



MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Agenda Item Number:	10.01
Report Title:	Girraween Road Speed
Attachments:	Nil

I, Councillor Rachael Wright, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 18 January, 2022.

I will move the following motion:-

MOTION

THAT the following resolution passed on 14 December 2021:

THAT Council:

1. receive the information in this report;
2. reinstate the historic 80km/h on Girraween Road between the point where Litchfield Council assumes control over the road to Azure intersection;
3. note the success of guard rails and right-hand turning lane at the Girraween/Hillier road intersection; and
4. request a further review at the December 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting.

be amended as below:

THAT Council

1. receive the information in this report;
2. prior to reinstating the historic 80km/h on Girraween Road between the point where Litchfield Council assumes control over the road to Azure intersection, Council requests the Chief Executive Officer provide a report which includes relevant information council should consider, including but not limited to:
 - a) consultation outcomes with the community, both broadly as well as specifically the impacted residents, and the Northern Territory Police
 - b) outcomes from a qualified traffic engineer assessment on the risk associated with increasing speed limit
 - c) consider advice from its insurers (JLT) on the potential risk to Council of proceeding without seeking further expert advice
 - d) determine whether additional actions should be undertaken as a result of the findings from a), b) and c) above
3. note the success of guard rails and right-hand turning lane at the Girraween/Hillier road intersection.



REASON:

Since making this decision in December community feedback has made clear that we overlooked the importance of consulting with the residents most affected by the decision and with the Northern Territory Police to establish whether any further measures should be taken to ensure road safety once the speed limit was raised.

Additionally, we did not have written advice from our insurers at the time of making the decision and I believe we should consider this prior to implementing any change. This advice suggests a qualified traffic engineer be engaged to conduct an assessment on the increased speed limit and I believe it would be prudent to do so.

Once the community and Police feedback and the insurers' advice is properly considered, the decision to increase the speed limit can proceed if we still wish. By undertaking the recommended actions Council will be able to demonstrate good governance and decision-making principles have been followed.

14 January 2022