



The General Manager
Hornsby Shire Council

Comments on Burns Road North Beecroft (F2021/00243)

Dear Sir,

The Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust makes the following comments regarding the proposed improvements in Burns Rd South.

The Trust requests that Council -

- Identify any inappropriate plants, (such as the privet near Copeland Rd shown in photo) and arrange for their permanent removal.
- Takes care to protect and retain the recently planted trees/shrubs in the area of the proposed footpath.
- Seriously reconsiders the merit of constructing a footpath along the eastern side of the road. The irregular grading, numerous shrubs and driveways will recreate a wandering path with ups, downs and detours that will discourage use by pedestrians. See verge photo. The traffic in the street is so low that pedestrians walk on the road pavement now in complete safety and are unlikely to change their habits even if a footpath is constructed.
- Seriously reconsider the removal of the prominent limb on the century old turpentine. See turpentine photo. The branch formation is unusual and all efforts should be taken to have it retained. While Council's concerns are driven by road safety, there should be other ways to address the safety risk without removing the limb.
- Refer the proposed limb removal to Council's tree management and heritage sections for comment. In addition, the Trust requests that this large century old turpentine is assessed for heritage listing, together with the other similarly aged Turpentine in the street. These trees are very special and are recognised as such by the local community.

Yours sincerely,

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