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Item: 083 **MM - Strategic Transport Routes and Connections within the Hawkesbury Local Government Area - (80093)**

BACKGROUND:

Councillors have previously indicated that they would like to work with the community to develop:

1. A position in relation to existing traffic conditions and congestion in the vicinity of Richmond and North Richmond
2. A position in relation to a third - flood resilient - crossing of the Hawkesbury River.

Whilst these matters are related by virtue of the fact that they both relate to traffic and transport, they have different time dimensions. Traffic and congestion in the vicinity of Richmond and North Richmond is a shorter term more immediate concern whilst the matter of the third crossing is a longer term issue that also has wider regional considerations.

The need for Council to develop its own plan and positions for matters such as these has been recognised in a series of Council Resolutions and discussions for some years, for example:

- May 2007 Council Resolution - Bells Line of Road
- May 2018 Council Resolution - Bells Line of Road Castlereagh Corridor Connection
- June 2018 Council Resolution - Western Sydney Transport Infrastructure Corridors
- February 2019 Council Resolution - Richmond Bridge Duplication
- April 2020 Infrastructure Committee Policy Discussion

On 30 April 2020, Council received advice from the State Government indicating that it was their intention to release a *Preferred Option Report* for the Richmond Bridge Duplication Project for community and stakeholder engagement in July 2020.

Council may choose to respond to the Preferred Option Report but at the moment council does not have an officer with specialist transport expertise on staff to prepare an appropriate response.

I am therefore proposing that we advise staff to commence the process of engaging an appropriate external resource to assist Council and the Community in investigating a preferred option for both:

- Existing traffic conditions and congestion in the vicinity of Richmond and North Richmond
- A third - flood resilient - crossing of the Hawkesbury River.

Once initiated, the General Manager can provide updates to Council regarding budget and timing details, when quotations have been obtained.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council staff initiate a process to obtain quotations from relevant parties to work with Council and the community to develop:

1. A position in relation to existing traffic conditions and congestion in the vicinity of Richmond and North Richmond.
2. A position in relation to a third - flood resilient - crossing of the Hawkesbury River.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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