

The General Manager
Wagga Wagga City Council
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Email: [REDACTED]

COMMENTS ON PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES

Dear Sir/Madam

I, [REDACTED] WAGGA WAGGA, NSW 2650 wish to provide my opinion in relation to the proposed road closures.

I:

1. Am neither in favour of the road closure

OR

2. Object to the closure of the following roads for the reasons noted below.

INFORMATION

On 8 May 2020 I forwarded an email to the Wagga Wagga City Council regarding Proposal to Close Council Public Roads at Wagga Wagga in response to a letter which was delivered to my address via Australia Post in which I requested information on the proposed closures.

I was forwarded an email by Ms Diane Wright, Land and Real Property Coordinator, (email: [REDACTED]) titled: Changes to hospital precinct roads. This email provided me with a fact sheet (no title) and a link to view information on the Council News. Both these sources of information, unfortunately, did not provide any further clarification on the proposed changes for me to be able to agree or disagree with the Proposal to Close Council Public Roads at Wagga Wagga.

Therefore the purpose of this letter will be stating my concerns and seeking further clarification for consideration by the Wagga Wagga City Council and NSW Health.

I again emphasis that in my opinion a more robust discussion is required with the residents of the area impacted as part of the consultation process, some of whom have resided in this area for more than 25 years.

Questions

- What material or barriers will be used to construct the road closures?
- Will this close the streets off to foot traffic as well as vehicles?
- What impact will the road closures have on the already difficult parking situation that exists for the residents in Yabtree Street and beyond (i.e. the residents of Yabtree Street currently have next to no access or very little to residential street parking)?
- Can you identify where traffic will enter and exit the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital to access parking and drop and pick up patients?
- Has there been an impact study submitted by NSW Transport, Roads and Maritime Services to ensure that the community has the ability to comply with regulations and road closures (i.e. continue to have access to the parts of the precinct necessary to receive essential services) and safety (especially in the intersections off Edward Street that have already been brought to the attention of Council by Mr Garratt, a neighbour and resident of Yabtree Street).

- *Has there been an impact study already submitted by emergency services in access streets surrounding the hospital precinct to provide essential services in a safe and efficient manner?*
- *Has an impact study been completed by essential services (for example: rubbish removal, electricity & gas services).*
- *How does the road closures impact on the already distributed revised Master Plan and Structure Plan for the Precinct?*

Concerns & Comments

- *I have today, 5 June 2020, submitted an opinion on the cigarette butt litter that regularly occurs in Yabtree Street. Blocking off the street, where they will remain physically open, (according to the fact sheet), will be exacerbated when smokers continue to litter in the street, polluting the area.*
- *The parking in the street continues to be a major concern and I fear will be further impacted by the road closure. Services, visitors and tradespeople attending this premises continually have to park in the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital grounds or park several streets away just to access the property. On a side note is there a possibility to mark 8 parking spots (for 8 properties) on Yabtree Street as residential parking only? I will write to Wagga Wagga City Council further on this issue. We continue to pay rates and land taxes but cannot access that, which should be available to us.*
- *Emergency services staff have indicated to me that it is already difficult to access the streets around the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital. I can only suspect that closing roads will impact on further delays and safety and security of the residents in this area.*
- *In conversation with residents in this street, one of the main concerns continues to be the congestion, visibility issues, near misses, accidents and poor traffic management at the intersection of Murray Street and Edward Street and the entrance off Edward Street into the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital. The concerns held by me is that road closures will only increase the congestion, creating further traffic issues at these two intersections.*

Signed: _____

Date: 5 June 2020

Contact Details