



## **MAYORAL REPORT**

14<sup>th</sup> July 2009

<b>MM11</b>	<b>KEMPSEY TRAFFIC BRIDGE</b>
<b>FILE: 680</b>	<b>MAYOR {Folio No. *}</b>

### **SUMMARY:**

Reporting that advice has been received concerning the condition of the Kempsey Traffic Bridge.

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### **DESCRIPTION:**

In response to a question from Mr Andrew Stoner MP Member for Oxley, the Minister for Roads, the Hon Michael Daley MP has advised:

1. The bridge over the Macleay River at Kempsey was repainted in the 1980's.
2. The Kempsey bridge is regularly inspected. Any paint that may be falling off the bridge is not an environmental concern.
3. I am advised that this bridge is in adequate structural and aesthetic condition.
4. The RTA repainted the bridge in the 1980's. There is currently no plan to repaint the bridge at this stage.
5. Painting of the Sydney Harbour Bridge is a continuous process. Some parts of the bridge are exposed to the sun, weather and harsh marine environment and some parts are more sheltered. Therefore, the paint does not deteriorate evenly throughout the bridge and the paint in a particular location may not require maintenance for between 10 and 40 years, if applied correctly. The average lifespan of the bridge paint is approximately 20 years.

### **RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS:**

- *Environmental*

*Nil*

- *Social*

***Kempsey traffic bridge is an integral part of the Kempsey CBD and therefore impacts on the image of the town.***

- *Economic (Financial)*

*Council has resolved to allocate \$150,000 for the preparation of a Bypass strategy and the aesthetic condition of the bridge must be taken into account.*

- *Policy or Statutory*

*Nil*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the Minister for Roads the Hon Michael Daley MP be invited to visit Kempsey Shire
2. That Mr Andrew Stoner MP Member for Oxley be invited to support Council's representations to the Minister.

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J H Howell  
MAYOR