

8.2. MM02: Closure of Alfred Street North exit from Warringah Freeway until May 2025

This week Transport for NSW (TfNSW) commenced a community survey in relation to the “long term temporary closure (24/7)” of the Alfred Street off-ramp from the Warringah Freeway. The south-bound ramp access is proposed to be closed from 22 November 2024 until mid-2025. TfNSW states:

We understand that this would result in longer journey times for people who would normally travel south along the Warringah Freeway to access North Sydney, Kirribilli and Neutral Bay, however, this closure will help reduce impact to the nearby community.

TfNSW further states that the “benefits” of the closure include:

- *removing around 90 nights of noisy work*
- *removing up to 10 weekends of extended work*
- *completing work in this area 6 months earlier*
- *eliminating 5 traffic changes that would otherwise be needed in this location.*

If, or when, these changes proceed, it is very likely that many south-bound motorists seeking to access North Sydney, Kirribilli, and Neutral Bay will take the existing Mosman exit on the Freeway which allows direct entry to Military Road at the Falcon Street/Military Road interchange. The Mosman exit is tolled. It is reasonable to expect that TfNSW waive the toll to that Mosman exit for the duration of the closure of the Alfred Street exit in order to ensure that residents using that exit from the Freeway are not paying a toll to do so.

I therefore recommend:

1. THAT Council urgently seek a commitment from Transport for NSW to waive the toll on the Mosman exit upon commencement of the “long term temporary closure” of the Alfred Street exit, and that the waiver expire upon the reopening of the Alfred Street exit.

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