

Andrew Beattie - Berry By-Pass, Victoria Street Options

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Dear Sir

Berry By-Pass, Victoria Street Options

The Arbour Residents' Committee, representing the Residents of the Arbour Village, thank you for the opportunity to formally respond to the NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure, regarding the options currently under consideration for Victoria Street in conjunction with the development of the Berry By-Pass.

Residents at The Arbour currently number 101, with an eventual estimate of about 160 Residents as the village reaches completion. As the development proposals for the By-Pass have evolved over the last months, Residents have naturally raised a number of questions regarding the current design options, where they impact on the Arbour.

From an Arbour perspective, two significant issues need to be addressed :-

- The possible closure of Victoria Street
- Provision of a separate dedicated access to BUPA.

Closure of Victoria Street

A general survey of Residents' views with respect to the possible closing of Victoria Street is in the order of :-

In favour 15%
 Not in favour 45%
 Undecided 40%

In respect of the Departments' three options currently under review, our Residents clearly do not favour proposed Option 1, with a designed closure of Victoria Street.

Access to the Princes Highway South, from the Arbour, will involve Residents backtracking through Victoria Street, George Street and Queen Street. We acknowledge that this may not be overly onerous. However, we do raise this as an issue where possible emergency traffic requires quick access South to Nowra.

We also acknowledge that the closure of Victoria Street would reduce the present practice of through traffic avoiding Queen Street.

Traffic Access to BUPA

Of far greater concern is the access arrangement for traffic entering and/or exiting BUPA. All BUPA traffic, comprising visitors, shift work staff and significant commercial traffic, currently use the only option of access to BUPA via Pepper Farm Drive, this also being the only entry for Arbour

Residents into the Arbour Village.

Obviously, the level of BUPA traffic will always prevail, and with a likely increase with potential expansion plans at BUPA.

It is noted that Option 1 includes the provision of a property access exiting south from Victoria Street. We understand that present property boundaries preclude an option to extend the Property Access Track to BUPA.

We would request that the Department further considers Option 3 with a redesign of the Southbound On-Ramp. It is suggested that the proposed "Two way access to/from Kangaroo Valley Road Interchange" be extended further south to provide a two-way property access to also service BUPA. The southbound on-ramp would then effectively commence clear of the BUPA entry/exit.

We appreciate any consideration that you can give to our proposal and will be happy to further discuss any aspects that you require.

Yours faithfully

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