

## **Royalla Community Association**

June 29, 2016

Mr Tim Overall
Administrator
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council
256 Crawford Street
PO Box 90
Queanbeyan NSW 2620

Dear Mr Overall,

I am writing to you as the President of the Royalla Community Association (RCA).

I'd like to congratulate you on your appointment as the Administrator of the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, in this role I'd like to raise with you an issue that concerns the Royalla community.

At the Royalla Country Fair in March this year, it was a great opportunity to discuss with you some of the local issues in particular the intersection of Old Cooma Road and the Monaro Highway.

The RCA has received over 200 signatures to a petition to seek improvement to this intersection. I'm sure that you are well familiar with the intersection, however I have attached a photograph of the site for your easy reference (Attachment A).

We consider that one of the significant issues is the south bound traffic and vehicles that are turning left off the Hwy into Old Cooma Road. As this is a 100km/hr zone vehicles following a turning vehicle are required to reduce speed in a very short distance to allow for the vehicle in front to turn. This often results in the vehicle behind using the 'median strip' to overtake the turning vehicle. This is further complicated when there is a North bound vehicle wanting to turn right into Old Cooma Road. The risks of a serious accident are very real.

I understand from our discussion that there had been improvements made to the intersection, however these seem to have either not alleviated any hazards or in fact made the intersection worse.

If you could please consider representing the community in your discussions with ACT government in respect to getting the intersection made safer that would be very much appreciated.

For your reference I have also attached a Statement of the Association's Objects (Attachment B), if you have any questions about the intersection or any other community related issues, please contact me at 02 6235 0853.

Sincerely,

Peter Bignell
President
Royalla Community Association



The object of the Royalla Community Association is to:

Foster and promote community spirit, cooperation and activities among residents of the Royalla area, including assisting in the provision of community facilities.

Represent the interests of the Royalla community, and support community groups that are active in the Royalla area.

Strengthen local community capacity through sponsoring, coordinating and/or assisting community activities and projects, including fund-raising activities to create, develop or enhance community facilities and when feasible to support the activities of other community groups.

Represent members in consultation with Queanbeyan and Palerang Councils, and the ACT government, (including participation in Palerang Council's Royalla Common Management Section 355 Committee) and with other community groups and organisations.

Provide a forum to discuss major issues affecting the Royalla community and the development of collaborative strategies to address these challenges.

Represent the interests of the Royalla community with regard to local, regional and federal issues.

## Our committee members are:

President Peter Bignell

Vice President Mike Jaggard

Treasurer Colin Sweeny

Secretary Ann Tyllyer

Members Barbara Bennett-Jones

Jim Coyne

Casey Mudford

Sally Jaggard

Brendan Robinson