

EUROBODALLA SHIRE COUNCIL

PUBLIC FORUM

All members of the community who have registered have been advised that they have a **maximum of five minutes** to put their case.

Ordinary Meeting of Council on 26 April 2016

Name	Subject/Comments
Agenda Items – 10.00am	
Trish Hellier	IR16/016 Local Traffic Committee Mtg – Christmas Holiday Traffic

Council Meeting Tuesday 26th April 2016-

Good Morning Mayor Brown, Elected Councillors, staff, people in the gallery and those home views live streaming – and Mum watching from above. My name is Patricia Hellier from Batemans Bay – I would like to make a recommendation to the Local Traffic Committee on

AGENDA ITEM IR10/016 Local Traffic Committee

Item No. 2 – Council use the outcomes of the meeting to assist in future planning of the Princes Highway and Kings Highway –

I would like to make a suggestion to the committee and I ask that they give serious consideration to my suggests as follows:-

In previous year at Christmas and Easter there has been barriers erected on the Princes Highway North Batemans Bay adjacent to the Clyde Road entrance North Batemans Bay heading south into Batemans Bay.

These barriers changed the traffic lanes from 2 lanes into 1 lane – the speed limit was also dropped from 100k's to 80K's – NOW this year this did not occur – at the Council meeting on the 22nd March I spoke to Clr. Pollock and he referred me to Mr Warren Sharpe and I asked Mr Sharpe if he knew if this would happen over the last Easter period ?– Mr Sharpe indicated to me he would try and find out.

I decided to ring the RMS in Wollongong I spent over 1 hr being shuffled from one area to another being placed on "hold" my last attempt I was put through to a person who I was told was in charge of this area – after all this time I received his voice message – I am still waiting for a call back from my message.

The problem is holiday traffic heading south doing 100k's as they reach the turn of to Surfside which is on a rise and due to a high traffic flow into the Bateman Bay the majority of times as you come over the rise at Surfside on the highway and the traffic is at a standstill –

A few years ago I experienced a situation when I was heading north on the Princes Highway I could see the traffic south stopped, because I know the road I was sitting on a controllable speed , a semi trailer heading south came up the rise at Surfside and came to a stop resulting in the empty trailer he was towing jack knifed across the other side of the road ahead of me – lucky I was able to pull over in time to avoid an accident – I reported this incident to the Batemans Bay Police and for sometime the police patrol this area in busy times – barriers were erected for a few years and the speed limit was dropped – the last couple of year this stopped. There have been some minor accidents and this could potentially be as disaster waiting to happen.

I am recommending to the committee that this to be investigated - also that the speed limit on the Princes Highway which currently is 100K's then drops to 60k's near the Lincoln Downs Motel I believe should be dropped to 80k's from the turn off at Long Beach heading south should be dropped to 80k's permanently , then from the turn off into Surfside should be drop to either 70k's or even 60'ks to the area near the Motel.

As I travel this area on a day by day basis I believe my recommendations warrant consideration.