

Public Forum Question and Response

Subject: The Esplanade, Narrabeen – Traffic Problems

Question From: Vincent De Luca

Meeting Date: 28 October 2003

Question:

Could Council please advise what action has been taken following complaints about trucks travelling regularly on this street despite a 3 tonne limit? How many trucks have been fined and what action has been taken to prevent the trucks from using this road?

Response:

The enforcement of load limit roads is the responsibility of Council although on some occasions the RTA will carry out stationary patrols on major roads. Council's Rangers Team are authorized to enforce these requirements on behalf of Council. There are many load limit roads in Warringah, with some of the main ones being: Beacon Hill Road Beacon Hill, Alexander Street Collaroy and Nioka Road Narrabeen. Nioka Road is the extension of The Esplanade and provides access through to Collaroy Plateau and in particular to the RSL War Veterans Home and the Collaroy Plateau shops. Vehicles greater than 3 tonnes are prohibited from using these roads. The only circumstances that allow their use is when a driver has to complete a delivery in that street and there is no alternative route. Our Rangers monitor each area on a daily basis and infringement notices are issued when offences are observed. The penalties are set by the NSW State legislation and currently range from \$ 220 for a vehicle 1 tonne and under over the 3 tonne limit up to \$ 913 for a vehicle 4 tonne and under over the 3 tonne limit. It can be seen that these penalties are financially severe and as such are a strong deterrent. Nioka Road, Narrabeen along with Beacon Hill Road, Beacon Hill generate the majority of infringements that our Rangers issue for these offences. In terms of the number of fines issues by Rangers for these offences, 105 infringement notices to the value of \$22,500 were issued for the financial year ending June 2003. All load limit roads are sign posted so as to warn drivers of the restrictions. These roads are also identified in the professional drivers street directory. In relation to recent complaints about trucks connected with the building works at the RSL War Veterans Home at Collaroy Plateau the site manager has been spoken to by the Rangers. Although they do advise their contractors of this information, the truck drivers are independent.