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RMS TO ADDRESS PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON WINDSOR ROAD

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is taking action to address a significant pedestrian safety issue on Windsor Road at Baulkham Hills.

“RMS proposes to install a 265 metre pedestrian safety fence along the centre median of Windsor Road between the intersection of Seven Hills and Old Northern roads, and 30 metres south of the Charles Street intersection,” David Elliott, Member for Baulkham Hills, said.

“The fencing would guide pedestrians to use the crossing at the Seven Hills and Old Northern roads intersection.”

The proposal comes after RMS carried out pedestrian surveys in 2010 which showed during a 12-hour period, 138 pedestrians crossed the six lanes of Windsor Road without using the pedestrian crossing.

“In the five years to 2010, five crashes involving pedestrians were reported along this section of Windsor Road,” Mr Elliott said.

“RMS received requests from the community to investigate pedestrian safety at this location and has found pedestrian fencing is the most effective way of improving safety and preventing a potentially fatal crash at this location.

“RMS will be doorknocking businesses around the proposed pedestrian fence this week to explain the safety issues and to receive feedback.

“Any comments on the proposal from other community members will also be welcomed,” Mr Elliott said.

For more information or to provide feedback by Friday 15 February, contact the project manager Sam Wijekoon on 02 8849 2489 or email Sam.Wijekoon@rms.nsw.gov.au.