

NOTIFICATION

South-east heavy haulage route

At the Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) Ordinary Council meeting on 25 July 2024, Councillors discussed the adoption of a suitable interim and long-term haulage route for heavy vehicles generated from the three heavy industry developments on Sheraton Road. It was determined for Sheraton Road (between Boundary Road and Wellington Road) to be the primary haulage route with restrictions during peak school drop off and pick up periods.

What this means for parents & children

- No heavy vehicles travelling on Sheraton Road during peak school drop off and pick up times.
- Signage will be installed to reflect this which will enable enforcement of heavy vehicles restrictions and fines to be issued.
- Council will allocate funds to reconstruct and improve Sheraton Road.

Road safety findings

Recent road safety findings identified in the road safety audit, some of which were high-risk issues for the proposed route through Blueridge estate, were difficult to mitigate. This includes the potential high risks identified in the road safety findings for the intersection of Blueridge Drive and the Mitchell Highway. These risks come from the proposed high volume of traffic turning across the highway at the intersection.

The road safety findings from Sheraton Road indicated a number of congestion-based issues that can be mitigated and will support improved safety. Council will allow heavy haulage vehicles to utilise Boundary Road and Wheelers Lane during

restricted times. This would divert heavy haulage vehicles from Sheraton Road during school drop off and pick up periods.

Next steps

Educational institutions on Sheraton Road will be consulted with regards to the restricted time for all heavy haulage vehicles at school drop off and pick up. Council will also consult with local police and Transport for NSW to obtain necessary approvals to install the proposed signage before the end of 2024.

Sheraton Road reconstruction

Council will allocate funds for the solution for heavy vehicles and the schools precinct, this will be directed to reconstruct and improve Sheraton Road. Further consultation with the schools will take place throughout the design process.

The road design and construction process will be similar to the Wheelers Lane reconstruction project. The design process will be completed over the next 12 months with the Sheraton Road reconstruction aiming to be commence in the 2025/2026 financial year.

DRC will continue to keep the school communities updated throughout the project.

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