Dec 6, 2021

On site meeting with TfNSW to review Scotland Island Roads and vehicles

Representatives from:

TfNSW – Road Safety, Vehicle Standards, Network and Road Safety

SIRA – Roads, Drainage and Environment Subcommittee

Senior Sargent Broken Bay Water Police

NBC Council –Council Transport Network Manager, Senior Engineer Road Assets, Community Liaison Coordinator

Participants met at Tennis Court wharf and walked the Island ring road with the addition of Cecil (site of the buggy accident) and Hilda.

The TfNSW was interested in both the road infrastructure and the variety of vehicles using the roads. The condition of the roads was noted as well as the width and gradient.

Broken Bay Water Police – Acknowledged the liability issues for each of the agencies and the need for a resolution

Following the walking inspection, attendees discussed the next steps involved in this process.

* TfNSW will conduct internal discussion with several areas including Centre for Road Safety and Legal. The first steps in this process will be to understand what types of vehicles and speed limits are safe for the Island Road network. The next step will be to determine what actions and changes are required of the road network and vehicles to meet the standards set by TtNSW for conditional registration
* TfNSW Conditional Registration is currently under review. TfNSW may need to consider a Scotland Island specific conditional registration code.

SIRA representatives stressed the benefits of smaller vehicles especially buggies as being advantageous and appropriate when they meet the standards as set by TfNSW. Discussion included concern for a timely resolution to the issues around registration.

TfNSW will continue to provide updates to the Northern Beaches Council and Scotland Island Residents Association so that SIRA can keep residents informed of progress with this matter.