

ITEM 11

NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR LEIGH COLACINO - EXTENSION OF MEMORIAL DRIVE FROM THE HOSPITAL ROAD AND PRINCES HIGHWAY INTERSECTION, BULLI TO BULLI PASS

Councillor Colacino has submitted the following Notice of Motion –

“I formally move that Wollongong City Council -

- 1 Request Transport for NSW (TforNSW) enter into a dialogue with Wollongong City Council with the intent of creating a working group that will ascertain what needs to be done to assess the merits for, and need for, an extension of Memorial Drive from the intersection of Memorial Drive, Hospital Road and the Princes Highway at Bulli to the top of Bulli Pass. Copies of this correspondence be sent to the State Minister for Transport, Andrew Constance, the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, Paul Toole and all local Federal and State Members. As part of this communication, Council should -
 - a Ask TforNSW if any encroachments have occurred on the reserved area of land set aside for the extension of Memorial Drive from the intersection Memorial Drive, Princes Highway and Hospital Road at Bulli to the top of Bulli Pass;
 - b Seek clarity from TforNSW on the status of the Thirroul to Unanderra Network Strategy and the Bulli Corridor Strategy projects which have been underway for a number of years but have not been finalised or publicly released by TforNSW;
 - c Request that time and directional specific traffic counts be undertaken at the intersection at the end of Memorial Drive at Bulli, the hill section of Bulli Pass that leads to the top of Bulli Pass and along Lawrence Hargrave Drive after the intersection at the bottom of Bulli Pass as Lawrence Hargrave Drive enters into Thirroul.
- 2 The request for a shared dialogue and the establishment of a Working Group should be sent no later than the first week of September 2020 and the response from TforNSW be shared with Councillors and all others on the mailing list, as soon as it is received.”

Background provided by Councillor Colacino:

On the 24 September 2012 Council passed a motion that asked for a letter to be written to the Minister for Roads and Ports, the Hon Duncan Gay, MLC, informing him of the need for the completion of the final section of Memorial Drive, from the Princes Highway and Hospital Road intersection at Bulli to Bulli Pass.

Mr Gay responded, in a letter received by Council on the 26 November 2012, confirming that the corridor that was reserved for this extension existed and that planning for this work had been at a strategic level only and no funds had been committed. The letter also stated that the RMS was in the process of modelling that section of road to identify future traffic improvements.

Mr Gay also informed Council that in October 2012, the RMS had held a meeting with business owners, local Members, the Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Roads and Wollongong City Council to discuss issues around possible changes to parking restrictions on the Princes Highway at Bulli and that issues raised at that meeting were currently being discussed.

To date Wollongong is yet to see what plans have been considered that will address the growing traffic issues that are continually compounding.

Definitive directional traffic counts need to be undertaken to determine true usage routes.

Residential and Business feedback could be by email, Snap Send or any appropriate form of correspondence. This is an essential element of the motion because there is currently an overwhelming amount of ambiguity relating to the traffic issues revolving around this section of Wollongong's road network.