Proposed Affordable Housing Development

46 Chester Avenue, Maroubra

TRAFFIC AND PARKING ASSESSMENT REPORT

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This report has been prepared on behalf of *Homes NSW* to accompany a *Part 5 assessment* (*under the EPA Act 1979*) for a residential development to be located at 46 Chester Avenue, Maroubra (Figures 1 and 2).

The proposed development involves the demolition of the existing residential dwelling on the site to facilitate the construction of 7 *affordable rental* apartments in a new three-storey residential building in accordance with the *SEPP (Housing) 2021* requirements.

Off-street parking is to be provided in a new at-grade car parking area located at the rear of the site, in accordance with the *SEPP (Housing) 2021* requirements. Vehicular access to the car parking area is to be provided via a new entry/exit driveway located towards the southern end of the Chester Avenue site frontage.

The purpose of this report is to assess the traffic and parking implications of the development proposal and to that end this report:

- describes the site and provides details of the development proposal
- reviews the road network in the vicinity of the site
- estimates the traffic generation potential of the development proposal
- assesses the traffic implications of the development proposal in terms of road network capacity
- reviews the geometric design features of the proposed car parking facilities for compliance with the relevant codes and standards
- assesses the adequacy and suitability of the quantum of off-street car parking provided on the site.





## 2. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

## Site

The subject site is located on the western side of Chester Avenue, some 90m south of the Chester Avenue and Minneapolis Crescent intersection. The site has a street frontage approximately 16m in length to Chester Avenue, and occupies an area of approximately  $627.1m^2$ .

The subject site is currently occupied by a single residential dwelling with a vehicular access driveway off Chester Avenue.

A recent aerial image of the site and its surroundings is reproduced below.



Source: Metro Map

## **Proposed Development**

The proposed development involves the demolition of the existing residential dwelling on the site to facilitate the construction of a new three-storey *affordable rental housing* building.

A total of 7 residential apartments are proposed as follows:

1 bedroom apartments:52 bedroom apartments:2TOTAL APARTMENTS:7

Off-street parking is proposed for a total of 3 cars in accordance with *SEPP (Housing)* 2021 requirements. Vehicular access to the car parking facilities is to be provided via a new entry/exit driveway located towards the southern end of the Chester Avenue site frontage.

Plans of the proposed development have been prepared by *Integrated Design Group* and are reproduced in the following pages.





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## 3. TRAFFIC ASSESSMENT

### **Road Hierarchy**

The road hierarchy allocated to the road network in the vicinity of the site by Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) is illustrated on Figure 3.

Anzac Parade to the north of Beauchamp Road is classified by TfNSW as a *State Road* providing the key north-south road link in the area, linking Surry Hills and La Perouse. It typically carries two traffic lanes in each direction with opposing traffic flows separated by a large landscaped central median island. Kerbside parking is permitted at selected locations on either side of the road, subjected to sign-posted restrictions.

Beauchamp Road/Malabar Road is classified by TfNSW as a *Regional Road* providing another key north-south road link in the area, linking South Coogee and Port Botany. It typically carries one traffic lane in each direction in the vicinity of the site. Kerbside parking is generally permitted on both sides of the road in the vicinity of the site.

Chester Avenue is a local, unclassified road that is primarily used to provide vehicular and pedestrian access to frontage properties. Unrestricted kerbside parking is generally permitted on both sides of the road in the vicinity of the site.

## **Existing Traffic Controls**

The existing traffic controls which apply to the road network in the vicinity of the site are illustrated on Figure 4. Key features of those traffic controls are:

- a 60 km/h SPEED LIMIT which applies to Anzac Parade
- a 50 km/h SPEED LIMIT which applies to Chester Avenue and all other local roads in the vicinity of the site
- GIVE WAY SIGNS in Chester Avenue where it intersects Minneapolis Cresent
- a CENTRAL MEDIAN ISLAND in Anzac Parade.





### **Public Transport Services**

The existing public transport services located in close proximity to the site are illustrated on Figure 5. There are currently five bus routes which operates along Anzac Parade and also Chicago Avenue, with the closest bus stops located within 400m walking distance to/from the site.

A summary of those bus services is provided in the table below, revealing that there are more than 210 services operating in the vicinity of the site on weekdays, and approximately 150 services per day on Saturdays and Sundays/public holidays.

Bus Routes and Frequencies									
Route	Route	Weekday		Saturday		Sunday			
No.		In	Out	In	Out	In	Out		
390x	La Perouse to Bondi Junction (Express Service)	143	137	116	116	116	116		
394x	La Perouse to City Museum (Express Service)	20	23	-	-	-	-		
399	Little Bay to UNSW (Loop Service)	33	33	25	25	24	24		
397	Eastgardens to South Maroubra (Loop Service)	12	12	11	11	11	11		
397x	South Maroubra to City Museum (Express Service)	9	10	-	-	-	-		
	TOTAL	217	215	152	152	151	151		

The site is located in an *accessible area* as defined by the *SEPP (Housing) 2021*, as it is located within 400m walking distance of a bus stop used by a regular bus service. The bus stop has at least one bus per hour between 6.00 and 21.00 each day from Monday to Friday (both days inclusive) and between 08.00 and 18.00 on each Saturday and Sunday, in accordance with *SEPP (Housing) 2021* requirements.



#### **Projected Traffic Generation**

The traffic implications of a development proposal primarily concern the effects of the *additional* traffic flows generated as a result of the development and its impact on the operational performance of the adjacent road network during the morning and afternoon commuter peak periods.

An indication of the traffic generation potential of the development proposal is provided by reference to the Roads and Maritime Services' publication *Guide to Traffic Generating Developments, Section 3 - Landuse Traffic Generation (October 2002)* and the updated traffic generation rates in the recently published RMS *Technical Direction* (TDT 2013/04a) document.

The RMS *Guidelines* and the updated TDT 2013/04a are based on extensive surveys of a wide range of land uses and nominate the following traffic generation rates which are applicable to the development proposal:

Medium Density Residential Flat Dwellings Smaller units and flats (up to two bedrooms): Weekday peak hour vehicle trips = 0.4 - 0.5 per dwelling

Larger units and townhouses (three or more bedrooms): Weekday peak hour vehicle trips = 0.5 - 0.65 per dwelling

The RMS *Guidelines* also make the following observation in respect of medium density residential flat buildings:

#### Definition

A *medium density* residential flat building is a building containing at least 2 but less than 20 dwellings. This includes villas, town houses, flats, semi-detached houses, terrace or row houses and other medium density developments. This does not include aged or disabled persons' housing.

Application of the above traffic generation rates to the 5 x one bedroom & 2 x two bedroom apartments outlined in the development proposal yields a traffic generation potential of approximately 4 vehicle trips per hour during commuter peak periods.

That projected future level of traffic generation potential should however, be offset or *discounted* by the volume of traffic which could reasonably be expected to be generated by the existing uses of the site, in order to determine the *nett increase (or decrease)* in traffic generation potential expected to occur as a consequence of the development proposal.

The updated TDT 2013/04a nominates the following traffic generation rates which are applicable to the existing development:

## Low Density Residential Dwellings (Sydney Areas) 0.95-0.99 peak hour vehicle trips per dwelling

Application of the above traffic generation rates to the existing residential dwelling on the site yields a traffic generation potential of approximately 1 vph during both the AM and PM peak hour.

Accordingly, it is likely that the proposed development will result in a *nett increase* in the traffic generation potential of the site of approximately 3 vph during both the AM and PM peak hours, as set out below:

## Projected Nett Increase in Peak Hour Traffic Generation Potential of the Site as a Consequence of the Development Proposal

Projected Future Traffic Generation Potential:	3.5 vph
Less Existing Traffic Generation Potential:	-1.0 vph
NETT INCREASE IN TRAFFIC GENERATION POTENTIAL:	2.5 vph

That projected nett increase in traffic activity as a consequence of the development proposal is minimal, consistent with the zoning objectives of the area, and will clearly not have any unacceptable traffic implications in terms of road network capacity.

## 4. PARKING IMPLICATIONS

### **Existing Kerbside Parking Restrictions**

The existing kerbside parking restrictions which apply to the road network in the vicinity of the site are illustrated on Figure 6 and comprise:

- NO PARKING restrictions along the western side of Anzac Parade during the weekday *morning* commuter peak period, and along the eastern side of Anzac Parade during the weekday *afternoon* commuter peak period
- BUS ZONES located at regular intervals along both sides of Anzac Parade
- generally UNRESTRICTED kerbside parking along both sides of Chester Avenue and throughout the local area, including along the site frontage.

### **Off-Street Car Parking Provisions**

The off-street parking requirements applicable to the development proposal are specified in *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021* in the following terms:

Division 6 Residential development – relevant authorities

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#### Development to which division applies

(1) This division applies to residential development if-

- (e) for development on land in an accessible area-the development will result in the following number of parking spaces-
  - (i) for each dwelling containing 1 bedroom–at least 0.4 parking spaces,
  - (ii) for each dwelling containing 2 bedrooms-at least 0.5 parking spaces,
  - (iii) for each dwelling containing at least 3 bedrooms-at least 1 parking space, and
- (f) for development on land that is not in an accessible area- the development will result in the following number of parking spaces-



- (i) for each dwelling containing 1 bedroom–at least 0.5 parking spaces,
- (ii) for each dwelling containing 2 bedrooms–at least 1 parking space,
- (iii) for each dwelling containing at least 3 bedrooms–at least 1.5 parking spaces.

Application of the above *SEPP* (*Housing*) 2021 car parking requirements under Item 42(1)(e) – i.e. in an *accessible* area – to the 7 residential apartments outlined in the development proposal yields an off-street car parking requirement of 3 parking spaces.

The proposed development makes provision for a total of 3 off-street parking spaces, thereby satisfying the *SEPP (Housing) 2021* requirements.

The geometric design layout of the proposed car parking facilities has been designed to comply with the relevant requirements specified in the Standards Australia publication *Parking Facilities Part 1 - Off-Street Car Parking AS2890.1 - 2004* and *Parking Facilities Part 6 - Off-Street Parking for People with Disabilities AS2890.6* in respect of parking bay dimensions, ramp gradients and aisle widths.

In addition, a series of *swept turning path* diagrams of a B85 design vehicle entering/exiting all parking spaces have been prepared which are reproduced in the following pages, demonstrating that all vehicles will be able to enter and exit the site whilst travelling in a forward direction and maintaining sufficient clearances at all times.

Further reference is made to AS2890.1:2004 Clause 3.2.2, which states that as a guide, 30 or more movements in a peak hour (in and out combined) would usually require the provision for two vehicles to pass on the driveway – i.e. a minimum width of 5.5m.

As mentioned in the foregoing, the proposed development scheme is expected to generate just 4 peak hour vehicle trips (*less* at other times), which is *significantly less* than the 30 vehicles per hour threshold for two-lane roadways. As such, the likelihood of two cars entering and exiting the site at the same moment in time is *statistically insignificant* and a single lane internal roadway arrangement is therefore considered acceptable, in accordance with *AS28901:2004* requirements.

## Conclusion

In summary, the proposed parking facilities satisfy the relevant requirements specified in both in the *SEPP* as well as the Australian Standards and it is therefore concluded that the proposed development will not have any unacceptable parking implications.











