



15 March 2024

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Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Connolley

### **PUBLIC QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

I am writing in response to the public question taken on notice at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 28 February 2024.

#### **The public question reads as follows:**

The Queenscliff Traffic Management Strategy has now undergone 4 final revisions at unknown cost after the Draft document was completed in December 2022. The initial Draft document did not entail any advertised or formal community consultation, despite considerable amount of questions of when the draft report was to be released.

There was also an assurance from the CEO that traffic and pedestrian quantifiable data from Searoad Ferries being provided and included in the report.

Since December 2022 Council has released the ATS and completed various wombat and zebra crossings without the benefit of the Draft QTMS being made available for debatable reasons.

The community now, 2 years after a draft was presented to Council is provided an opportunity to be consulted on a Final version.

#### **Question**

Can the community be assured by Councillors this consultation will not amount to a 'Claytons' consultation and engagement process given a draft was delivered 2 years ago and will community consultation proposed on the QTMS result in any substantial or effective alterations to the Ratio final report given the limited changes made to the ATS?

#### **In response to the question, I provide the following advice:**

The draft Queenscliff Traffic Management Strategy was finalised in April 2023. It was determined at the time to delay community consultation until the Active Transport Strategy (ATS) consultation and adoption had been completed.

I note that substantial changes were made to the ATS in response to the consultation, in particular, there was a number of respondents who had provided similar feedback.

The Mayor confirmed that Council officers will review all feedback received during the public exhibition period, and make amendments to the Strategy where appropriate, before finalising the document.

Yours sincerely

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**Martin Gill**  
Chief Executive Officer