

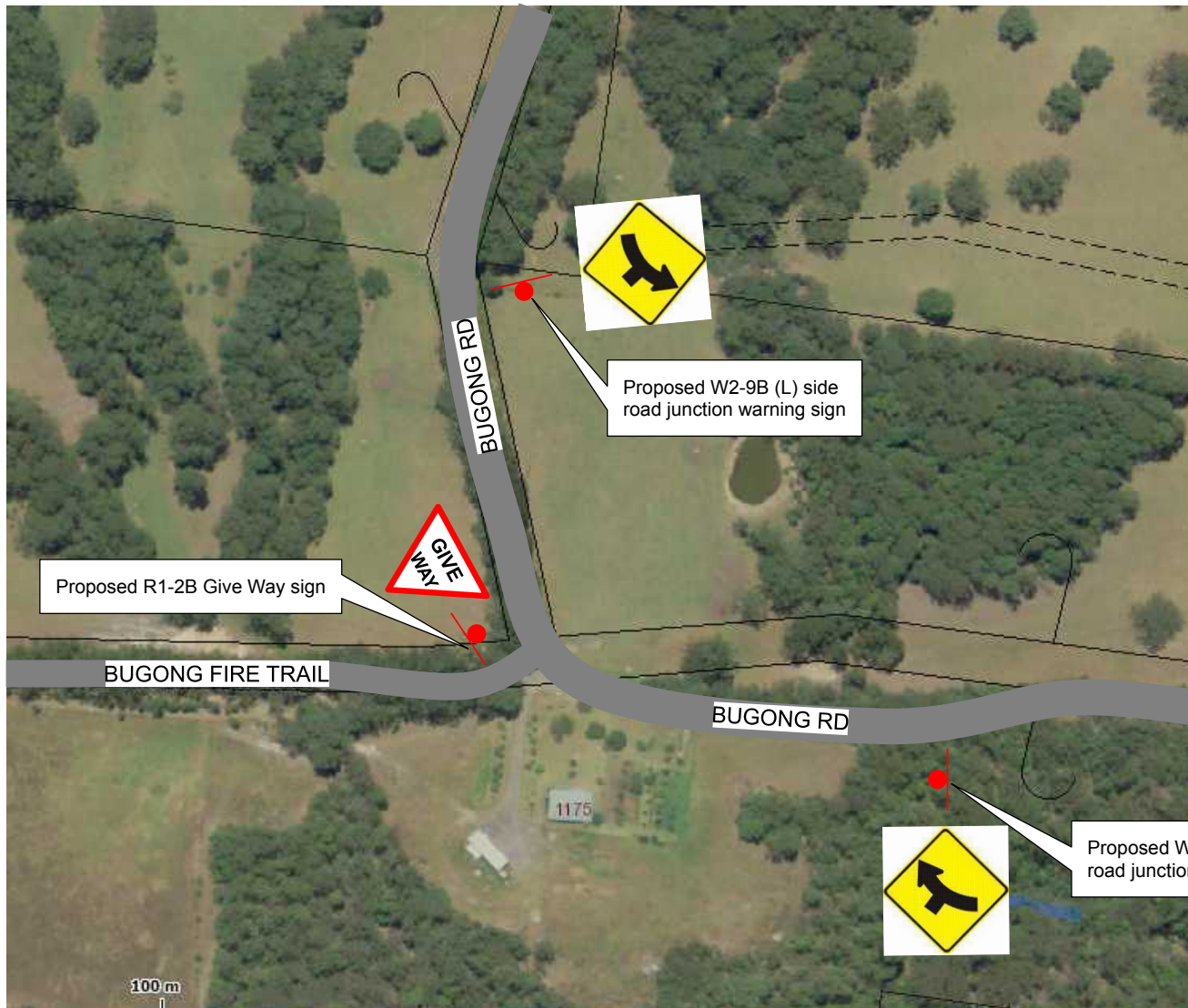
**Proposed No Stopping zone extension
IGA Access Driveway - Island Point Road, St Georges Basin**

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**Proposed conversion of 2 x 2 hour parking spaces to unrestricted parking
Worrigee/Haigh Ave car park, Nowra**

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Proposed R1-2B Give Way sign



Proposed W2-9B (L) side road junction warning sign



Proposed W2-9B (R) side road junction warning sign

**Proposed Give way sign
intersection of Bugong Fire Trail and Bugong Rd**

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**Proposed Give way sign and associated hold linemarking
intersection of Kurrajong Cres and Lake Conjola Entrance Rd**

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AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL LOCAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT CONGRESS
'SUSTAINING OUR ROADS'

12 – 14 NOVEMBER 2013

ALICE SPRINGS

OBSERVATIONS AND REPORT

1. Address by Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, The Hon Warren Truss MP

He made commitments on behalf of the Australian Government to:

- invest in the nation's infrastructure
- the Roads to Recovery Program
- Black Spots funding
- a \$300 million Bridges Renewal Program

2. Address by Opposition Spokesperson for Infrastructure, The Hon Anthony Albanese MP

He commented that the last government:

- doubled roads budget
- provided over \$2 billion to the Roads to Recovery Program
- doubled funding to the Black Spots Program

3. National Heavy Vehicle Regulator – Richard Hancock

- Advised progress on national harmonisation of heavy vehicle regulations
- Previewed the HVR website
- An expert panel would be made available to assist Councils with heavy vehicle route assessments

4. State of the Assets Report Launch – Jeff Roorda

Key findings of this national report

- Most local roads are in good condition
- 10% by value of sealed urban roads and 12% of sealed rural roads are in poor or very poor condition
- 18% of unsealed roads are in poor or very poor condition
- 57% of councils had roads asset management plans
- 86% of these had Long Term Financial Plans
- The values of roads and bridges in poor or very poor quality; or functionality; or capacity are:
 - Sealed roads - \$16.6 billion of \$77.1 billion total
 - Unsealed roads - \$3.0 billion of \$10.2 billion
 - Concrete bridges - \$1.79 billion of \$9.6 billion
 - Timber bridges - \$0.98 billion of \$1.5 billion

Recommendations

- Establish a national timetable for all councils to complete AMPs and LTTPs
- Continue to monitor trends in infrastructure quality/functionality/capacity
- Improve workforce asset management capabilities

5. Funding Infrastructure Investments – Casey Vander Ploeg

Various funding models were presented by this Canadian speaker including:

- Taxes, rates and levies
- Public Private Partnerships
- Asset sales or best use
- Low interest loans
- User pays – e.g. for stormwater drainage system

6. ‘Last Mile’ challenge for remote councils

The lack of sealed roads is restricting development in remote councils by:

- Increased vehicle operating costs
- Loss of freight efficiency
- Increased cost of goods and services
- Lack of access to basic community and health facilities
- Limited growth and employment opportunities
- Limiting access for tourists

7. Freight: Critical Challenges for Road Infrastructure – Andrew Hyles

- Efficiency of freight transport affects national productivity
- Freight ‘task’ influenced by urbanisation; ageing population; growing population; competition from overseas
- Challenges include better use of assets; appropriate institutional reforms; charging for use
- Initiatives – develop key freight routes; long term plans; and community engagement

8. Heavy Vehicle Charging and Investment Reform – Meena Naidu

- Road freight to double in next 20 years
- Councils have advised that they get no revenues from heavy vehicle (HV) charges; they do not have funds to maintain roads for HV or to improve access for HV
- Preferred option for ‘user pays’ is “supply side reforms with static mass/distance/location charging”
- Councils will recover costs from HV charges [for specific projects]
- A “HV Infrastructure Coordinator” will distribute HV charges to councils
- Reforms to be phased in over 7 years subject to Regulatory Impact Statements

9. Australian Airports Association – Katie Cooper

- Regional and remote airports are not profitable
- These airports are diversifying their activities to become more profitable eg by providing specialist services; retail hubs; or plane ‘parking lots’.

10. Innovative Infrastructure Funding

A New Zealand example was presented where the Local Government Funding Agency was established and is owned by councils and the NZ government to provide low interest loans to councils.

This model has been enshrined in legislation for surety. Legislation includes the Local Government Borrowing Act.

The ALGA advocates on behalf of all councils on all roads-related matters under the following themes.

- Financial and technical capacity
- Better integrated transport
- Mobility
- Road safety
- Freight

Mayor Jo Gash

Deputy Mayor John Wells

Clr Greg Watson