

Additional Item

Ordinary Meeting **28 October 2021**

An Ordinary Meeting of Ballina Shire Council
will be held in the Ballina Shire Council Chambers, 40 Cherry Street Ballina
on **28 October 2021 commencing at 9.00am.**

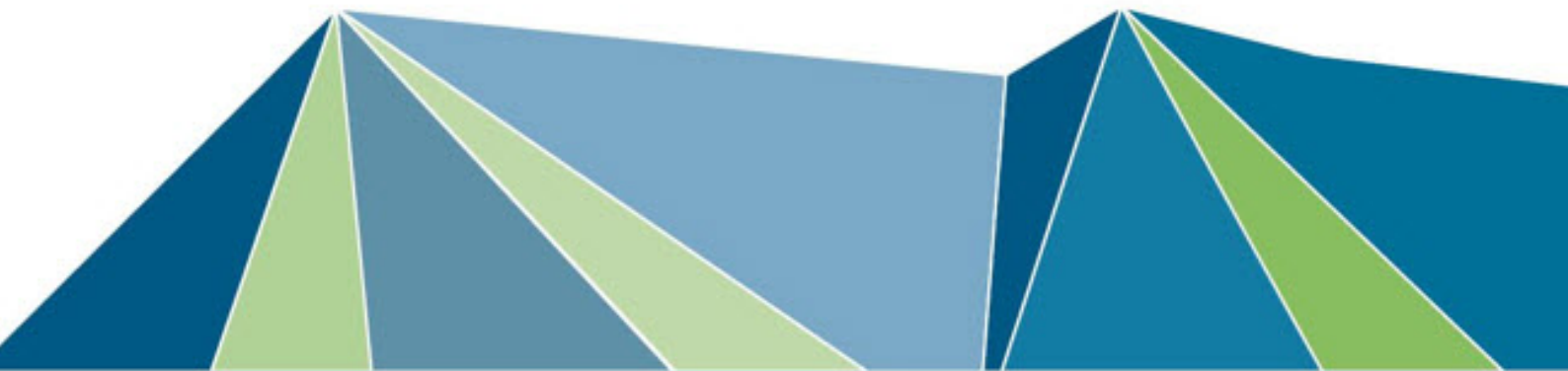


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Councillor David Wright

I move

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2. The reasons for not supporting this option include, but are not limited to:
 - a) traffic is diverted through the Alstonville town centre and Wardell Road
 - b) drivers will still be motivated to turn left at Ballina Road, and then do a U-Turn on the Bruxner Highway to head west, to save driving time
 - c) the travelling time to the existing Kays Lane exit is similar to the Ellis Road option, which results in little benefit being gained from the on-ramp at Ellis Road; and
 - d) it still leaves the dangerous right hand turn into Ballina Road from the Bruxner Highway.
3. Council confirms its support for a roundabout at this intersection, as the preferred option, as it maximizes the functionality of the Ballina Road and Bruxner highway intersection.

Mayor's Comments

Council has previously resolved that it does not support the preferred option currently on exhibition by Transport for NSW, as per the following resolution in March 2020.

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That Council confirms that it does not support any proposal for the eastern access to Alstonville from the Bruxner Highway which results in traffic being directed back through Alstonville as a consequence of not being able to head west from the eastern access.

The exhibition material, as per the following link, has a closing date of 12 November 2021. It is essential that Council once again clearly communicate its preferred position, in that it does not support this proposal and the State Government and Transport for NSW should provide, at least, a roundabout at this intersection.

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<https://roads-waterways.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/ballina-rd-and-the-bruxner-highway-at-alstonville/index.html>

RECOMMENDATIONS

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Attachment(s)

Nil