

# Key messages from the 25 May 2026 Executive Oversight Committee (EOC)

## Governance

The Wolgan Road Reconstruction Project is governed by a Project Control Group (PCG) and an Executive Oversight Committee (EOC). This committee comprises senior officers from Lithgow City Council, the NSW Reconstruction Authority and Transport for NSW.

The EOC provides senior level governance, coordination and oversight to ensure the project progresses in a safe, transparent and accountable way, in line with disaster recovery funding and environmental requirements.

This governance structure ensures coordinated decision-making and accountability across all involved agencies.

## EOC Key priorities

- **Restoring access:** Progressing interim works to enable reopening of the existing Wolgan Road under controlled conditions as soon as possible, including opportunities to expedite minor works, approvals and procurement.
- **Safety first:** Ensuring the reopening of the existing Wolgan Road provides adequate protections for the safety of the community and other road users.
- **Open communications:** To ensure that the Wolgan Valley community is kept informed of the deliberations of the EOC and throughout the progress of the interim reopening of Wolgan Road and the decision making process for the overall project.

## Summary of the 25 May 2026 EOC meeting

Senior officers from the NSW Reconstruction Authority, Lithgow City Council, and Transport for NSW met on 25 May 2026 as the EOC for the Wolgan Road Reconstruction Project. A summary of the key meeting discussions and outcomes is as follows.

## Interim reopening of Wolgan Road

Lithgow City Council, supported by specialist consultants, is progressing planning, design and construction for interim works to manage the reopening of Wolgan Road.

Key points noted by the EOC include:

- The interim reopening project is progressing well and remains on schedule.
- Construction activity will be increasing from mid-2026.
- The Interim reopening remains a controlled, staged approach focused on restoring essential access under ALARP (risk as low as reasonably practicable) principles.
- Three delivery packages are progressing in parallel:
  1. Weather station
    - i. To support real-time monitoring and ongoing risk management.
    - ii. Installed and operational.
    - iii. Council expect to be able to provide real time weather updates from the Wolgan Road weather station on Council's project website in the coming months.
  2. Early works
    - i. Works are substantially complete.
  3. Main works
    - i. Principal Contractor request for tender released 7 May 2026.

- ii. Tender closes 29 May 2026.
- iii. Principal Contractor Contract award in early-July 2026.
- iv. Interim reopening remains Q3 2026 target (Stage 1 access).
- v. Stage 2 Delivery – to start in 2027 is focused on scaling and soil nails.

### **Planning for a permanent solution**

While work on the interim reopening continues, planning for a permanent long-term solution is also underway. Key points from the EOC meeting include:

- GHD has prepared strategic design options for a permanent solution along the existing Wolgan Road alignment.
- Several options are being assessed through a structured, independent and evidence-based process.
- An EOC-endorsed multi-criteria assessment (MCA) will evaluate these options against a balanced set of criteria before a preferred solution is selected.

### **What the Community can expect next**

The EOC confirmed ongoing engagement with the community, including:

- Publication of key messages and updates on Council's website following EOC meetings.

The EOC wishes to thank the Community for taking the time to join the Wolgan Road information session on 25 May 2026. Your time, questions and interest in the project is much appreciated.

As discussed during the session, a link has been provided through the Wolgan Road email address to the online Multi-Criteria Analysis (MCA) survey. The survey provides an opportunity to share your feedback on the draft criteria that will be used to assess the different road options. Please take the time to complete the survey by 12 June 2026 to enable collation of the results.

### **Closing message**

Council and the NSW Government recognise the significant and continuing impact of the Wolgan Road closure on the community. While reopening and restoring the road is complex, all agencies remain committed to:

- restoring access as soon as practicable
- improving safety outcomes
- delivering a long-term solution that is resilient, sustainable and supported by the community.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and engagement as this important work continues.