

**DAVID HARRIS MP
SHADOW MINISTER FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORT**

**DUBBO BYPASS: POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO FLOODING,
CONGESTION AND SAFETY**

The Shadow Minister for Regional Transport David Harris is visiting Dubbo today to look at the problems confronting the transport industry on the Newell Highway.

Three major highways, the Mitchell Highway, the Newell Highway, and the Golden Highway converge on a growing Dubbo community, raising issues around safety and congestion.

A growing number of people in the Dubbo and the wider NSW transport network support investigating a bypass option to address flooding, congestion and safety.

In December David Harris was taken on a tour by concerned residents and met farmers, truck industry representatives, the Master Builders Association, the Dubbo Regional Council and affected landholders.

During those meetings Mr Harris accepted a challenge to return to Dubbo and witness firsthand the issues plaguing the transport industry.

“It was made very clear to me during my visit to Dubbo in December that the current proposition to build the River Street Bridge option was not going to meet the longer term interests of the Dubbo community and the NSW transport industry,” Mr Harris said.

“There is a strong case for a thorough investigation of a bypass option. The NSW and Federal Governments have spent almost \$300 million on a road that locals complain hasn’t fully addressed flooding and a rapidly growing population,” Mr Harris said.

“Before taxpayers’ money is spent there is strong expectation that to get the best value for money. A bypass must be properly investigated,” Mr Harris said.

While in Dubbo this week Mr Harris will meet the Transport Workers Union, farmers, residents and local business people to become more informed before he presents a

petition from more than 10,000 people asking for the bypass option to be fully explored.

Details

Convoy to assemble at the rest stop on the Newell Highway between Blackbutt Rd & Obley Rd at 8.15am Wednesday 3rd February 2021. *A Rhino Statue marks the entrance.* Approx. 8.30am start.

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