



Memo to: Mayor Watton

Copy to: All Councillors, General Manager, Directors, Senior Leadership Group and Communications & Engagement Team

From: Paul McLachlan, Director Works and Infrastructure

Subject: Dalwood Road, Branxton – Design Plan

Date: 13 February 2026

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Dear Mayor Watton

I refer to your enquiry regarding the design plans for Dalwood Road, Branxton:

In the latest rates notice, residents have been advised that Dalwood road design and investigation has been completed. Will these design plans be published on together Cessnock or similar?

Council officers have investigated the subject matter and advise as follows:

Dalwood Road investigation and design phases have been completed. Budget to complete these phases were via Developer Contributions. Any remaining budget was redistributed as per the amended Developer Contributions Plan.

The design plans will be published and community consultation undertaken upon construction funding being secured and a program of works being developed. The project construction phase will be grant funding dependant and, as with many grant programs will require a co-contribution from Council. This will need to be considered in future Operational Plans based on prioritisation in line with the Assets Management Plan and the success of a grant.

Funding opportunities such as the below are being reviewed for future applications:

- Safer Local Road Infrastructure Program
- Roads to Recovery

Please note a copy of this memo will be uploaded to the Council website.