



DUBBO REGIONAL
COUNCIL

MAYORAL MINUTE: Pedestrian Crossing in Geurie

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To the Council
Ladies and Gentlemen

Office of the Mayor
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I have had a number of representations from members of the community in relation to the proposed removal of the pedestrian crossing in Geurie located on the Mitchell Highway adjacent to the railway station, and the Geurie Post Office/General Store.

Recently, Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) have proposed to remove this crossing and replace it with a pedestrian refuge, and held a consultation meeting in Geurie on Monday 4 June 2018. Representatives of the RMS who were present were surprised at the level of angst and anger over the proposal to remove the crossing, as it impacts upon the community's ability to access the Post Office/General Store, and other amenities in Geurie.

I am seeking support from my fellow Councillors in to work collaboratively with the Roads and Maritime Service to achieve a safer pedestrian crossing environment for Geurie.

These alternatives include:

1. Retention of the current pedestrian crossing
2. Placement of a new pedestrian crossing in consultation with the local community
3. Building of pedestrian access over the Mitchell Highway, with ramps on either side of the highway, to support the safe crossing of residents

Each of these options should be considered by the State Government before any decision is taken to remove the existing crossing. Adequate consultation should be undertaken by RMS to ensure that any changes are supported by the community.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council work collaboratively with the Roads and Maritime Service to achieve a safer pedestrian crossing environment in Geurie.
2. That once responses are received from the roads and Maritime Service, Council to hold further consultation with residents of Geurie.

Councillor Ben Shields
Mayor