

# AMENDED REPORT

23 October 2013  
To the Ordinary Council Meeting

Director's Report  
Councillor

## 7.1 Extreme Road Risk - Intersection of Louisiana Road and Pacific Highway at Kanwal

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Councillors G Best and A Troy have given notice that at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 23 October 2013 they will move the following Motion:

- 1 That Council note the wide spread community concern around safety access issues at the intersection of Louisiana Road and Pacific Highway.
- 2 That Council urgently seek dialogue with the RMS calling on them to support Councils preferred option of a temporary roundabout on the intersection.
- 3 That Council recognise the Pacific Highway and the intersection with Louisiana Road is part of the State Road network and not part of Council's road network.
- 4 That Council recognise with the recent commencement of the reconstruction of nearby Warnervale Road (\$3.3M) and the resultant associated road closures, traffic loads on Louisiana will increase dramatically, escalating intersection risks.
- 5 That Council direct the General Manager to address the safety issues of the intersection with Roads and Maritime Services and provide an urgent report to Council addressing issues/options and outcomes of discussions including any further budgetary advice.

### RESOURCES

The intersection of Louisiana Road and Pacific Highway at Kanwal is controlled by Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) and as a consequence any work at this location would require its consent.

Previous attempts to gain approval from RMS to permit the installation of a temporary roundabout at this intersection in 2011 and 2012 have been rejected. At that time Council made an offer to part fund the temporary roundabout as this would have assisted Council's efforts of managing the road works at Minnesota Road. There is no offer or intention for Council to contribute to the project now.

RMS recognises the incident history of the intersection and is currently finalising concept designs to improve the safety of the intersection and intend to commence community consultation in approximately 4 weeks' time.

WSC understand that RMS favour a proposal to permanently continue the currently temporary "left turn only" arrangements for both legs of Louisiana Road onto Pacific Highway and subject to the outcomes of the public consultation, are also proposing to commence construction works at the intersection from February 2014.

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However, the function and the safety of the intersection would only be improved if upgraded to a signalised or roundabout layout along with the traffic volumes on this section of the Highway reduced by the construction of the Watanobbi to Warnervale Pacific Highway Deviation Link Road. The construction of the “Link Road” would also:

- Improve the connection between Wyong Town Centre and Warnervale.
- Without Link Road, the traffic volumes on the Pacific Highway, west of Minnesota Road would be 30,700 vehicles per day by 2021 leading to “gridlock” congestion.
- Deliver a key component in the Wyong Employment Zone (WEZ) and proposed Warnervale Town Centre which will provide 7,000 jobs and housing for 4,200 people.