

As residents we would like to express our concerns regarding any planned upgrade to Pokolbin Mountains road and the extra traffic during the power line construction.

### **Impact:**

- Business access during any road construction which will impact rural business activity such as the following:
  - Fuel delivery
  - Cattle cartage
  - Veterinary services
  - Hay and fodder delivery
  - Building and fencing material deliveries
- Personal access during any road construction which will impact our personal activity such as the following:
  - Day to day town access
  - Work commitments
  - Medical appointments/supplies/emergencies
  - Household gas and water supplies
  - Postal and courier deliveries
  - Max Matthews is 96 and lives on this road and relies on road access for aged care provider services and his independence and social network.

### **Concerns During Road Upgrade:**

- Delays in access to and from property
  - Suggestion: investigate Watagan Track as temporary access for residential traffic only.
- Potential noise and dust pollution
- Potential longer delays without prior communication to local residential traffic.
- Mental anguish created with changes to generational held view of the road and related properties. (There 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> generation of our family living on Pokolbin Mountains Road).

### **Concerns During and After Power Line Construction:**

- Road will be upgraded to provide safe passage for two vehicles to pass safely.
- Regular ongoing road maintenance during and after construction.
- Ongoing roadside foliage clearance to maintain line of sight visibility on Pokolbin Mountains road.
- Driving behaviour of construction personnel with previous observations indicating many drivers behave in a reckless manner which includes speeding.
- Roadside litter created with workers showing little regard for the local environment.
- Contract companies will work independent of EnergyCo / Council and will disregard local resident concerns.