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OBJECTIVE

To state Council's policy with respect to haulage of coal and other bulk commodities by other than road transport, where other alternative transport modes such as rail, pipeline or conveyor are available.

POLICY

Council has as an objective, the removal of trucks hauling coal and other bulk commodities from the public road system. Cessnock City Council is a member of the Association of Mining Related Councils, an organisation that has a long running stance of removing coal trucks from the public road systems, where other alternatives are available. This Association has expressed to the Minister for Mineral Resources its total objection to the use of road transport in built up areas and on road systems not designed to withstand or accommodate heavy trucks.

The amenity and safety for the residents of Cessnock LGA is already degraded by heavy truck traffic (access, traffic congestion and noise, dust and air pollution). Any increase no matter how insignificant, will

further exacerbate this unsatisfactory situation.

A coordinated approach between Government, Industry, the Association and affected Councils and the community is required to resolve the issues, maximise the use of available alternative transport modes such as rail, pipelines and conveyor and lesson the impact on public road systems not designed to withstand or accommodate heavy trucks.

Therefore the availability of these other alternatives to road haulage of bulk commodities such as coal is to be supported by Council in assessment of all development applications and submissions to government and industry bodies.