



MEDIA RELEASE

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Media release: NSW Minister visit highlights crucial Infrastructure needs

The Warren Shire Council welcomed the NSW Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Hon. Jenny Aitchison MP and Member for Barwon Roy Butler MP for a significant visit on Monday, 15th July 2024. The visit focused on critical infrastructure discussions vital to the region's future development and resilience.

The delegation included General Manager Gary Woodman, Roads Committee Chairperson Councillor Greg Whiteley, Member for Barwon Roy Butler MP, NSW Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Hon. Jenny Aitchison MP, Flood Restoration and Special Projects Manager Ray Egan and Roads Infrastructure Manager Mahmud Kaiser.

Key issues discussed during the visit included:

- Warren Roundabout Reconstruction Funding: Funding by Transport for NSW was a priority topic, highlighting the necessity for improved traffic management and safety.
- Gunningbar Creek Rail Bridge Replacement and Rail Line Maintenance: Emphasis was placed on the importance of these projects for local connectivity and economic sustainability.
- Roads Grant Funding: The lack of roads grant funding for 2023/2024 and beyond was a critical concern, affecting the region's infrastructure development.
- SH17 Mitchell Highway and SH11 Oxley Highway Rest Area Facility Upgrade/Improvement: Discussions focused on the need for upgraded rest area facilities to improve road safety and driver comfort.
- Road Flood Damage Restoration Program: Practical time allowances for the completion of flood damage restoration works were addressed to ensure timely and efficient recovery.
- Reimbursement for Flood Emergency Operations Costs: The Minister expressed support for the Council's request to receive reimbursement for all Warren Town Levee Flood Emergency Operations Costs for the November 2021 and September 2022 floods.

"It was a productive visit by the Minister, who we believe left with a clear understanding of our requested projects and the concerns of Warren Shire Council," said General Manager Gary Woodman.

The Council is optimistic that the visit will lead to positive outcomes for the region's infrastructure and community services.

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Image: (Left to right) General Manager Gary Woodman, Roads Committee Chairperson Councillor Greg Whiteley, Member for Barwon Roy Butler MP, NSW Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Hon. Jenny Aitchison MP, Flood Restoration and Special Projects Manager Ray Egan and Roads Infrastructure Manager Mahmud Kaiser.

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