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To. BoQ Mayor – Cr. Ross Ebbels;
CC. BoQ Councillors - Cr. Michael Grout, Cr. Isabelle Tolhurst, Cr. Fleur Hewitt, Cr. Donnie Grigau.
CC. CEO BoQ - Mr. Martin Gill;

SUBMISSION - KIRK ROAD ROUNDABOUT - POINT LONSDALE

Traffic Calming On Kirk Road

Following the end of the trial period for the temporary roundabout at the corner of Kirk Road and Winterley Road, Point Lonsdale and Council's invitation to provide comment on their 3 future options, the Association advises the following:

We have raised the issue of the roundabout in our last Newsletter and Rip article encouraging our membership and residents to provide their comments directly to Council or through our Association. We have also mentioned problems with the operation of the roundabout during our regular Mayoral (and CEO) meetings.

Given Kirk Road is the central road between Point Lonsdale Road and Fellows Road and now connects directly with the new Lonsdale Links housing estate, traffic along this route is anticipated to increase over time. The intersection at Winterley Road doesn't have a history of vehicular accidents we are aware of and speeding along Kirk Road seems to be the main issue at hand.

The recently installed roundabout at the intersection of Kirk and Fellows Roads appears to work well, however, based on the limited size of the trial roundabout on the carriageway at the Kirk and Winterley Roads intersection, its proximity to the existing southern footpath and northern property boundaries and their driveways, it doesn't appear there is enough road reserve available for an effective roundabout.

Based on the recent construction of other roundabouts in Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale, most of which were completed with sizable state government grants, the costs associated with the design and installation of a new roundabout at this location may also be an issue for the Borough.

The Association's preference's are therefore as follows:

1. Revert back to standard intersection

The existing temporary roundabout is removed and the intersection reverts to its pre-existing state, with only simple line markings delineating the 'T' intersection. This approach simplifies the intersection and makes it consistent with other north/south residential streets along Kirk Road.

In addition we propose:

- To discourage speeding vehicles and improve pedestrian safety we suggest lowering the speed limit to 40 kph for the entire length of Kirk Road. Indeed, Council should consider lowering the speed limit for all the streets in Point Lonsdale south of Lawrence Road to 40 kph. The main shopping area in Point Lonsdale Road and Ocean Road now both have 40 kph limits.
- Reinstating the stop sign in Winterley Road at Kirk Road which will allow pedestrians greater safety and right of way when walking on the only footpath in Kirk Road that crosses Winterley Road. Roundabouts, which are very effective at reducing speed and improving safety, can however create safety issues for pedestrians.
- Provision of a pre warning sign in Kirk Road that vehicles are approaching a bend and need to reduce speed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on this important issue.

Yours sincerely,

David Kenwood – on behalf of Committee & members

President PLCA

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