7 October 2020

Hon Mark Bailey MP
Minister Transport and Main Roads
Member for Miller
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Dear Minister

YOUNGS CROSSING ROAD - OUTCOME OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION AND REQUEST FOR FUNDING

As you are aware, Council has been consulting our community on the upgrade of Youngs Crossing Road. This project includes construction of a new bridge to support the growth of our region and provide improved flood immunity for this important connection over the North Pine River.

I write to you seeking a commitment from an elected Labor State Government to fully-fund any required upgrades on the state-controlled Dayboro Road, including the intersection at Youngs Crossing Road which is estimated at up to $10 million.

The consultation process, which closed on 2 October 2020, has been comprehensive to ensure our community has the opportunity to provide their feedback on this important project. As part of this process, the community was asked to indicate their preferred alignment for the upgrade of Youngs Crossing Road:

- Option 1 - Total Estimated Cost: $67.5 million (including Dayboro Road) (utilising the existing road corridor along Youngs Crossing Road)
- Option 2 - Total Estimated Cost: $56.1 million (utilising the alignment along Andrew Petrie Drive)

Over 4,350 responses have been received by Council and a preliminary review indicates community feedback heavily favours Option 1 (67% preferred option). This is also the more expensive option for Council.

I acknowledge the Federal Government’s existing commitment of $7.75 million towards this project which I understand is only for Option 1 through the Urban Congestion Fund. As you are aware this bridge is one of the largest road infrastructure projects Council has ever delivered and its impact on our region’s budget is significant. You may also be aware that to date, both options are not fully-funded. Council has budgeted $40 million for this project.
While I cannot pre-empt a decision of Council, additional funding from the Federal and State Governments is essential to fully-fund and deliver this project. Accordingly, I write to you seeking a commitment from the State Government to fully-fund any required upgrades on the state-controlled Dayboro Road, including the intersection at Youngs Crossing Road which is estimated at up to $10 million.

As you are aware Council is also seeking an additional $15 million commitment from the Federal Government to help deliver the much needed upgrade to Youngs Crossing Road and I have written to the Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure the Hon. Alan Tudge MP seeking this support.

Council is expecting to formally resolve its preferred option for the upgrade to Youngs Crossing Road at a General Meeting in the coming months. At this time, the Council will consider the outcome of the community consultation process along with other factors such as technical advice and budget implications.

To support Council’s decision-making process, I am seeking the abovementioned funding support from both the State and Federal Governments so Council is able to consider fully-funded options for the upgrade to Youngs Crossing Road.

Yours sincerely

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Mayor

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