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Have your say on the Bells Line of Road

To ensure a safe journey for the citizens of Central NSW to Sydney, Councillor Neville Castle, Chair of Centroc, Mayor of Lithgow, is calling on all residents to take part in the consultation for the Bells Line of Road Corridor.

“The accident on the Bells Line of Road over the long weekend, claiming four lives and the ongoing tragedy for families and communities alike, highlights the need for everyone to have a say about the safety on the Bells Line of Road,” said Cr Castle.

“While we take our lives into our hands every time we drive, the Bells Line of Road is known to be hazardous. Holiday times are particularly dangerous as the roads over the mountains are congested and many drivers are unfamiliar with them,” said Cr Castle.

The consultation phase begins soon, we hope in November and residents will be able to put their point of view directly to the RTA via their website www.rta.nsw.gov.au/bellslineroad. Residents are also welcome to send emails, call 1800 017 787 and mail to RTA via the website. People are already having their say - its time for us to be heard loud and clear,” said Cr Castle.

“There will also be community information and feedback sessions in Central NSW and I will provide advice about exact locations as it becomes available,” said Cr Castle.

“The fact is the NRMA has identified the Great Western Highway and the Bells Line of Road as the two most dangerous roads in NSW. The people of Central NSW should have equity with the communities to the North and South of Sydney in terms of a safe journey for health, educational, family and other purposes,” said Cr Castle.



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Cr Castle concluded “I urge you to get on the website and have your say. The sooner we present a collective voice, the sooner we will get the safe Bells Line of Road that Central NSW deserves. We need to do our best to stop these tragedies from occurring”.

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