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Hello and thank you for providing TfNSW with an opportunity to comment on the *Draft Kempsey Shire Council Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS)*.

TfNSW is guided by its long-term transport strategy [Future Transport 2056](#). *Future Transport 2056* acknowledges the significant role transport plays in delivering movement and place outcomes that support the character of places and communities, and repositions the planning focus towards integrated, multi-modal solutions rather than considering different transport modes in isolation.

For Regional NSW, *Future Transport 2056* is supplemented by the [Regional NSW Services and Infrastructure Plan](#) which identifies initiatives for the short (0-10 years), medium (10-20 years) and long term (20+ years). These initiatives have been identified to meet customer needs now and into the future, and support delivery of responsive, innovative services and infrastructure. A full list of initiatives from *Future Transport 2056* is broken down by Local Government Area (LGA) in the attached *Local Strategic Planning in Regional NSW & Future Transport 2056* pdf file.

The Strategy is further enhanced by more focussed, issues-based supporting plans, such as the [NSW Road Safety Plan 2021](#), the [NSW Freight and Ports Plan 2018-2023](#), and the [Heavy Vehicle Access Policy Framework](#) which help to further embed *Future Transport 2056* across NSW.

TfNSW will prepare the *North Coast Regional Transport Plan*, a supporting plan as part of *Future Transport 2056*. This plan will identify initiatives and investigations to support walking, cycling, public transport, road and freight connectivity. TfNSW's vision for the North Coast will align and support the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE)'s vision as identified in the *North Coast Regional Plan 2036*.

The comments below have been provided for Council's consideration and we do not require the LSPS to be revised or amended as a result. The comments may also provide the basis for future collaboration with Council on various strategic transport planning initiatives.

General

- The document acknowledges and responds to DPIE's *North Coast Regional Plan 2036* well.
- The document acknowledges the broad types of advantages that have been realised following the completion of the Kempsey Bypass road project.
- Council should consider how Transport owned land can be utilised to support the place-making outcomes, enhance transport outcomes and contribute to the economic development, housing and employment opportunities identified in the LSPS, including when preparing the Economic Development Strategy and the Local Housing Strategy and through the LEP review process.
- The LSPS should show alignment with *Future Transport*, the *NSW Freight and Ports Plan* and the *NSW Heavy Vehicle Access Policy Framework*.

- The LSPS should include a map identifying the freight network (including key national, State, regional and local roads, and railways), significant freight generators and any constraints/planned upgrades to the freight network.
- Section 12 Character
 - TfNSW supports the promotion of active transport opportunities that have generally been identified across the shire.
 - *Kempsey* - This section should to consider local freight access to Kempsey town centre. Efficient movement of freight requires a strategy that integrates it with the efficient movement of people, especially in and around the town centre whilst protecting urban amenity and freight access.

Planning Priorities

- Section 8.2 Healthy Environment – Priorities & Actions
- *H3 – Manage natural hazards and climate change*
 - TfNSW recommends the inclusion of an additional action that seeks Council alignment with the NSW Government's *Net Zero Plan Stage 1: 2020-2030*, which commits NSW to a 35% cut in emissions by 2030 compared to 2005 levels (see <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/climate-change/net-zero-plan>). The Plan provides the foundation for NSW's action on climate change and over-arching goal to reach net zero emissions by 2050.
 - TfNSW recommends Council consider the inclusion of an additional action that proposes development of a *Future Fleet Strategy* for the shire to guide Council on how best to approach a future fleet that will comprise electric and hydrogen-powered vehicles, as well as connected and autonomous vehicles. TfNSW encourages Council to work collaboratively with us to develop a *Future Fleet Strategy*.
- Section 9.2 Wealthy Economy – Priorities & Actions
 - The LSPS should consider having an action to protect industrial areas from encroachment by sensitive land uses. This will give effect to the following action in the *North Coast Regional Plan 2036*:
 - Action 6.5 Promote and enable an appropriate mix of land uses and prevent the encroachment of sensitive uses on employment land through local planning controls.
- *W1 – Develop successful centres of employment and increase formal education opportunities*
 - TfNSW supports, in consideration of transport implications, the development of town centre public spaces using a place-making approach, residential land releases and a District Hospital and Kempsey TAFE Campus Place Precinct Plan. This combined 'movement' and 'place' approach is consistent with the *Practitioner's Guide to Movement and Place*.
- *W2 – Enable the growth of tourism*
 - TfNSW supports Council initiatives to promote the shire as a destination and recommends that Council consider the application of the [NSW Tourism and Transport Plan](#), a key supporting plan of the *Future Transport 2056*, to understand how transport services and infrastructure can support and enhance existing tourism as well as create new economic development opportunities.
- *W3 – Strengthen regionally significant transport corridors*
 - TfNSW encourages Council to collaborate with us in considering additional east-west transport connections within Kempsey.
 - This priority should contain an action to protect transport corridors from encroachment by sensitive land uses. Kempsey LGA has nationally significant freight corridors, such as the Pacific Highway and the North Coast rail line. This will give effect to the following actions in the *North Coast Regional Plan 2036*:
 - Action 9.2 Identify buffer and mitigation measures to minimise the impact of development on regionally significant transport infrastructure including regional and state road network and rail corridors.
 - Action 9.3 Ensure the effective management of the State and regional road network by:
 - preventing development directly adjoining the Pacific Highway;

around the place or enjoying street life including outdoor dining, waiting for a bus or watching the world go by.

- TfNSW is supportive of Council proactively seeking opportunities for projects, particularly where the Movement and Place Framework can be implemented.

TfNSW welcomes the opportunity to work together on any initiatives mentioned above.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please don't hesitate to contact Adam Koutsamanis (Adam.Koutsamanis@transport.nsw.gov.au).

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