

Engagement Summary

Raised Pedestrian Crossing – Frederick St at Berner St

We're looking to improve pedestrian safety at the intersection of Frederick St and Berner St, Merewether.



We asked the community what they liked about the proposed design and to share any issues they'd like to see addressed.

Community members were able to provide feedback by completing the online form on our Have Your Say page from **8 March to 7 April 2023**.

The objectives of the engagement were to:

- Inform the community about the proposed pedestrian crossing
- Obtain community feedback about the proposed crossing and identify any concerns

The engagement was promoted using:

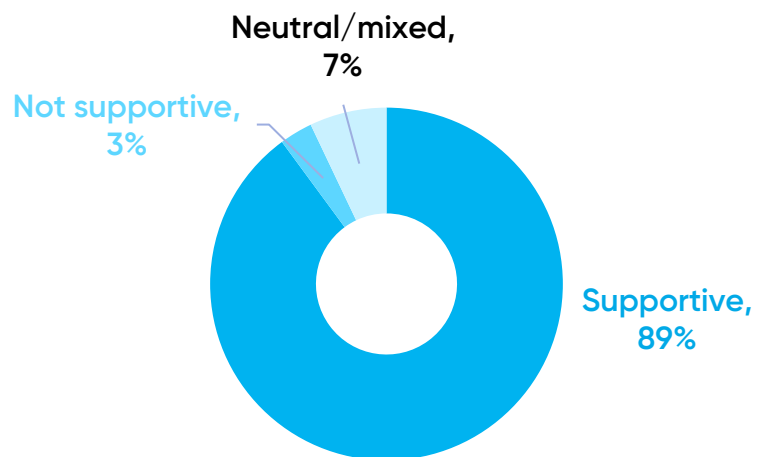
Flyers distributed to local residents

Signage installed near the location



What we heard

Overall, the proposed crossing received generally positive feedback. 95 responses were received in total, with 89% of responses having positive opinions on the design and location.



95 people
provided feedback

- 89% supportive
- 3% not supportive
- 7% neutral/mixed sentiment

Sample size (N=95)

Thanks to everyone who shared their feedback.
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94% of respondents identified that they lived in Merewether or Merewether Heights

Positive aspects

58% mentioned that the crossing will **improve pedestrian safety**

26% specifically identified that the crossing will **assist in transiting to Dixon Park Beach/park**

14% specifically mentioned that the crossing will **assist in slowing traffic**

40 responses suggested one or more improvements or potential concerns about the concept design.

Top suggestions to improve design or user safety

10 respondents mentioned **additional traffic calming/safety measures e.g. reducing speed, kerb extensions, zig-zag lines, adding speed bumps or flashing lights to increase visibility**

6 respondents mentioned **additional crossing locations**

3 respondents suggested **footpath improvements/widening**

Top points of concern for consideration

7 respondents mentioned **concerns over line of sight**

7 respondents voiced the **need for further speed limit reduction**

2 respondents mentioned each of the following: **insufficient lighting, location of crossing at northern-side of intersection, excessive noise and loss of parking**

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Examples of comments from respondents:

"As a resident in Berner Street, I strongly support the construction of a raised pedestrian crossing on Frederick Street at Berner Street."

"I also believe the speed limit should be reduced further to 40km/hr due to the high number of people walking and bikes."

Next steps

The project team will review all feedback provided prior to construction commencing. Construction will commence early **May 2023**.

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