Dear Minister,

**Request for Main Roads in Wollondilly to Become State Roads**

As a resident of the Wollondilly Shire, I am writing to you to request that the State Government reclassify and take over responsibility for the maintenance and repair of the major connecting roads in our Shire.

Regional roads connecting the Illawarra, the Southern Highlands, Campbelltown and the new airport at Badgery’s Creek all pass through the Wollondilly Shire and carry a high volume of traffic, so Wollondilly ratepayers should not be expected to pay for their upkeep. Significant development in the coming years within the Shire and in surrounding council areas, including Greater Macarthur, the aerotropolis and the Wilton growth area, will only increase the amount of traffic on our road network.

Key roads such as Remembrance Driveway are State-managed roads in neighbouring local government areas, but become Council managed roads as soon as they cross the boundary into Wollondilly. We ask that we receive the same treatment as our neighbours and that these types of roads remain State roads right through our Shire.

Reclassification of heavily used roads such as Remembrance Driveway, Silverdale Road and Menangle Road would mean Wollondilly Council can redirect the significant funds it currently spends on these roads to other local roads across the Shire which have been severely damaged over the past 6 months by storms and flooding.

The State Government budget is huge compared to Council’s budget, so I urge you to review this situation and spend funds on the roads where they are needed. As ratepayers and residents, we want our money to be spent more effectively so that all Wollondilly’s roads can be made safe and usable for our community.

Yours faithfully