

Response to question on notice

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Question No. 847

Fiona Carrick MLA: To ask the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development:

In relation to the Public Roads (Stromlo and Molonglo Valley Districts) Declaration 2025 (NI2025–694) signed on 19 December 2025 declaring the part of Uriarra Road between Swallowtail Road and Opperman Avenue to be a public road –

- a) why was this declaration made;
- b) when will this section of road be opened;
- c) what traffic planning has been undertaken in relation to the re-opening of this road; and
- d) what consultation has been undertaken with local residents about the re-opening of this road.

Chris Steel MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (a) The subject section of road was closed in 2015 to facilitate the development of the adjacent Divisions of Wright and Denman Prospect, which included a site for a new, non-government school on what is now Block 6 Section 51 Wright (the site).

The Declaration was necessary to re-open the section of Uriarra Road after development of the adjacent parts of Wright, namely following the conditional approval of a development application (DA 202342199) for the construction of a new school campus and associated off-site works, including the re-opening of Uriarra Road between Swallowtail Road and Opperman Avenue. Further information on the conditions related to the re-opening of the road is available in the Notice of Decision on Reconsideration for the DA available [here](#).

- (b) The section of road was officially re-opened on 24 December 2025.
- (c) Traffic planning in relation to the re-opening of the road was undertaken as part of the aforementioned DA, including amendment of the DA, which is available on the ACT Planning website [here](#).
- (d) While no consultation is required for a road opening, DA 202342199, which included re-opening of the section of road, was publicly notified between 23 November – 13 December 2023 (original

application) and 7 – 28 May 2024 (amended application) in accordance with statutory process requirements under the then *Planning and Development Act 2007*.

Consultation was previously undertaken as part of the road closure process in 2015 and pursuant to the *Roads Act 1902*, the intention to close the road was notified in NI 2015-203. The notification provides for the public to make submissions, in relation to the intention to close the road, for a maximum period of 1 month. There were no public submissions received during the notification period.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



Chris Steel MLA
Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development

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