



Public Questions In Writing

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 25 March 2025

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Bayswater

Subject: Traffic Calming on Traylen Road, Bayswater

Question 1

By Council design, Traylen Road has become a 'rat run'. City of Belmont residents continue to 'rat run' through Traylen Road to avoid traffic on Guildford and Garratt main roads. City of Bayswater residents living on Traylen Road are subjected to higher risk of road trauma, dangerous speeding, road rage, noise and air pollution; and less vibrant, active streets. Accordingly, City of Belmont residents benefit, causing harm to City of Bayswater residents.

Has the Bayswater Council taken enough action on behalf of its residents on Traylen Road?

Response 1

During 2023, the City consulted with the Traylen Road residents regarding any speeding and/or rat running concerns and proposed installation of traffic calming treatments as a response to these concerns. These treatments have been designed and approved by Main Roads and are currently awaiting funding availability for implementation.

Question 2

City of Bayswater has undertaken numerous Traffic Counter surveys on Traylen Road. These findings were tabled in the December 2024 council meeting and confirmed Traylen Road residents are subjected to dangerous, excessive speeds within the 85th percentile. Despite this knowledge, no traffic calming safety improvements have been installed and LCURS has been postponed.

Is the City of Bayswater conducting unnecessary Traffic Counter surveys only to prove what is already known to create an illusion they are improving road safety?

Response 2

No. Traffic count surveys are conducted on a regular basis to assess traffic volumes, speeds and vehicle types.

Question 3

The 85th percentile of Motorists are exceeding dangerous speeds on Traylen road, Bayswater.

Are there any temporary traffic calming measures the council could install such as the previously installed one-way-slow-points on Roberts road or Burnside Street?

Response 3

Given the delay in implementing LCURS treatments, the City will explore the feasibility of temporary measures, subject to community consultation. In the meantime, Variable Message Boards can be installed to remind motorists of the speed limit.

Laurence Butler

Bayswater

Subject: Verge Tree

Question 1

The verge tree planted by the City of Bayswater (at ratepayers' expense) to replace one of the trees destroyed by builders outside 22 Langley Road, Bayswater has died and has been removed.

Will the City of Bayswater replace this tree? Could this be a case of letting developers have their way to remove trees without applications? The trees destroyed should have been protected by Australian Standards tree protection measures, which Council officers refused to enforce, and was a condition of development.

Response 1

The City has scheduled replacement of the tree for winter this year with a Eucalyptus torquata. The replacement of this tree is not linked to the development and building approvals previously issued for the adjoining property.