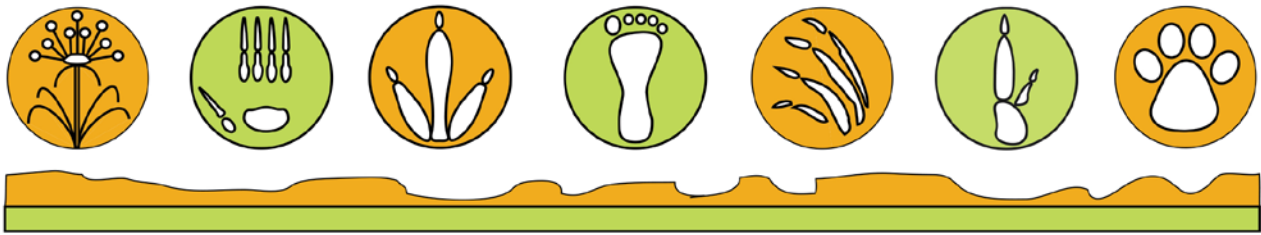


# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## OUR VISION

**We strive to be responsive, progressive, sustainable council which respects, listens and empowers the people to be strong.**

## The Way We Will Work

**We will make it happen!**

**We will be engaged and have regular opportunities to listen.**

**We will have strong policy and budgets to ensure our programs and services are progressive and sustainable.**

**Respect is shown in everything we do and we have acceptance of all cultures in the Barkly Region and their practices through a culturally competent Council.**

**We are a responsible Council.**

**We will be a responsive Council.**

**We want to empower local decision making.**

**We want to ensure that our services are sustainable and that our region has a standard consistent level of services.**

**We want to be able to sustain our environment – our communities, our physical places, our people and our organisational culture.**

**We will aggressively pursue additional funding from both levels of government to improve the standard of living of people across the region.**

**We need to be realistic, transparent and accountable.**

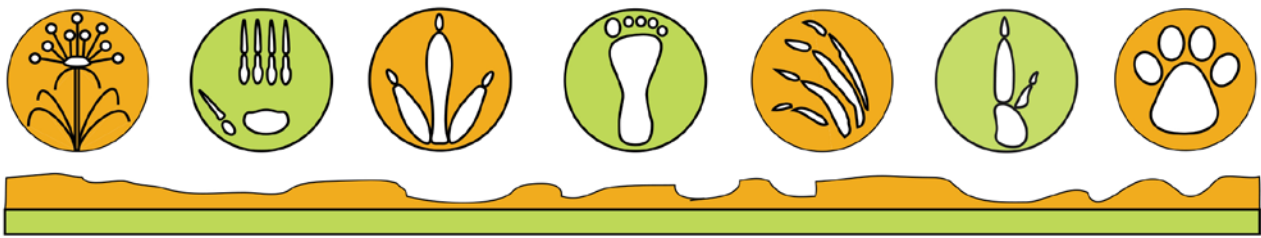
## **SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**THURSDAY, 22 MARCH 2018**

Barkly Regional Council's Ordinary Council Meeting will be held in Council Chambers on Thursday, 22 March 2018 at 8:30am.

**Steven Moore  
Chief Executive Officer**

# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## COUNCIL PRAYER

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, we trust you will guide and bless this meeting of the Barkly Regional Council. We pray that you will ensure that all discussions and decisions made today are just and fair as they will affect all people within the Barkly Region. We also pray for your guidance to ensure that all our dealings are appropriate to all those whom we represent and will reflect an equitable and honest approach to the issues to be discussed today.**

**Amen**

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## AGENDA

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## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

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ITEM NUMBER	8.3
TITLE	Traffic Calming Survey - Roundabout
REFERENCE	242675
AUTHOR	Ktima Heathcote, Public Relations and Events Manager

### RECOMMENDATION

#### That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Instruct the CEO to request additional information from DIPL to identify the most practical and cost effective replacement for the Peko Road roundabout.

### SUMMARY:

Council requested engaging the Tennant Creek community in a traffic calming survey regarding the roundabout at the intersection of Peko Road and Ambrose Street.

### BACKGROUND

Council invited the public of Tennant Creek in late February to fill in a traffic calming survey on the roundabout at the intersection of Peko Road and Ambrose Street. This was advertised in the Tennant and District Times, on the Council website and regularly promoted via email and social media.

Council put forward three options in the survey and offered residents the chance to provide alternative comments. The options were as follows.

**Option 1: Smaller roundabout:** Reduce the size of the roundabout and make the necessary repairs to the intersection road surface and curbing

**Option 2: Speed Hump Platforms with Pedestrian Crossing and Stop Signs:** Remove the roundabout, repair road surfaces and install speed hump platforms, incorporating pedestrian crossings, as well as stop signs on Ambrose Street on the approach to Peko Road

**Option 3: Speed Bumps and Stop Signs:** Remove the roundabout, repair road surfaces and install speed bumps and stop signs on Ambrose Street on the approach to Peko Road.

Residents had until 11pm on Sunday, 18 March 2018 to complete the survey or either email or write to Council with feedback. We received four responses via email and 135 people completed the online survey. Results highlight that the community is unanimous in removing the roundabout with mixed responses to the three options available with many additional comments. For further information please see the attached document which provides an analysis of the survey data.

Feedback from the survey shows that while respondents do not like the current roundabout, they were split on the options presented by Council. In addition to the survey results 46 additional suggestions were made on what to do with the intersection.

In 2014 a traffic management study was undertaken by OPUS and the roundabout was deemed non-compliant and several options were identified to rectify the compliance issues with the intersection. The OPUS report recommends getting engineering advice on the best solution for the roundabout.

A further Traffic Management Study was undertaken in 2016 by Cardno on the whole of the Barkly road network. This report also identified the issue with the roundabout and made several recommendations around removing the roundabout. The Cardno report recommends speed humps and stop signs in place of the roundabout

Council now has to consider the responses to the survey, along with the advice previously received from the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics around the future management of the intersection. The current roundabout may be non-compliant and a solution needs to be agreed and implemented.

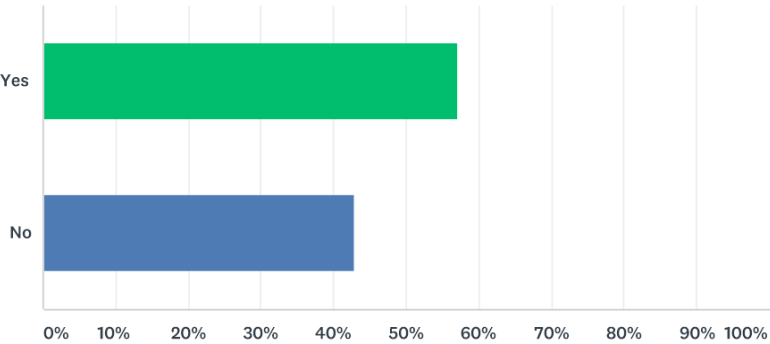
Based on the feedback provided through public consultation, Council may need to seek additional information from DIPL on the most practical replacement for the current roundabout.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1 SummaryDataRoundabout.pdf

Q1 Would you like the roundabout to be removed?

Answered: 135 Skipped: 1



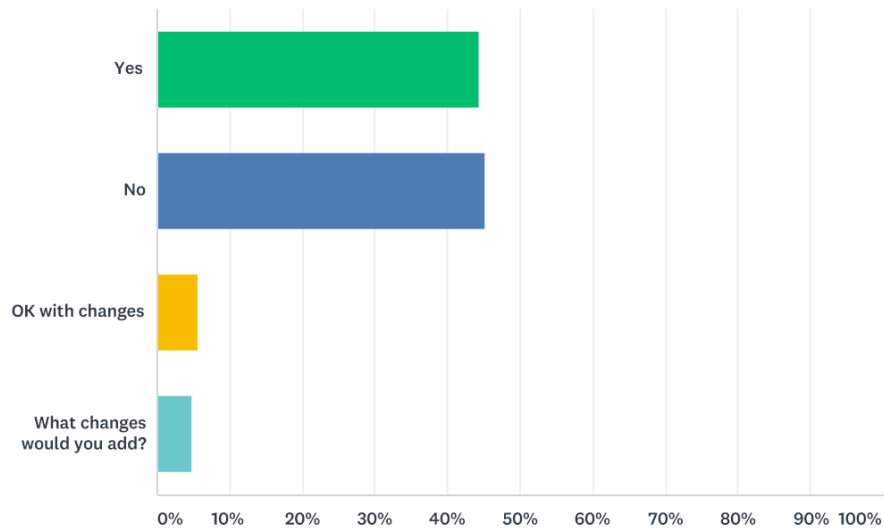
ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		57.04%	77
No		42.96%	58
Total Respondents: 135			

Traffic Calming Survey

SurveyMonkey

## Q2 Do you prefer Option 1? Reduce the size of the roundabout and repair road surfaces and curbing.

Answered: 126 Skipped: 10



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	44.44%	56
No	45.24%	57
OK with changes	5.56%	7
What changes would you add?	4.76%	6
TOTAL		126

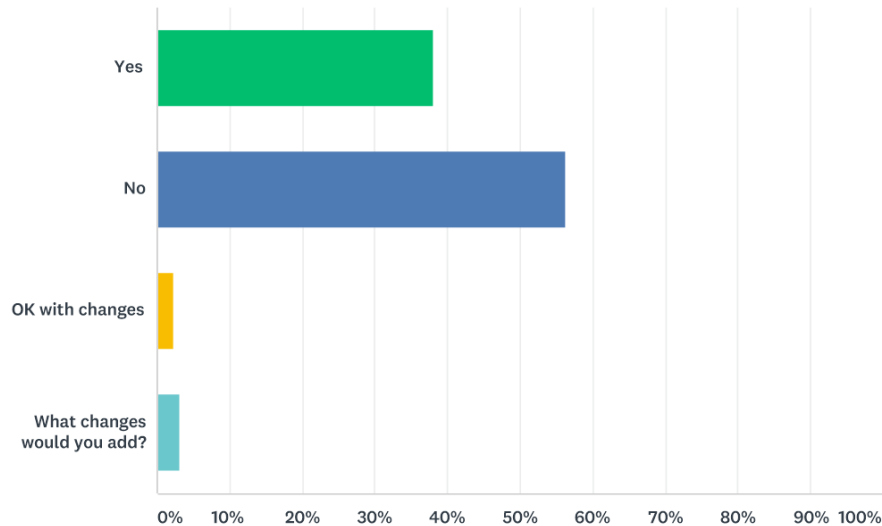
#	WHAT CHANGES WOULD YOU ADD?	DATE
1	see comment in sect. 5	3/8/2018 5:05 PM
2	Remove completely	3/5/2018 7:19 PM
3	Remove stones and debris from edges	3/2/2018 1:30 PM
4	Remove it.	3/2/2018 1:30 PM
5	Put in speed humps peko and Ambrose	3/1/2018 6:01 PM
6	This would make it more accessible with a caravan being towed.	3/1/2018 1:05 PM

Traffic Calming Survey

SurveyMonkey

Q3 Do you prefer Option 2? Remove the roundabout, repair road surfaces and install speed hump platforms, incorporating pedestrian crossings, as well as stop signs on Ambrose St on the approach to Peko Rd.

Answered: 126 Skipped: 10



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	38.10%	48
No	56.35%	71
OK with changes	2.38%	3
What changes would you add?	3.17%	4
TOTAL		126

#	WHAT CHANGES WOULD YOU ADD?	DATE
1	see comment in sect 5.	3/8/2018 5:05 PM
2	Remove it and put up STOP signs on Ambrose st. sides.	3/2/2018 1:30 PM
3	Put in speed humps	3/1/2018 6:01 PM
4	remove roundabout and repair road surfaces, with normal intersection signage	3/1/2018 1:16 PM

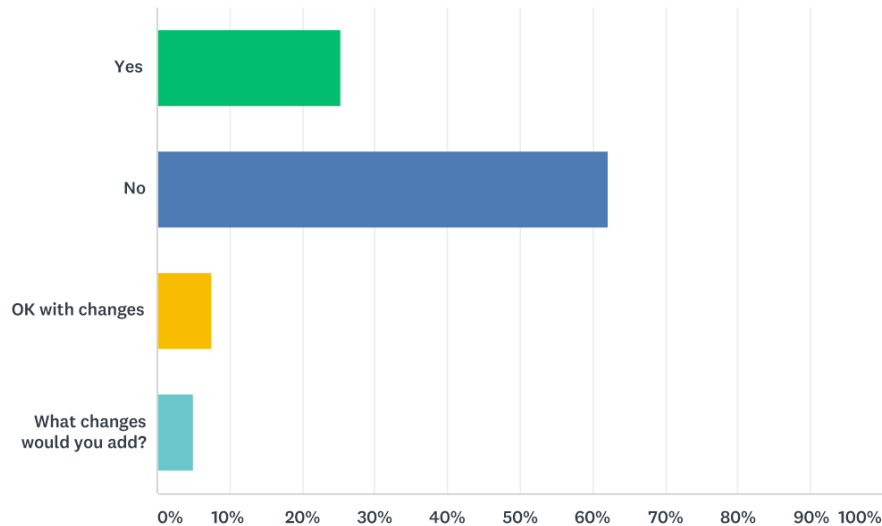


Traffic Calming Survey

SurveyMonkey

### Q4 Do you prefer Option 3? Remove the roundabout, repair road surfaces and install speed bumps and stop signs on Ambrose St on the approach to Peko Rd.

Answered: 119 Skipped: 17



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	25.21% 30
No	62.18% 74
OK with changes	7.56% 9
What changes would you add?	5.04% 6
TOTAL	119

#	WHAT CHANGES WOULD YOU ADD?	DATE
1	see comment in sect. 5	3/8/2018 5:05 PM
2	Remove put in speed hmpd	3/1/2018 6:01 PM
3	Leave the roundabout as is, repair the road surfaces, no speed bumps, STOP signs definitely.	3/1/2018 4:59 PM
4	take out the roundabout add speed bumps and crossings	3/1/2018 1:16 PM
5	Raised speed/pedestrian platforms on Ambrose N & S of junction. Raised speed/pedestrian platform on Peko W of junction only.	3/1/2018 1:14 PM
6	The Stop signs are OK, but why are speed bumps needed ? Just how many accidents or near misses were there at that intersection before the roundabout was installed ?	3/1/2018 12:21 PM

## Traffic Calming Survey

SurveyMonkey

## Q5 What other alternatives do you recommend?

Answered: 46 Skipped: 90

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	...	3/12/2018 9:21 AM
2	No Alternative	3/12/2018 9:10 AM
3	Put a roundabout that is flat & can be driven across (for large truck etc) similar to the one in Alice Springs on Smith St near Neata Glass & BP depot.	3/10/2018 1:35 PM
4	remove roundabouts & repair road services only	3/9/2018 9:06 AM
5	Do re-design and construct accordingly, probably reduce size and widen the road so that the discomfort during turning vehicle is with in the limit. Round about is one of the best solution to reduce traffic conflict in an urban intersection where traffic light is not viable.	3/9/2018 8:19 AM
6	stop signs on Ambrose only, no speed bumps	3/9/2018 7:46 AM
7	The round about is fine no different to any other round about in Australia	3/8/2018 5:05 PM
8	Remove the Round-about, close traffic exiting from Ambrose rd into Peko Rd. Stop signs are ineffectual as they do not advise drivers that they are approaching a major Thoroughfare. Speedbumps are a danger as a driver can loose control if speed is involved. The intersection looks deceptively 'innocent' driving down Ambrose street.	3/8/2018 5:05 PM
9	get rid of the speed bump and roundabout and put audible lines on the ambrose street approach to bring drivers attention to the up coming intersection	3/7/2018 8:28 AM
10	No roundabout on Peko Road	3/6/2018 10:04 AM
11	Landscape this area including the island further up In the pool car park opposite govt centre	3/5/2018 7:19 PM
12	Stop wasting tax payers money with this very simple outcome that has caused such fiasco for tennant creek constituency. Remove it and don't include anymore without proper consultation.	3/5/2018 1:30 PM
13	Have better signage indicating a roundabout ahead and to slow down. On Ambrose Street approaches there are Give Way signs that should be removed. The Roundabout dictates traffic movement.	3/5/2018 11:25 AM
14	Round about is the best means of preventing accidents at what is a dangerous intersection	3/5/2018 8:52 AM
15	Not a 4 way intersection. Should divert traffic to certain directions or open up the intersection.	3/5/2018 8:15 AM
16	Remove the roundabout, fixed the road surfaces, install stop signs on Ambrose St and let's get on with it.	3/2/2018 7:32 PM
17	More roundabouts everywhere! ??	3/2/2018 7:01 PM
18	no	3/2/2018 6:31 PM
19	Street sweep rocks and debris from edges. Seems a waste of money to remove the roundabout now	3/2/2018 1:30 PM
20	Dismiss the wanker that put it there in the first place. O shit he's already gone.	3/2/2018 1:30 PM
21	An Overpass	3/2/2018 10:12 AM
22	N/a	3/2/2018 8:12 AM
23	Nil	3/2/2018 7:28 AM
24	Dont need the bumps if there is a stop sign?	3/2/2018 7:13 AM
25	Give way sign on Ambrose Street and appropriate line marking.	3/1/2018 6:50 PM
26	Remove put in speed humps	3/1/2018 6:01 PM
27	Make existing smaller	3/1/2018 5:00 PM

## Traffic Calming Survey

SurveyMonkey

28	More Speed Signs on the approach to this intersection. Large Speed signs.	3/1/2018 4:59 PM
29	Leave it alone and stop wasting money	3/1/2018 4:42 PM
30	Remove round a bout repair road and install give way signs	3/1/2018 2:59 PM
31	As a very long term resident I like having the roundabout especially at certain times of the day when sun blinds you. Maybe making the roundabout more able to be driven over if the vehicles need to like the one on Smith Street in Alice which allows larger vehicles to still follow the road but are able to drive on it.	3/1/2018 2:16 PM
32	Teach drivers how a roundabout actually works, then leave the roundabout alone.	3/1/2018 2:00 PM
33	Just repair	3/1/2018 1:58 PM
34	None!	3/1/2018 1:49 PM
35	Leave it alone and stop wasting money	3/1/2018 1:29 PM
36	None	3/1/2018 1:15 PM
37	Keep the roundabout but widen the roads so trucks can safely get around it.	3/1/2018 1:10 PM
38	Very good consultation, thank you. Appreciate it!	3/1/2018 1:08 PM
39	I know you need to make it safe for everyone;however it is quiet hard to negotiate the roundabout while towing, or have a truck etc.	3/1/2018 1:05 PM
40	leave it as it is	3/1/2018 12:47 PM
41	Make it a bit smaller but overall no issues	3/1/2018 12:32 PM
42	Remove round abouts all together	3/1/2018 12:30 PM
43	None	3/1/2018 12:24 PM
44	Remove Peko Road roundabout only.	3/1/2018 12:10 PM
45	Remove the roundabout, repair the road and leave everything else alone. No speed bump or stop signs.	3/1/2018 12:05 PM
46	none, I think the roundabout effectively slows people down - many people seem to not stop at stop signs	3/1/2018 12:03 PM

## **NOTICE OF MOTION**

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**ITEM NUMBER** S.1  
**TITLE** Liquor Commission Notice of Tennant Creek Public Forum  
**REFERENCE** 242660  
**AUTHOR** Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report

### **SUMMARY:**

Northern Territory Liquor Commission are holding a Public Meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2018 at 2:30 pm and 5:30pm. The meeting will be held at the Karguru Centre.

Written submissions close on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April and registrations of interest are to be submitted via email or telephone.

### **BACKGROUND**

Northern Territory Liquor Commission are asking for feedback in regards to the current liquor restrictions and insights in regards to reducing the Territory's harmful drinking culture.

### **ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

### **BUDGET IMPLICATION**

### **ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 Notice of Tennant Creek Public Meetings - 4 April 2018.pdf

## Northern Territory LIQUOR COMMISSION

Ref: 2018/006

### NOTICE OF TENNANT CREEK PUBLIC MEETINGS – 4 APRIL 2018

The Northern Territory Liquor Commission (the Commission) was established on 28 February 2018.

On 5 March 2018, I travelled to Tennant Creek with the Director-General of Licensing, Ms Cindy Bravos, to gauge the impact of the restrictions she had imposed on takeaway liquor sales in the township. Whilst in Tennant Creek, I had discussions with Police and community leaders who were generally supportive of the restrictions but wanted to be consulted in relation to longer term strategies to reduce alcohol related harm in their town.

On 13 March 2018, the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, the Hon. Natasha Fyles announced that she had decided to exercise her powers pursuant to the *Liquor Act* to continue the restrictions put in place by the Director-General of Licensing for a period of three months whilst the Liquor Commission undertakes a consultation process to determine what restrictions if any, should be in place in relation to the supply of takeaway liquor from licensed premises in the region.

The current licence conditions for takeaway liquor in Tennant Creek are as follows:

- Liquor for consumption away from the licensed premises (takeaway liquor) must not be sold Monday to Saturday outside the hours of 3 pm to 6 pm;
- Takeaway liquor must not be sold on Sundays;
- Takeaway liquor of the following products must not be sold in greater than the indicated quantity, one item per person, per day:
  - Beer – light or mid-strength – 30 cans or stubbies
  - Beer – full strength – 24 cans or stubbies
  - Ready to drink mixes – 12 cans or bottles
  - Cask wine – one 2 litre cask
  - Fortified wine – one bottle
  - Green ginger wine – one bottle
  - Bottled wine – 2 x 750 ml bottles
  - Spirits – one 750 ml bottle
  - The sale of Port, wine in a glass container larger than 1 litre, and beer in bottles of 750 ml or more is prohibited.

Accordingly, I now invite you to give me your views on whether you believe the current restrictions should be removed, relaxed, retained or made more restrictive. I would also appreciate any other information or insights you have on reducing the Territory's harmful drinking culture as it is manifested in the Barkly Region.

Northern Territory Liquor Commission  
NAB House, Level 3, 71 Smith Street, Darwin NT 0800  
GPO Box 1154, Darwin NT 0801  
(08) 8999 1800 [Liquor.Commission@nt.gov.au](mailto:Liquor.Commission@nt.gov.au)

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As part of our consultations, the Commission will also be holding two public meetings in Tennant Creek at 2:30pm and 5:30pm on 4 April 2018 where we will be seeking further community input. The meetings will be held at the Karguru Centre, 65 Staunton Street.

If you would be interested in attending that meeting, please register your interest via email at [liquor.commission@nt.gov.au](mailto:liquor.commission@nt.gov.au) or by telephone on 8999 1358.

Any written submissions should be lodged via email at [liquor.commission@nt.gov.au](mailto:liquor.commission@nt.gov.au) or via post at the address listed below, no later than 3 April 2018.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Coates', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**RICHARD COATES**

Chairperson

15 March 2018

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 17.3  
**TITLE** Correspondence  
**REFERENCE** 242697  
**AUTHOR** Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council**

- a) Receive and note attached Correspondence

### **SUMMARY:**

### **BACKGROUND**

### **ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

### **BUDGET IMPLICATION**

### **ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 letter from Gavin Carpenter .pdf
- 2 MIN2018-197 Mayor Barkly Regional Council.pdf

**Gavin B Carpenter** OAM JP

**Joan Carpenter**

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**ALICE SPRINGS NT 0871**

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Email: [gavinjoan@gmail.com](mailto:gavinjoan@gmail.com)

Hon Lauren Moss,  
Minister for Tourism and Culture,  
Box 3146,  
Darwin NT 0801

8/3/2018

Dear Ms. Moss

I note you are proposing a reasonable spend in Tennant Creek toward tourism which will no doubt be very welcome.

Over the years, opening the track from Tennant Creek to Lajamanu has been a regular discussion point however it has never happened. A couple of letters attached will explain the situation. In the early 1960s no one ever travelled the Tanami track, I remember the first load of cattle to be trucked through, vehicles bogged, cattle let jump off and perished. This "road" is now a major well used highway for business and tourists.

Having attended a few caravan and camping shows over the years, one of the regular questions was "tell us where we can go and what is new that we have not travelled over".

The self-drive market is a big one, but people do not do the same trips over and over, they need someplace new even if there is nothing much new to see. It is a case of we have been there.

I believe it is well past time for this track to be opened and advertised accordingly to encourage people to travel that route. It could well entice self-drive travellers to continue further north into the NT rather than use the numerous South Australian Len Beadell tracks etc. as is currently done.

In time to come it could turn out to be another Tanami track style road, well used and well known.

Yours faithfully,

Gavin Carpenter

*Steve  
for your info.  
Regards*



HOOKER CREEK (LAJAMANU)... TO ... TENNANT CREEK

Total 450 Kilometres.

Hooker Creek .....	to.....Winnecke Creek		55 Kilometres
(Turn off to Parnta outstation 600Metres Hooker Creek, <del>side</del> Winnecke creek. A track veers to. <del>the right</del> )			
Winnecke Creek.....	to.....Mountain Range	1 hour	76 Kilometres
Mountain range.....	to.....Duck ponds	1 1/2 hours	98 Kilometres
(At Duck ponds outstation follow the fence line to the right and you will notice track heading south)			
Duck ponds.....	to.....44 Gallon drum and star picket.		220 Kilometres
(Dont rely on the drum to be still there There is a track which goes thru the middle of the drum and picket. Ignore this and travel left along the other track past a silver coloured 44 Gall. drum)			
44Gal. drum & pick..	to....."WATER" sign	4 1/2 hours	268 Kilometres
(Sign points to marshy looking area on your right approximately 500 metres away) Dont ever rely on water being there.			
"WATER" sign.....	to.....Bench mark No. (DE 21)	5 hours	296 Kilometres
Bench mark .....	to.....Bore and Dam DE 21	6 1/2 hours	363 Kilometres
Bore & Dam.....	to.....Warrego Mine		400 Kilometres
(Formed track and dirt road from Bore to the Mine) *There is a fence around the Mine follow this fence -which is approx. 1 Klm from the actual Mine- around the boudary of the Mine grounds and it will bring you out on a sealed road on the Tennant Creek side of the Mine.			
Warrego Mine.....	to.....Tennant Creek	7 1/2 hours	450 Kilometres

ALLOWING FOR SIGHT SEEN STOPS AND MEAL BREAKS FOR REASONABLE TIMES THE TRIP SHOULDN'T  
TAKE ANY MORE THAN 9 HOURS.  
TAKE ADEQUATE FUEL AND WATER AS THERE IS NO FUEL OR ANY RELIABLE WATER STOPS EN ROUTE.  
THERE ARE NO MAJOR OBSTACLES ON THE TRACK EXCEPT IF IT HAS BEEN VERY WET WEATHER OF RECENT  
THE TRACK IS ROUGH BUT IS QUITE PASSABLE EVEN TO A TWO WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLE. GOOD TYRES  
ARE ESSENTIAL WITH PLENTY OF SPARES THAT MAY BE REQUIRED DUE TO PUNCTURE PROBLEMS  
\*\*\* NOTIFY POLICE AT EITHER END IF CONTEMPLATING THE TRIP AND AGAIN NOTIFY POLICE ON ARRIV  
AT YOUR DESTINATION.  
AS A HELP IF LEAVING TENNANT CREEK NEVER TURN LEFT OF THE TRACK YOUR ON  
IF LEAVING HOOKER CREEK NEVER TURN RIGHT ON TO ANOTHER TRACK OTHER THAN THE  
ONE THAT YOU WILL BE ON. (Veer right at Duck ponds and Vice versa.)

HOOKER CREEK...TO..... TENNANT CREEK Via THE MAIN HIGHWAY THROUGH DUNMARRA...800 Kilome

Tennant Creek,....	to.....Elliot	-250 Kilometres	(Tennant Crk - Dunmarra 350 Kms)
Elliot.....	to.....Dunmarra	-100 Kilometres	(Via Murraraji track length 180 Kls)
Dunmarra.....	to.....Top Springs	-188 Kilometres	
Top Springs.....	to.....Lajamanu turn off	-160 Kilometres	(Lajamanu is Hooker Creek).
Lajamanu T. O.....	to.....Lajamanu	-102 Kilometres	
TOTAL Distance		-800 kilometres.	

**WULAIN ASSOCIATION INC.**

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29th August, 1990

Hon F. Finch, MLA,  
Minister for Transport and Works,  
GPO Box 3146,  
Darwin NT 0801

Dear Fred,

Re: Tennant Creek - Lajamanu Road

It has been brought to our attention that you are seeking Aboriginal opinion on the upgrading of the road between Lajamanu and Tennant Creek.

The Wulain Outstation Resource Centre services outstations in this region and more outstations are proposed for establishment by the Wulain Association.

The Wulain Association would support the improvement of this road to raised-grade gravel standard, if your government would guarantee that there would be no liquor outlets on this route.

The Wulain Association would like the development of road-stop bores on this road for use in emergencies by travellers with mechanical difficulties.

Currently there are two watering points on this road, which is 460 kilometres long.

The watering points are Mirirrinyungu (Duck Ponds) Outstation and Yankirri (Emu) Bore.

As the Aboriginal residents of Lajamanu and the outstations are the most frequent travellers on this road, we would encourage you to consult with the Wulain Association and the Lajamanu Community Government Council regarding the proposal.

We look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Regards,

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Tiger Timm

President

cc. Mr. Doug Johnson,  
President,  
Lajamanu Community Government Council

cc Mr. Paul Ruger,  
Mayor,  
Tennant Creek Town Council,  
PO Box 821,  
Tennant Creek.

cc. President,  
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Our ref: MIN2018/197

Mr Steven Edgington  
Mayor  
Barkly Regional Council  
Email: [Steven.Edgington@barkly.nt.gov.au](mailto:Steven.Edgington@barkly.nt.gov.au)

16 March 2018

  
Dear Mr Edgington

**RE: School Sport NT 12 Years Netball Championships, 9-11 April 2018**

Thank you for your email dated 2 March 2018 where you expressed your disappointment that the location of the School Sport NT 12 Years Netball Championships has been moved from Tennant Creek to Darwin.

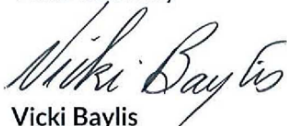
Concern for the safety and wellbeing of our students and other event participants are at the heart of this decision. The Department of Education conducted a risk assessment following the recent social issues in Tennant Creek and concerns raised by parents. It was determined that at this point in time, there was a potential risk to the safety and wellbeing of participants and the event would be moved.

Mr David Cummins, Executive Director Schools South, met with representatives of the Barkly Regional Council, Chamber of Commerce NT and community organisations in Tennant Creek on 7 March 2018 and provided information on this matter.

I understand your disappointment and would like to assure you that the Department of Education is exploring options for future School Sport NT events to be held in Tennant Creek to ensure local students and the community can host participants from around the Northern Territory and showcase their community.

For further information on this matter, please contact Mr Cummins on (08) 8951 1602 or [david.cummins@nt.gov.au](mailto:david.cummins@nt.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

  
Vicki Baylis

[www.education.nt.gov.au](http://www.education.nt.gov.au)