



Memo to: Mayor Watton

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From: Peter Chrystal, Interim General Manager

Subject: Mayor questions – 13 January 2026

Date: 13 January 2026

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Dear Mayor Watton

I refer to your enquiries regarding various matters;

- 1) *Wollombi Road. Looking to get the latest info here.*
- 2) *Branxton Greta Cycleway. Looking to get an update re recent fed grant application.*

Responses to your questions are provided below;

Wollombi Road

Following a review of progress in preparation for the next stage of delivery and a period of negotiation the Symal contract was ended in December. Council is now entering into negotiations with another preferred contractor, in line with previous Council resolutions. Updated documentation is being finalised over the coming days to be delivered to the preferred contractor for them to provide a revised price and delivery timeline of remaining Stage 1 works; including recommencement of critical watermain installation works in April 2026.

Branxton Greta Cycleway

Council expects TfNSW to announce outcome of funding applications by January 2026. Once Council secures the funding, Council will be able to complete the final stage (Stage 3) the project, which would take approximately 6 months.

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