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Attention: Cr Susan Young  
Chairperson, Pittwater Traffic Committee  
c/- Pittwater Council  
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Dear Sue

## **Safety Improvement proposal for Bramley Ave / Barrenjoey Rd intersection, Newport**

Some time ago, a member of our association drew attention to the danger inherent in vehicle traffic turning into the Barrenjoey Rd southern traffic flow at its intersection with one-way lane, Bramley Avenue.

Members of our NRA committee have monitored the traffic at this location and agree that it is difficult for a driver exiting Bramley Avenue to have a clear view of the southbound traffic before his or her vehicle has its nose intruding into the curbside lane of traffic; traffic which is often travelling at the 50kph limit or above. To make any improvement by vegetation removal would require the destruction of at least three mature palms to the north of Bramley Avenue and such action would only marginally improve the driver view.

We agree with the elegant and simple suggestion put forward by our member as a solution: to install a road vehicle sensor at the exit of Bramley Ave, activating the pedestrian crossing lights which are just to the north. The practicality of this can be observed by seeing how much easier and safer it is for a vehicle to exit Bramley Ave when there are pedestrians using the crossing.

In support of this suggestion we offer the following:

- Only a small proportion of traffic which enters Bramley Ave at Ross St continues on to do a left turn into Barrenjoey Rd, most of the traffic entering the carpark or travelling via the carpark to continue north or west at the Coles Pde intersection with traffic lights
- Only a minority of traffic exiting the carpark turns right into Bramley Ave, as the majority exits as indicated above or turns left to proceed to the 'golden triangle' streets
- Most of the traffic entering Barrenjoey Rd at Bramley Ave is local and will quickly learn of the proposed lights vehicle sensor existence, negating the need for other more expensive changes beyond the sensor.

Because this suggestion will involve RMS in addition to Council and possibly the Police, we would appreciate your taking it to your Traffic Committee,

Yours sincerely

Peter Middleton  
Secretary, Newport Residents Association