



Gareth Ward MP

MEMBER FOR KIAMA

GW:mj

Monday, 14 August 2017

Cr Marianne Saliba
Mayor
Shellharbour City Council

Via Email

Dear Cr Saliba,

I have been advised by Roads and Maritime Services that your Council is deliberately delaying the progress of the Albion Park Rail bypass project.

As you would be aware, it is inappropriate for me to involve myself directly with property negotiations.

You would be well aware of the cases involving your former Parliamentary colleague Eddie Obeid and the need for Members of Parliament to separate themselves from property transactions. Hence why the RMS has briefed you.

I find it totally unacceptable that your Council is seeking to deliberately delay this vital infrastructure project and I wish to express my outrage that you have sought to politicise one of the most significant infrastructure projects in our region.

Please find attached a letter to Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, requesting the progress to compulsory acquisition of the affected land.

I will not let you stand in the way of the vital infrastructure our region needs.

Kind regards

GARETH WARD MP

Member for Kiama

Parliamentary Secretary for the Illawarra and South Coast

Parliamentary Secretary for Education

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Encl. Representations to the Hon. Melinda Pavey MP, Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight