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## Interim use of Alice Street to make the Gwydir Highway connection



The option of an interim Alice Street bypass is a feature of the Gwydir Highway environmental assessment currently on display for public comment.

The Department of Planning, as the consent authority will determine whether the interim use of Alice Street connecting the northern section of the bypass will be allowed and if so, with what conditions.

The southern section of the bypass to Bullus Drive has been delayed due to land contamination issue between Gosport Street and the railway line.

Deputy Mayor, Cr Sue Price said she has had detailed discussions with the RTA and is confident that every effort is being made to resolve the contamination issue and to seek the funding required to complete the southern section parallel to Gosport Street.

Cr Price said, "To delay the opening of the northern section until the southern section (Gosport Street) is ready, means trucks will continue to use CBD route for at least another two years."

"The proposal to have the interim Alice Street bypass is an effort to allow early use of the northern bypass section and to have the trucks removed from the CBD at a much earlier date," she said.

Cr Price impressed that it is important that the people of Moree take the time to look at the document and make their submissions, either for or against the proposal.

Submission must reach the Department of Planning by close of business on **Monday 16 November 2009** and should be addressed to Director, Major Infrastructure Assessments, Department of Planning, GPO Box 39, SYDNEY NSW 2001, fax: (02) 9228 6355 or email: [mark.turner@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mark.turner@planning.nsw.gov.au)

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Photograph: Councillor Sue Price at the Moree bypass