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## **Cr Neville Castle says “have your say” on the Bells Line**

“After years of advocacy working together with the other Mayors in the Central NSW and the Bells Line of Expressway Group, I can officially say we are making progress on getting improvements to that death trap – the Bells Line of Road,” said Cr Neville Castle, Chair of Centroc, Mayor of Lithgow.

“The RTA is requesting advice from the communities of Central NSW about the corridor for the road. It is time to have your say and get involved in the planning for the future of the Bells Line of Road corridor,” said Cr Castle.

“The advice provided by members of the community will inform the Long Term Strategic Corridor Plan (the Plan). The Plan is about identifying the short and medium term traffic and safety needs, while planning for the long term higher standard road. We need to plan for the traffic needs of growth in the area. Central NSW already has a bigger GDP than Tasmania,” said Cr Castle.

“There is a lot of information available, including community updates and background reports. These are all up on the RTA website or ring them on 1800 017 787,” said Cr Castle.

People can engage in a variety of ways including an online forum at [www.rta.nsw.gov.au/bellslineofroad](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/bellslineofroad), face-to-face community involvement sessions including Orange on 23 November and Lithgow on 24 November, writing or emailing the RTA, ring the toll free phone line - 1800 017 787 or emailing [bells\\_line\\_of\\_road@rta.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bells_line_of_road@rta.nsw.gov.au).

The Orange information session is in the Orange Senior Citizens & Pensioners Centre 7 Kite Street Orange on Tuesday 23 November from 2pm to 4pm and 5pm to 7pm.

The Lithgow session is at the Lithgow Workmans Club, Tuscan Room 3 Tank Street Lithgow on Wednesday 24 November from 2pm to 4pm and 5pm to 7pm.

“I really encourage everyone to have a say as the only way we are going to get the infrastructure we need for Central NSW is to demonstrate that we need it,” said Cr Castle.

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