



Councillor **William Maslin**

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Councillor unhappy with bridge progress

Gundagai Shire Councillor, William Maslin, today said that he has taken up the concerns of the local business community with the NSW Roads Minister's office regarding the Sheridan Street off-ramp closure.

In his letter to the Minister, Cr Maslin stated he had "been regularly updated on this matter by the Gundagai Business Houses Group (GBHG) who have been working with the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) to ensure that the Gundagai community is aware of what is happening with the maintenance program and also making the necessary representations to the RTA regarding the impact the maintenance program is having on their businesses.

"The GBHG has received a number of completion dates from the RTA and in each instance that completion date keeps getting pushed back further.

"The GBHG group have advised me that the works that the RTA claimed will commence on the week of the 24th August, have in fact not commenced. The GBHG have therefore come to the conclusion that as a result of this, the work will not be completed in early October, rather late October. With the past performance, it would be safe to assume even later."

A spokesperson for the Minister's Office said that they encouraged any feedback from concerned businesses and that the Minister will be taking an active interest in the matter.

"While I understand that the bridge maintenance is a priority for the safety of motorists, I can't stress enough how important it is that traffic arrangements be reverted back to normal as soon as possible. The businesses have suffered enough as it is without further being given the run around," said Cr Maslin.

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