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The NSW Government has committed to an official review of the *Roads Act 1993* (**the Act**) in order to tailor the 30-year-old regime to contemporary road uses and functions.

Four targeted objectives have been set as the focus of the review. They are ensuring:

1. More contemporary uses for roads and streets that are safe and responsive to community needs.
2. Faster local decision making with appropriate mitigations to manage network risk.
3. A streamlined and easy to use statute that keeps pace with change.
4. A more operationally effective statute.

An Issues Paper was published in February 2025 and can be accessed here: [Roads Act 1993 Issues Paper February 2025](#).

The Issues Paper identifies a need for more liveable streets in NSW with a greater emphasis on sustainability and safety while also meeting urgent priorities such as resilience and new housing.

It also recognises the limitations placed on Councils' powers under the Act, despite their management of the

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vast majority of roads in NSW, resulting in lengthy administrative processes.

Other key issues addressed in the paper are:

- Does the Act adequately consider key community issues?
- Does the Act sufficiently accommodate all road users?
- Is the way that NSW roads are classified under the Act still useful?
- Does the Act work well with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979?
- Could roles, responsibilities and decision-making processed under the Act be clearer and more streamlined?
- Are there ways to improve the operation of certain parts of the Act?
- Are there more ways to ensure that the Act keeps pace with change?

The review will build on related Transport for NSW initiatives focused on community improvement districts, road recategorisation, Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plans, and Local Traffic Committee Reform, and will feed into government priorities related to housing needs and improving vibrancy in communities.

As there is an extent of duplication and overlap between the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EPA Act)* and obtaining various Roads Act approvals, we would expect that this may produce reforms intended to streamline this process.

Next steps

The NSW Government is inviting feedback from Councils and other stakeholders on the objectives raised in the Issues Paper. Feedback is open from **Friday 14 February 2025** to **Friday 28 March 2025**.

Stakeholders are able to provide feedback by completing an online survey, sharing their ideas to an ideas board, or making a long-form submission. These options are available at an online portal which can be accessed here:

<https://www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/roads-act-1993>.

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