

Victoria Road upgrade



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Parking in the swimming pool precinct

Thirty-six parking spaces near the Drummoyne Swim Centre would be unavailable for up to two years during construction of the Victoria Road upgrade project. Nine parking spaces would be permanently removed upon operation of the new bridge.

The RTA proposes to provide a new temporary car park in Brett Park at the corner of Henley Marine Drive and Formosa Street to reduce the impact of loss of parking.

Current situation

There is currently a 24 space car parking area near the original bridge abutment adjacent to Drummoyne Swim Centre.

Across the road is another 12 space car parking area.

Both of these car parks would need to be used as construction work sites and compounds for the Victoria Road upgrade project. They would be closed for use for up to two years.

Who uses these parking areas?

The existing car parks are used by patrons of the Drummoyne Swim Centre, The Cove Café, the Bay Run, Brett Park, G Fitness gym and Drummoyne Rowing Club.

The RTA recognises the potential inconvenience caused by the loss of parking in this area.

Would alternative parking be provided?

The RTA proposes to provide a new temporary car park in Brett Park on the corner of Henley Marine Drive and Formosa Street. This would provide parking for up to 27 cars.

What other options have been considered?

The RTA has considered several options for parking in this area including:

- Modifying the existing car park near Drummoyne Rowing Club.
- More on-street parking.
- Using the park area east of Formosa Street, directly opposite The Cove Cafe.

Why this option?

A new car park in Brett Park would best mitigate the impacts on parking near Iron Cove Bridge during construction.

The proposed site is largely screened from local residents by existing trees. The remainder of the park is a relatively unused area of the recreational and open space in Brett Park. Access to the site would be from Henley Marine Drive.

One of the other options considered was to modify the existing car park between Drummoyne Swim Centre and Drummoyne Rowing Club. However, modification of this area would:

- Require partial closure of the car park, resulting in a loss of at least 17 parking spaces for up to six months.
- Require removal of screening landscape vegetation.
- Create access issues.
- Disrupt the Bay Run.
- Have potential heritage impacts.

Other options considered would not provide enough parking spaces and would require the removal of several mature trees or be adjacent to residential property.

The proposed car park is being designed as a temporary car park. Council may request to retain the car park following completion of the project to provide extra parking in this popular area. This request would need to be made prior to completion of the design of the car park.

The car park would be built to council standards and, subject to council's agreement, be handed over at the end of the lease period for management.

Why compulsory acquisition?

Brett Park is situated on Crown Land entrusted to, and managed by, Canada Bay Council.

To do construction work the RTA must lease the nominated parcel of land from the Department of Lands.

The RTA must follow a statutory process to lease the land by way of a compulsory acquisition of the lease. This involves the issue of a proposed acquisition notice.

The RTA chose to issue the proposed acquisition notice in December 2008 because it requires 90 days to process. The RTA wants to ensure extra parking is available as quickly as possible, should the project be approved. This would minimise any potential parking impacts around this area.

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Proposed parking arrangements in the swimming pool precinct