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NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR RICHARD MARTIN - BULLI AND THIRROUL TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS

Councillor Richard Martin has submitted the following Notice of Motion –

“I formally move that –

- 1 An information note be delivered to Councillors to enable them to update the community appropriately on traffic issues in Thirroul. The information note should include communication from Transport for NSW responding to Council’s submissions on:
 - a Alternative local road connections
 - b Alternative intersection improvements
 - c Reducing speed limits
 - d Improvement to existing public car parks
 - e Improved on-street parking, formalising King Street Reserve into a car park
 - f Reconfigure Station Street parking
 - g Improve beach parking (Mary Street / The Esplanade)
- 2 Council writes to Transport for NSW for an update and status on each of the above points for providing a solution to the traffic issues in Thirroul.”

Background provided by Councillor Richard Martin:

Transport for NSW has been developing options to improve the traffic efficiency and reliability of the Princes Highway at Bulli and Lawrence Hargrave Drive at Thirroul.

The community consultation was started by Transport for NSW in late 2019 and extended to July 2021, raising expectation that the traffic issues would be addressed. There were 821 submissions made on the Bulli proposal and 903 submissions on the Thirroul proposals.

The Feedback Summary Report for Bulli was released in December 2021 with works commencing in February 2022.

A Project Update for Thirroul was released in December 2021 to advise the community that Transport for NSW will not be progressing with either of the options as the community did not believe that either of the proposed options would meet their needs.

The full Thirroul Feedback Summary Report was released in April 2022. The report makes a mention of working with Wollongong Council in 13 suggestions, and a further 5 references where suggestions were referred to Wollongong City Council for comment.