



DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

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DSS6	ELBOW STREET, WEST KEMPSEY – 40 KPH HIGH PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITY SPEED ZONE FILE: 211 NJT {Folio No. *}
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on funding received to conduct preliminary investigations into the feasibility of implementing a 40kph High Pedestrian Activity Speed Zone in Elbow Street, West Kempsey.



DESCRIPTION:

An application has been successful for a grant of \$20,000 from the Roads and Traffic Authority, to conduct preliminary investigations into the feasibility of implementing a 40kph High Pedestrian Activity Speed Zone in Elbow Street, West Kempsey, between Kemp Street and Harold Walker Avenue.

The grant will allow Council to investigate and prepare a detailed traffic calming scheme, and liaise with the stakeholders that would be affected by any changes to the road environment.

It is envisaged that by the introduction of a 40kph speed limit in this location of high pedestrian activity, there would be an improvement in a driver's ability to stop and therefore avoid hitting a pedestrian, and that if pedestrian crashes do occur, then they would be less severe, especially for children and elderly pedestrians.

The grant provided will allow Council to apply for funding for the project in 2008/09. No guarantee of further funding has been given by the RTA.

It is recommended that Council accept this grant of \$20,000, so that investigation and preparation of a detailed traffic calming scheme can be undertaken.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

There are no environmental implications from the following recommendation.

- *Social*

The introduction of a 40kph High Pedestrian Speed Zone in Elbow Street will provide increased safety for pedestrians.

- *Economic (Financial)*

There are no financial implication from the following recommendation.

- *Policy or Statutory*

There are no policy or statutory implications.

- *Director's Review*

A number of concerns have previously been raised relating to the movement of traffic and pedestrians in Elbow Street. The grant will allow a traffic management plan to be developed to address these concerns.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the grant of \$20,000 from the Roads and Traffic Authority be accepted to conduct preliminary investigations into the feasibility of implementing a 40kph High Pedestrian Activity Speed Zone in Elbow Street, West Kempsey, between Kemp Street and Harold Walker Avenue.

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