

1. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

1.1 Belfast Road School Crossing Facility

Two residents from Belfast Road attended and spoke in opposition to the proposed construction of a pedestrian crossing facility on Belfast Road to the east of Shannon Place (refer clause 7). They maintained that the proposed facility would eliminate their on-street parking and would impair vehicle access to their driveways. Its proposed site was too close to Shannon Place.

Very few children currently used that route to school and they said that Shannon Place should not be encouraged as a safe route as it was used by trucks for turning.

The residents said that the major issue in Belfast was traffic speed. While part of Belfast Road was 50 kph, it was generally treated as open road.

Stock trucks (causing a health issue with the mess they left), shingle trucks and cars used the road, all adding to the speed problem. No police enforcement had been carried out.

When questioned by members, the residents saw possible solutions to the safety problem in using March Place or by installing traffic signals at the Belfast Road/Main North Road intersection. At any rate they would prefer kerb build-outs rather than a pedestrian refuge island.

Peter Simpson, Principal of Belfast School then spoke in support of the proposal for safety reasons. He said that the children's safety must take precedent over residents' parking requirements. He said the school would undertake to educate pupils on the correct use of the crossing. He also believed that sealing the path on the second side of Shannon Place would enhance safety.

The representations from Mr Simpson and residents were considered in association with clause 7.

1.2 Indigenous People's Hui - Sydney

The Te Hou Ora representatives were unable to attend this meeting.

1.3 Petition

A petition from 39 residents in Uxbridge and Aldgate Streets requested the installation of road humps in Uxbridge Street to stop speeding traffic.

The Board **decided:**

1. That the petition be received and a report be requested for a future meeting.
2. That the Police be asked to monitor and report on the numbers and the times of day when vehicles were travelling at excess speeds in the street.