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# **BUSINESS PAPER**

## **Mayoral Minute**

### **Ordinary Council Meeting**

**15 November 2022**

**Aaron Johansson**  
**Chief Executive Officer**



We hereby give notice that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on:  
Tuesday, 15 November 2022 at 6pm  
in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre  
184 - 194 Bourke Street, Goulburn

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**Cr Peter Walker**  
**Mayor**

**Aaron Johansson**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

**12 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)****12.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - STATEWIDE ROAD EMERGENCY DECLARATION****Author:** Councillor**Authoriser:****Attachments:** Nil**RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. Council supports the declaration of a Statewide Road Emergency as announced by Local Government NSW and Country Mayors Association of NSW.
2. As Mayor write to the Prime Minister of Australian The Hon Anthony Albanese MP and the Premier of New South Wales The Hon Dominic Perrottet MP advising of this Mayoral Minute and Statewide Road Emergency Declaration.

**REPORT**

Goulburn Mulwaree Council has experienced significant rain and flooding events in the past 12 months.

In NSW 126 of the 128 local government areas have had natural disaster declarations within the last 12 months, according to the President of Local Government NSW, Darriea Turley.

On the 3 November 2022, Local Government NSW declared a Statewide Roads Emergency.

The declaration and urgent call for the NSW and Federal Governments to increase their existing road funding commitments in the wake of the floods comes on the back of an estimated \$2.5 billion in road damages and a collapse of the local and regional road network.

Council should show our support for this campaign and endorse the Local Government NSW declaration of a Statewide Road Emergency.

The declaration has already been publicly supported by our peak regional body, the Country Mayors Association of New South Wales.

As part of the Statewide Roads Emergency, Local Government NSW and Country Mayors Association of NSW are calling for:

- An acceleration and significant increase in funding for the \$1.1 billion Fixing Local Roads and Fixing Country Bridges program from the New South Wales Government
- A boost to Road Block Grant funding to compensate for the damage to the regional road network from the Federal Government
- New funding to provide Councils with plant machinery and skilled workers to expedite road repairs from the Federal Government.

NSW Council's collectively have endured significant natural disasters that has seen residents and business owners impacted by flood waters.

These natural disasters have also impacted the primary production sector. The local and regional road network is critical infrastructure. It is absolutely vital for our primary producers, and the key to keeping affordable food on the table across New South Wales and beyond.

Road networks of Council's across the state have significant damage. NSW is facing a task that is beyond the reasonable scope of any local government authority.

I call on Council to support our peak bodies in their declaration of a Statewide Road Emergency.

This is an emergency, and it is time to seek help, and by supporting this Mayoral Minute you are endorsing that I write to the Prime Minister of Australian Anthony Albanese and the Premier of New South Wales Dominic Perrottet pleading for immediate action.

Mayor Peter Walker