

Foxground-Berry Bypass

Potential closure of Victoria Street highway access

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There have been suggestions that highway access from the South-Western end of Victoria Street could possibly be closed prior to the completion of the Berry bypass. I wish to record my strong objection to this change for the following reasons:

- Berry is host to three mature-age retirement villages and one BUPA facility. Lack of speedy access to emergency medical services can have life-controlling impact.
- Under periods of intense rainfall (last observed in 2007) the North-bound highway access from Berry is completely cut-off by flooding in the vicinity of the Apex Park and the Berry Bowling Club. At these times, the only road access to emergency health services is to the Shoalhaven Hospital in Nowra.
- If the access from Victoria Street to the highway is blocked, a bottle-neck is created where a single event, such as a flood wash or a minor traffic accident at the junction of Kangaroo Valley Road and the Highway, will completely isolate the above mentioned mature-age facilities from emergency medical care, again, with potentially life-threatening consequences.

For the above considerations, I urge you to maintain open access, or at least emergency vehicle access between Victoria Street and South-bound Highway 1, until the proposed Berry bypass and South-bound on-ramps are in place.

Thank you,

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