



Ordinary Meeting of Council

LATE REPORT

Wednesday 24 April 2024

5.00pm

Council Chambers

209 Comur Street, Yass

PRAYER:

All Stand:

Mayor: *Let us be still and remember the presence of God. As we commence our meeting let us together pray for guidance and help.*

All say together:

Almighty God, we ask your blessing upon this Council.

Direct and prosper our deliberations to the true welfare of Australia and the people of Yass Valley Amen.

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Chris Berry

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

6.10 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS STEPHENS STREET BINALONG - CLOSURE OF RICHMOND STREET INTERSECTION TO TRAFFIC

SUMMARY

To provide details of TfNSW safety improvements proposed for Stephens Street, Binalong and the associated TfNSW request to close the Richmond Street intersection with Stephens Street to traffic.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. *The TfNSW safety improvements proposed for Stephens Street Binalong be supported in principle.*
2. *The TfNSW proposal to close the Richmond Street intersection with Stephens Street to traffic be supported.*

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil – all costs associated with the proposed safety works and road closure to traffic will be funded by TfNSW.

POLICY & LEGISLATION

- *Local Government Act 1993*
- *Roads Act 1993*

REPORT

1. Background

Stephens Street, Binalong is part of Burley Griffin Way, which is a classified State Road.

TfNSW has responsibility for the trafficable lanes of Stephens Street including shoulders and any drainage infrastructure. Council has responsibility for the remaining portion of the road reserve and all of the adjoining local roads (eg Fitzroy and Richmond Streets).

Residents in Binalong, particularly those adjacent to the intersections of Stephens Street and Fitzroy and Richmond Streets have long raised concerns about the risk of accidents in this area. Particular concerns have been raised about the number of vehicles that fail to safely negotiate the bend in Stephens Street adjacent to area resulting in vehicles (cars and heavy vehicles) to on Stephen Street (Burley Griffin Way).

Resident concerns have been the subject of a number of previous reports to Council.

As a result of ongoing safety concerns being raised by Council and residents, TfNSW allocated funding in the 2023/24 budget to undertake design works to improve the safety of the intersections of Stephens Street with Richmond and Fitzroy Streets.

TfNSW have previously presented the proposed safety improvements for information at the February 2024 Local Traffic Committee and at a Councillors Workshop held on 11 March 2024.

2. Proposed Works

The work proposed for improving safety at Stephens Street intersection with Richmond and Fitzroy Streets are shown on the plan below and include:

- Pavement construction at intersection Fitzroy and Stephens Streets;
- New median on Fitzroy Street;
- Relocation of power poles adjacent to the traffic lanes;
- Improved street lighting;
- Installation of 250m of safety barrier;
- Closing access to Stephens Street from Richmond Street;
- Upgrade lines and signs included installing gateway treatments;

- Reducing the speed limit on Stephens Street from 60kph to 50kph.



TfNSW advised that they have undertaken extensive consultation with residents at Binalong and the majority of feedback was positive in relation to the proposed safety improvements works. Albeit the residents did raise a number of concerns that are outside the scope of the improvement works including:

- Sealing Beckham Street
- Permanent speed cameras
- Removing access for heavy vehicles into Fitzroy Street
- Dedicated right hand turn lane from Stephens Street into Fitzroy Street
- Constructing a heavy vehicle by-pass for the village

TfNSW have advised that the traffic closure of Richmond Street to Stephens Street:

- Impacts only a few premises
- Will result in a maximum detour of approximately 1.5km or approximately 2 minutes for these residents
- None of the residents impacted have made any submission as part of the public consultation process

3. Action Required

TfNSW have requested that Council provide in principle support for the proposed safety improvements for Stephen Street, Binalong including the associated closure of Richmond Street to traffic.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

CSP Theme	Our Community
CSP Strategy Objective	CO3: Our Community is connected, safe and proud
Strategies	CO3.6 - Foster Road Safety
Delivery Program Action	Delivery of TfNSW Road Safety Programs

ATTACHMENTS: Nil