



Schools at the Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct

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Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$7.9 billion over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver 215 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW. The NSW Department of Education is committed to delivering new and upgraded school infrastructure for communities across NSW. The delivery of these important projects is essential to the future learning needs of our students as well as to support local economic growth.

Update on proposed modifications

In November 2021, the department lodged a proposed modification of the consent conditions for the project with the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE). The Modification included proposed changes to the works on Hermitage Road, as well as a number of changes to the public domain works developed in consultation with Council. This proposal was on exhibition between 3 December 2021 and 14 January 2022 to provide stakeholders and the community an opportunity to provide feedback.

The department has prepared a Response to Submissions Report to address the matters raised by public agencies, City of Ryde Council, the community and other relevant stakeholders throughout the public exhibition period.

Following further consultation with Council and in consideration of feedback from the community, some of the proposed modifications have been amended or deleted and are summarised in [section 1.2 of the Report](#), which can be accessed from the [DPE's Planning Portal](#).

Regarding Hermitage Road, the department and Council are working together to deliver a footpath on the western side of Hermitage Road.

The DPE will now consider these proposals and the Response to Submissions and make a determination in the coming weeks. We will continue to keep the community updated on this and any subsequent construction work.

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Safe travel and access for our school community

Safety is the department's highest priority and has been an important consideration for all aspects of the project.

While we await the DPE to make a determination on these modifications, the department will continue to deliver its plan to support the safe travel and access for students, staff and the school community to and from the new schools, which includes pedestrian and traffic control.

Should the proposed solution of a footpath on Hermitage Road be approved by the DPE, it will require further planning and approvals by Council and other relevant agencies, and will not be built in time for the start of Term 2.

It is important that we continue to work closely with the schools to implement student travel plans and training that will encourage students to follow appropriate routes to and from school.

As the new school location is well connected and easily accessed by walking, cycling and public transport; active and public transport is highly encouraged, particularly because local parking is limited.

A comprehensive guide to accessing the new school has been distributed to the school communities and is available on the school's respective websites.

<https://meadowbank-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/location-and-transport.html>

<https://marsden-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/location-and-transport.html>

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