



Gareth Ward MP

MEMBER FOR KIAMA

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Monday, 14 August 2017

The Hon. Melinda Pavey MP
Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight
GPO Box 5341
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Minister,

As you would be aware, I secured an election commitment to construct the Albion Park Rail bypass – the largest single infrastructure project in the history of the Illawarra – which will relieve traffic congestion through five sets of traffic lights.

I recently met with local officers of Roads and Maritime Services, and have been advised that Shellharbour City Council are deliberately delaying the purchase of land by the NSW Government, owned by Shellharbour City Council, required to progress the Albion Park Rail bypass project.

The land in question is the Croome Road Sporting Complex. Affected sports clubs have been consulted and new grounds and facilities will be provided.

This delay is politically motivated and unacceptable.

In the interest of progressing this project as quickly as possible and circumventing the political game being played by Cr Marianne Saliba, Mayor Shellharbour City Council, I request that you instruct Roads and Maritime Services to proceed to the immediate compulsory acquisition of the land required at the Croome Road Sporting Complex.

My community will not tolerate any delays in this project.

Thank you for your assistance in relation to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Kind regards

GARETH WARD MP

Member for Kiama

Parliamentary Secretary for the Illawarra and South Coast

Parliamentary Secretary for Education

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