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Dear Matthew

Re: Farmers Creek Shared Pathway Works. Ref: 280120

Thank you for forwarding a copy of the concept plan for this section of the pathway and the opportunity to express my comments or concerns on this proposal.

My main concern is the construction of this shared pathway in front of residential properties where line of sight is an issue where the pathway crosses driveways.

Line of sight from most residential driveways is limited, however the difference in the speed of a pedestrian and a cyclist using the shared pathway creates a problem.

By the time a cyclist and driver see each other they may not have sufficient time to react to avoid an incident. I have attached photographs of the line of sight from my driveway when reversing from my garage as an example. Some of the residents in Burton Street would have less line of sight.

I notice that on pages 98, 115 and 116 of the Farmers Creek Masterplan that there are options to use the northern side of Farmers Creek, including a short section of boardwalk, to Atkinson Street and continuing behind the houses in Inch Street to the park opposite Saywell Park. I would strongly suggest that this be the option for this section of the pathway from its junction with the bridge over State Mine Creek.

My concern is also that in looking at the proposal for the continuation of this shared pathway that it will continue from Burton Street in both directions along Inch Street along the footpaths in front of both residential and industrial properties in Inch Street. I would also strongly suggest that the option (Stage 1) on Page 98 be used in these areas i.e. upgrade the footpaths for pedestrian access with cyclists on the road.

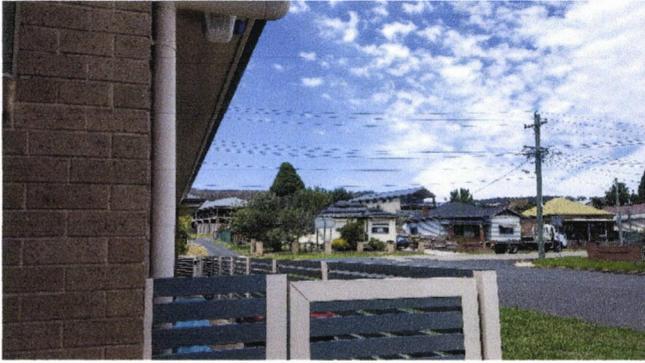
In regard to the shared pathway option through Burton Street, I am also concerned on its impact on the residents of what is now a quiet cul-de-sac. From personal experience I know that a fence around a house in a busy street is a necessity to prevent people from wandering around in the front yard or even in the back yard. This has not been an issue for people living in Burton Street, but some of the residents have expressed concern that the construction of the shared pathway will open the street to this type of activity.

The shared pathway may also impact the real estate values of the properties for both the reasons mentioned above.

For all the above reasons, I would strongly recommend that the proposal to construct the shared pathway along the nature strip in Burton Street be shelved and preference be given to the construction along the northern side of Farmers Creek to Atkinson Street.

Yours sincerely

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Line of sight looking towards Inch Street when reversing from garage.



Line of sight towards creek when reversing from garage.



Position of vehicle when above photo taken.



Line of sight when looking towards creek is not clear until vehicle is directly on what would be shared pathway

Photographs taken on 5 February 2020 – property 174 Inch Street, Lithgow. Access to garage from Burton Street.