

9.2 Renaming of a section of Upper Turon Road raised by Lithgow City Council

REPORT BY THE PROPERTY SUPPORT OFFICER

TO 16 JUNE 2021 ORDINARY MEETING

GOV400088, R0790041 R0009025

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receive the report by the Property Support Officer on the renaming of a section of Upper Turon Road raised by Lithgow City Council; and
2. support the proposal by Lithgow City Council so long as their public consultation process includes the affected property owners within the Mid-Western Regional Council area and the majority of affected property owners within Bathurst, Mid-Western and Lithgow areas agree with the proposal.

Executive summary

Lithgow City Council (LCC) considered a Notice of Motion at their Ordinary Meeting on 24th August 2020 and resolved to rename sections of Upper Turon Road following confusion in relation to road names and addresses during the 2019/2020 bushfires in that area.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil.

Detailed report

Following the 2019/2020 bushfires in the Upper Turon, Palmers Oaky, Running Stream and Capertee areas the Captain of the Palmers Oaky RFS Brigade requested Lithgow City Council look at re-naming parts of Upper Turon Road to avoid confusion for Emergency Services departments.

Sections of Upper Turon Road cross into Mid-Western Regional Council's (MWRC) area within the locality of Upper Turon. Sixteen properties within the MWRC area are addressed from Upper Turon Road. Of those properties there would be nine properties affected by Lithgow City Council's proposed road name change should Council support the proposal to rename Upper Turon Road through to the intersection with Red Hill Road.

LCC's resolution is for the proposed re-naming to be determined following residents and public consultation and receipt of submissions on the matter. Should Council support the proposal, MWRC staff will contact the affected property owners within the MWRC area seeking any feedback they may wish to provide. The feedback will then be passed on to LCC to be included in their submission to the Geographical Names Board. LCC will then progress the submission process until a conclusion is reached on the matter. If the road is re-named then MWRC Council staff will provide new addressing for the affected MWRC properties.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Connecting Our Region
Goal	High quality road network that is safe and efficient
Strategy	Provide traffic management solutions that promote safer local roads and minimise traffic congestion

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

Not applicable.

Council Policies

Not applicable as MWRC is not the actioning Council.

Legislation

The Roads Act, 1993.
Road Regulation 2008.
Geographical Names Act, 1996.

Financial implications

Road signage in the area will need to be replaced. At this time it is not known how many road signs are in place along the affected section but it is assumed there is at least one at the Red Hill Road intersection that will require replacement. Most other signs will be in Bathurst Regional Council's area or Lithgow City Council's area.

Cost of and installation of one road sign is currently within existing street signage budgets.

Associated Risks

Nil.

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27 May 2021

Attachments:

1. Lithgow City Council Notice of Motion 24/8/2020.
2. Lithgow City Council Minute 24/8/2020.
3. Map.

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

BRAD CAM
GENERAL MANAGER

9.2. Notice of Motion - Renaming of Upper Turon Road and Turon River Road

Report by Councillor Maree Statham

Commentary by Councillor Statham in support of the motion

During the December / January Palmers Oakey / Turon horrific fires confusion regarding naming of roads created unwarranted worries and delays for fire fighters and Emergency Services.

It has been requested by the Captain of Palmers Oakey Brigade with support of the community and fire fighters that the Upper Turon Road be renamed either Capertee Road as it was historically originally known or Turon Gates Road.

This road has never been known as Upper Turon Road by the locals or Emergency Services. Palmers Oakey Road starts at the junction of the Mount Horrible Road and Dark Corner Road. This road travels north over 9 kms where it hits the Turon River. Official maps have the Palmers Oakey Road continuing west adjacent to the Turon River for further 10 kms at the junction of Red Hill Road. Upper Turon Road comments as Sofala and joins the junction of Red Hill Road and Palmers Oakey Road.

Turon River Road

It is requested that the "Turon River Road" section should be RENAMED to Palmers Oakey Road when in the Palmers Oakey locality and Upper Turon Road when in the Upper Turon locality.

This will ensure no renumbering of street addresses will be required only the renaming of the Upper Turon Road section. This should be renamed the Capertee or Turon Gates Road.

These changes are needed to avoid confusion for Emergency Services, Police, Ambulance and Fire Brigades.

A recent Upper Turon / Palmers Oakey Fire highlighted the confusion with the Upper Turon Road, brigades were delayed not knowing if access was via Robyn Hill Road or Mount Horrible Road. The delays in crews attending the fire may have contributed to the fire escaping control lines and resulting in a far more serious fire than otherwise could have been.

Recently two Police Officers from Chifley Area Command could not locate 1620 Upper Turon Road, they had to retrace their journey and had to ask a local for directions. This could have created a disastrous situation if the call out was a medical emergency. The extra delay could have resulted in a fatality.

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

THAT:

1. Upper Turon Road be renamed to Capertee Road as it was historically known or if Council Staff recommend Turon Gates Road.
2. Turon River Road be renamed to Palmers Oakey Road when in the locality of Palmers Oakey and Upper Turon Road when in the Upper Turon locality.

Ordinary Meeting of Council 24 August 2020

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THAT:

1. Lithgow City Council rename the road shown in pink (on the map provided) and currently named Upper Turon Road (in the Lithgow LGA) to Capertee Road (to be determined following residents and public consultation and submissions); and
2. Lithgow City Council liaise with adjacent Council's (mid-Western Regional and Bathurst Regional) to determine the name of the dark green road (on the map provided) if required, arrange for it to be renamed Palmers Oakey Road, which will continue the Palmers Oakey Road from Mt Horrible Road to Upper Turon Road (shown in cyan on the map provided).

MOVED: Councillor M Statham

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodsell

CARRIED: Unanimous

Divisions

FOR: Councillor R Thompson, Councillor S Ring, Councillor C Coleman, Councillor D Goodsell, Councillor D Goodwin, Councillor S Lesslie, Councillor J Smith, Councillor M Statham

AGAINST: nil



