

**EXTRACT FROM REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING (73.55)**

Held on 4 June 2001

**TR.01.047 Gosford  
UN-NAMED LANEWAY/PUTTY BEACH DR/BEACH DR, KILLCARE (930.01)**  
(From meeting of 2 April 2001)**Background**

Council, at its meeting held on 26 June 2001, resolved that this matter be deferred to a Resumption of the Review Committee meeting for inspection and consideration.

At its meeting held on 24 April 2001, Council adopted a Traffic Committee recommendation that pursuant to Section 116 of the Roads Act 1993, Council advertise the permanent closure of the un-named laneway between Putty Beach Drive and Beach Drive, Killcare.

In accordance with Council's resolution this matter was advertised for a period of twenty eight (28) days with forty eight (48) petitioners and thirteen (15) letters received objecting to the closure.

The original application for the proposed closure included a petition containing seven (7) signatures. Three (3) letters in favour of the closure were received as a result of the advertisement.

The Pretty Beach, Wagstaffe and District Progress Association, Hardys Bay-Killcare Progress Association, Killcare Wagstaffe Trust as well as residents of Beach Drive, Putty Beach Drive and other local residential streets have objected to the proposal for the following reasons:

- The laneway is a vital link in this high bushfire area in providing an alternative route to Putty Beach and that section of Bouddi National Park.
- The steepness of Putty Beach Drive at the intersection of The Scenic Road makes it difficult for larger vehicles such as fire trucks and buses to negotiate the incline and they are obliged to use the laneway.
- The residents use this laneway to gain access to Beach Drive and the recently constructed intersection of The Scenic Road and Beach Drive when turning right towards Wards Hill Road. The intersection of The Scenic Road and Putty Beach Drive has poor sight distance, particularly turning right onto The Scenic Road.
- The laneway provides a most useful alternative to the heavily trafficked The Scenic Road for both pedestrians and traffic travelling between the north-eastern and south-western ends of Putty Beach, and for residents of Anthony Crescent and adjacent streets proceeding to the surf beach at the foot of Beach Drive.
- It is imperative that the laneway remains open for public use, as was intended. It is in constant use by the public and has become an extremely important link due to the dangerous approach to The Scenic Road intersection.

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- Pedestrians would be forced to negotiate The Scenic Road when accessing the beach. (It should be noted that pedestrian access would be maintained as part of the closure).
- Consider alternative options rather than a full road closure so that the situation can be resolved to the satisfaction of all local residents.

Residents in favour of the closure provided the following reasons in support of their request:

- The laneway attracts hoodlum behaviour from motorists, including speed and dangerous driving.
- Excessive speed increases the dust.
- Closure of the laneway would eliminate the high volume of traffic.
- Improvements to pedestrian safety.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that:

- A No action be taken to permanently close the un-named laneway between Putty Beach Drive and Beach Drive, Killcare.
- B This matter be referred to Council's Assets and Project Development Unit for consideration in a future Capital Works Program for bitumen sealing and the provision of speed humps.