

There is a draft design that is on public display and available for comment until 22 June 2015. This proposed upgrade provides for dual lanes in both directions on the New England Highway between Belford and the Golden Highway.

I believe there is a good case to extend the dual lanes of the New England Highway right up to the township of Singleton in preparation for the Singleton bypass. I call upon the State and Commonwealth Governments to make the dual lanes and the Singleton Highway Bypass a priority.

The bypass is a long term demand of the community and a requirement for the safety, accessibility and economic viability of the community and Hunter region. I ask the Council to adopt a motion supporting the proposed upgrade and call upon the State and Commonwealth Governments to fund extension of dual lanes up to the township of Singleton and fund the Singleton Highway Bypass. I also encourage the community to provide comments to make the proposed upgrade a better and safer one for all road users.

88/15 **RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Support the proposed upgrade providing dual separate lanes as a priority in both directions on the New England Highway between Belford and the Golden Highway.
2. Call upon the State and Commonwealth Governments to fund the extension of the dual lanes up to the township of Singleton and to fund the Singleton Highway Bypass.
3. Encourage the community to provide comments to make the proposed upgrade a better and safer one for all road users.

WITHDRAWAL OF ITEMS AND LATE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- Late Item – GM13/15 – Request for Donation - AFOM

PUBLIC ACCESS SESSION

Nil.

General Manager's Report (Items Requiring Decision)

GM10/15 Fit for the Future

FILE:14/0900

A report was provided to endorse the draft Council Improvement Proposal for lodgement by 30 June 2015 as required under the NSW Government's "Fit for the Future" program.

89/15 **RESOLVED** that Council endorse the draft Singleton Council Improvement Proposal for lodgement by 30 June 2015.

(Adamthwaite/Thompson)