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Cc: Patrick Morrissey
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Hi Josh

Patrick Morrissey is meeting with you briefly later today to discuss the attached letters. He will bring a hard copy.

Thank you for your assistance.

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Byrangery Grass Reserve Land Manager
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10th September 2018

The General Manager
Byron Shire Council
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Dear Sir,

The Byrangery Grass Reserve Land Manager committee have met and agreed to support our neighbours in their bid to have the unsealed section of Mafeking Road sealed in line with the shared costs agreement they have agreed with Council.

The Reserve is an important part of our Shire's protected environmental reserve system and we, as volunteers appointed by the Minister of Lands, manage the Byrangery Grass Reserve for the benefit of the wider Shire.

We have approached the Lands Department for contributions to this road sealing project, but the rules prohibit the Department from contributing to anything outside the boundaries of the Reserve.

The Reserve's ecological well-being is severely negatively impacted by road dust in our frequent dry periods. Indirectly, the local environment of the Reserve is degraded by road base polluted run-off into the near-by gullies and other waterways, as well as the air-borne road dust.

The Byrangery Grass Reserve Land Managers fully support the suggestion that Council make a contribution to these road works on behalf of the Reserve. This contribution would equate to the input the Reserve might make as a private landholder, and we would argue that the benefit to the Shire's environment is enough justification for such an allocation.

Yours Sincerely

Val Hodgson
Chairperson and Acting Secretary
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The General Manager
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Attention: Mr. Josh Provis, Community Infrastructure Division
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RE: Sealing remaining 1.25km of Mafeking Rd Goonengerry

Dear Josh,

Thank you for your assistance to date. It's much appreciated.

Referring to resolution 18-102

1. That Council endorse application of policy 4.17 for residents affected by dust pollution on Mafeking Road and Cedar Road.
2. The works to seal the roads be incorporated into the 2018/19 budget capital works program with the funding sources to be determined as part of the budget process for 2018/19.
3. That a review of policy 4.17 be undertaken with councillors in a strategic planning workshop.
4. That affected residents be thanked for their initiative and good faith proposals..

Niseema Tayler and I have been facilitating discussions with property owners fronting the unsealed section regarding contributing towards the seal component of the proposed works. We have also spoken with a few other local interested landowners.

As stated when the matter went to Council earlier this year around 70% of landholders are willing and able to contribute to the seal. The total contributions toward the seal component we can collect is \$55,664 incl. GST. According to Council estimates the amount required to seal the whole 1.25km section is approximately \$78,275 (\$56.56 per lineal metre plus GST). Therefore we unfortunately have a shortfall of \$22,611.

It's worth noting that the property with the widest road frontage at 410 metres is Byrangerie Grass Nature Reserve owned by NSW Crown Lands

and managed by Byrangery Grass Reserve land managers. They requested a contribution from Crown Lands and Mr. Andrew Petroeschovsky, Senior Natural Resources Officer at Grafton said the Crown would not contribute to sealing in front of the Crown Nature Reserve.

In light of the above we request Council consider the following 2 options:

Option 1: Given the property with the widest road frontage at 410m is Crown Land and the Crown is not willing to contribute, we would like to request that Council contribute the shortfall on behalf of the Crown and seal the full 1.25km length.

The merits of this option are strong because Council has provided environmental management assistance to Byrangery Grass Reserve over the years which is, to a degree, undermined by the constant smothering of regenerating native vegetation in dust preventing growth. Attached is a supporting letter from the Reserve Trust.

Sealing the whole road is beneficial in that Council's regular maintenance costs for the unsealed section will cease.

We also point out that Council's original estimate for their own part of the project was calculated on a road distance that was slightly longer than 1.25 km. So there may be a small saving there.

Option 2: Given that most property owners between 205 and 300 will be the major contributors to the bitumen fund another option is to seal to the letter box of No. 297 (which would include the drive entrance of No. 300). The community has pledged amounting to around \$50,000 for such a partial seal. This is a lesser amount because some of the pledged amounts are contingent on the entire dirt stretch being sealed.

If Council has any other options to suggest we are open to negotiating (in consultation with our community). We look forward to your response and to assisting in the sealing of the final section of the road. A couple of properties may be able to offer parking assistance for equipment.

Regards

Patrick Morrissey and Niseema Tayler

Attached support letter from Byrangery Grass Reserve Land Managers

