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The General Manager
Hornsby Shire Council

Dear Sir,

Community concerns associated with the construction of the mixed Residential and commercial Development at 5-7 Wongala Crescent Beecroft

Local residents have approached the Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust about the ongoing management of the construction site at 5-7 Wongala Cres Beecroft. There appears to be two matters of concern.

The trucks removing the excavated material off site are tracking a significant amount of dirt onto the footpath and road. This dirt is being hosed into Council's stormwater system and consequently into Byles Creek. The Trust understands this is not appropriate, that the trucks should be cleaned onsite first before entering the public road.

The frequent closure of the footpath in Wongala is developing into a twofold issue with serious disruption to businesses nearby in Wongala Cres. Combined with the business loss there is a problematic road safety issue for pedestrians using Wongala Cres. Currently pedestrians who want to use the west side of Wongala Cres to access the shops to the south can cross the street at the corner Wongala Cres and Hannah St but there is no matching pedestrian crossing to the south. In theory pedestrians need to walk up to Beecroft and Copeland Rd traffic lights to return to the west side of Wongala Cres. Instead pedestrians are crossing Wongala Cres around the bus stops. This is a potential road safety issue and should not be ignored. Perhaps a covered walkway should be installed in front of the development site that will allow pedestrians to remain on the west side of Wongala Cres so they can have direct access to the shops to the south.

The development at 5-7 Wongala Cre is expected to take some time to construct and therefore these issues are not of a temporary nature. They have the potential to seriously impact on the long term viability of the adjoining shops. A similar long term financial impact was noticeable when Beecroft Place was constructed.

Council is requested to explore and implement possible solutions to these environmental and road safety issues.

Yours Faithfully,

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Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust