

Inner West Council

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Inner West Council is an inner urban LGA in Sydney with a number of Level 2 roads connecting the port/airport with suburbs further west and central/western NSW. In addition to serving as through routes for a range of HVs these streets also serve as:

- Main retail/service streets for local neighbourhoods such as the Hume Hwy Ashfield, Parramatta Road and King Street Newtown
- Residential streets with homes and schools such as Sydenham Rd Marrickville, Frederick Street Ashfield, Old Canterbury Road Dulwich Hill and Johnston Street Annandale.

The different land uses and users on these urban streets means they are busy with pedestrians and bicycle riders and the assessment of routes for use by HVs using a risk-based approach needs to ensure risks to people walking and cycling are significantly reduced and the impacts on street amenity are minimised.

The efficiency of moving goods/services with HVs should not be allowed to override the safety and priority of other users in locations where they naturally have greater priority. In these locations the HVNL should recognise the priority of people walking and cycling by removing or minimising interaction with HVs. Instead of barrier fencing and restricted access to facilitate truck movements, risks should be managed with low speeds, HV restrictions at certain times of day and the use of alternate routes such as the network of existing and future motorways throughout the Sydney Metropolitan Area.

As the population grows and more people are moving around in cities in different ways, new approaches are needed to reduce potential risks without restricting access and connectivity for residents, workers and visitors. In considering suitable routes, the HVNL review needs to ensure vulnerable road users in these environments are given priority in safety and accessibility.

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