Our Ref: 01029486

Councillor Dennis Todd Mayor Warrumbungle Shire Council PO Box 191 COONABARABRAN NSW 2357

Dear Cr Todd

Thank you for your correspondence to the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales, which was referred to me, about upgrading the Coonabarabran to Mungindi Road.

I note the reasons which prompted you to write and appreciate the importance of the Coonabarabran to Mungindi Road to local and regional communities.

As you would be aware, the sections of road that make up this route are a combination of Regional and Local Roads.

It is the responsibility of Councils to prioritise, fund and conduct works on Regional and Local Roads in their area. This includes preparing and submitting applications for funding from the NSW Government.

The NSW Government provides funding assistance to Councils via several programs to support projects on Regional and Local Roads. This includes the Fixing Country Roads, Fixing Local Roads and REPAIR programs, under which these roads may be eligible. I encourage Warrumbungle Shire Council, if it has not done so already, to consider submitting an application for funding under the appropriate programs.

If you have any further questions, Ms Jodi McIntyre, Manager Local Government at Transport for NSW, would be pleased to take your call on 0417 291 975.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

23/04/2020

THE HON PAUL TOOLE MP