

DIRECTOR ENGINEERING REPORT

11th May 2004

DE9 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE
FILE: C18-28 JC (NRN)

{Folio No. 273228}

SUMMARY:

Reporting on Questions Without Notice from the Council meetings of the 20th March 2001, 14th May 2002, 13th January 2004, 20th January 2004 and 12th February 2004.



Responses to Councillors Questions Without Notice are listed for information.

Meeting of 14th May 2002

Councillor Sowter

File: R8-2

(Folio No. 234526)

That the Director Engineering will investigate contracting out of roadside slashing.

Suitable contract being compiled, with service standards, assessment criteria, clear description of areas to be mown and requirements for Insurance and OH&S.



Meeting of 13th January 2004

Councillor Sowter

File: R Kinch R/B

(Folio No. 268227)

That the Director Engineering would investigate the need to replace post and guard rails along Kinchela Creek road that were cut off during a house removal some years ago.

Guardrails removed, options being investigated. Posts and rails have been replaced.



Meeting of 12th February 2004

Councillor Bowell

File: R Pacific Hwy

(Folio No.269866)

That the Director Engineering had not received advice when the RTA Noise Task Force would visit Frederickton but this would be followed up with the RTA.

Bob Higgins, Pacific Highway Manager, attended 13th April 2004 Council meeting and reported on the outcomes of the Noise Task Force.

Councillor Bowell

File: W5

(Folio No.271439)

That Engineering would investigate the cost of replacing pole capping at Smithtown Wharf.

Details and responsibilities being reviewed.

Councillor Bowen

File: I3-2

(Folio No.271444)

That the Director of Engineering would conduct risk assessments of structures on Council's road reserves.

Details being reviewed.

Councillor Sowter

File: R7-1

(Folio No.271441)

That the Director Engineering would investigate the current situation with the riverbank at Gladstone and advise Mr Morley of the Gladstone Tidy Towns Committee.

Deferred to meeting of 4th May 2004.

Meeting of 23rd March 2004

Councillor J H Bowell

File: F11

(Folio No. 272513)

That the Director Engineering would investigate the dangerous condition of footpaths at the following three locations;

- Pavers in front of Action supermarket in Belgrave Street
- Lifted concrete in front of the Many Rivers building in Elbow Street
- The footpath in John Street west side between Verge Street and Austral Street.

1. **Pavers in front of Action Supermarket in Belgrave St -The pavers have sunk near the pedestrian crossing and would require removal and relaying.***

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2. **Lifted concrete in front of the Many Rivers Building in Elbow St – the whole footpath requires replacing. One small area of approx 1.2 x .600 can be easily replaced. This small section is classed as H1 and will be repaired.**
3. **The footpath in John St, West Side between Verge St and Austral St – Half the footpath is broken and dropped away about 30mtrs in length. The whole of the 30mtrs would require removal and replacement.***

***Items 1 & 3. The depressions are less than 10mm and are classed as H3 under Council's Footpath/Cycleway Risk Management Policy (M 11:9). These hazards shall be considered for future works programs based on available funding and priority number.**

Councillor J C Gribbin

File: R8-2

(Folio No.273334)

That the Director Engineering was aware of the type of gravel used by the Council patching machines and the need for placement of warning signs would be investigated.

Warning signs are placed to comply with Australian Standards.

Councillor J C Gribbin

File: R8-24

(Folio No.273335)

That the Director Engineering would investigate the need for more street lighting in the industrial area at South West Rocks.

Matter being investigated.

Councillor T L Hunt

File: P1-2

(Folio No.273377)

That the Director Engineering would arrange to publicize preferred parking areas for semi-trailers in the Kempsey Shire Urban areas.

Report to be prepared for Local Traffic Committee.

Councillor R H McWilliam

File: D5-2

(Folio No.273378)

That the Director Engineering would investigate stormwater run off from Links View Estate South West Rocks with water running through established homes in the vicinity of Mr R Bright's residence.

Matter being investigated.

Councillor R H McWilliam

File: T11-4

(Folio No.273379)

That the Director Engineering would investigate potential falling trees and branches adjacent to the pathway in Brighton Park South West Rocks opposite 63 Landsborough Street.

Trees have been pruned and dead branches removed.

Councillor R H McWilliam

File: R8-27

(Folio No.273380)

That the Director Engineering would investigate broken kerb and gutter at the corner of Prince of Wales Avenue and Paragon Avenue outside Elders Real Estate.

Currently under investigation.

Councillor R H McWilliam

File: S8-2

(Folio No.273381)

That the Director Engineering would investigate the subsiding of Council land outside 69 Landsborough Street South West Rocks which could be due to a sewerage main.

Currently under investigation.

Councillor R H McWilliam

File: R GORDON YOUNG

(Folio No.273382)

That the Director Engineering would investigate the poor road surface on Gordon Young Drive South West Rocks and would advise Councillor McWilliam when it was listed for maintenance.

Listed for pavement strengthening and rehabilitation under Roads to Recovery in 2004/05.

Councillor E R Walker

File: P1-7

(Folio No.273392)

That the Director Engineering would raise the matter of possible centre parking in Belgrave Street at the upcoming Kempsey CBD Masterplan meeting however the width of Belgrave Street would prevent this type of parking.

Referred to Masterplan meeting 14th April 2004 and further discussions with RTA on 21st April 2004 option does not meet traffic guidelines.

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DIRECTOR ENGINEERING