

MEDIA RELEASE

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Council asks for community input into future road network design

Would you like the ability to have your say on the design of roads, footpaths and street parking in the Gladstone Region?

Launching from today (Friday 1 May), Gladstone Regional Council will utilise its online community engagement tool, *Conversations*, to encourage the community to share their thoughts on the road network within the Gladstone Region.

This period of community engagement will open until 15 June and forms part of Council's three-year policy review cycle, in this case a review of the Road Hierarchy Policy, which sets out the Region's road design standards.

According to 2016 Census data, 75.2 per cent of people in the Gladstone Region travel to and from work by car either as a driver or passenger.

This number is higher than the Queensland (71.3 per cent) and Australian (68.4 per cent) averages.

Gladstone Region Councillor Desley O'Grady said these statistics mirror the community's preference to travel by motor vehicle, highlighting the need for both Council and the community to review and adopt effective Road Hierarchy Policy.

"This period of community engagement endeavours to find out residents' experiences with and preferences for not only road design, but also pathways, cycleways, road width and street parking," Councillor O'Grady said.

"Residents can complete an online survey via the *Conversations* platform, which has a particular focus on footpaths and street parking.

"Finding out the community's views on the current Road Hierarchy Policy will help Council to better understand their needs, concerns and preferences before making a recommendation about the standards of the policy.

"These views and ideas can help pave the way for better road design in order to provide safer and easier travel around our suburbs and our region."

Please visit <https://conversations.gladstone.qld.gov.au> to have your say.

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