

8.2 Draft Central Coast Regional Transport Strategy

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SUMMARY

Reporting on the Draft Central Coast Regional Transport Strategy (prepared by Transport NSW) which has been placed on exhibition and invited comments until 26 November 2010.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the report on Draft Central Coast Regional Transport Strategy and note the submission prepared by Staff in response to the Draft Strategy.

The Minister for Transport and Minister for the Central Coast, John Robertson, released the Draft Central Coast Regional Transport Strategy on Wednesday 27 October 2010 for public comment. Local residents and businesses were encouraged to make submissions which were to be received until 26 November 2010.

Council staff sent a letter to the Transport NSW, Director Transport Planning on 3 November 2010 requesting an extension to 15 December 2010 to allow sufficient time to report to Council on the Strategy. Transport NSW responded to Council's request stating that *it "is intended that the draft Strategy will be finalised this year. Transport NSW will consider submissions during the review period in late November and early December 2010."*

The Draft Strategy states:

"Central Coast residents have told us that they want more local jobs, less commuting, regional infrastructure to cope with a growing population, good access to Sydney and improved public transport. They want faster and more frequent bus services, strategically located park and ride opportunities for shorter journeys by car and a well managed road network."

The vision of the strategy is:

"for a region of connected centres, supporting new communities and local jobs and services."

The strategy is designed to promote a shift over time to public transport, walking and cycling.

The government's recent achievements are identified in the document.

The document identifies various actions for the following categories:

- Rail
- Buses
- Roads
- Integrated Transport and Land Use
- Freight
- Transport Interchanges
- Ferries
- Demand Management
- Cycling and Walking
- Taxis
- Fares and Ticketing
- Transport Network Information
- Community Transport
- Regional Transport Coordination
- Supporting our Regional City – Gosford

Three timelines are identified for the various actions:

- Up to 2012;
- 2012 to 2020; and
- 2020 to 2036.

A summary of the proposed actions for each of the categories, together with comments from Council's Senior Transportation Engineer are shown on Attachment 2.

An error has been noted in the document relating to Air Services for Warnervale Airport. The document states there is a capping of 88 on the number of daily take offs and landings. There is no cap on the number of take offs and landings at present. Under the provisions of the Warnervale Airport Restrictions Act, the capping only occurs if the runway is extended.

A briefing to the Councillors on the Draft Central Coast Regional Transport Strategy was held on 24 November 2010. Councillor comments from that briefing were included in Council's response to Transport NSW which was sent on 25 November 2010.

CONCLUSION

It can be seen in the "Comments" column on Attachment 1 that there are numerous projects that should have been included in the Draft Transport Strategy.

Council's response to the draft Strategy included the shortfalls in the strategy as identified in the report above, those items listed in the "Comments" column on Attachment 1 and Councillor comments from the 24 November 2010 briefing.

ATTACHMENTS

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| 1 | Letter from NSW Transport dated 12 November 2010 | D02433695 |
| 2 | Draft Central Coast Regional Transport Strategy - Council's Submission | D02447535 |

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Dear Mr Burch,

DRAFT CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY

I refer to your correspondence dated 3 November 2010 regarding the public exhibition of the above draft strategy. Transport NSW (TNSW) appreciates your continuing interest in this matter.

As you are aware, the draft Central Coast Regional Transport Strategy will be exhibited until 26 November 2010. It is intended that the draft Strategy will be finalised this year. TNSW will consider submissions during the review period in late November and early December 2010.

TNSW looks forward to receiving Council's submission and should you need to discuss this matter further, please contact David Hartmann, A/Senior Manager, on 9268 2228 or email david.hartmann@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Handwritten signature of Mohini Nair in black ink, with the date '12.11.10' written to the right.

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26 November 2010

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Dear Ms Nair

Draft Central Coast Regional Transport Strategy - Comments

I refer to your letter received on 5 November 2010 regarding the exhibition of the Draft Central Coast Regional Transport Strategy. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the document.

As identified in the letter from Council's Senior Transportation Engineer, dated 3 November 2010, Council is very disappointed with the limited time given to provide comments. Unfortunately, with the lead time required for reports to be presented to Council, there has not been sufficient time for Council to formally consider the Draft Strategy. This will occur at the 8 December 2010 Council meeting.

Please see attached a preliminary list of comments on the Draft Strategy. These and any other comments on the Draft Strategy arising from the Council meeting will be forwarded to you by 15 December 2010.

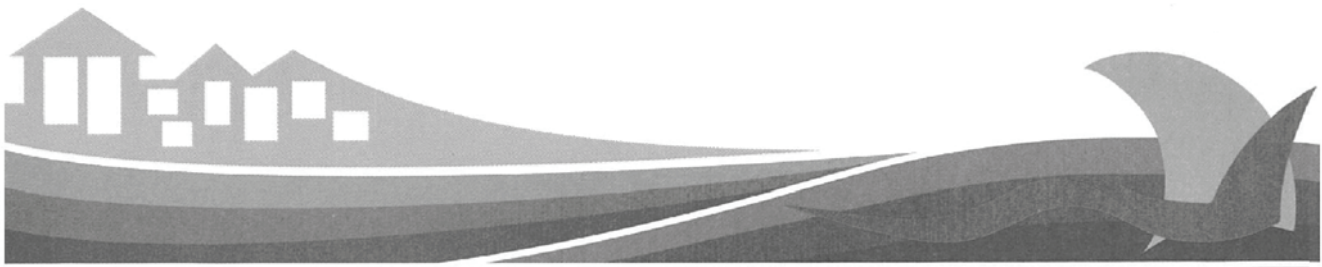
Your favourable consideration of the comments/issues raised by Council, when finalising the Draft Central Coast Regional Transport Strategy, would be appreciated.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Strategy. Should you require any further information, please contact Council's Senior Transportation Engineer, Bob Burch on 02 4350 5455.

Yours faithfully

Gina Vereker

DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING SERVICES



Wyong Shire Council's preliminary comments on the Draft Central Coast Regional Transport Strategy (November 2010)

Wyong Shire Council supports in principle the contents of the Draft Central Coast Regional Transport Strategy. Council's comments on the document are as follows:

GENERAL

- *There is an error on Page 15 – Air Services - Warnervale Airport in the document. There is no cap on the number of take offs and landings. The capping at 88 only occurs if the runway is extended.*
- *All projects should be costed and completion dates identified.*

RAIL

TO 2012

- *The number of the number of OSCARS being provided for the Central Coast should be quantified*
- *Need to add:*
 - *Improvements (lifts/ramps) at Ourimbah and Wyee Railway Stations.*
 - *Extend the platforms at the existing Warnervale Railway Station.*

2012 TO 2020

- *North Warnervale Railway Station needs to include a pedestrian bridge across the railway corridor/reserve.*

2020 TO 2036

- *Need to change this action to "Investigate and construct fast rail connection, Williamtown to Sydney, with a stop at North Warnervale Railway Station."*

BUSES

TO 2012

- *Need to add:*
 - *Wide media campaign, promoting the new bus services.*
 - *Trial bicycle racks on buses on some strategic bus routes.*
 - *Reintroduce Night Owl Bus Service or similar transport strategy.*
 - *Change the rules for school buses so that they are not exclusively for school children but can also be used by the general public.*

2012 TO 2020

- *Need to change 1st dot point to "Prepare and implement a North Wyong Bus Servicing Strategy to cater for development in North Wyong as it occurs".*

2020 TO 2036

- *1st dot point should be changed to "Continue to progressively implement the North Wyong Bus Servicing Strategy as development proceeds."*

ROADS

TO 2012

- *Need to add:*
 - *Upgrading of Wyong Road intersections with Chittaway Road/Enterprise Drive and Mingara Drive/Tumbi Creek Road.*
 - *Upgrading of Central Coast Highway (The Entrance Road) – Long Jetty – Stage 1*

- Upgrade the connector road between Chain Valley Bay Road and Kanangra Drive, Gwandalan.
- Compensation for motorists if Transport NSW fails to provide an acceptable Level of Service on the F3 as identified by the Government.
- Please confirm that the 2nd dot point refers to the Type C route identified in the F3 to Sydney Orbital Link Study (April 2004)

2012 TO 2020

- All projects should be constructed or under construction during this period, with a completion date identified for each project.
- Construction of Sparks Rd intersections at Warnervale Town Centre Entry Road & Mountain Rd to be completed by 2014.
- Construction of whole of Pacific Highway, Wyong Town Centre project to be completed.
- 2nd dot point should be "Construct F3 to M2 upgrade."
- The following projects should be added:
 - Central Coast Highway (The Entrance Road) – Long Jetty & The Entrance - remainder of works.
 - Wyong Road intersections with Bryant Drive/Reliance Drive, Tuggerah and Tumbi Road, Tumbi Umbi
 - Pacific Highway/Chittaway Road, Ourimbah
 - Other Highway intersections. Eg Lucca Road, North Wyong and Wyreema Ave, Charmhaven
 - Intersections along Main Road, Toukley and Scenic Road, Budgewoi/Halekulani
 - Additional connections at the F3/Motorway interchange, Wallarah
 - Replace the existing rail crossing at Warnervale with a grade separated structure for pedestrians and vehicles.
 - Construct formal parking arrangements at specific interchanges along the F3 to support car pooling.
 - Construction of the F3 to M2 link.

2020 TO 2036

- Does the 1st dot point include local rapid transit corridors and the corridor for the Alison Road/F3 interchange? If not, they should be included.
- Need to add construction/upgrading of:
 - Pacific Highway North Road, Wyong to Sparks Road, Kanwal
 - Pacific Highway Sparks Road, Kanwal to Costa Avenue, San Remo.
 - Tooheys Road south to Warnervale North Railway Station

INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AND LAND USE

TO 2012

- The actions identified should be extended through to 2036

FREIGHT

Comment: Need to ensure that the proposed works will not jeopardise the opportunity for a very fast train service from Williamstown to Sydney, which is to include a stop at the new North Warnervale Railway Station.

TRANSPORT INTERCHANGES AND COMMUTER CAR PARKS**TO 2012**

- *Need to add:*
 - *Commuter parking within Warnervale Town Centre to be included in the current 3A process for the Woolworths development*
 - *Formalise/upgrade existing commuter carparks along the Highway.*

2012 TO 2020

- *Change 3rd dot point to "Plan and provide commuter parking at North Warnervale."*

FERRIES**TO 2012**

- *Need to add for 2012 - 2020:*
 - *Explore opportunities for a ferry service from The Entrance to Wyong.*

DEMAND MANAGEMENT**TO 2012**

- *Need to add:*
 - *Investigate and implement T2 lanes on all new dual carriageway roads.*

CYCLING AND WALKING**TO 2012**

- *Clarification is required in regards to the \$5M. Is it in addition to the other items? \$5M shared between all NSW Councils averages less than \$40,000 pa per Council. This is totally inadequate.*
- *Need to add:*
 - *New shared paths in Wyong Shire to be in accordance with Council's Bike Strategy.*
 - *Remove on-road cycleway "Pinch Points"*

2012 TO 2020

- *Need to add:*
 - *Continue to complete missing links and provide new shared paths along strategic bicycle routes, in accordance with Wyong Council's Bike Strategy, particularly for Tuggerah to Wyong and Toukley to The Entrance.*
 - *Complete NSW Coastline Cycleway from Terrigal to The Entrance*
 - *Ourimbah Campus cycleway connection.*
 - *Increase the number of bicycle lockers at railway stations in Wyong Shire*

FARES + TICKETING**TO 2012**

- *Need to add:*
- *Establish more bus and "My Zone" ticket outlets, particularly at commencement of bus journeys and the ability to purchase tickets via new technology modes.*
- *Implement a "Youth Ticket" (same fare structure as Pensioner's Concessions) on the Central Coast, which is to include authorised carers.*

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

TO 2012

- *This should be extended through to 2036.*

REGIONAL TRANSPORT COORDINATION

TO 2012

- *This should be extended through to 2036 and*
- *Include converting private car dependents to other modes of transport.*

SUPPORTING OUR REGIONAL CITY - GOSFORD

- *Need to add:*
 - *Upgrade the status of Wyong-Tuggerah so that it is the Co-capital of the Central Coast*