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Wednesday, 10 January 2024

**Re: Rangari Road Narrabri**

Dear Hon. Aitchison,

I am writing on behalf of Narrabri Shire Council (*Council*) regarding funding for Rangari Road.

Council has been regularly inspecting and maintaining Rangari Road, which is a significant Regional Road in the local government area. Recently both Gunnedah and Tamworth Shire Councils have upgraded their unsealed sections of Rangari Road, delivered by Transport for NSW (*TfNSW*). Rangari Road is an important route for communities across the area, regional industries rely on this route, including the very productive agricultural sector as well as the mining sector. Recently we have received considerable community pressure about the unsealed section of the road.

Council has long aspired to undertake a comprehensive upgrade of Rangari Road, the 11km unsealed section, to further enhance its quality and resilience. However, Council does not have the necessary funding to realise this vital project. Council recently conducted advocacy efforts with the previous NSW Minister of Infrastructure, seeking their support in addressing this issue.

Council is committed to improving the Rangari Road for the benefit of our community and believe that a partnership with State Government and the Federal Government could significantly expedite this process. Recently this has been a successful partnership for the Pilliga Road Upgrade Project, also another Regional Road, which is currently being completed thanks to all levels of Government.



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At the 19 December 2023 Ordinary Council meeting, a motion was passed requesting;

**15.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - RANGARI ROAD ADVOCACY**

**MINUTE 348/2023**

Moved: Cr Lisa Richardson      Seconded: Cr Rohan Boehm

- 1. That Council write to and organise a meeting with the local member, Mr Roy Butler, relevant ministers (both Federal and State) and any other relevant parties as needed in order to seek funding or co-funding to seal Rangari road MR357, including Bollol creek crossing.**
- 2. That Council simultaneously investigate if/how much monetary value could be co-contributed and identify any grants to possible and apply as required.**

In Favour: Crs Darrell Tiemens, Rohan Boehm, Greg Lamont and Lisa Richardson

Against: Crs Brett Dickinson and Catherine Redding

Not Present: Crs Robert Browning, Ron Campbell and John Clements

**CARRIED 4/2**

Council kindly requests that both State and Federal Governments consider extending its support and assistance in securing the required funding for the upgrade of Rangari Road and request a meeting with the relevant Ministers on this matter. Council is confident that with your backing, we can take a significant step towards achieving our goal of a safer and more efficient road network for our residents and visitors.

Your continued support in this matter would be greatly appreciated by the Narrabri Shire Council, and Council looks forward to the possibility of working together to make this project a reality. If there is any additional information or documentation needed from our end, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Should you require any further information, please contact the Director of Infrastructure Delivery Eloise Chaplain on (02) 6799 6866 or [council@narrabri.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@narrabri.nsw.gov.au).

Yours faithfully,



**Cr Darrell Tiemens**  
Mayor

Also sent to:

Honourable Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development & Local Government

Honourable Mark Coulton, Federal Member for Parkes

Roy Butler MP, Member for Barwon