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Mr Roderick Best
President
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By Email: president@bcct2119.com.au

Dear Mr Best

Beecroft Road – Traffic safety

I refer to your email dated 14 July 2023 concerning traffic safety along Beecroft Road, Beecroft.

Response to your questions are provided as follows:

- 1. As the recent fatalities and numerous near misses occur with vehicles travelling on Beecroft Road at the Hannah Street intersection, could speed cameras and a red-light camera be installed?*

As you would be aware, Beecroft Road is a State Arterial Road under the jurisdiction of the NSW Government. Transport for NSW is responsible for the operation of this road including installation of safety cameras and any other safety improvements. Following the recent fatal crash at the intersection of Beecroft Road and Hannah Street, Council has requested TfNSW to consider the installation of a safety camera at this location. In response to your suggestion for deliberations of the issues by the Hornsby Local Traffic Committee (LTC), the Hornsby Local Traffic Committee's functions are limited to consideration of local traffic matters. The guidelines for the operation of Local Traffic Committee's issued by Transport for NSW prohibit it from consideration of matters on State Roads.

- 2. What difficulties are envisaged at rendering more of the streets entering Beecroft Road from the west (in both Beecroft and Cheltenham) as no right hand turn where the intersection is not at lights.*

To address crashes at other intersections including Albert Street and Chapman Avenue, Council has previously written to the Local Member of Parliament seeking that the NSW Government considers installing traffic signals at the intersection of Beecroft Road and Chapman Avenue. This would allow for the right turns to be banned at Albert Street. Banning the right turn movements at unsignalised intersections without additional capacity via new traffic signals would result in significant delays and even more crashes at the Hannah Street intersection which does not provide controlled right turns. For your information, the crash data for all locations in NSW is available to the public at: <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/statistics/interactive-crash-statistics/lga-view-crashes-map>

- 3. Anecdotally, the suburban streets of Beecroft are recently being used by more trucks which appear to be circumventing the Pennant Hills Road gantry (near Hannah Street) to record trucks that are not using the North Connect. This is causing safety concerns (and noise) for local residents especially around Copeland Road. What can be done to measure truck usage on Copeland Road near its intersection with Pennant Hills Road.*

Load Limits are installed on local roads to prevent heavy vehicles from using the street as a short cut by these heavy vehicles that should be using the arterial roads (Pennant Hills Road and Beecroft Road). To enforce this, Council has posted Copeland Road with a 3 Tonne Load Limit.

Council's monitoring of the location has confirmed that heavy vehicle movements in the street are relatively low, and these are mainly legitimate movements to local destinations such as deliveries or, minor construction activities. On most local roads, heavy vehicles make up approximately 3% of all traffic. Vehicles with legitimate destinations in Copeland Road are exempt from load limits. To report trucks in breach of the Load Limit please contact Council's Regulatory Services Branch Traffic Rangers by Telephone on 9847 6666.

I trust this information is of assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact Council's Director, Infrastructure & Major Projects, Fiona Leatham on 9847 6665 should you require further information in relation to this matter.

Yours faithfully



Steven Head
General Manager

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