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Chair of Centroc saddened by more accidents on the Bells Line

“With the recent rain and fog on the weekend, the Bells Line was once again closed on Sunday due to a nasty accident,” said Cr Neville Castle, Mayor of Lithgow and Chair of Centroc

“While a woman was seriously injured and rushed to hospital, the traffic leaving Central NSW was backed up all along the Great Highway down through Victoria Pass,” said Cr Castle

“This congestion includes our tourists, the third largest industry in the region,” said Cr Castle

“I wonder how many were fuming as they inched their way up Victoria Pass, through Blackheath, crawling into Katoomba, Lawson and the like and saying they would never return?” asked Cr Castle

“It is not a highway, it is a car park. It is also a travesty when you consider that Sydney is the biggest city in the country, a global city and yet cannot get access to the west. The expressways into Sydney from north and south are so far superior, it really puts our communities at a significant disadvantage,” said Cr Castle

“The fact is that the topography over the Blue Mountains through all those communities along the Great Western Highway means that we need the Bells Line Expressway,” said Cr Castle

“The State and Federal Governments are talking about massive increases in population, needing more food and having to adapt to climate change. Central NSW can only do our part in sustaining the nation if we have safe roads, not death traps and car-parks,” said Cr Castle

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