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

Representatives from:

TfNSW – Road Safety, Vehicle Standards, Network and Road Safety (David Black, Ashkan Mafer, Natilie Martin, Peter Carruthers, Galen Nethery)

SIRA – Roads, Drainage and Environment Subcommittee

Coordinator Broken Bay Water Police (Mick Morris)

NBC Council –Council Transport Network Manager, Senior Engineer Road Assets, Community Liaison Coordinator, Phil Devon, Thambiah Sivarasa, Trish Chaney, Kajal Todd

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.

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

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

After a walking tour of the island, 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 to 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.
* TfNSW will continue to provide updates to Scotland Island Residents Association so that SIRA can keep residents informed on the progress with this matter