



People with an Interest in Road Safety for Waterfall Way
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Dear Community Group,

Thank you for your letter of 9 January 2017, about concerns your community group has with safety, amenity, heavy vehicle traffic, health and tourism on Waterfall Way.

At this time, Roads and Maritime Services has no plans to hold public meetings for communities along Waterfall Way, however we would be happy to meet with your group to discuss and answer any questions.

The key interests for Roads and Maritime are the safety and efficiency of the road network, traffic management, the integrity of infrastructure assets and the integration of land use and transport. As such, Roads and Maritime are able to make comment on items 2, 3, 6 and 9 from your letter of 9 January.

Waterfall Way is a classified (State) road. State Roads are the major arterial links throughout NSW and within major urban areas. They are the principle traffic carrying and linking routes for the movement of people and goods and connect urban centres, the major regional towns, the major regions of the state and the major connections interstate.

Roads and Maritime in collaboration with Transport for NSW are currently preparing a draft corridor strategy for Waterfall Way. This strategy will identify the transport needs for the State Road for the next 20 years. It will set out the objectives, current performance and issues in managing the corridor over the long term.

The draft strategy builds on previous corridor investigations and consultation. Your community group has been added to a list of interested groups and will be directly notified when the draft report is available to the community.

The NSW Government is funding the delivery of vital road improvements along Waterfall Way to improve the road surface and provide safer journeys for motorists.

The Bellingen Main Street Plan recognises that Waterfall Way currently carries and will continue to carry large regional volumes of traffic, including heavy vehicles. Therefore, to make walking and cycling safer, additional pedestrian crossings, traffic flow improvements and measures to increase driver awareness of high pedestrian activity are all being

undertaken as part of the Main Street Plan. Bellingen Shire Council will deliver the project in partnership with Roads and Maritime.

The Enforcement Operations Branch of Roads and Maritime continue to undertake targeted random patrols of Waterfall Way. These patrols focus on heavy vehicle road worthiness, driver fatigue, adherence to the legal carrying capacity, and adherence to approved road access. These patrols are complemented by the eight permanent heavy vehicle checking stations throughout NSW.

Recommendations from the 2014 Road Safety Review of Waterfall Way are also being implemented. As you are aware, the review recommended 32 short-term and five medium to long term actions. Since 2014, 25 of the short term and all five of the medium to long term recommendations have been actioned.

The remaining short-term recommendations are being progressively implemented as funding becomes available.

If your community group would like to meet with representatives of Roads and Maritime please contact Ms Sonia George, Coordination Manager on (02) 6640 1300 to arrange a mutually suitable time.

Yours sincerely



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