

Report of Infrastructure to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday 19 December 2016

**IN1 - Request for In-Principle Support to Review Status of Lysaghts Road, Wedderburn**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- It is recommended:
  1. That Council extend in-principal support to Campbelltown City Council in investigating and reporting on the best practical means of securing a second point of access to and from Wedderburn.
  2. That any investigations, findings or resulting actions occur at no cost to Wollondilly Shire Council, which should be detailed in a Memorandum of Understanding between the two Councils.

**REPORT**

Campbelltown Council resolved the following at its meeting of 16 August 2016:

*That (Campbelltown City) Council be provided a report identifying the best practical means of securing a second point of access to and from Wedderburn. The report to specifically explore the viability, with the in-principal support of Wollondilly Shire Council, of securing State Government agreement to the re-opening of the fire trail, informally and formerly known as Lysaght Road, as an unsealed local road.*

From the border between the Campbelltown and Wollondilly Local Government Areas (LGA) south to Appin-Bulli Road, the road referred to as Lysaght Road is wholly within Crown Land (that is the subject of various leases) and is not a public road under the care and control of Wollondilly Shire Council. The public road section of Lysaght Road, from the Wedderburn end, appears to cease at the LGA border.

Wollondilly Shire Council understands that sections of the access road between Lysaght Road and Appin-Bulli Road are accessible to some leaseholders and also understands that the road is a secured Fire Trail that can be accessed by the Rural Fire Service.

As the road is not a public road, Wollondilly Shire Council does not have a licence or authority to use this road for general access, open the gates for general access to the trail nor provide keys to other parties for access.

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The southern end of the trail is an operational coal mine and loading facility (West Cliff Colliery) that is used by loaded heavy vehicles and construction plant.

The maintenance and access to the road is the responsibility of the owner or occupier of the properties.

The issue of public access has been raised numerous times by Campbelltown and it is acknowledged that it would provide value to residents of Campbelltown, namely the community of Wedderburn, particularly in times of flooding of the Wedderburn Causeway.

As any change of status to the road would have little value to the Wollondilly Community and as it is a Campbelltown City Council initiative, it is recommended that the project, or following operational activities, proceed without the financial support of Wollondilly Shire Council.

This is consistent with previous discussions relating to any proposal with the fire trail, including formal correspondence between the two Councils in July 2009.

**CONSULTATION**

Campbelltown City Council.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Recommendation is for no cost to Wollondilly Shire Council formalised through a Memorandum of Understanding.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATION**

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