
Jamberoo Cycleway extension - Response to Jamberoo Valley Ratepayers & Residents Association (JVRRRA)

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Good evening Ros,

Thank you for your emails dated 18 & 28 July 2025 concerning the proposed Jamberoo cycleway extension. Apologies for the delay in responding as Council were completing consultation with affected landowners and awaiting the outcome of a meeting with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) yesterday to enable a more complete reply. In response to the matters raised in your correspondence, please see the following:

1. The current cycleway route along Jamberoo Road is identified in the 2005 Kiama Cycleway Plan. This Plan was adopted by Council following extensive public consultation and has been the basis for Council's cycleway implementation program, with many of the identified routes having since been constructed.
2. The current grant funding of \$2.5M was the result of the reallocation of funds from the Minnamurra Boardwalk proposal which did not proceed and was to be utilised to continue the shared pathway construction from the current end point in Browns Lane to Jamberoo village. Recent meetings held with TfNSW who administer the grant funding, have indicated that the funding is for a shared pathway to Jamberoo and can only be used for this purpose. The grant funding was from the 2021/22 Active Transport Program and has had a number of extensions beyond the original timeframe to the current deadline of 30 June 2026. TfNSW have indicated that no further extensions will be granted beyond this date.
3. The latest estimate of the current design proposal is approximately \$5.4M. TfNSW has raised concerns with the current design over the proximity of the shared pathway to Jamberoo Road, particularly in the 80kph sections. While TfNSW's preference is to lower the speed limit along the entire section of Jamberoo Road to 60kph or less, Council is currently working with TfNSW on revising the design to include additional separation width and/or increased barriers (possibly guardrails) to maintain current speed limits. This will however further increase costs.
4. Given the costs of the work are above the grant funding total, Council have been in consultation with TfNSW on possible staging of works to construct portions not impacted by TfNSW concerns such as the section in Brown Lane or other works that would enable future pathway construction. TfNSW are not opposed to staged works and have indicated that Council may apply for future grant funding for staged construction under the annual 'Get NSW Active' program (formerly Active Transport program), which permits Councils to apply for up to 3 projects with a combined value of \$5M, which may be beneficial to Council while it resolves land acquisition requirements.
5. Council have recently been in consultation with adjacent affected landowners regarding possible acquisitions and to gather information on any constraints or apprehensions they may have. While most (not all) were not opposed to the proposal, further detailed information has been requested on the impacts to their individual properties which Council will provide.
6. Council is also in consultation with the developer of the Golden Valley Rd subdivision to co-ordinate and reduce any impacts from the proposed sewer works on the shared pathway.
7. Recent information provided by JVRRRA on a potential alternate route between Browns and Minnamurra Lanes, while meritorious for the reasons outlined in your correspondence, do not align with the Kiama Cycleway Plan. Any changes to the route would require significant community consultation, particularly with affected landowners and farmers and a subsequent resolution of Council to adopt a revised route plan. This will significantly delay any works and increase the land acquisition costs which are not claimable under grant funding. TfNSW have also advised that if an alternate route is to be considered, the current grant funding cannot be utilised as Council have

already spent approximately \$200K in investigation, design consultancy and staff costs for the current Jamberoo Road route.

I trust the above answers the matters raised in your correspondence, though if you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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