



8 September 2020

The Hon. Lou Amato MLC
Chair, StaySafe (Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety)
NSW Parliament
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Dear Mr Amato

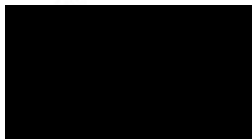
Subject: Responses to Questions Taken on Notice - StaySafe Committee Hearing

Thank you for the opportunity to present to the StaySafe Committee's inquiry into reducing trauma on local roads in NSW. Please see the attached document outlining our responses to questions taken on notice during our hearing on 14 August 2020.

Should you require further information in relation to reducing trauma on local roads in Lake Macquarie City, please contact me on [REDACTED]. Should you or other members of the Committee wish to discuss other matters with representatives from Lake Macquarie city Council, please contact Dan Hughes, Government Relations and Policy Advisor, on [REDACTED].

Should you require further information, please contact me on [REDACTED].

Yours faithfully



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Question Taken on Notice # 1

The CHAIR: Going back to my previous question, how does your council work with neighbouring councils which participate in the road safety program?

Mr BOYLE: I do not have the full history of that, but that is probably something we could take on notice. What I can say is that we do have a close working relationship with the City of Newcastle at officer level. For example, I work closely with the transport strategist at that council and we are both refreshing our walking and cycling strategies at the moment and looking for synergies, and obviously road safety is one example of the topics that we look at.

Response

Staff from Lake Macquarie City Council do not liaise with other councils specifically about their respective road safety program(s). We do liaise with other councils and State Government agencies on a range of issues, aiming to share and learn better practices, processes and systems to provide a safer transport network in Lake Macquarie and the wider Central Coast and Hunter regions.

Question Taken on Notice # 2

The CHAIR: Do you have parts of Lake Macquarie where you have a shared or dedicated bicycle land or are they actually on the road?

Mr BOYLE: We have 183 kilometres of shared paths. We do also have on-road cycling facilities but for the most part, most of our roads do not meet requirements for the majority of cyclists.

The CHAIR: Did most of those accidents occur on those roads? If you need to you are welcome to take it on notice.

Mr BOYLE: I think we would need to take that on notice.

Response

Over 2014-2019, 64 crashes occurred involving 66 injuries to cyclists. Over half of those accidents occurred on regional and local roads (35 in total).

However, as a proportion of the road network, more crashes occurred on State roads (0.2 crashes p/km) vs local and regional roads (0.025 crashes p/km).

The number of crashes and casualties peaked in 2017 (16 crashes with 16 injuries). Since 2017 this number has dropped slightly.