

Name of meeting:	Waterfall Way Community Information Session
Location of meeting:	Hickory House, Dorrigo
Date	17/09/14
Time:	18.00 – 20.00
Subject:	Waterfall Way Road Safety Review

MEETING NOTES

Sonia George, Coordination Manager, Northern Region, presented on the outcomes and recommendations of the Waterfall Way Road Safety Review.

The presentation, road safety review and action plan for the Nambucca Heads to Urunga Pacific Highway project are available on the Waterfall Way website.

Issues and comments raised by the community:

Issue/comment	Response
The Road Safety review recommends formalising some of the pull over areas on Dorrigo Mountain to relieve congestion caused by heavy vehicles and caravans. Concern raised about one area adjacent to Maynards Plain Road.	Roads and Maritime will consider formalising 'pull over' areas on Dorrigo mountain when rehabilitation work is planned to enable slow moving vehicles to pull over and allow other vehicles to pass. Roads and Maritime will investigate the installation of No Stopping signage and/or yellow line marking indicating no stopping along the widened section of road shoulder to the east of Maynards Plain Road.
Increase the sign posting of the pull over areas so slower vehicles know that it is a courtesy bay and they should pull over to allow other vehicles to pass.	Roads and Maritime will consider formalising 'pull over' areas on Dorrigo mountain when rehabilitation work is planned to enable slow moving vehicles to pull over and allow other vehicles to pass.
Suggestion that red warning signs should accompany the Give Way signs to draw attention.	The positioning of the Give Way signs will be reviewed, including how to make them more noticeable, especially to tourists and people unfamiliar with the mountain. This could involve duplication (if possible to install signs on both sides of the road), signs/markings on the road surface, fluorescent signs for darkness and fog.
Request that Give Way signs explain that it is a single road ahead.	These signs are already in place. They are small due to the constraints of installing on the side of the mountain.
Give Way signs should be doubled in height.	Regulations and standards stipulate shapes and dimensions of road signs. We would not be able to increase the height of a sign without increasing the other dimensions. This is not possible due to the constraints of the road.
Request that Give Ways are on the downhill side as it is easier for heavy vehicles to start after being stationary.	This suggestion will be taken into consideration during the review of all Give Way signs on the mountain. However line of sight is the determining factor.

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The road needs to be upgraded so that it is suitable for the freight and local industry that use it.	There is no funding to upgrade the Waterfall Way, the roads safety review identifies ways to improve safety for all road users. A strategic planning review 'Corridor Strategy' is being carried out on Waterfall Way shortly and this document will look at the road corridor and current and future use. The strategy will be used in future long term planning. The corridor strategy will influence and provide an evidence base for all future budget negotiations.
Will the school speed zone sign get flashing lights?	The school flashing lights program is being rolled out by local government area. For Bellinghen it is expected that installation will start in May 2015.
Diesel spills used to be a regular occurrence but no longer seem to happen, why is this?	Most likely due to the dry weather and the dry road does not show up spills in the same way as wet roads. Improved inspections may also be influencing this.
What is happening with the Chalet rest area?	Roads and Maritime are still looking at options and the future of this site.
Variable message boards should be used to inform travellers of the conditions on Waterfall Way.	There will be additional variable message boards installed by the contractor for the Pacific Highway Upgrade while there is an increase in haulage of quarry products.