

WARRUMBUNGLE SHIRE COUNCIL

Ordinary Meeting – 20 February 2020

Item 22 Regional Freight Network – Road Map

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| Division: | Technical Services |
| Management Area: | Technical Services Management |
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| CSP Key Focus Area: | Public Infrastructure and Services |
| Priority: | P13 Road networks throughout the shire need to be safe, well maintained, and adequately funded. |

Reason for Report

To receive information on work done to date by two State Government Departments and Orana Joint Organisation on a road Regional Freight Network.

Background

Council is a member of the Freight & Transport Sub Committee of the Orana Joint Organisation (JO). The Sub Committee is working with NSW Department of Planning & Environment (DPE) and Transport for NSW on developing a key freight network for the region. The regional freight network developed by Orana JO will be incorporated with the Central West Orana Regional Plan being developed by the two government departments.

Issues

The review of existing and emerging freight networks focused on the network of Regional Roads, also known as classified roads, and on the local rural road network. The State Road network is already considered to include important freight routes.

A map showing the roads within Warrumbungle Shire that are included in the Regional Freight Network (RFN) is provided in the attachments. The map indicates that all existing Regional Roads within Warrumbungle Shire are included in the RFN, with the exception of Gwabegar Road, Vinegaroy Road, Timor Road and Warrumbungles Way. An objection has been raised with the DPE regarding the exclusion of Gwabegar Road from the RFN.

The map indicates that Tooraweenah Road, which is a local rural road, will be included on the RFN as will the full length of Forest Road between Mendooran and Dubbo.

Once developed the map may be used by Council to prioritise the delivery of future freight network improvement projects.

Options

The criteria for including roads in the RFN include current freight volumes, expected future freight volumes and connections with roads in adjoining Local Government Areas. While there may be other roads within Warrumbungle that carry freight they must be able to demonstrate sufficient volume and linkage with adjoining LGAs.

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Financial Considerations

The development of a Regional Freight Network through the Orana JO has no budgetary implications.

Attachments

1. Draft Western Regional Freight Network (RFN) Road Map

RECOMMENDATION

That the Regional Freight Network developed by the Department of Planning & Environment, Transport for NSW and the Orana Joint Organisation Sub Committee be noted as information.