

Mr Nathan Hagarty
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Sent via email: leppington@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mr Hagarty,

I write in response to the concerns you raised in your Private Members Statement on Thursday 16 May, regarding the delays in the Edmondson Avenue upgrade project. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated, and I would like to provide you with further information on the status of the project.

The Edmondson Avenue Upgrade Project is a major initiative outlined in Liverpool City Council's Delivery Program and Operational Plan and a high priority in Council's delivery Management Framework.

Council has been progressing with the design of Edmondson Avenue, and as of last year, has completed detailed design and developed a cost estimate which identified a funding shortfall of approximately \$60 million.

This year, Liverpool City Council sought a second cost estimate to validate the first estimate; with the second cost estimate identifying a funding shortfall of approximately \$40 million. This discovery arrived via our newly established Delivery Management Framework (DMF) which requires a contemporary cost estimate.

The actual costs and funding shortfall will only be known once the project is market tested however at this stage an average of the two estimates, \$50 million, is the most accurate funding shortfall projection.

This shortfall is due to various factors such as escalating construction costs, scope changes, and project management transitions over a ten-year planning horizon.

Liverpool City Council has had several discussions with the Department of Planning, Infrastructure, and Environment (DPIE) to explore additional funding opportunities and DPIE has confirmed no additional funding is available for the project.

Council has explored alternative options for the project including proceeding with the project at risk, cancelling parts of the project, or descoping to meet minimum functional requirements. However, it was found that the most effective long-term solution for the community is to continue with the full scope of works within the available budget and seek additional funding for remaining works. This decision has been communicated to and discussed with the DPIE.



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Council is fully committed to resolving the funding issues and expediting the project for the benefit of the community. However, Council requires support from the Federal and State Government in securing additional funding and ensuring that the road is built to the safest possible standards.

Your assistance is requested in advocating for additional funding from the State Government to fully fund this project. Your support in this matter would be instrumental in ensuring the successful completion of this important road for the community. Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Please note for transparency this correspondence will be copied to Liverpool City Councillors and posted to the Council's website.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Breton', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jason Breton
Acting Chief Executive Officer