

## Email from CEO Martin Cutter to Darren Cheeseman MP

Hello Darren

Thank you for sharing constituents' survey responses and your interest in improving road safety particularly in regard to Boundary Road, Horseshoebend Road, Burvilles Road and key routes to Mount Duneed Regional Primary School.

The City is aware of the community's concerns regarding the interconnectivity of pathways within the Armstrong Creek Growth Area and key road issues in this rapidly growing area.

Council has endorsed its draft 2022-23 Budget which includes a number of projects of interest which will improve traffic flow and pedestrian-cycling connections, and address some of these issues, such as:

- Greenway improvements along Barwarre Road South and Boundary Road West (\$18,368)
- Shared Path network - Mount Duneed – off-road trail connected to the Baanip Boulevard and Boundary Road intersection project (\$156,323)
- Expansion of the signalised intersection - Surf Coast Hwy and Boundary Road (\$283,324)
- Shared trail on Burvilles Road between Peaceful Ave and Horseshoe Bend Road and on Paddock Road between HSB Road and Whitehaven Chase. (119,997 in 2023-24, 119,997 in 2024-25 and 295,957 in 2025-26)

In regard to other connection issues raised, the growth area development plan lays out the strategic corridors (greenways) for active transport and is supported by the local network of paths along existing and new roads, which are a condition of permit on developments.

A number of key path networks are located within existing private property and require the private land to be developed before paths can be built, creating gaps in the network in the early stages of development. We are working with developers to accelerate key links where possible and are delivering others listed in the growth area plan ourselves. We are open to discussions with the State to identify strategic projects which could be co-funded in this area.

As you are aware, concerns around Feehans Road and Williams Road are well understood, and relate specifically to increased traffic associated with Mt Duneed Regional Primary School.

Growth at the school has resulted in existing open space within the school being built over and its status as a 'rural' school no longer consistent with its operation.

We have previously undertaken significant works in Williams Road outside the school to improve parking and pedestrian access.

We worked closely with the school and Department of Education at the time of these works to develop plans for safe pick up/drop off zones which could be built within the school.

The school/DEECD is yet to deliver on these works and we welcomed your support and advocacy as our Local Member to have these safety measures introduced as soon as possible to address your constituents' concerns.

The City has also provided advice to the school and State in relation to use of the council-managed DELWP land at the rear of the school for a carpark including preparing concepts and estimates, however no State funding to deliver this has been provided to date.

We have made suggestions to the school/DEECD as an interim measure, to implement a school transfer bus system that can shuttle students to locations within the existing growth area more suitable for walking/parking, consistent with a rural school.

This is also yet to be implemented and again, we welcome your involvement to liaise with the Department and school and encourage the introduction of these improvements as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support,

Martin

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