

ITEM A LORD MAYORAL MINUTE - FUNDING THE NORTHCLIFFE DRIVE EXTENSION

The Kembla Grange railway crossing incident on 20 October highlighted the urgent need for Government investment in transport infrastructure to support the growing West Dapto Urban Release Area.

Council has been working with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, Transport for NSW and a consultant project team on the Program Strategic Business Case and Concept Design for the Northcliffe Drive Extension. This is a positive step under the State Government's major project funding model however funding for delivery of the project will not be committed until the planning phase has passed through two more gateways (detailed design and final business case). Whilst acknowledging planning processes are underway to extend Northcliffe Drive to West Dapto Road, the NSW Government must commit as soon as possible to this project to support safe and reliable access to the growing communities of West Dapto.

RECOMMENDATION

Wollongong City Council -

- 1 Note that the Program Strategic Business Case and Concept Design work for the Northcliffe Drive Extension is expected to be completed by May 2022. This is the initial step under the State Government's major project funding model.
- 2 Note that due to the prolonged NSW Government process for finalising the Illawarra Shoalhaven Special Infrastructure Contribution (determined in 2021), there has been a delay in programmed infrastructure funding which has meant that infrastructure planning and delivery has not kept pace with growth.
- 3 Write to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and Minister for Transport and Roads, with copies to local State and Federal Members, to seek an urgent commitment to fund the detailed design, final business case and subsequent delivery of the Northcliffe Drive to West Dapto Road extension and rail over pass.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.