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D08926864	REFERRAL COMMENTS - NSW POLICE	No objection	Comments noted	1		
	REFERRAL COMMENTS - TRANSPORT FOR NSW	TfNSW has reviewed the proposed changes and has no objections or concerns regarding these.	Comments noted	1		
D08926943		Yes - urgently needed for safety of children	Comments noted	1		
D08927312		I'm not sure if it's raised already but I think it should be if not and support council making it more pedestrian friendly. I think speed limits should also be reduced there to 30km and where the shops and schools are in the main Beecroft shopping centre and train station. I fully support marking roads and footpaths safer for pedestrians, bikes, and others. Also the bike path could be connected to the school here?	The existing Childrens crossing is already raised. NSW Police raised concerns about the visibility and enforcement issues on the current crossing, leading to a request for its upgrade. Council is actively working to upgrade all children's crossings to full-time marked pedestrian crossings in the Hornsby LGA. This initiative aims to enhance safety, improve driver awareness, and reinforce adherence to road rules concerning pedestrian crossings. Under the NSW regulations the NSW Government set the speed limit for all school zones at 40km/h. Council does not have the flexibility to amend the speed limit. By placing these measures in place is to ensure the safety of all road users, particularly children.		1	
D08927322		Having taught for many years at BPS I am in favour of any improvements Council can make to ensure the children cross in safely outside that school. I am sure I am correct in saying that it was after Fiona Kingsford-Smith was knocked down there and I think killed that the first crossing was put in place. She was the niece of our famous aviator.	Comments noted	1		
D08927348		Happy to have the crossing permanently marked with the Zebra Stripes. However, could all of the "No Stopping and " No Parking" signs retain the caveat of "on School Days"? Parking for Saturday sport at Beecroft PS can already be difficult and the removal of several spots with the "No Stopping" rule would add to the difficulty and traffic issues on Mary Street.	It is a Transport for NSW and Australian Standards mandatory requirement that full time "No Stopping" restrictions are installed at a marked pedestrian crossing. No changes are proposed to the operation times of the existing "No Parking" zone (kiss and drop). Parking outside of operating hours of the zone will continue to be available. It is noted that developments in Mary Street are required to provide parking for visitors in accordance with Council's Development Control. This matter will be referred to Council's Compliance team for investigation.		1	
D08927401		Mary street is a nightmare during school pick ups. The marked ped crossing is a great idea however the decreasing of area cars can stop in to collect kids is going to cause further traffic related issues. It's bad enough with cars double parked waiting to do the u turn and get their kids this would worsen that issue.	It is a Transport for NSW and Australian Standards mandatory requirement that full time "No Stopping" restrictions are installed at a marked pedestrian crossing. No changes are proposed to the operation times of the existing "No Parking" zone (kiss and drop). Parking outside of operating hours of the zone will continue to be available. It is noted that developments in Mary Street are required to provide parking for visitors in accordance with Council's Development Control. This matter will be referred to Council's Compliance team for investigation.		1	
D08927404		This seems excessive, a waste of taxpayer money and a little bit like putting a band aid on a broken arm. I'm sure there are much more pressing traffic issues in Beecroft than a pedestrian crossing in a cul de sac and extending a no stopping zone (which will just make this street even harder to navigate). I can't imagine how this might help the current issue of impatient or poor driving skills (which frankly won't improve because a permanent zebra crossing is installed). How about fixing the actual issue of danger in that area at the intersection of Mary Street and Beecroft Road where it is virtually impossible to turn right and at certain times of day, even difficult to turn left. And whilst I'm on my soap box, how about taking a look at replacing the fencing which ws destroyed by a car outside Beecroft Public on the corner of Copeland and Beecroft (already raised as unanswered issue via Snap Send Solve) or... let's keep travelling up that stretch of road to the intersection of Beecroft and Hannah which needs a speed camera and redlight camera installed to stop the incessant red light jumping and speeding and took the lives of two pedestrians in 2023???	NSW Police raised concerns about the visibility and enforcement issues on the current crossing, leading to a request for its upgrade. Council is actively working to upgrade all children's crossings to full-time marked pedestrian crossings in the Hornsby LGA. This initiative aims to enhance safety, improve driver awareness, and reinforce adherence to road rules concerning pedestrian crossings. Other locations noted by the resident are on a State Road and will be referred to Transport for NSW for consideration.			1
D08927407		Don't agree, at the moments parents are finding it extra hard to do pick up and drop off to kids especially really young one who may needs parents help with getting into school. Reducing the amount of parking is very inconvenient especially that the busiest time the occupies this street is only 30 mins to 1 hours in the morning and afternoon. More consideration should be given to dropping off and picking up children. If all the street parking becomes unavailable and turned into NO STOPPING, it is very inconsiderate. There are private parking for all the residence on the properties on Mary street so the remaining street parking should be made available for parents alike.	It is a Transport for NSW and Australian Standards mandatory requirement that full time "No Stopping" restrictions are installed at a marked pedestrian crossing. No changes are proposed to the operation times of the existing "No Parking" zone (kiss and drop). Parking outside of operating hours of the zone will continue to be available. It is noted that developments in Mary Street are required to provide parking for visitors in accordance with Council's Development Control. This matter will be referred to Council's Compliance team for investigation.			1
D08928246		Don't think is needed there at all dead end street anyway, what we do need is traffic lights at Beecroft rd and Kirkham St.	NSW Police raised concerns about the visibility and enforcement issues on the current crossing, leading to a request for its upgrade. Council is actively working to upgrade all children's crossings to full-time marked pedestrian crossings in the Hornsby LGA. This initiative aims to enhance safety, improve driver awareness, and reinforce adherence to road rules concerning pedestrian crossings. Other locations noted by the resident are on a State Road and will be referred to Transport for NSW for consideration.			1
D08929734		I work at Beecroft before and after school care and Mary street is where all my co workers and I park. By taking away available parking spaces for us and parents dropping their children off at school, it pushes traffic and congestion into the surrounding streets which causes inconvenience for more community members. Parking needs to be accessible to the school and Mary street is the only accessible street that can be parked on next to the school as Beecroft rd and Copeland rd have not stopping areas. I agree that visibility on the crossing isn't ideal so maybe a sign or the zig zag lies for crossings can be painted however I don't agree that completely getting rid of parking spaces will solve the issue.	It is a Transport for NSW and Australian Standards mandatory requirement that full time "No Stopping" restrictions are installed at a marked pedestrian crossing. No changes are proposed to the operation times of the existing "No Parking" zone (kiss and drop). Parking outside of operating hours of the No Parking zone will continue to be available.			1
D08930962	BPS OOSH	Please don't change te crossing, increasing no stopping areas. I am the director of the OOSH at Beecroft primary. There is already limited parking for staff and parents as is. Parents are required to sign their children in in person. They already cannot park outside the school form 8:30 as it's a no parking zone. There are rarely children crossing outside of school zone hours however this proposed update will have a daily negative impact for the community. There is no need to update the crossing, instead I suggest council employs a crossing guard for school times. Council should make it a not right turn out of Mary Street as well.	It is a Transport for NSW and Australian Standards mandatory requirement that full time "No Stopping" restrictions are installed at a marked pedestrian crossing. No changes are proposed to the operation times of the existing "No Parking" zone (kiss and drop). Parking outside of operating hours of the No Parking zone will continue to be available.			1

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D08931552	BPS OOSH	I am employed at Beecroft Out of School Hours and my co-workers and I all use Mary Street to park to go to work. If this proposal of extending the 'No Stopping' zones and converting the part time stopping zones were to go through, we would have very little spots to park to attend work. Copeland road has almost no parking and the neighbouring Welham Street is usually busy as well, and already has few parks. We are not allowed to park inside the school as this is reserved for teachers. There has been very little to no issues on this street, and the current crossing is fully visible, even with cars parked around it. I believe this change is unnecessary, and will cause more street to locals, especially parents picking up and dropping off their children, and employees, rather than benefiting the community. This extension will cause me and my co-workers to have little viable parking spots for our employment, which has already been an ongoing issue. If this proposal is to precede, I would like request a consideration for permits for employees to park in these zones to minimise our stress and concerns.	It is a Transport for NSW and Australian Standards mandatory requirement that full time "No Stopping" restrictions are installed at a marked pedestrian crossing. No changes are proposed to the operation times of the existing "No Parking" zone (kiss and drop). Parking outside of operating hours of the No Parking zone will continue to be available.			1
D08932047	BUSINESS	As the manager of Vintage Cellars Beecroft, located at the corner of Mary Street and Beecroft Road, I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed upgrade of the pedestrian crossing on Mary Street. While my team and I fully support initiatives to improve pedestrian safety, we are against extending the No Stopping zone. We are already making efforts to prevent non-customer student parents from using out store's customer parking lot, especially during school pick-up times. Reducing street parking on Mary Street would only exacerbate this issue, leading to more parents using your parking spaces during school pick-up. This proposal would negatively impact my business daily, and our store does not have enough manpower to regularly monitor our customer parking.	It is a Transport for NSW and Australian Standards mandatory requirement that full time "No Stopping" restrictions are installed at a marked pedestrian crossing. No changes are proposed to the operation times of the existing "No Parking" zone (kiss and drop). Parking outside of operating hours of the zone will continue to be available. It is noted that developments in Mary Street are required to provide parking for visitors in accordance with Council's Development Control. This matter will be referred to Council's Compliance team for investigation.		1	
D08932376	AGE CARE	In reference to the above subject & key features of the proposal, we are extremely concerned, as a Retirement Village, that all our street parking out the front of our village will be taken away. Your proposal to the extension of the "No Stopping zone - 24 metres, with the conversion of the exiting part time 'No Stopping' zone to fulltime, means there will be no parking out of the front of our village at No 1 Mary St Glenburn Retirement Village. We have elderly residents living here who require carer vehicles, home delivery of groceries, meals on wheels, doctors visits, family visits etc. who all park out of the front because we have no space for visitor parking on our site. Whether it's for half an hour or two hours, where now are they meant to park? This is unacceptable given you have ownership basically of the other side of the school & Copeland Rd with that large crossing and now you want to take over Mary Str, which is quiet, residential street. We do not approve of this proposal.	It is a Transport for NSW and Australian Standards mandatory requirement that full time "No Stopping" restrictions are installed at a marked pedestrian crossing. No changes are proposed to the operation times of the existing "No Parking" zone (kiss and drop). Parking outside of operating hours of the zone will continue to be available. It is noted that developments in Mary Street are required to provide parking for visitors or residents in accordance with Council's Development Control. This matter will be referred to Council's Compliance team for investigation.			1
D08935786		This is ridiculous proposal, the street is largely empty for 22 hours a day on weekdays. The current signs do the job as required. The real issue lies on Copeland road crossing, with much higher foot traffic, extremely poor lighting and low levels of visibility at the bottom of 2 hills only increases the level of danger. I've never had an issue crossing Mary street at all hours of the day including peak school hours, Copeland Road however I've nearly been run over countless amounts of times, even while wearing high visibility clothing with retro reflective attachments. All this proposal does is remove parking spots 7 days a week instead of just during peak times.	NSW Police raised concerns about the visibility and enforcement issues on the current crossing, leading to a request for its upgrade. Council is actively working to upgrade all children's crossings to full-time marked pedestrian crossings in the Hornsby LGA. This initiative aims to enhance safety, improve driver awareness, and reinforce adherence to road rules concerning pedestrian crossings. Changes to parking are only proposed near the crossing, other zones will remain unchanged and parking will be available after hours as per existing conditions. Council will review the operation of the crossing in Copeland Road and implement improvements if necessary.			1
D08939395	AGE CARE	It concerns me that the residents of Mary Street once again, have their daily living requirements compromised by the priority of the school over the people who live in this street. By removing several parking spaces on the approaches to the new crossing, there are even more limited parking options in this street which has lost so many spaces with the Kiss & Drop Zone during the designated times. My mother is 101 years old and lives in the Glenburn Units at 1 Mary Street. There is no onsite parking for visitors at Glenburn. Also, none of the 10 tenants/owners at 1 Mary Street were notified of this proposal or given the opportunity to respond. Only the Village manager received the letter and she is not on-site. I deliver my Mother's groceries and her cooked meals. It is already difficult to park anywhere in Mary Street and I am restricted to between 10am and 2.00pm with the impact of School Zone times. My mother has a daily nurse, Doctor Home visits, a cleaner, Pharmacy deliveries, Home Physio, Podiatry, and family visitors. She is only 1 of 10 residents at this address. Most of the residents are elderly and require assistance which necessitates street parking. There have been no problems with the existing crossing. I taught at that school for 33 years and the crossing is clearly visible and safe. There drivers are the problem and this proposal will not improve that situation. Parents from the school often park across the driveway of Glenburn Units and leave their vehicle. This will only worsen with less spaces available in the street. It is time to consider the impact the school traffic has on the lives of the residents of Mary Street.	NSW Police raised concerns about the visibility and enforcement issues on the current crossing, leading to a request for its upgrade. In response, Council is actively working to upgrade all children's crossings to full-time marked pedestrian crossings. This initiative aims to enhance safety, improve driver awareness, and reinforce adherence to road rules concerning pedestrian crossings. Council is currently reviewing all Childrens Crossing in the shire and upgrading them to full time marked pedestrian crossings. It is a Transport for NSW and Australian Standards mandatory requirement that full time "No Stopping" restrictions are installed at a marked pedestrian crossing. No changes are proposed to the operation times of the existing "No Parking" zone (kiss and drop). Parking outside of operating hours of the zone will continue to be available. It is noted that developments in Mary Street are required to provide parking for visitors in accordance with Council's Development Control. This matter will be referred to Council's Compliance team for investigation.			1

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D09018154	SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	Our team here at Beecroft PS have reviewed the proposal and our response is as follows: Increasing the No Stopping zone would create additional carparking stress for the school community, staff and neighbours. Shortening the drop-off zone will impact queues in Mary Street during peak drop-off and pick-up periods. These queues can extend to Beecroft Rd causing a further traffic flow hazard. Reducing on-street parking will reduce available spaces for several community members with known disabilities. The addition of the RMS crossing supervisor on Mary Street has reduced safety concerns for students. This has been greatly appreciated and welcomed by the school community. Thank you for your assistance in advocating for the addition of the Mary Street crossing supervisor.	It is a Transport for NSW and Australian Standards mandatory requirement that full time "No Stopping" restrictions are installed at a marked pedestrian crossing. No changes are proposed to the operation times of the existing "No Parking" zone (kiss and drop) This zone is currently 51m long and will be reduced to 45m (approx 1 car space). Parking outside of operating hours of the zone will continue to be available. It is noted that developments in Mary Street are required to provide parking for visitors or residents in accordance with Council's Development Control Plan.			1
D08936830		Regard Councils proposed upgrade of the existing 'Children's Crossing' we would like to express our objection to this change for several reasons. Our of term time Beecroft Public School is empty and very quiet with the crossing rarely used by anyone. On observation over many years, even before becoming a resident of Mary Street the 'Children's Crossing' is only busy for approximately 15-20 mins on a school day afternoon when students leave at the same time. At this time of day there is an adult monitor every day of school term. During term time the morning arrival is very staggered. There has been no history of incidents/accidents involving the crossing or in Mary St. Reduced parking in Mary St would make a currently difficult situation even more so. The employees and visitors of both Beecroft Public School and oosh always require parking during the day. All those people and children who use and attend out of daytime activities located in the school grounds would find it more difficult to park e.g. Soccer, Orchestra, etc. Many commuters park in Mary St and walk to Beecroft Train Station The residents of Glenburn Units receive visitors and medical support staff 24 hours a day. We balance our work between home and our office and already have to time appointments of clients etc. to happen within the times posted on the current No Stopping signs. Currently the inconvenience is constant not just for any visitor, disabled or otherwise, (including our aged Mothers) of residents in Mary St but also to delivery companies too. There are approximately 180 teaching days in a year, a little more than half the year residents, commuters, visitors etc. are being penalised by this proposed change. This current proposal would create a negative impact on all parts of our daily lives, with this in mind, I request Council does not proceed with an unnecessary upgrade of the 'Children's Crossing' in Mary St.	NSW Police raised concerns about the visibility and enforcement issues on the current crossing, leading to a request for its upgrade. In response, Council is actively working to upgrade all children's crossings to full-time marked pedestrian crossings. This initiative aims to enhance safety, improve driver awareness, and reinforce adherence to road rules concerning pedestrian crossings. Council is currently reviewing all Childrens Crossing in the shire and upgrading them to full time marked pedestrian crossings. It is a Transport for NSW and Australian Standards mandatory requirement that full time "No Stopping" restrictions are installed at a marked pedestrian crossing. No changes are proposed to the operation times of the existing "No Parking" zone (kiss and drop). Parking outside of operating hours of the No Parking zone will continue to be available. It is noted that developments in Mary Street are required to provide parking for visitors in accordance with Council's Development Control. This matter will be referred to Council's Compliance team for investigation.			1
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