EUROBODALLA SHIRE COUNCIL

PUBLIC FORUM

Ordinary Meeting of Council on 23 September 2025

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Name	Agenda Item	Presentation Provided
Patricia Hellier	MM25/006 – Importance of the Moruya Bypass Project	Attached
	CAR25/013 – Post exhibition review and adoption of Proposed Fees and Charges for Primitive Camping at Moruya Showground	

Good afternoon Mayor, Councillors, General Manager, Staff, Gallery and those comfortable zooming from home my name is Patricia Hellier from Batemans Bay.

Today I am here to address and support two items on today's Agenda firstly -

MM25/005 Importance of the Moruya Bypass Project. I thank the Mayor for bringing forward this Mayoral Minute. As some of you might remember at the last Public Access session on Tuesday the 9th September I raised my concerns after the devastating fire in Moruya in the early hours of Thursday 4th September and the issues of the disruption of traffic both north and south of Moruya.

This incident highlighted how vulnerable and reaffirmed the importance of the current traffic route through Moruya. Trucks and cars were lined up north and south of Moruya until an alternate route was organised to bypass the affected fire area. As the word filtered out throughout Eurobodalla of the fire, a number of people were concerned in relation to being able to access Moruya for work, appointments etc. and ofcourse there were concerns by those who were travelling further north and south of Moruya, and again it bought back the dark days of the Black Summer Bushfires.

Councillors we are all fully aware of what we experience during the Christmas and holiday periods with traffic congestion's on our roads. When I headed north after the Public Access session going through Moruya it was bumper to bumper both north and south, I found that cars heading south were lined up to the Moruya Industrial area and this was prior to the advertised road works commencing on the 16th September. In discussion at the weekend with some people who daily access the Princess Highway off Larry's Mountain Road they told me they are increasingly experiencing high volume of traffic and the difficulties to do a right hand turn onto the highway heading into Moruya.

Councillors today you have before you the following RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Reaffirm its strong and ongoing support for the delivery of the Moruya Bypass as a priority infrastructure project for the Eurobodalla Shire.
- 2. Advocate to Transport for NSW to ensure the bypass design prioritises effective links to the Moruya town centre and the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital.
- 3. Communicate its position to local Members of Parliament, the NSW Minister for Roads, and the Federal Minister for Infrastructure.

At this point I would ask the Mayor and Councillors to please **consider a 4th point** and that is words to the affect that Council advocate to our Local Member MP Michael Holland **to strongly advocate** to both NSW and Federal Members of Parliament for **urgent funding or a grant to escalate the construction of the Moruya Bypass.**

The second item on the Agenda I would like to address and support

CAR25/13 Post Exhibition Review and Adoption of Proposed Fees and Charges for Primitive Camping at Moruya Showground.

Councillors I ask that you support the Fees and Charges proposal for the Moruya Showground. The proposal I believe to be fair and in line with the majority of other showground that we have stayed in during out travels. I firmly believe opening up the showground for these form of travellers is a positive move for the showground and for travellers and bring in much needed tourism dollars for the area. Hopefully having travellers staying within the showground area it will help alleviate anti

social behaviour. The income received from the travellers will support the improvement of the showground area.

Thank you Patricia Hellier 23/9/25