

**TO ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL: REGARDING CONCERNS RAISED BY RESIDENTS THAT WE APPROACHED LIVING ON AND NEAR BLACKSNAKE ROAD AND LUCKY HIT ROAD.**

**THE MAIN CONCERN IS THAT THE ROAD IS BEING USED AS A "SHORT CUT" BY NON-RESIDENTS TO TRAVEL FROM WARREN ROAD TO TORRENS VALLEY ROAD. THIS ONE LANE DIRT ROAD WAS NEVER DESIGNED FOR THIS AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC (ESTIMATE AT LEAST 50% NON-LOCAL). THIS PUTS ADDITIONAL PRESSURE ON THE LOCAL RESIDENTS AND CONDITION OF THE ROAD SURFACE WHICH IS BREAKING UP. THERE HAS BEEN AN ACCIDENT RECENTLY WHERE A LADY LEFT THE ROAD AND HIT A TREE ON A SHARP BEND DUE TO SPEED AND ROAD CONDITION.**

**WE HAVE MANY HEAVY VEHICLES ALSO USING THIS ROAD – CONSISTING OF SEMI CAR CARRIERS, SEMI TIPPERS, HEAVY EARTH MOVING EQUIPMENT, SEMI HAY CARRIERS, CARAVANS, 4WDS TOWING BOATS AND JET SKIS. THE BRIDGE/FORD ON THE SOUTHERN END CROSSING THE TORRENS WAS ONLY EVER RATED AT 30CWT (THE SIGN WAS NEVER RE-ERECTED WHEN WE CHANGED TO METRIC, NO WORK HAS BEEN DONE TO STRENGTHEN IT IN ALL THOSE YEARS)**

**PREVIOUSLY THE ROAD WAS USED BY MANY RESIDENTS/VISITORS FOR WALKING (PART OF HEYSEN TRAIL), CYCLING, HORSE RIDING AND MOTOR CYCLES, HOWEVER MOST HAVE NOW AGREED THAT WE ARE NOT GAME TO CARRY OUT THESE PURSUITS, LET ALONE WALK THE DOG.**

**THE AMOUNT OF NON-LOCAL TRAFFIC AND THE SPEED THEY ARE TRAVELLING DAY AND NIGHT HAS LEFT THE LOCAL RESIDENTS IN FEAR OF BEING HIT WHEN GOING IN AND OUT OF THEIR DRIVEWAYS, OR BEING TAIL-GATED WHILE TRAVELLING UP OR DOWN OUR ROAD. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT SOME VEHICLES WOULD BE EXCEEDING 110KPH – THESE ARE NOT LOCALS.**

**THE SOUTHERN END IS A BUS STOP FOR LINK SA AND SCHOOL BUSES, WITH PASSENGERS BOARDING AND ALIGHTING (USUALLY WITH PARENTS/FAMILY WAITING IN THEIR CARS TO PICK THEM UP). THIS AREA IS ALSO A STOCK CROSSING FOR MOVING STOCK FROM ONE SIDE OF THE RIVER TORRENS TO THE OTHER.**

**WE FEEL THE MAIN CONCERNS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL ARE:**

- 1) DESIGNATE THE ROAD TO BE “LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY”. (GOOGLE MAPS SHOWS IT AS A “RESTRICTED USAGE ROAD) OR SIMILAR DETERRENT.**
- 2) RESTRICT THE SPEED BEING TRAVELLED. (50 OR 60 HAS BEEN SUGGESTED). PLEASE LOOK AT THE ENGINEERING OPTIONS TO REDUCE SPEED.**
- 3) MAINTAIN THE ROAD SURFACE TO A SAFE/SATISFACTORY CONDITION, HENCE REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF DUST AND IMPROVE SAFETY. (REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC WILL HELP HERE).**
- 4) THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN MADE AWARE OF A ROADSIDE TREE THAT IS FALLING OVER AND HAS NOT BEEN REMOVED. IT WILL SOON UPROOT THE ROAD AND COULD CAUSE AND ACCIDENT – VICINITY OF NO. 90.**

**WE APPEAL TO COUNCIL TO ASSIST US WITH OUR CONCERNS.**