

Intersection Upgrade – Ocean Beach and Rawson Roads, Woy Woy

Engagement Summary

Central Coast Council

Between Monday 15 June and Monday 13 July 2026, Council sought community feedback on the proposed intersection upgrade at Ocean Beach Road and Rawson Road Woy Woy.

The busy intersection is a key connection for the Peninsula and is used every day by commuters, families, pedestrians and local businesses. It has long been identified as a congestion point, especially during peak times.

Council previously asked for feedback on this project in 2021. Since then, the design has been updated to respond to community input and improve how the project can be delivered.

The community could share their feedback on the revised concept design by:

- Attending the drop-in session
- Completing the online survey
- Writing to Council by email or post.

Engagement Results

- **A majority of survey respondents support** the revised concept design, with **61%** (n=95) indicating support.
- When asked what is **most important** about the project, respondents prioritised **reducing congestion** (71%, n=107) and **improving safety** (58%, n=88),
- Business owners/operators that provided submissions expressed reservations about the proposed design. Their feedback highlights the importance of **considering practical concerns for local businesses, including access, parking and potential construction disruptions**.
- **Changes to on-street parking arrangements** were a prominent theme in open-ended feedback, with concerns about customer access, employee parking, and potential overflow parking in nearby residential streets.
- While many respondents saw the upgrade as long overdue, others **questioned whether traffic lights would reduce congestion** and instead increase delays or shift them elsewhere.

How you connected



A total of **155** online and **3** email submissions received



1 drop-in session with **13** attendees



Your Voice Our Coast **1,964** views



The strategy/plan/document was downloaded **78** times



Facebook - **33,523** people were reached, generating **194** interactions



Instagram – **2,776** people were reached, generating **67** interactions



eNews – **259** clicks



Coast Connect print – Readership of **62,000+**

Who we heard from

From the online survey, we heard from 155 respondents. Of the respondents, we heard the most from **residents** (85%, n=131) and **commuters** (26%, n=40), with smaller amounts identifying as Pedestrian/cyclists (12%, n=19), business owner/operators (9%, n=14) or visitors (8%, n=12). When asked how often respondents use the intersection, most respondents use it **daily** (72%, n=111) or weekly (23%, n=35). The drop-in session was held on Wednesday 24 June 2-8pm at Peninsula Community Centre and was attended by 13 people, a mix of residents and nearby business owner/operators.

What we heard

From the online survey, a total of **61%** indicated they **supported the design** (n=95), while **30% opposed** (n=47) and **8% were neutral** (n=13) (Figure 1). As seen in Figure 3, o business owners/operators that provided submissions were hesitant to support the design with 78% (n=11) opposing the design.

Reducing congestion (71%, n=107) and **improving safety** (58%, n=88) are by far the most important priorities for respondents. Maintaining access to businesses/properties (28%, n=42) and minimising construction disruption (25%, n=37) are also key concerns, while minimising parking impacts (16%, n=24) is a lower priority despite being a frequently mentioned theme in open-ended feedback (Figure 2).

Do you support the revised concept design for the intersection upgrade?

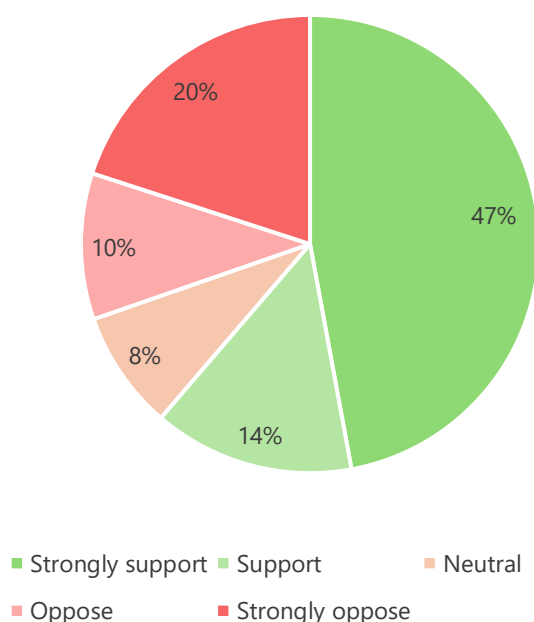


Figure 1: Support for concept design, Online survey on Your Voice Our Coast, 15 June to 13 July, 155 responses.

What is most important to you about this project?

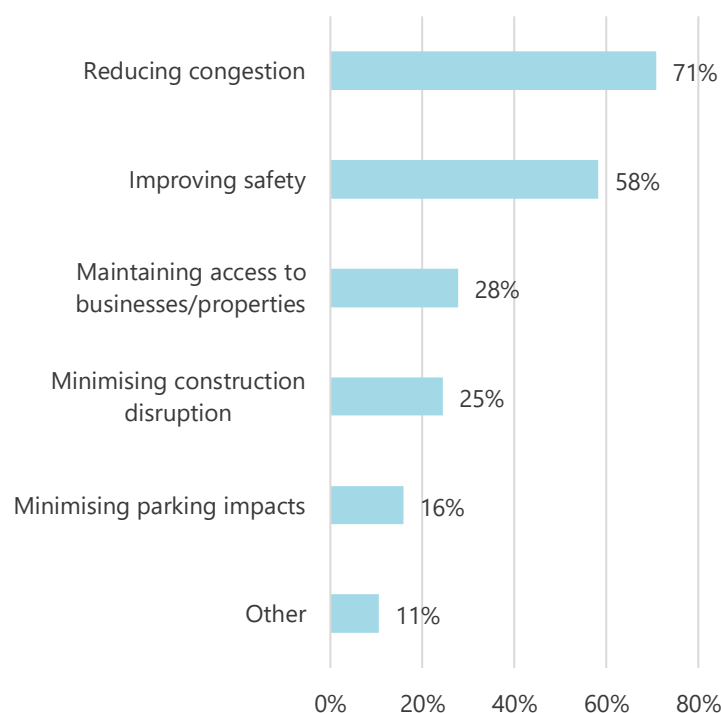


Figure 2: Most important aspects of project, Online survey on Your Voice Our Coast, 15 June to 13 July, 151 responses. *Note: Selection of multiple options allowed

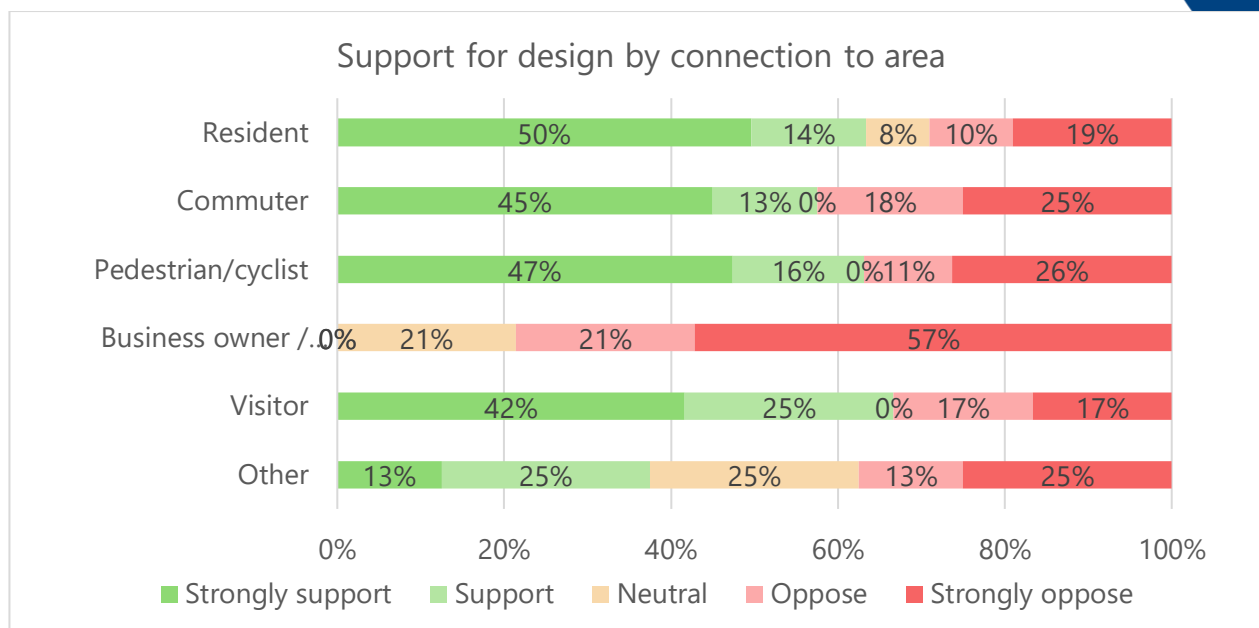


Figure 3: Support for concept design compared with respondent connection to area, Online survey on Your Voice Our Coast, 15 June to 13 July, 155 responses. *Note: Only a proportion of business owners/operators provided a submission (n=14). Selection of multiple options allowed.

At the drop-in session, feedback focused on the need to maintain access and parking for local residents and businesses, with concerns about parking restrictions, deliveries, customer access, construction impacts and potential flow-on effects to nearby streets. Participants also raised safety and accessibility matters, including support for traffic signals and footpaths, requests for improved pedestrian crossings, concerns about speeding and visibility and questions about construction timing, night works and property impacts. Similarly, the three email submissions raised concerns about the upgrades, including the impacts to local businesses and surrounding properties.

Key themes

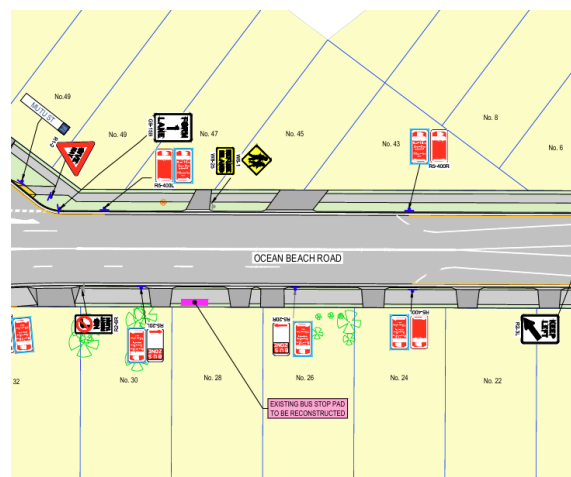
The key themes identified through these engagement activities are summarised below.



Parking concerns

The concept design includes changes to on-street parking to support the intersection upgrade, improvements to traffic safety, and maintenance of network efficiency. This includes additional *No Stopping* areas and peak-period parking restrictions.

While minimising parking impacts ranked lower in the survey's multiple-choice responses (Figure 2), parking was a common theme in the written feedback. Respondents raised concerns about the availability of public on-street parking for customers, employees, service providers and nearby residents, as well as the potential for increased parking demand in surrounding streets.





Traffic lights vs roundabout

While reducing congestion was a top priority for respondents, there were differing views on the most effective way to achieve this outcome, reflecting individual preferences regarding intersection design. Some respondents supported the proposed signalised intersection, while others expressed a preference for an upgraded roundabout or alternative traffic management solutions. Several respondents suggested retaining the roundabout and introducing additional turning lanes, while others proposed a hybrid roundabout and traffic signal arrangement similar to that used at Karalta Road, Erina.

The proposed concept has been informed by technical investigations and traffic modelling undertaken by specialist traffic consultants to identify the most effective solution for addressing congestion and traffic flow at the intersection. Feedback received during consultation will be considered alongside these technical assessments, where feasible, to help achieve the most effective design outcome.



Business access and impact

Concerns about business access and operations were a recurring theme in feedback from some nearby business owners and operators. Of the 14 business owners/operators who responded to the online survey, 8 strongly opposed the design, while 3 opposed and 3 were neutral (Figure 3). Concerns raised included customer and employee access, potential construction disruption, changes to parking arrangements, property impacts and the operation of businesses during and after construction. Some respondents requested that Council investigate opportunities to further minimise impacts or consider alternative design options.



Support for upgrades

Numerous respondents expressed strong support for the intersection upgrade, viewing it as a long-overdue improvement for the local road network. Supportive respondents commonly cited improved safety, reduced congestion, shorter travel times and better traffic flow as key benefits of the proposed design. Many also referred to their personal experiences using the intersection, describing the existing roundabout as difficult to navigate, particularly during peak periods, and noting concerns about vehicle conflicts, near misses and driver hesitation. Several respondents highlighted the expected benefits for less experienced drivers, pedestrians and the broader community, while others welcomed Council's commitment to addressing a well-known traffic bottleneck. A number of respondents thanked Council for progressing the project and encouraged the upgrade to proceed as soon as possible.



Council's response

Due to the large volume and variety of content contained within community feedback, not every issue or theme can be included and responded to in the following table, however all feedback is being reviewed and will be considered by the project team.

This phase of engagement sought feedback on the draft concept design to identify opportunities for refinement or improvement prior to finalisation. Feedback is currently being reviewed by the project team and will be considered in the development of the final design.

Theme	Theme summary	Council's response
Parking concerns	Concern about reduced parking and increased pressure on nearby streets.	Council acknowledges concerns regarding the potential loss of on-street parking and the resulting pressure on surrounding streets. Parking impacts are being considered as part of the design process and efforts are being made to minimise parking loss where feasible while achieving the project's safety and traffic efficiency objectives. Feedback regarding parking availability will continue to inform the detailed design process.
Traffic light vs roundabout	Mixed views on whether traffic lights or an upgraded roundabout would better reduce congestion.	Council acknowledges differing community views regarding the preferred intersection treatment. The proposed signalised intersection has been developed following traffic investigations and technical assessment of current and future traffic conditions, intersection performance, safety requirements and network efficiency. The introduction of an enhanced roundabout was considered, however it was not deemed suitable for this intersection due to reduced capacity and increased land acquisition impacts.
Business access and impact	Concern about negative impacts on local businesses, including loss of parking for customers and staff, road widening and construction interruptions.	Council recognises concerns raised by local businesses regarding access, parking availability and potential construction impacts. Maintaining access to businesses during construction will be a key consideration in project planning. Feedback from affected businesses will continue to be reviewed as the design progresses, and opportunities to minimise impacts during construction are being considered where practicable.

What's next?

Council is reviewing feedback received during the consultation period. Feedback will be considered alongside technical, environmental and traffic assessments as the project progresses through detailed

design and planning approval processes. A consultation outcomes report will be prepared and published, with updates provided to stakeholders as the project advances.

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