

ADMINISTRATOR MINUTE 2

There are far too many heavy vehicles going through the CBD's of Mittagong, Bowral, Moss Vale, Robertson and Bundanoon and where possible, action should be taken to make the experience of visiting town centres more enjoyable. At the present time, Council continues to negotiate with the State Government to provide on and off ramps for vehicles travelling on the Hume Motorway at the western end of Mittagong and is still working with the State Government on the Moss Vale Bypass detailed designs, which will make a considerable difference to Argyle Street.

The Moss Vale Bypass is a complex project and the State Government has already allocated \$3.5 million for the design for which we are most appreciative. I'm very pleased to be able to advise today that the staff, in negotiation with Transport for NSW has now obtained an additional \$10.8 million to finalise designs and undertake enabling works (services) for this \$155 million project – the balance remains unfunded and residents may be assured in view of the significance of the project, not only to Argyle Street but access to the Southern Highlands Innovation Park we will continue to lobby for.

Bundanoon does not experience the same levels of heavy vehicles usage as the other three townships. In relation to Robertson, the main street is actually the Illawarra Highway and Council continues in its negotiations with Transport NSW (with the support of the Police) to address the issue of heavy vehicle usage – suggesting Picton Road should be the primary route.

Residents will notice there is work being undertaken in Bong Bong Street Bowral to reduce the speed limit to 40k and this was implemented after consultation with both residents and Council.

With the completion of the works in Station Street, Council engaged a consultant to review the use of Station Street as a possible compulsory heavy vehicle detour. The engineering review has found that all vehicles up to 19m B-Doubles can safely navigate the Station Street/Funston Street route. Vehicles longer than this (like 26m b-doubles), or wider than 5m, will still need to traverse Bong Bong Street – however these are not frequent and currently require a distinct National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) approval.

To ensure that heavy vehicles up to 19m use Station Street, I recommend that a request be made to the NSW Department of Transport to place a load limit on Bong Bong Street/Moss Vale Road from Station Street to Funston Street intersections and following the load limit being in place that Council install 'Heavy Vehicle Detour' signage on the approach to Station Street/Funston Street.

In addition to the above, I will be writing to the Superintendent of the Hume District Police seeking support to have this matter actioned as quickly as possible in the interests of safety.