

4 September 2025

TfNSW reference: WST25/00050/002 | SF2025/065859

Your reference: PP-2025-140 (Ref-3846)

General Manager
Oberon Shire Council
By Email: council@oberon.nsw.gov.au

Attention: Bennett Kennedy

PP-2025-140 – O’Connell Memorial Avenue of Trees – O’Connell Avenue, O’Connell

Dear Bennett,

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) is responding to the Planning Proposal PP-2025-140 referred on 4 August 2025 via the ePlanning Portal.

TfNSW has reviewed the information provided for the proposed listing of the *O’Connell Memorial Avenue of Trees* as a local heritage item. Prior to the finalisation of the planning proposal, TfNSW requires Council to consider the comments detailed in **Attachment 1**.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned on 1300 019 680 or email development.west@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Nathan Boscaro", written over a horizontal line.

Nathan Boscaro
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PP-2025-140 – O’Connell Memorial Avenue of Trees – O’Connell Avenue, O’Connell

This attachment relates to TfNSW’s response dated 4 September 2025 reference WST25/00050/002.

Context

TfNSW provides the following context:

- PP-2025-140 seeks to amend the *Oberon Local Environmental Plan (OLEP) 2013* – Schedule 5 to include the O’Connell Memorial Avenue of Trees as a local heritage item.
- The affected classified (State) road is O’Connell Road (MR253). The avenue of trees is located within the road reserve of MR253 south of the Fish River crossing to the intersection with Box Flat Road. (heading North to South). Further site context is provided in **Attachment 2** of this letter.
- Council is seeking advice from TfNSW following Gateway Determination of the subject PP on 30 May 2025. The determination requires Council to consult with TfNSW prior to public exhibition and to determine the requirements of a Conservation Management Plan.
- TfNSW provided advice to DPHI prior to determination of the subject PP on 28 May 2025.

TfNSW comments

TfNSW’s primary interests are in the road network, traffic, and broader transport issues. In particular, the efficiency and safety of the classified road network, the security of property assets and the integration of land use and transport.

TfNSW provides the following comments:

1. TfNSW support of the heritage listing of trees is subject to the relevant agencies not being restricted from undertaking necessary road maintenance or safety improvements on O’Connell Road to support the safe and efficient movement of road users.
2. Any existing Conservation Management Plan included in support of the Planning Proposal must be revised to include a list of exemptions that permit road maintenance, road improvement projects and landscaping works on the trees within the road reserve (i.e. pruning, replacement, treatment) by the roads authority or nominated person/s. Alternatively, the exemptions identified are to be captured within the OLEP 2013.

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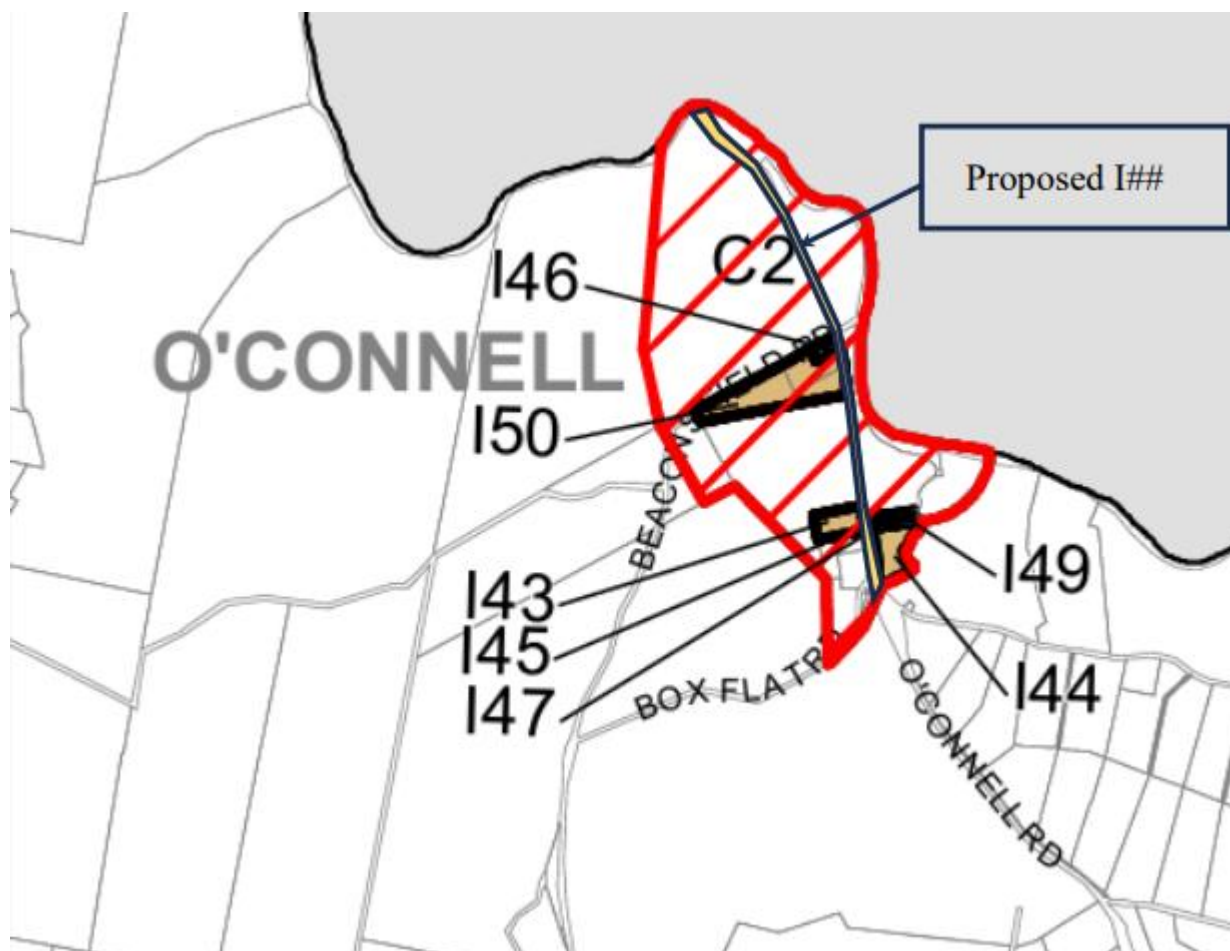


Image: Proposed location of heritage item on O'Connell Road (Source: Planning Proposal – Avenue of Trees Heritage Item – O'Connell Road, O'Connell, Figure 1, pg. 6)

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