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Re: Draft Port Macquarie-Hastings Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan 2014

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Council's Draft Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan 2014.

At present PMHC has many plans affecting the Bonny Hills community including the draft Bike Plan, Operational Plan, Local Area Traffic Management Plan (LATM) and the draft Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP).

The BHPA is concerned that these plans are being developed in isolation without adequate cross referencing. Examples of this include:

- The PAMP proposes a "footpath ...between Rodley Street and the existing path to the surf club" whilst the PMHC Media Release "Council adopts footpath and cycleway program" of July 16th includes a footpath on "Ocean Drive from Panorama Drive (N) to refuge near caravan park". These two proposals, although covering the same area, appear to be on opposite sides of Ocean Drive.
- The PAMP does not cover north of Rodley Street/McGilvray Road which is where a significant number of Bonny Hills residents live. The LATM has many features which affect these residents including the poorly maintained refuge near the Tavern and the need for a crossing facility near the bus stop opposite Seawind Chase.
- The PAMP includes the following statement: "Actions along Ocean Drive should be consistent, wherever possible, with the Bonny Hills -Traffic Management Scheme previously endorsed by Council." Surely the actions along Ocean Drive should always be consistent with the LATM.

As part of a 'safety audit' of Bonny Hills, the BHPA has conducted a review of the Bonny Hills LATM and a draft report has been submitted to John Hanlon for comment. It is anticipated that further discussions will result in an updating of the LATM which should reflect the provisions of the draft Bike and Pedestrian plans.

Crossing Facilities

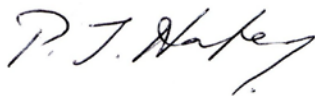
- The proposed crossing facility near Panorama Drive north needs to be carefully considered due to the poor sight lines in the area. It should be noted that many drivers choose not to turn right from Rodley Street onto Ocean Drive because of these sight lines.
- The BHPA supports the provision of a crossing facility near Jordan Avenue.
- The proposed crossing facility between Bartlett and Elizabeth Streets will be used by very few residents. As an alternative, PMHC must investigate a crossing facility linking the existing Post Office / Real Estate shop and the Bonny Hills Plaza.
- The existing crossing facilities opposite the “Top Shop” and the Tavern are very poorly maintained and work should be undertaken immediately to rectify this situation.

Footpaths

- The PAMP proposes a “footpath on the northern (ocean) side of Ocean Drive between Rodley Street and the existing path to the surf club”. The BHPA has advocated this for a number of years and has held on-site meetings with the previous General Manager and Mayor and other meetings with PMHC staff in relation to this proposal.
- The BHPA supports the proposal for a footpath on the western side of Ocean Drive between the tennis courts and Jungarra Crescent. In addition, the BHPA encourages Council to ensure that this footpath provides access, either formal or informal, to the Community Hall Reserve and the Top Shop.
- One of the most popular pedestrian routes in Bonny Hills is Beach Street from Seafront Circuit to Rainbow Beach. At present the road is poorly defined, not line-marked and the verges are rough and unusable.
- The Lake Cathie Public School is scheduled to open in 2015 and the drawing area includes the area north of Saltwater Creek. At present there is no designated pedestrian or cycle access to the school for these students. In addition, playing fields will be located in the same area in the near future. This situation must be addressed immediately.

The BHPA looks forward to further discussing the PAMP and associated documents with Council in the near future.

Yours sincerely,



Phil Hafey
Secretary
18 August 2014