

Roads and Maritime Services' responses to public submissions on the lease of land adjacent to Mona Vale Road (MVR) - December 2017

1. Re: outdated aerial photos – submission dated 1 December 2017

RMS design for an above ground water retention in the vacant land between Samuel and Emma Streets is based on detailed topographical surveys undertaken on site.

2. Re: the road should be widened to the south and traffic from the industrial area should be encouraged to use MVR rather than short cut through residential area to the north to access Newport and beyond – submission dated 2 December 2017

Generally road widening works are contained within the existing road reservation. However, in some locations additional road formation is required to accommodate turning lanes, e.g. at the intersection with Ponderosa Parade and Samuel Street. At the subject location the road widening is proposed to be carried out on both sides. It should also be noted that additional road widening to the south would mean significant impact to the industrial properties and having to build substantial retaining walls to contain the works. Restricting traffic on local roads should be referred to Council Traffic Engineers for comment.

3. Re: retention of tree in the park land west of the Cemetery – submission dated 15 December 2017

Trees within the construction footprint would have to be removed. RMS would make every effort to retain trees in the remainder of the area to be leased, identified for retention in the Birds Tree Consultancy Report dated the 14th May 2015 prepared for Pittwater Council. These impacts have been assessed in the Addendum REF prepared by RMS dated December 2017.

4. Re: access from Daydream Street – submission dated 15 December 2017

Following submissions received on the REF and concept design displayed over July/August 2015, the opening of Daydream Street to traffic was considered and does not form part of the approved project. Further attempts have been made in recent times by some business owners along Daydream Street to open the road to MVR. This matter is being further considered by RMS and the Council. However, RMS will not support left-out access from Daydream Street on to MVR to join the west bound traffic due to the need for further road widening to allow a climbing/acceleration lane.

5. Re: road widening – submission dated 15 December 2017

Generally the road is widened to the north on steep sections of the road alignment.

6. Re: various matters to do with the proposed works between Samuel and Emma Streets - submission dated 18 December 2017

Part of the Council owned land would be used for stormwater detention to make sure the impact of the road widening on stormwater runoff downstream is minimised and storm flows from Mona Vale Road do not exceed the existing conditions. Given the prominent location of the subject site, RMS in consultation with its Urban Designers has adopted a soft engineering solution that meets the technical criteria as outlined above. RMS is happy to meet with the concerned residents about the details of the work proposed. As for pedestrian safety matters raised in the email, it should be noted that the intersection of MVR and Samuel Street/Ponderosa Parade intersection would be signalised with marked pedestrian crossing on all arms of the intersection. This respondent also claimed that she had repeatedly contacted RMS with no avail. The Project Team has no record of receiving phone calls from the respondent.