



THE ENTRANCE PENINSULA

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Minister for the Central Coast
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Subject: **DRAFT CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY.**

Dear John,

In your media release of Wednesday 27th October 2010 you state:

"Transport NSW has developed a draft Central Coast Regional Transport Strategy, which aims to identify and respond to the transport challenges facing the Central Coast up to 2036 through better integration of land use and transport.

The strategy will guide our transport network development and investment decisions over the next 25 years."

As Minister for the Central Coast you will be aware that it is made up of two Councils; the City of Gosford and the Shire of Wyong. From the draft, it is apparent that the Wyong Shire has fared very poorly in NSW Transport's forward planning.

Transport, particularly inadequate road infrastructure, has been identified by The Entrance Peninsula Community Precinct (TEPCP) as the number one concern of our residents. This concern is exacerbated by the NSW State Government's plan to increase the population of Wyong Shire by 100,000 by 2030 which will further add to the current stress on our already inadequate roads.

We therefore are dismayed that the Transport Strategy includes only four road infrastructure commitments for the next twenty five years! What is more exasperating, is that some of the major road needs have not even warranted a commitment to planning, let alone construction.

TEPCP has been campaigning to have the planning completed for the widening of the Central Coast Highway through Long Jetty and The Entrance for many years. We recently had officers from the RTA's Central Coast Office presenting to us an option for such widening of the road. You will be aware that your government has planned an extra 20,000 people for the Entrance Peninsula which would further increase the traffic chaos through Long Jetty. We are therefore appalled and angry that the Transport Strategy completely omits any mention to widen this stretch of the Central Coast Highway.

We wish to identify another another inconceivable omission in the Transport Strategy - Wyong Road which the vital artery in Wyong Shire. What do we see from the Strategy? Nothing, not even a planning commitment, yet this road is in urgent need of an upgrade because it has been identified by the RTA as the road with the greatest delays in the Shire.

Likewise, we note that the Main Road through Toukley has been neglected. The Strategy includes only one commitment viz. the “ *planning* ” for the Pacific Highway through Wyong township, but there is an urgency for work to be commenced NOW.

You will be aware of Wyong Shire's high unemployment rate and the need for the creation of more jobs on the Central Coast, not only to reduce unemployment but to improve the quality of life of those forced to commute to Sydney daily. For industry to expand then improved road infrastructure is vital.

We request as the Minister for the Central Coast, that you look into the imbalance of the Transport Strategy for Wyong Shire. Further that you instruct NSW Transport to include the vital infrastructure for our Shire and that this be not just “ *planning* ” but an actual commitment to “ *construct*”.

You urgent advice on this matter would be appreciated please.

Yours Sincerely



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