

21st July, 2019

To whom it may concern,

Re: Doris Roy Lane, Wagga Wagga.

I write regarding the western end of Doris Roy Lane, between Murray Street and Wagga Base Hospital and current safety concerns.

The lane is currently used by local traffic including residents of Edward, Murray and Yabtree Streets who use the lane to access their properties as well as traffic entering and exiting Wagga Wagga Base Hospital.

Our concerns are that as Wagga's population has grown, Doris Roy Lane has become a main entry and exit to the hospital rather than the signposted entry/exit points of Edward Street and Yabtree Street. This is concerning for two main reasons:

- 1) Safety.
- 2) Lack of consistency between this lane and similar lanes in the area.

Currently Doris Roy Lane is being used as a main artery for hospital traffic. This two-way lane is not wide enough to allow two cars to safely pass. Currently, one car needs to wait on Murray Street or pull over into a resident's drive way within the lane to allow cars to pass. More concerning, however, is that increasingly Doris Roy Lane is being used as a high-speed short-cut for motorists to enter and exit the hospital. Despite the Stop sign and new signage painted on the road on the Murray Street end of Doris Roy Lane on 28th March 2019, traffic rarely obey. Pedestrians of Murray Street are put at risk due to the lack of visibility exiting Doris Roy Lane onto Murray Street. Residents of Murray Street, particularly children, use the footpath often. Image attached highlights visibility concerns, narrow width of road and the proximity to our house.

Similar streets in the area such as Peck Street and Lewis Drive are one-way and signposted as either hospital entry OR exit points. These streets also have better infrastructure including gutters, stormwater drains, nature strips and footpaths that ensure the safety of both motorists and pedestrians. Furthermore, this infrastructure provides a buffer for residential dwellings that are approximately 3.7 metres from the road.

As our house is 1.6 metres off Doris Roy Lane and lacks aforementioned infrastructure, we believe it is unreasonable for this lane to be open to two-way traffic beyond residential use.

In recent years, Yathong Lane has been closed to all traffic beyond residential. This lane has many similar features to Doris Roy; it is a similar width, does not have a street kerb and neighbouring houses are a similar proximity to the lane.

To rectify above concerns, Doris Roy Lane should be closed to all traffic beyond residential traffic. This will allow residents of Doris Roy Lane (including houses facing onto Edward, Murray & Yabtree Streets) as well as patrons of the Heritage Motor Inn to access their properties/accommodation safely. A lane of this width, with limited infrastructure, should not accommodate more than residential traffic.

Hospital staff, patients and visitors should be encouraged to use the main entry/exit point of Edward Street and Yabtree Street.

Can you please advise us of how traffic will interact with Doris Roy Lane on the completion of the multi-story Hospital car park?

Any feedback on our concerns would be greatly appreciated.

Regards,



Wagga Wagga

Image: Doris Roy Lane (taken from Murray Street end)

