



## Canungra360: Community Survey Insights and Recommendations

### Executive Summary

This report presents the findings from the Canungra360 community survey, capturing the perspectives of Canungra residents on the town's growth and infrastructure needs. Key issues that respondents felt very strong about include traffic congestion in town, road safety near the school, insufficient educational facilities, and a lack of accessible community spaces.

The data reveals both significant support for solutions such as decentralising services and relocating and expanding the school, as well as frustrations with current infrastructure and services.

### Key Findings

#### 1. Traffic Congestion and Safety Concerns

- **Traffic Congestion:** Traffic congestion in town is the main concern, with 85.7% of respondents indicating that it is a moderately to extremely significant issue. This issue is especially evident during peak hours, where the town centre becomes congested, affecting the overall flow of traffic.
- **Safety:** Road safety is another significant concern, with 61.9% of respondents reporting that they feel the town centre and major road near the school are either somewhat unsafe or very unsafe. These concerns reflect the need for better infrastructure to ensure the safety of both pedestrians and drivers. Additionally, 83.3% of respondents indicated that prioritising safety and traffic management should be a key focus in any future changes.
- **Community Feedback:** Respondents expressed frustration with the current traffic conditions, which are seen as inadequate to handle the growing population. The town centre is particularly impacted, as it serves as the focal point for key services, leading to high traffic volumes that compromise safety and convenience.

#### 2. Infrastructure and Road Quality Concerns

- **Current Infrastructure:** A large portion of respondents (64.3%) rated Canungra's current infrastructure as either "poor" or "very poor." This highlights dissatisfaction with the existing roads, utilities, and public services, which are not seen as sufficient to support the town's growth.
- **Need for Improvement:** There is a clear demand for infrastructure improvements, particularly in relation to roads, public services, and utilities. As well as supporting the movement of major development outside of the town centre. Respondents emphasised that as the town grows, the current infrastructure will not be adequate to meet the needs of the community. With proper and well thought out improvements, 90.4% of respondents believe their quality of life would be "somewhat" and "greatly enhanced". Moreover, 73.8% of respondents stated that improving infrastructure and services should be the top priority in future plans.

### 3. Educational Facilities and Expansion Needs

Of those that responded “yes” or “no”, 64.5% of respondents believed that Canungra’s current education facilities do not meet the community’s growing needs.

- **Primary School:** A significant portion of respondents (82.7%), that responded “yes” or “no”, support the idea of relocating and expanding the primary school to accommodate the growing population. There is a shared sense that the current facilities are insufficient to meet the needs of the community, with many suggesting that a larger, modernised space is necessary.
- **Secondary School:** The need for a secondary school near Canungra is also strongly supported, with 78.7% of respondents that answered “yes” or “no” agreeing that one is needed. Many residents expressed frustration with having to send children to neighbouring towns for secondary education, which is both time-consuming and inconvenient and reducing community kinship to interact.
- **Educational Support:** There was strong support for after-school programs and youth activities (62.5%) for the growing community.

In addition to the primary and secondary school needs, respondents also expressed the need for vocational and technical training programs and adult education initiatives (combined 20%). These programs would serve the needs of adults looking to develop new skills and enhance their professional prospects.

### 4. Support for Decentralisation of Services

- **Decentralising Key Services:** A strong majority of respondents (64.2%) support the relocation of key facilities, such as schools and community infrastructure, outside of the town centre for reasons of reducing traffic and congestion on Christie Street, and to increase safety for pedestrians and cyclist. This preference stems from concerns about the congestion and limited space in the current town centre, with respondents calling for services to be relocated to more accessible and less crowded locations.
- **Community Impact:** The decentralisation of services is seen as a potential solution to reduce traffic, ease congestion, and provide more space in the town centre for community-focused areas. Respondents agreed that such a relocation could improve both the liveability and functionality of the town, as 64.2% of respondents indicated that the current infrastructure is “poor” or “very poor”.

### 5. Desire for a Centralised Community Hub Outside of Town Centre

- **Community Hub:** The idea of developing a centralised community hub outside the town centre received strong support, with 64.2% of respondents agreeing that such a hub would provide easier and safer access to essential services. This support reflects a desire for a more accessible location for schools, healthcare, recreational spaces, and other services.
- **Multi-Functional Services:** Respondents envision a community hub that integrates various services, including education, healthcare, and recreational facilities, into one accessible location. This would not only improve access to services that is safe and efficient.

## Conclusion

The Canungra360 community survey reveals clear patterns of concerns and support. There is strong support for decentralising services, expanding educational facilities, and creating a centralised community hub outside the town centre. Residents also voiced concerns about the inadequacy of current infrastructure, traffic congestion, and the lack of recreational spaces. These findings provide valuable insights into the community’s needs and highlight areas where strategic improvements can be made to support Canungra’s future growth and development.