

Submission

No 6

INQUIRY INTO THE SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY

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Stay Safe Committee
School Zone Safety

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Dear Madam/Sir

I am very concerned about the School Safety Zone where my children attend school at Ultimo Primary School. The pedestrian crossing is still dangerous despite the narrowing of the pedestrian area on Jones Street Ultimo. It is a 40 kph zone but even this is too fast for such a narrow quiet street. The closest cross street is called Quarry Street and this creates a T intersection. The pedestrian crossing is very close to the T intersection. There has been many a close call on this T intersection as there are no stop signs. Stop signs should be introduced on all sides of the T intersection to protect the children at the pedestrian crossing. I lived in the United States for fifteen years and they also have stop signs at their T intersections.

Another method to calm the traffic is to create a roster of volunteers or city workers to stop the traffic by way of a stop sign and then walk children across the street. There are many people in the community who would welcome the opportunity to be a safety officer at pedestrian crossings. Again they use this method in the US with great success.

Children are little angels and need to be protected at all times. Especially from those who are just too busy to slow down.

Yours Sincerely

Mark Muntz
Defender of Childrens Rights