

Good evening Mayor & Councillors

Peter Middleton; I contribute to one of Councils SRGs as a representative of the Newport Residents Association but tonight I speak as a representative of the four residents associations north of Mona Vale.

The Newport community is currently responding to a simple survey:

Question 1: **'Would you like the B-Line extended to Newport?'**

The answers:	Yes	9%
	No	85%
	Not Sure	6%

Question 2: **'Are you in favour of a roundabout at Neptune Rd?'**

The answers:	Yes	5%
	No	91%
	Not sure	4%

This is confirmation of the anecdotal feedback we have had, ever since the announcement of an ad hoc extension of the B-Line to Newport, nearly 18 months ago.

In all the meetings our Residents Associations have had with Transport for NSW, the only truly honest answer we have had was at the first meeting: the reason the Project team was **told** to extend the B-Line to Newport was to make up the deficit in the 150 additional commuter parking spaces they were supposed to create at Mona Vale. I quote *'we only found 74 spaces at Mona Vale so we were told to go find another 76 at Newport'* unquote.

If it is possible, the communities north of Newport are even more strongly opposed to the 'Newport solution' than the Newport community. A couple of hundred commuters who live within walking distance of a Newport B-Line may save a connecting bus or car trip.

For every commuter further north, NOTHING improves.

Indeed, many already understand it will get worse, and that's because ALL their southern car trips will have the extra choke-point of a new roundabout at the northern end of Newport.

So it is particularly disturbing for our communities to hear of the Council's support for the Newport B-Line extension.

NONE of the practical evidence we have supports this Council stance.

So, if you have evidence which is being denied us, please bring it forward so we can discuss it.

Otherwise, please cease offering support which is contrary to broad community input: input which includes extensive detailed submissions and researched timetable proposals.

On behalf of the communities of Palm Beach/Whale Beach, Avalon, Clareville, Bilgola and Newport

Thank you