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## Mayor calls for third bridge after weekend tragedy

Shoalhaven City Mayor Councillor Paul Green today sends out his sincere condolences to the family and friends of the person who lost their life following Sunday night's fatality on the South bound Shoalhaven Bridge.

Sadly this accident is not an isolated occurrence on a particular section of the bridge, which the driver leaves little room for error when challenged by different dynamics in driving. Councils can seek funding for treatment of black spots from either the Australian Government's Nation Building black spot program or the NSW Government's black spot program.

Clr Green has pursued with the RTA and the Minister for Transport for a third bridge for the Shoalhaven River.

A third crossing would allow for steady traffic flow during times of congestion and peak tourism flows and also offer an alternative when one bridge became blocked or required temporary closing.

Clr Green said "Council wants to make sure that this type of tragedy no longer occurs on our bridges. We want to have safe and steady traffic flow and I urge the RTA and Minister to work with Shoalhaven City Council to achieve a safe outcome for our river crossings.

Clr Green said "The current bridge has served its time and is overdue for replacement. I urge the government to release their plans for the site of the new bridge so the public can have confidence in the infrastructure being up to date and safe."

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