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Having resided within the estate for a period of 10 years be advised of our objections for the delay in providing the 2nd exit to Nelson Bay Road despite the estates increased density and population along with the growth of Palm Lakes, The Cove and Bayways which has increased the use of the Seaside roundabout.

As we have been residents for over 10 years we were again dismayed to hear of the proposed delay in providing a safe alternative exit for residents and daily road users along Nelson Bay Road.

Seaside was always to be a place for the community and this included an alternative exit for the multitude of residents as promised by the numerous owners of the estate. We have had no services provided to the community as promised and lengthy discussions regarding an alternative exit as required in case of a fire has remained a stumbling block and point of contention.

The traffic can be horrendous getting out of the roundabout as we have residents from The Cove and Palm Lakes using the roundabout as they have no right turn exit from their estates. We would argue this as residents who use the roundabout on a daily basis. In addition to traffic we have; on a number of occasions been isolated in the estate due to fallen trees and trucks breaking down as we have a designated in and out route. The addition of a 2nd exit ensures our safety as we can't access the 4wd track to the beach as you need to enter opposite the park and if this is cut off you are forcing hundreds of residents into a very dangerous situation that I don't think you would like to be in. Since being residents we have had a major fire go through the bush next to Rushland Drive which did not allow an escape if it was needed and this highlighted the need then; well before the latest expansion of the estate for a 2nd exit.

As residents we were recently cut off from the exit due to the April storm in 2015 as trees fell and debris fell across the road leading us to be isolated until residents cleared the road. If we need an ambulance or other emergency services to attend they would not be in a position to do so if our single exit is blocked.

Seaside Fern Bay has expanded since this last came to be discussed and the ongoing growth and increased population lends itself to the 2nd exit being opened asap. Whilst this can be seen as a cost cutting exercise and an unnecessary expense by the developers who sold and still do sell a lifestyle with easy access to Newcastle the residents view this road as a safety net should we ever need to evacuate.

The 2nd road is positioned to allow the newest portions of the estate to access freely thus removing the strain from the main entrance/exit which will lead to reduced time in cars and better traffic management.

This cannot be about cost, but safety and necessity for those who traverse the road daily. We are entitled to have a 2nd exit as promised by successive owners. As the groundwork is all done and the last section is the joining up to Nelson Bay Road I fail to understand why you would not complete the road in good faith for current and future residents. The hard work is already done, don't make it about money.