



# **INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSETS COMMITTEE**

**08 April 2025**



# COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2028

**ONE – CENTRAL COAST IS THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN (CSP) FOR THE CENTRAL COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA**

**ONE – CENTRAL COAST DEFINES THE COMMUNITY'S VISION AND IS OUR ROADMAP FOR THE FUTURE**

**ONE – CENTRAL COAST BRINGS TOGETHER EXTENSIVE COMMUNITY FEEDBACK TO SET KEY DIRECTIONS AND PRIORITIES**

One - Central Coast will shape and inform Council's business activities, future plans, services and expenditure. Where actions are the responsibility of other organisations, sectors and groups to deliver, Council will work with key partners to advocate on behalf of our community.

Ultimately, every one of us who live on the Central Coast has an opportunity and responsibility to create a sustainable future from which we can all benefit. Working together we can make a difference.

## RESPONSIBLE

**WE'RE A RESPONSIBLE COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY, COMMITTED TO BUILDING STRONG RELATIONSHIPS AND DELIVERING A GREAT CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE IN ALL OUR INTERACTIONS.**

We value transparent and meaningful communication and use community feedback to drive strategic decision making and expenditure, particularly around the delivery of essential infrastructure projects that increase the safety, liveability and sustainability of our region. We're taking a strategic approach to ensure our planning and development processes are sustainable and accessible and are designed to preserve the unique character of the coast.

 **Good governance and great partnerships**

**G2** Engage and communicate openly and honestly with the community to build a relationship based on trust, transparency, respect and use community participation and feedback to inform decision making

There are 5 themes, 12 focus areas and 48 objectives

### COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2028 FRAMEWORK

All council reports contained within the Business Paper are now aligned to the Community Strategic Plan. Each report will contain a cross reference to a Theme, Focus Area and Objective within the framework of the Plan.

The infographic details the following structure:

- THEME: BELONGING**
  - Focus Area: OUR COMMUNITY (C1-C4)
  - Focus Area: COMMUNITY CONNECTION AND LOCAL IDENTITY (S1-S4)
- THEME: SMART**
  - Focus Area: A GROWING AND COMPETITIVE REGION (C1-C4)
  - Focus Area: A PLACE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE (S1-S4)
- THEME: GREEN**
  - Focus Area: ENVIRONMENTAL WELL-BEING FOR THE FUTURE (C1-C4)
  - Focus Area: INCREASED RAIN WATER RESILIENCE (S1-S4)
- THEME: RESPONSIBLE**
  - Focus Area: GOOD GOVERNANCE AND GREAT PARTNERSHIPS (C1-C4)
  - Focus Area: BELONGING THROUGH INFRASTRUCTURE (S1-S4)
  - Focus Area: SAFE, ACTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (C1-C4)
- THEME: LIVEABLE**
  - Focus Area: RELIABLE PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND CONNECTIONS (C1-C4)
  - Focus Area: SAFE AND HEALTHY LIVES (S1-S4)
  - Focus Area: HEALTHY LIFESTYLES (C1-C4)



## **Oath or Affirmation of Office**

Councillors are reminded of their Oath or Affirmation of Office to undertake their duties in the best interests of the people of the Central Coast and Council and to faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities, and discretions vested in them under the *Local Government Act 1993*, or any other Act to the best of their ability and judgement. Councillors are also reminded of their obligations under the Code of Conduct to disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interest.

## **Disclosures of Interest**

Councillors are reminded of their obligation under Council's Code of Conduct to declare any conflict of interest in a matter considered by Council.

**Pecuniary interest:** A Councillor who has a **pecuniary interest** in any matter with which the Council is concerned, and who is present at a meeting of the Council at which the matter is being considered, must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting. The Councillor must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting:

- a) At any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed, or
- b) At any time during which the Council is voting on any question in relation to the matter.

**Non-Pecuniary conflict of interest:** A Councillor who has a **non-pecuniary conflict of interest** in a matter, must disclose the relevant private interest in relation to the matter fully and on each occasion on which the non-pecuniary conflict of interest arises in relation to the matter.

**Significant Non-Pecuniary conflict of interest:** A Councillor who has a **significant** non-pecuniary conflict of interest in relation to a matter under consideration at a Council meeting, must manage the conflict of interest as if they had a pecuniary interest in the matter.

**Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest:** A Councillor who determines that they have a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in a matter that is **not significant** and does not require further action, when disclosing the interest it must also be explained why the conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances.

## **Recording**

In accordance with the *NSW Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998*, you are advised that all discussion held during the Open Council meeting is recorded for the purpose of livestreaming the public meeting and verifying the minutes. This will include any public discussion involving a councillor, staff member or a member of the public.

## Meeting Notice

**The Infrastructure and Assets Committee  
of Central Coast Council  
will be held in Function Room 2  
2 Hely Street, Wyong  
on Tuesday 8 April 2025 at 5pm  
for the transaction of the business listed below:**

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Rachel Stanton  
**Chairperson**

**1.1 INTRODUCTION: WELCOME, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY, AND APOLOGIES**

**ITEM 1.1  
WELCOME**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live, work and play.

We pay our respects to Darkinjung Country, and Elders past and present.

We recognise the continued connection to these lands and waterways and extend this acknowledgement to the homelands and stories of those who also call this place home.

We recognise our future leaders and the shared responsibility to care for and protect our place and people.

**RECEIPT OF APOLOGIES**

**ITEM 1.2  
DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Chapter 14 of the *Local Government Act 1993* ("LG Act") regulates the way in which the councillors and relevant staff of Council conduct themselves to ensure that there is no conflict between their private interests and their public functions.

Section 451 of the LG Act states:

- "(1) A councillor or a member of a council committee who has a pecuniary interest in any matter with which the council is concerned and who is present at a meeting of the council or committee at which the matter is being considered must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable.*
- (2) The councillor or member must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting of the council or committee:*
  - (a) at any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed by the council or committee, or*
  - (b) at any time during which the council or committee is voting on any question in relation to the matter.*

## 1.2 Disclosures of Interest (cont'd)

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- (3) *For the removal of doubt, a councillor or a member of a council committee is not prevented by this section from being present at and taking part in a meeting at which a matter is being considered, or from voting on the matter, merely because the councillor or member has an interest in the matter of a kind referred to in section 448.*
- (4) *Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply to a councillor who has a pecuniary interest in a matter that is being considered at a meeting, if:*
- (a) the matter is a proposal relating to:*
    - (i) the making of a principal environmental planning instrument applying to the whole or a significant part of the council's area, or*
    - (ii) the amendment, alteration or repeal of an environmental planning instrument where the amendment, alteration or repeal applies to the whole or a significant part of the council's area, and*
  - (a1) the pecuniary interest arises only because of an interest of the councillor in the councillor's principal place of residence or an interest of another person (whose interests are relevant under section 443) in that person's principal place of residence, and*
  - (b) the councillor made a special disclosure under this section in relation to the interest before the commencement of the meeting.*
- (5) *The special disclosure of the pecuniary interest must, as soon as practicable after the disclosure is made, be laid on the table at a meeting of the council and must:*
- (a) be in the form prescribed by the regulations, and*
  - (b) contain the information required by the regulations."*

Further, the Code of Conduct adopted by Council applies to all councillors and staff. The Code relevantly provides that if a councillor or staff have a non-pecuniary conflict of interest, the nature of the conflict must be disclosed as well as providing for a number of ways in which a non-pecuniary conflicts of interests might be managed.

### **Recommendation**

***That Committee members and staff now disclose any conflicts of interest in matters under consideration at this meeting.***

**Item No:** 1.3  
**Title:** Central Coast Council Capital Works Process  
**Department:** Infrastructure Services

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Reference: F2025/00485 - D16752459  
Author: Alicia Friskin, Executive Assistant to Director Infrastructure Services  
Executive: Boris Bolgoff, Director Infrastructure Services

## **Recommendation**

***That the Committee notes this information report on the Central Coast Council's capital works.***

## **Report purpose**

This report is presented to provide an overview of the scope of the Infrastructure and Assets Committee as determined by the Terms of Reference which includes:

- Infrastructure planning and forward program,
- Strategic asset management, and
- Significant capital works including Water and Sewer infrastructure.

A presentation at the meeting will outline and introduce capital works matters such as capital works process; governance structure; top projects; financial year progress; interactive map; and the 10 year road renewal interactive map for the Committee's information and discussion.



**Item No:** 1.4  
**Title:** Settlers Road, Wisemans Ferry (Project 27306) - Natural Disaster Project Grant Funding Increase and budget requirement  
**Department:** Infrastructure Services

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Reference: F2025/00485 - D16744213  
Author: Peter Richmond, Section Manager Contracts and Technical  
Manager: Michael Ross, Unit Manager Procurement and Project Management  
Executive: Boris Bolgoff, Director Infrastructure Services

## Recommendation

### ***That the Committee:***

- 1 Notes that Transport for New South Wales has recently increased grant funding offered under NSW Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, Essential Public Assets Reconstruction Works, AGRN – NSW Severe Weather and Flooding – 22 Feb 2022, 1012 LR Package 6 Settlers from \$2,331,030 to \$5,012,445.59.***
- 2 Endorses the Capital delivery budget increase of the 2025-26 Delivery Plan for Project Number 27306 by \$2,855,177, from \$1,453,072 to \$4,308,249, to compliment available grant funding and enable works to recommence.***
- 3 Recommends to Council that the 2025-26 Capital delivery budget associated with Project 27306 (Disaster rehabilitation at Settlers Roads, Wisemans Ferry) be increased by \$2,855,177, from \$1,453,072 to \$4,308,249 which is 100% grant funded.***

## Report purpose

The intent of this report is to advise the Infrastructure and Assets Committee of the increase in funding received from Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) to complete slope stabilisation works between chainages 60-100 Settlers Road, Wisemans Ferry. It is also intended to seek endorsement from the committee and a subsequent committee recommendation to Council that the 2025-26 Capital delivery budget associated with this project be increased by \$2,855,177, from \$1,453,072 to \$4,308,249.



### **Executive Summary**

Following Natural Disaster events experienced in 2022, Council was successful in identifying, scoping and securing grant funding to complete remediation works, securing essential road infrastructure across the Local Government Area. For the site that this report relates to, which is located between chainages 60-100 Settlers Road, Wisemans Ferry an original remediation scope was determined in collaboration with TfNSW, design engineers and Council staff and \$2,331,030 grant funding to complete the associated works was offered by TfNSW under the NSW Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements in April 2024 and executed in May 2024.

Physical site works commenced in August 2024 at which time it was discovered that geotechnical conditions varied significantly from what was identified and anticipated following early site investigation works. This resulted in the need to cease works and reconsider the proposed remediation design solution, associated cost and approved value of grant funding.

The remediation design solution and associated scope was amended to suit the site conditions and Council subsequently requested, and obtained, an increase in funding from TfNSW under NSW Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements to facilitate the construction of the modified design.

An increase is now required to the project budget in the 2025-26 Delivery Plan, to reflect the increase in remediation scope and funding, enabling construction of the slope stabilisation works to recommence this financial year, continuing into 2025-26.

### **Background**

Recent Natural Disasters have resulted in extensive damage to Councils Road network. The State Government through the Australian Government Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) are providing grant funding to remediate the damages, with full rectification of the damaged assets forecast to take up to two (2) further years to complete. Central Coast Council responded to the Natural Disaster crisis and subsequent damage to road assets with the formation of a project team with a dedicated focus on the remediation effort.

Settlers Road, Wisemans Ferry suffered significant damage from the Natural Disaster event in March 2022. The disaster event resulted in a significant landslide from the upslope escarpment located within Central Coast Council LGA, on the northern side of Settlers Road, and extensive damage to the Historic Thomas James Bridge, located within Hawkesbury City Council LGA. Engineering consultants were engaged by Council to undertake site investigations and design development, with close collaboration between Council and TfNSW representatives.

## 1.4 Settlers Road, Wisemans Ferry (Project 27306) - Natural Disaster Project Grant Funding Increase and budget requirement (cont'd)

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At Council's April 2024 Ordinary Meeting, Council approved the execution of a contract with Delaney Civil for 'CPA/5497 Natural Disaster Remediation Works Ch60 to Ch100 Settlers Rd, Wisemans Ferry'. Delaney Civil commenced works on site in August 2024, and shortly afterwards encountered latent conditions that resulted in site works ceasing while design modifications were undertaken.

Council, in collaboration with TfNSW and engineering consultants identified and developed suitable design modifications to address the latent conditions which will have the site cleared and stabilised with soil nails reinforcing the embankment to prevent further landslips in future. However, the construction of the new design could not be accommodated within the existing TfNSW approved scope or grant funding and as such, Council sought an increase in funding from TfNSW. This request was successful, and TfNSW has increased the grant funding from \$2,331,020.00 to \$5,012,445.59. The increased funding is adequate to complete the project.

The project has a current approved budget of \$637,800 in 2024-25 and \$1,453,072 in 2025-26, however, to enable recommencement of works a budget increase is required in 2025-26 of \$2,855,177, increasing the approved budget from \$1,453,072 to \$4,308,249. Below indicates a photo of some of the landslip and location.



Figure 1: Settlers Road Site post Natural Disaster



Figure 2: Settlers Road current site conditions

### Stakeholder Engagement

Consultation has been undertaken with Assets Owners in the Roads, Drainage and Infrastructure Unit to confirm acceptability of the remediation design.

Central Coast Council have also implemented various methods to consult and communicate with the community. An interactive map has been developed, is regularly updated and available on Council's website, and regular social media posts and distribution listing are used to disseminate information to community representatives and general members of the community.

## 1.4 Settlers Road, Wisemans Ferry (Project 27306) - Natural Disaster Project Grant Funding Increase and budget requirement (cont'd)

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### Financial Considerations

The works are fully funded by under the Commonwealth Government Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA), which is administered by Transport for NSW (TfNSW). Current approved grant funding is \$5,012,445.59.

Financial Year (FY) Implications.

**The proposal does not have financial implications for the current year but impacts outer years in the LTFP. The LTFP will need to be updated in the next review.**

Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) Impact.

**The FY adopted budget includes the impact of this proposal but the LTFP does not allow for the ongoing impact and will need to be updated in the next review.**

Whilst this project has a current approved budget of \$637,800 in 2024-25 and \$1,453,072 in 2025-26, in order to enable recommencement of works a budget increase is required in 2025-26 of \$2,855,177, increasing the approved budget from \$1,453,072 to \$4,308,249. As it is fully grant funded, there is no net impact to Council's financial position.

### Link to Community Strategic Plan

Theme 4: Responsible

### Goal H: Delivering essential infrastructure

R-H1: Solve road and drainage problem areas and partner with the State Government to improve road conditions across the region.

### Risk Management

The works are fully grant funded under the Commonwealth Government Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA). The proposed changes to the 2025-26 Delivery Plan budget will not impact Council financially. If the required update to the budget in the 2025-26 Delivery Plan is not adopted, Council will be unable to undertake the necessary slope stabilisation works or undertake them in a timely manner which may result in Council exceeding the funding timeframes stipulated within the funding deed. It is also noted that there is residual slope related risk that will not be extinguished until these works are completed.

### Critical Dates or Timeframes

Grant funding offered under the Commonwealth Government Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) defines timeframes in which the works shall be completed and grant funding expended. Should project delivery be excessively delayed and impact these timeframes, provision of funding can be withdrawn by the funding body.

**1.4 Settlers Road, Wisemans Ferry (Project 27306) - Natural Disaster Project  
Grant Funding Increase and budget requirement (cont'd)**

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In addition to the timeframes stipulated within the funding deeds, it is considered critical that these works are undertaken in parallel with current works being completed by Hawkesbury City Council (HCC). The volume of works being undertaken along Settlers Road allow for considerable cost saving opportunities in spoil removal and traffic control, if completed concurrently.

**Attachments**

Nil

**1.5 GENERAL BUSINESS**

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