1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND

The section of Ocean Drive in Lake Cathie between Miala Street and Ernest Street has been identified by Port Macquarie-Hastings Council for upgrade due to the current poor condition of the road surface, the lack of pedestrian and cyclist facilities and the general poor visual amenity of the road corridor through Lake Cathie’s central hub.

Due to the relatively high cost of the project, the construction works are proposed to be split into two stages to ensure that Council will have the funds available to commence construction of at least one of the stages in the near future. The two construction stages identified are:

**Section A** – Miala Street to Fiona Crescent  
**Section B** – Fiona Crescent to Ernest Street

Preliminary Concept Plans were produced and provided to the community to allow for feedback on the designs and for the opportunity to decide which option they would prefer commenced first.

1.2 ENGAGEMENT APPROACH

This Community Engagement Report provides a summary of the community engagement activities carried out by the Community Participation Team and Infrastructure Delivery Team during the period **13th August 2018 and 28th September 2018**.

The intent of the community engagement was to:

- Seek feedback from the community on the concept design;
- Seek the community’s preference for which Section they would prefer to see constructed first.
2 ENGAGEMENT METHODOLOGY

2.1 ENGAGEMENT TIMELINES:

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<td>13 August 2018</td>
<td>Concept Plans displayed for feedback on Council’s website and Have Your Say pages</td>
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<td>14 August 2018</td>
<td>Letters sent to Lake Cathie residents living on Ocean Drive directly impacted by the proposed development</td>
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<td>27 August 2018</td>
<td>Community Drop in Session, Lake Cathie Community Hall</td>
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<td>01 September 2018</td>
<td>Community Drop in Session, Lake Cathie Shopping Centre (Woolworths)</td>
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<td>28 September 2018</td>
<td>Consultation is closed for feedback</td>
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Table 1: Community engagement timeline

2.2 WHAT WAS CONSULTED ON

The concept plans provided a preliminary design of the proposed upgrade and associated infrastructure. It also provided plans outlining a future upgrade of Ocean Drive to four lanes when the population in the area warranted this future expansion of the road.

The community was also asked to choose which of the two sections they would like to see constructed first.

Section A – Miala Street to Fiona Crescent
Section B – Fiona Crescent to Ernest Street

2.1 CONSULTATION METHODOLOGY

Community members were encouraged to provide their feedback, leave comments and make submissions at the information sessions or via mail, email or through the Have Your Say Lake Cathie Ocean Drive page.

Council held two community information sessions on 27 August and 1 September 2018 for the community to meet the project team and discuss the concept design.
The following communication channels were used:

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<td>Project FAQ's</td>
<td>Available at the community information sessions and online.</td>
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<td>Stakeholder mailout</td>
<td>Letter and invite to community information sessions delivered to residents directly impacted by the proposed development and the Lake Cathie Progress Association.</td>
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<td>Webpage – Have Your Say</td>
<td>Project page updated 13 August 2018 with concept plans, FAQ’s and opportunity to provide feedback.</td>
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<td>Social Media</td>
<td>PMHC Facebook page</td>
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<td>Community Information Sessions</td>
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<td>Face to face meetings</td>
<td>Council staff held face to face meetings on the proposed site with local residents as requested.</td>
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Table 2: Communication channels
3 ENGAGEMENT RESULTS

3.1 SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED

A total of 72 submissions were received

- 30 submissions were received via postcards, email and CRM’s;
- 46 submissions were received from Have your Say;

Community Feedback in relation to Section A versus Section B:

74 results received.

Section A: 56 votes
Section B: 18 votes

The main issues raised were:

- No traffic lights at the Woolworths car park entrance
- No four lanes through Lake Cathie
- Address the drainage issues
- Driveway access
- Start the upgrade immediately

Two petitions were received by Council in relation to the proposed upgrade to Ocean Drive, Lake Cathie.

The first petition was initiated by Gary Roberts and was presented to Council on 23rd August 2018 with 232 signatures.

The objectives of this petition were to:

- Request Council immediately commence the upgrade of Ocean Drive from 1516 Ocean Drive to Fiona Crescent.
- Include within the design safety measures to implement traffic control, safe road crossings, and speed limits
- A smooth road surface to limit road noise.

The second petition was initiated by Claire Briggs and was presented to Council on 26th September 2018 with over 400 signatures.

The objective of this petition was to oppose the future widening of Ocean Drive to four lanes.
4 Attachments

Attachment A: written responses received via Have Your Say

Attachment B: written response from Claire Briggs

Attachment C: written response from Simon and Kristen Hayward

Attachment D: written response from the Lake Cathie Progress Association

Attachment E: petition initiated by Gary Roberts

Attachment F1: petition initiated by Claire Briggs

Attachment F2: petition initiated by Claire Briggs (further signatures)