

John Rice Avenue and Haydown Road Junction Upgrade

What we heard summary

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) is working to improve safety and reduce delays at the junction of John Rice Avenue and Haydown Road, as well as helping to support the growth of the Lyell McEwin health precinct. This forms part of the State Government's election commitments, to upgrade, or investigate potential upgrades, in the northern suburbs to improve safety, access and to make travel easier for all users.

Following an initial consultation in late 2022, the Department developed a proposed concept design for the John Rice Avenue and Haydown Road junction upgrade. This design was released on Monday, 19 June 2023 and community feedback was sought until Sunday, 16 July 2023. Thank you to everyone who took the time to provide feedback.

Community Engagement

A Project update was distributed to 298 properties in the local area with information on the proposed design, a link to the online survey and an invitation to attend community information sessions in the area. Two community information sessions were held throughout the consultation period and a total of 13 responses were submitted via the online survey.

What you told us

66% of respondents indicated a positive response when asked the proposed concept design would improve congestion, access, travel time and motorist safety at the junction.

Key Themes

A number of key themes were identified in the feedback, including:

- **Existing pedestrian crossing** – respondents highlighted that the retention of the existing PAC could increase congestion and travel time.
- **Pedestrian movements** – respondents also indicated concerns that pedestrians do not use dedicated crossings on John Rice Avenue, increasing the likelihood of an incident.

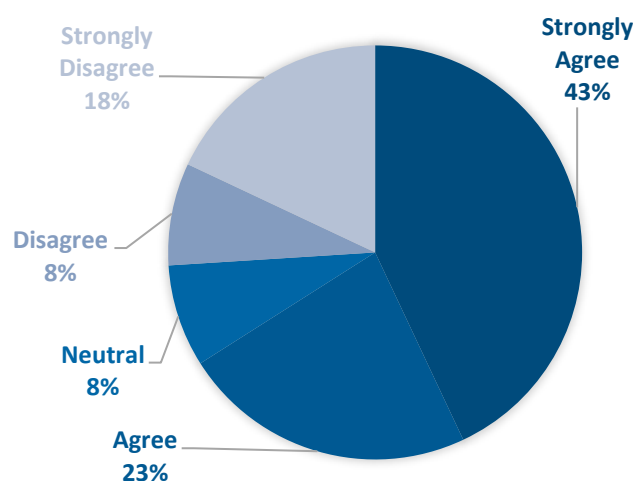
Installation of new traffic signals at the junction, without the removal of the existing crossing, was raised as an area of concern by a number of respondents. The respondents noted they felt this would likely lead to increased travel times and congestion through the area.

Retention of the existing Pedestrian Actuated (push button) crossing on John Rice Avenue will provide for increased pedestrian safety on John Rice Avenue. The Department will continue to monitor and review traffic data in the area, including the existing crossing, following completion of the upgrade.

Next Steps

We are currently reviewing all feedback received and progressing to a final design. Feedback and insights received will continue to assist the project team to understand the priorities and opportunities that are important to the local community. We look forward to sharing the final design with you in the coming months.

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