Proposed intersection improvements on Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills

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The Australian and NSW Governments are considering proposed improvements on Pennant Hills Road in order to improve safety and reduce congestion for road users.

Roads and Maritime Services is seeking community feedback by Friday 16 December on a proposal to extend the existing right turn lane along Pennant Hills Road between The Crescent and Fisher Avenue to ease congestion.

We are also seeking feedback on a proposal to ban the right turn from Pennant Hills Road into and out of George Street which would improve safety for motorists at the intersection.
Proposed improvements on Pennant Hills Road at The Crescent

Roads and Maritime is considering a proposal to improve the intersection of Pennant Hills Road at The Crescent as part of its $246 million Pinch Points and Clearways Program, which aims to reduce congestion and improve travel times on Sydney’s busiest corridors.

Proposed work
• Modifying the existing median to extend the northbound right turn lane by 95 metres on Pennant Hills Road between The Crescent and Fisher Avenue.
• Removing shrubs from the median to accommodate the extended lane.
• Asphalting and line marking.

Key benefits
• Reducing congestion by allowing motorists travelling northbound on Pennant Hills Road to move through the intersection more freely.
• Extending the existing right turn lane on Pennant Hills Road into The Crescent by 95 metres which would provide additional storage capacity for approximately 16 cars.
• The additional storage capacity is expected to reduce traffic turning into The Crescent from queueing back into northbound through traffic and would improve safety and traffic flow at the intersection.

Proposed safety improvements to the intersection of Pennant Hills Road and George Street

The Australian Government is funding this $250,000 proposal under its Black Spot Programme to reduce the number and severity of crashes on Australian roads.

Proposed work
• Installing a 40 metre concrete median barrier between the existing barriers on Pennant Hills Road to ban right turn movements in and out of George Street and limit pedestrian movements.
• Closing the existing northbound right turn bay on Pennant Hills Road into George Street by installing a white painted median.

Left turns into and out of George Street at Pennant Hills Road would remain unchanged and open to traffic. Pedestrians crossing Pennant Hills Road should use the signalised crossing at The Crescent.

See over for proposed alternate route to access George Street.

Key benefits
Improving road safety on Pennant Hills Road at George Street. By banning right turn movements in and from George Street. This will address the 28 reported crashes involving vehicles turning right from Pennant Hills Road into George Street in the five year period from July 2009 to June 2014. Extending the existing concrete median barrier on Pennant Hills Road through the George Street intersection, is intended to reduce the potential for head on crashes on Pennant Hills Road and to limit pedestrian movements. There has been one crash reported involving a pedestrian crossing Pennant Hills Road near George Street in the five years from July 2009 to June 2014. A fatal crash involving a pedestrian also occurred on Pennant Hills Road near the intersection of George Street in April 2015.
**Alternative route**
*(George Street and Pennant Hills Road)*

The proposed alternate route for right turning traffic would require vehicles to turn right at the signalised intersection of Pennant Hills Road into The Crescent and use Britannia Street, Charlotte Road and Harold Avenue to access George Street. We have included a map to explain the proposed changes and alternative access.

**Next steps**

We will consider all feedback received before deciding whether to proceed with the proposal.

The two projects will be constructed separately in order to minimise traffic impacts during construction and two separate community consultation reports will be prepared summarising the matters raised and will be made available on our website.

Please note that improvements at the intersection of Pennant Hills Road and The Crescent will be completed first if the proposals proceed. We will keep you updated as the proposals progress.

**Have your say**

We encourage you to send us your comments on our proposal by **Friday 16 December** to:

- **Phone**: 1800 332 660
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If you need help understanding this information, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service on **131 450** and ask them to call us on **1800 332 660**.

**Other work in your area**

Roads and Maritime will also be carrying out work which includes repairing concrete slabs and repainting line markings on Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills 160 metres west of Boundary Road. This work will take two shifts to complete between Sunday 4 December and Wednesday 21 December, weather permitting. Our working hours will be from 8pm to 5am between Sundays and Thursdays.