

# Traffic Advisory Local Committee (TALC)



## What is the Traffic Advisory Local Committee (TALC)?

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) is the legislated organisation responsible for the control of traffic on all public roads in NSW. TfNSW has delegated some, but not all, of these functions to Lithgow City Council. This delegation requires that before Council acts on these functions they must refer the matter to the Traffic Advisory Local Committee (TALC) for recommendation.

## What is the TALC's role?

The Committee considers requests and proposals relating to road safety and parking issues across the Lithgow Local Government Area. TALC is primarily a technical review Committee, which considers the technical merits of the request / proposal in line with current technical guidelines, and road safety and traffic management goals.

These recommendations are subsequently forwarded to Council's Ordinary meetings for consideration and adoption.

## Who attends the meeting?

The Committee meeting is a closed Council meeting that consists of both voting members and non-voting members.

The Committee's voting members consists of representatives from Transport for NSW (TfNSW), NSW Police Service, State Members of Parliament (or their representative), and TALC Chairperson (nominated Councillor or Council Officer).

The Committee's non-voting members consist of other Councillors, Council officers and representatives from local transportation services, that act as an advisory body for the meeting.

## How can the Community be involved in the process?

Whilst community members cannot attend Committee meetings, their concerns can be represented by their Councillors, State Member of Parliament and/or Council officers through written correspondence to Council.

Traffic Issue	Action
<b>Non-statutory/regulatory issues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintenance of existing road restrictions such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>remarking of lines;</li> <li>replacement of missing parking restriction signage;</li> <li>replacement of street name signage; and</li> <li>replacement of street lighting, bus shelters and footpaths.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Directly by Council officers</b> <p>Council officers investigate the request and arrange for the associated works to be completed.</p>
<b>Regulatory issues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Installation of new and/or alteration road regulations such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>line marking;</li> <li>parking restrictions;</li> <li>traffic control devices such as speed humps;</li> <li>intersection controls such as give way, stop signs, and roundabout; and</li> <li>school and pedestrian crossings.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Traffic Advisory Local Committee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council's Traffic Advisory Local Committee investigate the issue, and undertake appropriate inspections (when required)</li> <li>Items are reported to the Traffic Advisory Local Committee meeting.</li> <li>The recommendations are forwarded to Council's Ordinary Meeting for consideration.</li> <li>Customer is notified of Council's resolution.</li> </ul>
<b>Issues outside of Council's authority / responsibility</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TfNSW roads</li> <li>traffic signals</li> <li>bus stops</li> <li>speed review/speed zones</li> <li>school crossing supervisors</li> </ul>	<b>Other Agencies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Customer is notified in writing of the responsible agent.</li> <li>No further action is required by Council.</li> </ul>



## Frequently asked questions

### I've made a request to Council to have a traffic issue investigated. What happens next?

Council officers investigate the issues and determine if the issue is:

- Non-statutory / regulatory issues
- Regulatory issues
- Not Council's responsibility

Refer to the flow chart for the detailed information. Based on the nature of the traffic issue, the relevant agency (Council or TfNSW) will review and advise regarding a solution. Those matters falling outside the specific delegation of responsibility of either agency, will also be considered by TALC.

### How long will it take for a decision to be made?

Each request is investigated individually and it may take two (2) to six (6) months for a decision to be made on your request. Some investigations require surveys or additional information to be acquired from external agencies, which can extend the investigation.

### What happens once the recommendation has been adopted by Council?

Once Council has approved the minutes of the Council's Ordinary meeting, Council's Asset Department will notify you of the outcome of your request. Council staff will then arrange the works associated with the recommendation to be completed in due course.

### When will the works be complete?

Agencies are committed to completing these works in a fast and efficient manner. Whilst TALC may determine an appropriate solution, the timeframe for actioning these works may vary for each request, due to a number of factors influencing the completion of the works. Agencies need to prioritise works alongside regional projects and available resources.

### What if I disagree with the approved recommendation?

You may request a reinvestigation, however Council would require additional information before this request is considered

### Is Council responsible for all road issues?

There are a number of issues that are not under Council's care and control and should be forwarded to TfNSW for investigation. These include:

- review of speed limits;
- alterations to traffic signals;
- school zones and school crossing supervisors; and
- parking restrictions on a state road.

### Does Council control all roads within the LGA?

There are a number of roads that Council does not have care and / or control over within the LGA. Any issues relating to the following roads should be referred to TfNSW:

#### *HW5 - Great Western Highway*

The section of road from the boundary of the LGA with Blue Mountains City Council (at Victoria Pass) to the boundary of the LGA with Bathurst Regional Council (at Meadow Flat)

#### *HW18 - Castlereagh Highway*

The section of road from Great Western Highway (at Marrangaroo) to the boundary of the LGA with Mid Western Regional Council (at Capertee).

#### *MR253 - Jenolan Caves Road*

The section of road from Great Western Highway (at Hartley) to boundary with The Oberon Council (near Summit Road).

#### *MR516 - Bells Line of Road*

*(Chifley Road / Mort Street / Lithgow Street / Main Street)*

The section of road from the boundary of the LGA with Blue Mountains City Council (at Bell) to the Great Western Highway.

#### *MR558 - Duckmaloi Road*

The section of road from Jenolan Caves Road to the boundary of the LGA with The Oberon Council (Duckmaloi River).



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