Our Ref: 01282563 PQ21/00542

Ms Helen Minnican Clerk of the Legislative Assembly Parliament House Macquarie Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Ms Minnican

I write in response to the petition lodged on 8 June by Mr Nathaniel Smith MP, Member for Wollondilly, regarding the funding and delivery of a road to bypass Picton Town Centre.

Transport for NSW is currently investigating a future bypass of the Picton Town Centre to ease congestion and provide an alternative route for freight and traffic by linking Remembrance Driveway and Picton Road.

The project aims to improve safety, ease congestion and improve amenity in Picton Town Centre. The project would also reduce the number of vehicles using Victoria Bridge and provide an alternative route for evacuation during emergency events such as bushfire and flood.

In December 2020, Transport for NSW consulted with the community on the preferred corridor for the Picton Bypass. The consultation period ended in February 2021 and the feedback provided will help Transport for NSW determine the preferred corridor.

The NSW Government has already provided \$3 million to investigate potential options for a future bypass of Picton and a further \$14 million committed in 2021/22 to continue to plan the duplication of Picton Road.

The preferred corridor would provide a new connection between Remembrance Driveway, south of Wonga Road, and Picton Road, north-west of Maldon Bridge Road. Further design work is underway and the community will continue to be kept updated as plans progress.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

05/07/2021

The Hon Andrew Constance MP Minister for Transport and Roads