

5<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dr. Kerry Schott AO  
Leader, NSW Freight Policy Reform Program  
Transport for NSW

Dear Dr. Schott,

I am writing on behalf of Bogan Shire Council to contribute to the **NSW Freight Policy Reform Program**.

Bogan Shire is located in the centre of New South Wales within the Orana region. Nyngan is located at the junction of the Mitchell and Barrier Highways 165 kilometres North-West of Dubbo.

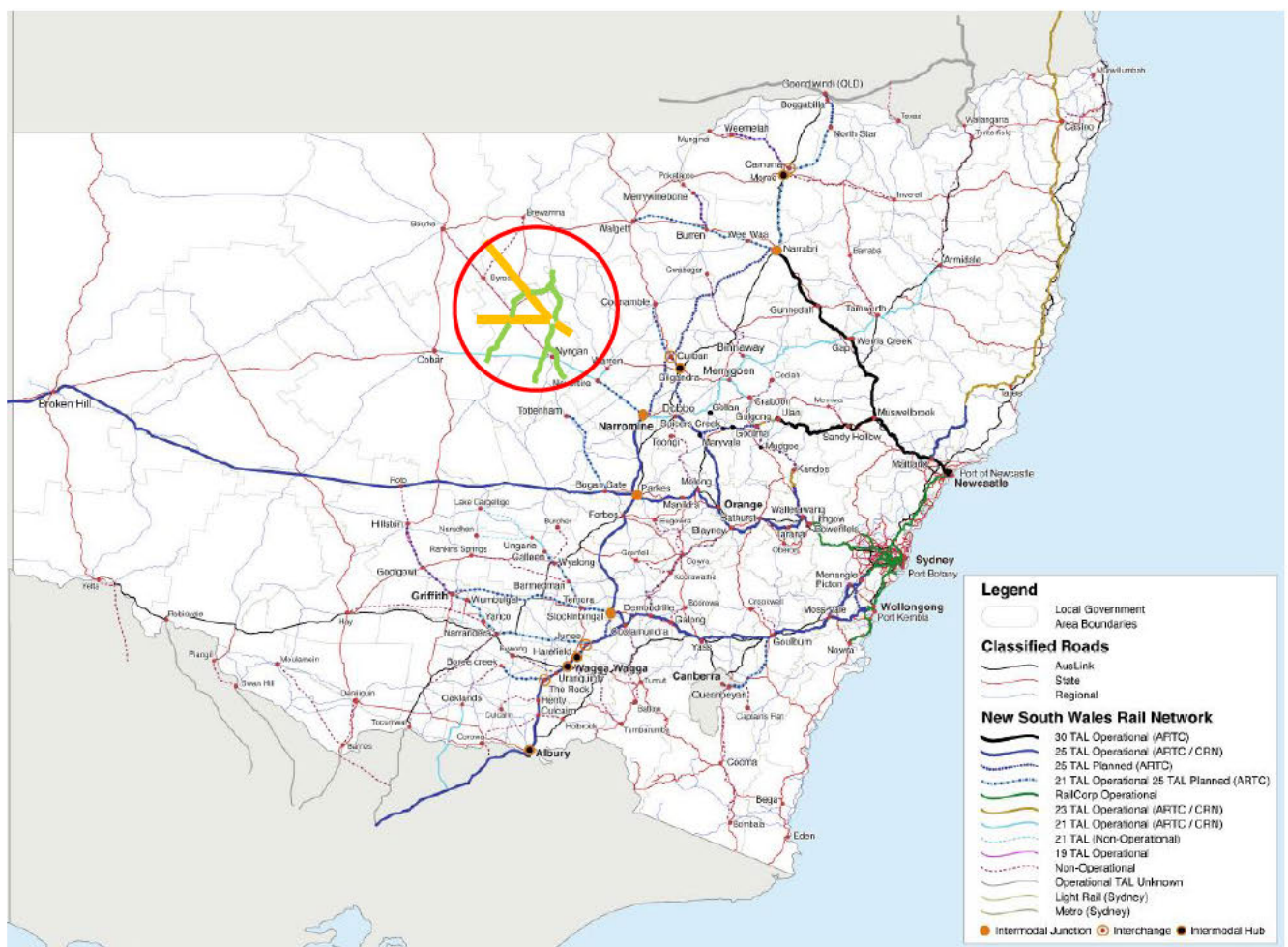
The agricultural and mining industry within, and adjacent to, Bogan Shire, relies heavily on local roads for transport of freight within the shire then the state highway and rail network to get goods to the east coast.

Bogan Shire Council would like the following items to be considered in relation to freight policy reform: -

- Much greater funding is required to upgrade regional and local roads to improve the transport of goods to rail and port facilities
- Leverage local knowledge by involving councils in the decision-making process for road maintenance and upgrades. This includes considering the specific needs and challenges of local areas in funding decisions.
- Implement a funding model that emphasises long-term outcomes over short-term goals, encouraging councils to plan and execute road maintenance and upgrades with a focus on long-term sustainability rather than immediate needs.
- Streamline the funding application and reporting processes to make it easier for councils to access funds and report on their use. Simplifying these processes would reduce administrative costs and free up resources for actual road improvements.
- Transition from competitive, project-specific grants to more predictable, formula-based funding that allows councils to plan with certainty. This would reduce the administrative burden of grant applications and allow councils to focus resources on actual road works.
- Shift from road to rail transport for containerised agricultural exports, reducing road congestion and lowering emissions.
- Investments in infrastructure improvements for roads and railways connecting to major highways and intermodal facilities leading to Newcastle

- Upgrade rail and road infrastructure to accommodate higher productivity vehicles and double-stacked trains.
- Implement strategies for longer trains to carry more freight per journey, improving capacity and reducing transportation costs.
- Improve connections from Inland Rail to ARTC/CRN at Narromine

The following map shows the location Bogan Shire, Nyngan and important freight routes within the shire.



### Map of Bogan Shire Showing Major Freight Routes

**State Highways:-** Mitchell Highway, Barrier Highway.

**Regional Roads:-** Cockies Road, Tottenham Road, Hermidale – Nymagee Road.

**Local Roads:-** Colane Road, Yarrandale Road, Murrawombie Road.



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Thank you for considering our Council's concerns. Please contact the undersigned if you require any further information.

[Redacted Signature]

Director Engineering Services  
Bogan Shire Council

