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Mr Roger Bailey
General Manager
Lithgow City Council
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Dear General Manager, Mayor and Councillors

Last year I was able to obtain an additional \$200,000 in funding that was to be allocated to assist Lithgow City Council in the repair/construction or maintenance of local roads to be matched dollar for dollar equating to \$400,000 worth of work.

Council advised that the money was to be used on the following roads:

- Lithgow Urban area – Amien Street \$80,000
- Wallerawang Urban Area - Main Street CBD \$100,000
- Portland Urban Area – Williwa Street and Frankfort Street \$100,000
- Rural Roads - Cox's River Road \$120,000

Once again I have been able to secure a second round of funding for \$200,000 to be matched dollar for dollar by Lithgow City Council.

I ask the Lithgow City Council to give consideration to the projects listed below:

Pearsons Lookout

For many years discussions have been held around Pearsons Lookout and the need for better access in and out of the site from the highway. I would like to announce that funds have been secured from RMS to undertake the work on the basis that Lithgow City Council provides \$50,000 of matched funding to the "upgrade" - that is \$50,000 from LCC, \$50,000 from the Bathurst Electorate's \$200,000 and the balance of whatever funding is required from RMS.

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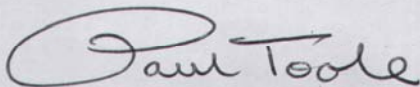
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Additionally Pearsons Lookout is an iconic tourist attraction bringing in national and international visitors to the region and into Capertee Valley every year. With respect to the work in Pearsons Lookout area itself I note that the land that the lookout occupies is owned by Dept of Lands and further ask Lithgow City Council to consider allocating a sum of \$30 000 of matched funding to do upgrade work to the lookout itself.- that is \$30 000 from LCC and \$30 000 from the Bathurst Electorate's \$200 000. I note that this would involve further discussions with both Council and RMS.

The remaining balance of \$120,000 would be available to a local road/s of Lithgow City Council's choice. They may be new roads or roads allocated in this year's 2012/13 Management Plan. This would need to be matched dollar for dollar by LCC equating to a total of \$240,000 of further roadworks.

I await your consideration of these requests so that we can improve Pearsons Lookout and continue the NSW Government's commitment to assisting local councils with local road infrastructure.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Toole".

Paul Toole
Member for Bathurst Electorate