite a dangerous addition to these roads considering they are not flat straight runs. Speed Bumps are dangerous and will only inconvenience local residents</p>
6.	<p>Respondent did not make a comment.</p>
7.	<p>I DO NOT SUPPORT - This will bring more congestion on beacon Hill road which is already very dangerous for pedestrians and locals.</p> <p>The speed bumps should be installed on Beacon Hill road to encourage drivers to use pittwater road.</p>
8.	<p>I do NOT support this proposal. Please see reasons why.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You are continuously bringing traffic down beacon hill road and forcing unsafe traffic conditions on to residents so you can band aid a situation. 2. You should be installing these ON beacon hill road and NOT Ryan place to encourage traffic to go down Warringah road as beacon hill road is a rat race to Warringah road. 3. Every single car does not allow pedestrians to cross and a pedestrian crossing is also required on beacon hill road. <p>I am happy to have a chat with you about this.</p>
9.	<p>The issue is traffic calming and during peak hr and not speed...the roads are narrow and traffic already forced to go slow due to on-street parking and narrow street width. Speed humps will do nothing to deter the peak hr traffic, as their speed will not be affected behknd that of what is done already - therefore even with speed humps it is making it a viable option to the peak hr gridlock on beacon hill Rd. Fix the root cause, at beacon hill Rd and Warraingah Rd traffic lights. Or put no left turn, local residents only, on all left hand turns off beacon hills Rd, or a timed no left hand sign Mon-Fri 4-6pm for all side streets off beacon hill Rd. Speed bumps will not deter the traffic, especially the kids of soft speed humps suggested. It will just permanently</p>

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	inconvenience local traffic and not deter the rat run off beacon hill Rd. I urgently suggest you address root cause.
10.	Rather than solving the actual problem, which is the flow of traffic up Beacon Hill Rd which could be solved by no parking along Beacon Hill Rd at all times and longer green lights at the top of the hill, this speed bump solution will make it worse for residents rather than better. One of the biggest impacts of drivers using Ryan Pl and Elliot St as a rat run is the noise as cars accelerate up the hill which will be exacerbated by the speed bumps. These drivers aren't using this rat run for fun. Rather they are trying to avoid the traffic delays on Beacon Hill Rd so rather than spending money on these speed bumps why not fix the actual issue that is causing the rat run?
11.	Why are you not looking at the problem which is the bottleneck traffic ON Beacon Hill Road. The parking on Beacon Hill Rd should be restricted based on time of day flow. Just to get out of Ryan Place, I have to move out over one lane because cars don't stop/ slow down to allow me to turn right towards Old Pittwater Rd. The traffic light at the top of Beacon Hill Rd and Warringah Road should be removed to allow traffic turning left to have a free turn. This is again, another reason the traffic is backlogged on Beacon Hill Road. Please stop and address where the actual traffic problem is - BEACON HILL ROAD! For approximately 20mins of 'rat race traffic' you are going to cause a significant inconvenience to residents and legitimate users of these back streets. You should also look at installing speed cameras and truck cameras. As a resident I have lost count of how many heavy load trucks and even large private buses use Beacon Hill Rd. Again this jams traffic and causes a lockdown of traffic flow. Please stop putting bandaid solutions on issues and actually stop and look at FIXING the underlying problem - BEACON HIL RD traffic.
12.	Speed humps will only make the driver speed up to the hump then accelerate excessively to the next hump. This will cause noise for local residents. The traffic problem on beacon hill rd only started when the traffic lights were put in at the top. Humps would only be a Band-Aid fix and annoy the local residents. To fix beacon hill rd it would cost money to build a tunnel or an overpass to allow the 1000's of cars going up it between 2.30pm to 6.30pm. This rd has cars from the school at the bottom, From warringah mall, from the surrounding businesses & from people in general trying to get from point A to B. Brookvale is an absolute nightmare with traffic and that flows to our local streets. No amount of humps will stop that!
13.	This problem was caused when the 'turn left anytime with care' was replaced with traffic lights turning left at the top of Beacon Hill Road. If this were reinstated, I believe the problem would reduce. To install speed bumps is a terrible idea to anyone with neck or back injuries,

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	and would not reduce the traffic using these streets, just cause more noise as they slow down then speed up after. They also impact parking which is also difficult at times, particularly if there is football on.
14.	I have emailed to council my submission as this page will not allow me to attach/upload the supporting information files. If you are unable to find the email, please contact me to arrange for a copy of ten supporting information to be sent to you again.
15.	I agree that traffic calming is necessary in this area, but not parking restrictions. Please inform me which street s will curtail parking Cars parked on Willandra Rd, lower Beacon Hill reduce hopping up our road. I appreciate your response and clarification before any decision.
16.	*to add to my previous comments. We do NOT want double no Parking lines outside our house. We need the free street parking to continue in Willandra Road. Having a car parked outside actually slows the rat run traffic as they have to pause if there is traffic coming downhill. Introducing no parking would make speeding easier for them
17.	To stop the through traffic during peak times the solution would be to close Elliot street at the junction of Ryan Place as this would divide the area in two. Ryan place and Beacon Ave would have access to Beacon Hill at three places, then Kalianna Crescent and Wedgewood crescent and surrounding streets would access to Beacon Hill Road and Warringah Road. Then have 2 lanes open in peak times on Beacon Hill Rd and change lights at Warringah Road so turn left is continuous. Speed humps are not the solution stopping through traffic would alleviate all problems.
18.	I feel we are being penalised as the council cannot control the traffic. The traffic became unbearable when the light were put in at Beacon Hill Road and Warringah Road left hand turn. We need a third lane where cars can continuously turn left and this would alleviate the back up of traffic. Our street, Beacon Avenue, is already full to the brim with cars parked either side of the street. We have several elderly people living in the street and I feel with the speed humps there will be no place for them to pullover. I feel we need to control the traffic flow rather than putting in speed humps, perhaps direct the traffic along Pittwater Road.
19.	This proposal does not address the real problem which is the traffic on Beacon Hill Road. Putting these measures in place take up valuable parking spaces, as well as cause inconvenience to the residents of these streets but do nothing to reduce the amount of traffic using the side streets to get onto Warringah Road. Council needs to do something about Beacon Hill Road, or limit access to the side streets off Beacon Hill Road to non-residents. It would be better if Ryan Place and Beacon Avenue, the entrance closer to Brookvale, were no left hand turns from 3-6pm Monday to Friday. Residents

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	<p>can still access the side streets from either Kalianna Crescent or the top half of Beacon Ave. Another alternative, which makes more sense than these traffic calming devices is to have a "no left hand turn" at the lights at the cnr of Willandra Road and Warringah Road. I do not support any aspect of this proposal.</p>
20.	<p>I am strongly against speed humps in Beacon Avenue.</p> <p>It is my understanding this is at least the third attempt to improve traffic flow and safety in the Beacon Ave region, and council is still failing to come up with a solution that doesn't have a negative effect on resident. While I understand the intention to improve safety due to the so called rat run used (perhaps consider better traffic flow options before hindering residents), I believe speed humps are not an effective solution for Beacon Hill.</p> <p>It is my belief the speed hump will have the opposite intended effect, causing more congestion on streets, potential for more sudden braking, as well as increased noise and vehicle pollution.</p> <p>The street is already quite narrow, and in many instances vehicles need to pull in behind parked cars (which residents are rightly allowed to park) and let cars through. A speed bump will create even more issues, as there will be less opportunities for cars to safely pass each other in the street.</p> <p>Further, due to residents parking (which is completely acceptable in a residential street) cars must already travel at lower speeds to safely move through the street. Cars who speed through our street (which is extremely limited) are drivers who are reckless and frankly, will likely not slow down for the speed bump and continue to speed through it rendering the hump redundant.</p> <p>The speed humps will also cause Increased vehicle wear and tear for locals. Will the council be paying for residents increased mechanics bills to fix suspension and brakes?</p> <p>Not only are speed humps expensive to install, they will also greatly reduce the desire to live in our community, consequently having a negative effect on property value.</p> <p>It is evident from councils recent proposals that there has not been enough thought put into traffic solutions that actually have benefits on the residents. Measures such as more speed limit signs, pedestrian crossings, larger police presence could all have a positive effect on the solution, without having a hindrance on locals.</p> <p>From some quick research it appears council elections are a year away. As</p>

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	<p>you can tell I am clearly not happy with councils proposed solutions over the years (as are many other residents), and perhaps this should be considered if the current councillors wish to see themselves elected for another term.</p>
21.	<p>I do not support this proposal as I do not believe this is the most effective way to reduce speed and the so called rat run.</p> <p>Firstly there is no rat run that exists on beacon ave. We have a clear view of the street and during peak hour there are only a handful of cars which pass through. MAJORITY of these cars I actually recognise as our neighbours simply coming home into their street after work.</p> <p>Our street is a very narrow street and we have a lot of residency which means there is very limited parking constantly. Speed humps in multiple spots will impact the already congested street and make parking even WORSE for ourselves and our neighbours!</p> <p>If you are after reducing the speed in my neighbourhood, there are better ways to do so that are also more economic for the council. Currently, there are no speed signs on our streets, there are no increased pedestrian activity signs either. Surely this is the first step to try and alleviate the speeding issue which costs the tax payers less money.</p> <p>Furthermore, the traffic flow is not an issue on our side streets, it is an issue on beacon hill road. Please address how this street is managed during peak hour before you come for the side streets. If the main problem at hand is dealt with, any other subsequent problems will immediately be rectified.</p>
22.	<p>I do NOT support the introduction of Speed Humps as this causes other traffic problems.</p> <p>I do Support the lowering of the Speed limit to 40 KPH.</p> <p>This along with Speed enforcement and Local traffic only rules should be enough to solve the problem.</p> <p>the use of Mobile speed cameras located in the area would be enough.</p>
23.	<p>Strongly against speed humps in Beacon Avenue.</p> <p>While I understand the intention to improve safety, I believe speed humps are not an effective solution for our streets.</p> <p>They will create more clutter on the street and increase noise and other pollution from braking, accelerating and speed hump impact.</p> <p>Speed humps could cause inconvenience for residents and visitors, leading to much more frustration. Increased vehicle wear and tear for locals, and there is also limited parking as it is for residents and this will affect the whole neighbourhood.</p> <p>Not only are they expensive to install, they will reduce the values of properties</p>

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	<p>and make it a less desirable neighbourhood to live in, creating more long term maintenance which may put a financial burden on the community. Their negative environmental impact must also be considered.</p> <p>Has the council looked further into other traffic calming measures, such as increased signage, pedestrian crosswalks , or stricter speed limits without altering the road surface?</p> <p>A speed limit reduction could still be done without introducing speed humps. There are currently no signs on beacon avenue or Ryan place. I believe this would help greatly, even a local area or Locals only sign would make a huge difference. There could be a simple painted crosswalk even to help pedestrians who are walking up beacon hill road and to remind drivers. Also, modifying the traffic lights at the top of beacon hill road would be a way to effectively reduce the rat race. Have you consulted with traffic engineers to explore alternative traffic calming designs that are less disruptive than speed humps?</p> <p>Could we explore alternative solutions like enhanced police presence or speed monitoring devices to address speeding concerns? Even a sign to say that there is increased speeding monitoring.</p> <p>Increasing the school zone area for st Augustine's college to include further up on beacon hill road may also be helpful, as the school has grown greatly in size and area recently.</p> <p>I also worry that speed humps might deter emergency services from responding quickly to our area in case of an emergency.</p> <p>Please ensure you thoroughly evaluate the potential drawbacks, consider alternative traffic calming measures before installing speed humps based on a few complaints. A few households we have spoken to do not wish to have speed humps installed, and with such strong opinions and negative associations with speed humps I worry that a lot more people will be upset, who may not have the time to respond or express their thoughts on the matter on this platform.</p> <p>Many thanks</p>
24.	<p>I object to speed humps placed outside my property [REDACTED] (same spot as listed [REDACTED]) I do not want it placed there , I do not want the extra noise of cars going over the speed hump. It is unfair to position outside my house ! Better to just reduce speed limit and put signs up to prevent non residents from entering. This would be easier cheaper and quieter. Although the problem isn't in beacon avenue , it is in Ryan place</p>

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25.	<p>I object to speed humps outside & between both my properties [REDACTED] (which is proposed at [REDACTED]). This is same site). I disagree with complaints of the “rat run” through beacon avenue and do not want extra noise outside my premises whilst cars go over the speed hump. I think reducing speed limit is enough without the need for speed hump. I feel completely disadvantaged that this would happen between my properties and not further down the street . The street is so narrow with hardly any parking as it is . The speed humps will take away parking where I need it most.</p> <p>The problem is in ryan place not beacon avenue! Why can't signs be put up that say “residents only entry between certain times” instead of wasting money & causing disadvantages for the residents of beacon avenue please</p>
26.	<p>The way to stop the rat run is to remove the left turn arrow at Beacon Hill Rd and Warringah Rd.</p>
27.	<p>Fixing Beacon Hill Rd would make it unnecessary to take a left turn into Ryan Place to take the rat run, which only happens when beacon Hill Rd banks up from Warringah Road during afternoon peak. By making beacon Hill Rd a north bound afternoon clearway and two left turn lanes at Warringah Road would make it more appealing to stay on Beacon Hill Rd and not take the rat run</p>
28.	<p>Kandra Rd is more of a family residential area. Before and after school, kids are playing on the street, same as weekends. It will be a high risk if this plan will go ahead. I DO NOT support the speed hump outside No. 9 Kandra Rd. However, I do support the installation of 40km/h speed limit in the area.</p>
29.	<p>As a resident of Ryan Place I do have concerns about the street being used as a rat run but the issue is only a problem Mondays to Fridays 4.30pm to 5.30pm. The proposed speed bumps are an over kill for a problem that is only for 5 hours a week! The speed bumps would be a pain in the bum 24/7 for the residents. You need to look at Beacon Hill Road to fix this problem! Was not an issue when at the top of Beacon Hill Road was turn left with care and not as it is now with red arrow! And I have lived here for 25 years, so I have seen the changes over time!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO TO SPEED BUMPS!!!</p>
30.	<p>To add additional comments, to fix the main congestion of the traffic build up, if clear ways were put into affect on beacon hill road, the main road was altered to a four lane main road to upkeep the traffic and allow traffic flow up and down the hill. This will ease rat run traffic and will help traffic through Brookvale at peak times.</p> <p>The back streets of beacon hill road are already packed as is with parking and increased changes to the roads will only worsen and lessen parking available.</p>

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31.	Restoring the roads' condition should be main priority, with the amount of local construction being done the roads are in turmoil If reduction of traffic is what is wanted then a proposal/test of a no left turn down Ryan place up beacon hill road between ie 430-730 to 'calm traffic'
32.	Respondent did not make a comment.
33.	As a resident of Wedgwood Crescent i can state that at this point in time,Wedgewood Crescent is not an active part of this 'Rat Run'
34.	Respondent did not make a comment.
35.	We didn't receive any written communication from council about proposals. Found out via Facebook. Wedgewood Crescent doesn't get the rat run traffic and do not want speed hump out front my house. Parking is at a premium with trailers caravans and boats parking in street. Which council wont move unless they are unregistered. We are a high flame area and don't believe speed humps are appropriate for fire trucks. If council is serious about fixing traffic congestion fix Beacon Hill rd. Make clearway left side am Beacon Hill rd and right side clearway pm. Make two lanes turning left and one lane turning right at top beacon hill rd. Same as bottom road. Council has made Beacon Hill rd into major road with two lanes turning from Warringah rd. This proposal is a bandaid to the problem
36.	Noisy and outside [REDACTED] is a bad spot on arise
37.	Wedgewood crescent is a flame zone area and need access for the fire brigade. We don't have a problem with cars speeding. Beacon hill road should be a clear way.
38.	This will create very significant noise and light pollution for local residents and this will not solve the traffic problems on Beacon Hill Rd. Better solutions are cheaper. E.g. put up speed limit signs of 40.
39.	The suggested traffic calming devices outlined above do not address the real issue that is at play here - the traffic on Beacon Hill Road. For residents that live in these streets, putting the traffic calming devices will reduce parking, which is already at a premium, as well as increase the noise to our houses as cars slow down or bottom out as they go over the speed humps. This is not an acceptable solution for the residents that live here. Ryan Place and Beacon Avenue should be no left turn between 3pm and 6pm which will reduce the traffic as well as the speed concerns of these streets. These streets should not be used as a rat run and we should limit the number of cars that drive through in peak hour.

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40.	<p>While I agree with most of the items in the proposal, there is absolutely no need for speed humps at the start of either Beacon Ave entrance as there's already large dip gutters on the edge of Beacon Hill Road, refer photos, where the cars have already slowed down so they don't bottom out.</p> <p>Constructing a speed hump just a few meters from this already existing gutter which already slows the cars, would be a waste of councils money. Whereas the one proposed near number [REDACTED] makes sense as this is on a straight stretch of road where cars do get upto speed. Any reason why the rubber speed humps like what was built at Hall Ave Collaroy Plateau aren't being proposed for this area?</p>
41.	<p>In addition to my previous submission. I just noticed 'sheet 5' in the above diagram indicating a speed bump outside 48 beacon hill rd. There is considerable dip already at this intersection that causes cars to scrape. It is impossible drive through the existing dip at 10km/h. Therefore we do not see the value in an additional speed bump.</p> <p>The angle from the dip to a speed bump would be excessive and create quite a steep rise for no reason.</p>
42.	<p>Instead of traffic calming devices, that do nothing, other than frustrate already maniacal drivers, who, once they have traversed the calming device, roar off even quicker and louder and cause more pollution than they otherwise would have, sign the beginning of the "rat runs" at Beacon Hill Road, with "No Left Turn between the hours of x and y, Local Traffic Excepted" signs. Then get cops stationed in the side streets in question, during the prohibited time frame and fine anyone who can't prove that they live in the west of Beacon Hill Road precinct. It seems to be possible for the cops to camp on Beacon Hill road in the a.m. to check for speed and oversized vehicles, surely something similar could be done in the p.m. on the Beacon Hill side streets to deal with the "rat runners". Also I'm aware of a similar in place scenario in Forestville when turning from Rangers Retreat Rd into Kanya/Parni. Maybe council could look at that and see how that works.</p> <p>Traffic calming doesn't work. You need to address the root cause - THE DRIVER BEHAVIOUR. Educate, then if that fails, hit the hip pocket and keep on hitting the hip pocket 'til they stop - works every time.</p>
43.	<p>These proposed plans do not resolve the cause of the problem.</p> <p>The reason why traffic is using this Rat Run is due to backed up traffic on Beacon hill road not being able to turn left onto warringah road. This causing congestion and hence traffic is choosing to divert down Ryan place and beacon ave.</p> <p>An alternate solution that would resolve the congestion is to add an addition left turn lane at the top of beacon hill rd and warringah rd. Allowing the traffic to clear from beacon hill rd.</p> <p>The addition of speed bumps and reduced speed limit to these roads will not solve the cause of the issue it will actually cause greater congestion on</p>

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	beacon hill rd. Secondly these roads are so tight with parked cars both sides it is very hard to exceed 40km/h so the speed bumps are not required.
44.	<p>Addition of many speed humps will create more noise and light pollution into homes as cars hits speed bumps at night, particularly going up hill.</p> <p>Surely a speed camera would be a better way to achieve the desired outcome, as would addressing the traffic in Beacon Hill Road as the root cause of why we have this problem in the first place, rather than making further snarls in residential areas.</p>
45.	<p>My suggestion is to open the left hand turning lane at the top of beacon hill Rd. And also make the turn from old pittwater Rd more obviously free flowing into beacon hill Rd. Remove the left turning arrow at the top of the hill and make it a flow thru lane. This would alleviate the pressure on the back roads. The back roads are already congested with residents cars parked on both sides of the road. Adding traffic calming devices will only put more pressure on the severely limited parking situation.</p> <p>Restricted parking at the top of beacon hill road would also assist in the peak period (between 4-6pm going up the hill). This would mean more cars going to the left lane ready to access Warringah Rd.</p> <p>Roundabouts on beacon hill Rd at Ryan place and beacon ave would also support local residents to access a free flowing beacon hill Rd and reduce the need to divert to back streets in the first place.</p>
46.	<p>I support the proposal to calm the traffic in the area - however I would ask that other options than speed bumps be considered.</p> <p>I have attached a photo of a chicane that is in Park Avenue in Roseville. We are at [REDACTED] and one of the speed bumps will be just outside our house. A large percentage of those using the 'rat run' are tradespeople in utility vehicles and when those vehicles go over a bump, everything in their tray goes bump too, adding to the noise.</p> <p>A chicane in some of the proposed sites would slow the traffic even further and would help to deter those who think it is faster to cut through from Beacon Hill Road. They would also then be forced to give way to other traffic as the chicane makes the road only one vehicle wide in that spot, a further deterrent. Parking is equally impacted, possibly slightly better, as there is still a car spot on each side next to the chicane.</p> <p>I agree that something needs to be done to slow the traffic and I do appreciate the notion to request the speed limit to be reduced to 40km/hour as well.</p> <p>Thank you for trying to help and trying to slow the traffic in the area. I understand that a speed bump is good in some places but I hope you will also</p>

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	consider the idea of a chicane rather than a speed bump in areas where possible.
47.	<p>Dear Council</p> <p>Thank you for your proposal to respond to the needs of local residents on and near the 'rat run' in Ryan Place and Beacon Avenue and nearby streets.</p> <p>As long term residents of Wedgewood Crescent, since 1984, Wedgewood Crescent is not directly effected by the 'rat run' and therefore there is no need for speed humps in Wedgewood Crescent.</p> <p>As well as the proposed traffic island on Kalianna Crescent at the intersection of Doulton Avenue and Willandra Road a Stop Sign would be significantly better than the current Give Way sign. The number of times that we have driven down Willandra Road verrying right into Doulton Avenue and having to avoid a vehicle turning right from Kalianna Crescent into Willandra Road ignoring the Give Way sign is too many. An accident is waiting to happen, unfortunately.</p> <p>Additionally a speed hump on Kalianna Crescent on the approach to the proposed traffic Island would also help slow the traffic.</p> <p>If you require any further information please let us know. We would appreciate acknowledgment of our correspondence.</p> <p>Although we support the most of the proposal there is one section that needs review as mentioned above</p>
48.	Respondent did not make a comment.
49.	I have lived here since 1994 and seen so much dangerous driving during rush hour. Many near accidents, and speeding drivers, often driving too fast on the wrong side of the road around the 'sleeping policeman' at the junction opposite 2 Willandra Road. I've also had drivers try to undercut me when I'm turning into my own driveway. Traffic calming would be a welcome thing for the safety of our community.
50.	Respondent did not make a comment.
51.	Respondent did not make a comment.
52.	Safety improvements to the intersection of Beacon Ave and Beacon Hill Rd (southern intersection) to be developed. Turning right out of Beacon Ave during peak periods has become dangerous due to the limited visibility up the hill along Beacon Hill Rd and limited gaps in the traffic streams along Beacon Hill Rd. It resulted in long wating times, driver frustration and having to undertake dangerous manouvres in order to get into the limited traffic gaps

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	along Beacon Hill Rd. See attached an analysis of the traffic safety issues and high level Safe Systems review findings.
53.	I would also like to see ROUNDABOUTS at the intersections along Beacon Hill Rd with the two ends of Beacon Ave and Ryan Place. It is extremely difficult to turn right from these streets into Beacon Hill Rd. It would also slow traffic down along Beacon Hill Rd and create some prevention of traffic queuing across the intersection. See the flow on Allambie Rd & Inglebar Ave as an example with roundabout and speed humps.
54.	There is a turn left at anytime sign when turning from Willandra rd onto Warringah rd If you remove this sign then the rat runners would not be able to RUN
55.	Respondent did not make a comment.
56.	High volume of speeding on Beacon Hill Road. Possibly an instalment of speed camera on Beacon Hill Road
57.	Respondent did not make a comment.
58.	Respondent did not make a comment.
59.	So many speedy drivers in our road, it's dangerous for the residents and the families
60.	I think the bigger issue here is fixing the congestion on Beacon Hill rd. This will stop the rat run. It all started when traffic lights were placed at the top of Beacon hill road onto warringah road to turn left rather than free flowing.
61.	It desperately needs something in Ryan place. At 5pm it's like an F1 track.
62.	Respondent did not make a comment.
63.	As a resident of 20 years I say about time. There is speeding going on daily past my house. I think the plan is measured though I'm not sure the calming at the higher part of beacon Ave and beacon hill rd is needed as this is not part of the rat run. I'm living at no 9 beacon Ave .
64.	Thank you for looking into this as this has been an ongoing concern for my family and I.
65.	As a resident I am very supportive of reducing the speed on this rat run or stopping it altogether.
66.	Something needs to be done about the parking on Ryan Place. At times cars can barely get through single file. Suggest parking on one side only.

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	Condition of the road at parts needs repair outside 51 Ryan Place is particularly bad
67.	<p>I'm majorly in support of this. I believe the speed limit should be further reduced to 30, and also must state that Ryan Place needs sidewalks.</p> <p>That said, this is action in the right direction. Please take it!</p>
68.	We also need sidewalks on Ryan place.
69.	It is a very good idea as the traffic in the afternoons is unbearable.
70.	Please do this asap as someone will be killed by a speeding car.
71.	Respondent did not make a comment.
72.	I believe the "rat run" on Ryan Place and Beacon Ave during the peak hours started when the traffic lights at the intersection of Beacon Hill Rd/Warringah Rd were modified a few years ago. It is currently advantageous to make a left turn to Warringah Rd from Willandra Rd where there is a sign "Left Turn on Red Permitted After Stopping" and avoid waiting for the left turn light to come up at Beacon Hill Rd/Warringah Rd intersection. Marginally slowing the current speed limit at Ryan Place and Beacon Ave would change little in this situation. A more effective solution would be allowing a "Left Turn on Red Permitted After Stopping" sign at the Beacon Hill Rd/Warringah Rd intersection.
73.	Generally supportive. Our road is abused as a cut through and people drive at excessive speed. However, consideration should be given to the impact on availability of on street parking which is already limited. The design of the speed bumps should be such that parking is not reduced.
74.	A sidewalk would be an improvement. There kids walking down Ryan place at the same time as the "rat race".
75.	Could you please also include repainting the faded no stopping/parking yellow lines from 75A to 91 Ryan Place on both sides of road.
76.	Yes yes yes!!! :)
77.	Fully support this proposal. Traffic has been increasing through Ryan Place, some vehicles use it as a speedway, with many cars coming around the corner on the wrong side. Speed limit should be dropped to 40 before the introduction of the speed humps.
78.	As a resident of ryan place for the last 11 years it is very difficult heading east along ryan place in the afternoons and evening due to oncoming rat run traffic speeding through and not knowing the streets. Along with no footpaths in the morning people including school children walk on the road because the

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	nature strips are wet from dew. It's unsafe to walk on the road but particularly with the current traffic conditions in our street. Which is a 'place' and not designed as a thoroughfare.
79.	For far too long cars have dangerously flown through Ryan Place in the afternoon especially around blind corners as well. 50km/h speed limit is an accident waiting to happen. Glad it's been proposed to drop to 40km/h
80.	Respondent did not make a comment.
81.	About time! Please get onto this as soon as possible, cars drive way too fast down Ryan Place.
82.	The proposed hump at 30 Elliot St will not prevent the dangerous high speeds at the bottom of the dip in Elliot St. The hump needs to be close to 12 Elliot St, ie near the intersection with Ryan Place.
83.	Should have been done year ago.
84.	YES! We live on Kalianna crescent and it becomes an unsafe rat run every evening. Interestingly only hoons decide to take this route, which means they also don't mind speeding! This must end and these proposed changes will do that. The lack of side paths also is very hazardous for pedestrians with this level of traffic
85.	Respondent did not make a comment.
86.	Great proposal! Fully support. I would also further add that Ryan place parking should be restricted to one side only esp in peak hours. Huge issue with traffic both directions and cars parked both sides not able to pass through.
87.	Respondent did not make a comment.
88.	Respondent did not make a comment.
89.	This is a step in the right direction however not enough. Please also consider A)removing turn left at any time sign from Dolton Ave to Warringah Rd. That would discourage rat runners. B)Reduce speed limit to 30 rather than encouraging rat runners to drive to the limit at 40 which is not safe. C) residents only signs at entry to Ryan Pl and Beacon Ave (from Beacon Hill Rd)
90.	Please also fix the pot holes in Ryan Place - around 50 Ryan Place
91.	Ryan Place has some severe pot holes in it as well that need to be fixed.
92.	This is long overdue. Ryan Place is so dangerous for pedestrians particularly but also for traffic trying to get out of their driveways.

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93.	Respondent did not make a comment.
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