

Hawkesbury City Council's Resolution – Ordinary Meeting 8 May 2018

That:

1. Council receive and note Penrith City Council's resolution in relation to the Bells Line of Road Castlereagh Corridor Connection.
2. Council agree to meet with Penrith City Council representatives regarding the adoption of the 1951 route for the Castlereagh Freeway. At that meeting, Council shall state with definite clarity that it does not support the extension of the Castlereagh Freeway across the Nepean River, nor does it support a Bells Line of Road (BLOR) Corridor, whether it be from 1951 or any other time.
3. Council seek the support of Penrith Council to facilitate the establishment of a high level crossing (above the 1:100 year flood level) in the vicinity of North Richmond, Richmond or Windsor to address Hawkesbury City Council's long held ambition of achieving a third crossing of the Hawkesbury River.
4. Council does not support the current proposed Bells Line of Road corridor in any form or location. Council believes that funding that may have been allocated to the BLOR project should be spent on planning and constructing a third river crossing in the Windsor or Richmond area.
5. Council also notes that the concerns of Hawkesbury residents affected by the northern extent of the M9/Outer Sydney Orbital (OSO) Corridor as very similar to those held over the BLOR/Castlereagh corridor, both in relation to the proposed location, the negative impacts that would ensue, and the process that has been followed to inform the community.
6. Council request the NSW Government to review its approach to the planning of future transport needs in the Hawkesbury LGA by both abandoning the current proposal west of the Hawkesbury River, and considering alternatives to the current path of the M9/OSO through Vineyard, Oakville and Maraylya, and genuinely work with the community - from the bottom up and not top down to:
 - document the objectives of future transport needs;
 - identify transport, social, flood, environmental and other issues that need to be addressed when pursuing short and long term transport plans;
 - acknowledge the strategic directions of the projected growth within the area as identified in local strategic plans, Greater Sydney Commission and Western Sydney City Deal plans and reflect this projected growth in any transport planning;
 - develop options that respond to the community developed objectives and issues; and
 - engage in broad and inclusive consultation with the community in the identification of any preferred final transport options.
7. Council inform the NSW Government of the immense emotional toll that the location of this corridor, through family homes, over historic orchards, equine facilities and across iconic vistas, and its subsequent announcement has imposed on many within our community, and request the NSW Government to provide counselling support to any affected persons.
8. Council notify LGNSW of this resolution.