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Tenterfield Council declares “road emergency”

Tenterfield Shire Council today voted unanimously to join Local Government NSW and the NSW Country Mayors' Association in declaring a state-wide “road emergency”.

Mayor Bronwyn Petrie said regional and remote shires desperately needed help because shire road networks across the State were so extensively damaged, the repair task was beyond the scope of any local council.

“Regional and rural communities across the State and beyond desperately need our leaders to lead,” Cr Petrie said.

“We need them to recognise how badly damaged our roads are ... recognise how much fuel, bitumen, concrete and steel costs have risen and get more cash flowing to councils so we can have some hope of fixing our roads.”

The Tenterfield Shire Council motion called for an acceleration and significant boost in cash from the NSW Government and a boost to existing and new funding from the Federal Government.

The “road emergency” declaration comes on the back of an estimated \$2.5 billion in damages state-wide and collapse of the local and regional road network - with all but two of the state's 128 local government areas having natural disaster declarations in the past year.

Cr Petrie said Tenterfield had been hit by a series of natural disasters – drought, bushfires, storms and floods – putting residents, business owners and local farmers under enormous pressure.

“The heavy rains and floods have washed away roads and culverts and left kilometre after kilometre badly potholed and dangerous to negotiate.

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"The latest rains have come at a critical time. Crops are ready to be harvested and the window for planting summer crops only lasts a matter of weeks. Livestock are ready to go to sale.

"Our local and regional road network is vital to our farmers, and the key to keeping affordable food on tables across New South Wales and beyond."

Cr Petrie has written Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and NSW Premier Dominic Perrottet, requesting immediate action.

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