

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## SAFETY FIRST - FOR YOUNG AND OLD

MLC for Murchison, Ruth Forrest has highlighted the need for an urgent review of traffic conditions and implementation of much needed short and long-term safety initiatives in the Mooreville Road Education Precinct of Burnie. This issue has been raised with Ms Forrest by concerned parents and staff of students of Burnie Primary School.

"Increasing numbers of students and establishment of an "After School Care" facility have contributed to the increased traffic to the area as well as the adjacent location of the Cradle Coast Campus of the University of Tasmania, Hellyer College, Burnie TAFE and the proposed relocation of Arthur Support School to this area" Ms Forrest stated.

"Umina Park Aged Care Facility is also located within this precinct, so increased traffic in this area places the young and elderly, two of the most vulnerable populations, at risk of serious injury or death through road trauma as they try to negotiate heavy traffic conditions" Ms Forrest said.

Mooreville Road and Van Diemens Crescent are both Local Government roads under the management of the Burnie City Council. The Burnie City Council is aware of the issue and is currently investigating options for improvement.

"There is not a simple or cheap solution to this problem but with long term planning as well as short term strategies, the risks to all road users can be reduced. Reduction of speeds on Mooreville Road to 40km/h and establishing a clearway between West Park Grove Intersection and Stephen's Place/West Mooreville Road intersections during school start and finish times are measures that could be implemented now. Longer term planning is required to avoid the need for traffic to cross Mooreville Road when entering or exiting Van Diemens Crescent. This could be achieved with the construction of two round-a-bouts or similar plan to address the management of traffic flow for the entire education precinct" Ms Forrest said.

Ms Forrest encourages residents of this area, as well as those using the education facilities, to become involved in the planning of traffic flow management and by contacting the Burnie City Council to ensure adequate community consultation occurs.

For further information, please phone 0419 879 524.  
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