



Transport for NSW

Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Connection

Refined design of shared user bridge at Wakehurst Parkway, Frenchs Forest

The Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Connection Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was on public exhibition between **9 December 2020 and 1 March 2021**. We have prepared a submissions report, which responds to the submissions received from the community, NSW Government agencies and local councils during the EIS exhibition period. We have also prepared a separate preferred infrastructure report to provide further information, and describe design changes and assessments in response to a request from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE). The submissions report and preferred infrastructure report are now available on our interactive online portal and the DPIE Major Projects website.

Why we are refining the design

Following engagement and consultation with the NSW Department of Education (School Infrastructure) and Northern Beaches Council on the proposed replacement of the shared user bridge over Wakehurst Parkway near Aquatic Drive, Frenchs Forest, we have refined the design of the Wakehurst Parkway shared user bridge. This refined design has considered the feedback to provide better outcomes for the local community and environment. Benefits include:

- minimising the project footprint and reducing the area of Duffys Forest threatened ecological community impacted by the project
- providing direct pedestrian and cyclist connectivity between Fitzpatrick Avenue East and Aquatic Drive
- facilitating direct access to the Warringah Aquatic Centre and the proposed location of the future Forest High School at Allambie Road
- improving connectivity with the new shared user path along Wakehurst Parkway to be built as part of the Beaches Link project
- enabling connectivity to existing and planned shared user paths by Northern Beaches Council
- avoiding permanent impacts to the Jumping Jack mountain bike trail.

What has changed in the refined design?

The project design within the EIS included the replacement of an existing shared user bridge over Wakehurst Parkway with a new longer shared user bridge, which would connect with existing footpaths to Bantry Bay Road and the Warringah Aquatic Centre. The shared user bridge will still be located about 350 metres south of Warringah Road at Frenchs Forest, however, new connections will be provided to both Fitzpatrick Avenue East and Aquatic Drive. The refined bridge will be about 100 metres long, with a curved design, similar to the shared user bridge recently built which connects Hilmer Street with the Northern Beaches Hospital Precinct.

We are also continuing to work with Northern Beaches Council to extend the Possum mountain bike trail so it meets the bridge ramps on the western side of Wakehurst Parkway.

Using the bridge

The bridge ramps on the **eastern side of Wakehurst Parkway** will link to the shared path at the corner of Aquatic Drive, facilitating access to the future Forest High School, and the existing access path to the Warringah Aquatic Centre.

The bridge ramp on the **western side of Wakehurst Parkway** will link to the cul-de-sac of Fitzpatrick Avenue East at Bantry Bay Road.

Figure 1: EIS design for the shared user bridge

Figure 2: Refined design for the shared user bridge



For more information

For more information on the refined shared user bridge, please see **Part A, Section A4.3** of the submissions report. This can be viewed at:

- DPIE Major Projects website: www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/10456 or
- The Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Connection interactive online portal: nswroads.work/blportal

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