



RALLY TO REOPEN OUR ROAD

- Cliff Drive between Katoomba and Leura has been closed to vehicular traffic since February 2020.
- The road was originally blocked by a landslip near Leura Cascades but that's not the reason it is still closed.
- A culvert under the road was found to have failed due to a lack of maintenance.
- The Council has estimated that replacing the culvert will cost between \$4M and \$5M.
- After waiting patiently for two and a half years, the Leura Community Alliance, the peak body representing the interests of the Leura community, started advocating for this work to be given a high priority by the Council and the road reopened as soon as possible.
- In an effort to see this happen, we wrote to the Council and met with our three Ward 1 Councillors. We even suggested a temporary reopening solution using the Chelmsford bridge.
- In May 2022 the Council suggested that the work could not commence before March 2023, ignoring our request for urgent action.
- In the meantime, the continuing wet weather is causing additional landslips and road damage across the LGA, seemingly sending Leura back to the bottom of the queue.
- While the Council previously advised that proposed facility improvements for Leura Cascades could not proceed until the culvert was replaced, we now understand that plans are being drawn up for this work without any word on reopening the road to through traffic.
- Infrastructure improvements of this sort are to be welcomed but not as a substitute to reopening this critical local road.

In light of this lack of action, the Alliance is calling on all of Leura's residents and community groups to "Rally to Reopen our Road" at 11.00am on Saturday 26 November.

We will meet at the road barriers across Cliff Drive near the intersection with Jersey Avenue and Olympian Parade.

It's time to send a message to the Council that our patience is exhausted and that we will no longer accept the doctrine of "Leura Last".

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