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Important Correspondence for the Mayor of Kalamunda City Council

It is of an urgent nature to be presented to him at the earliest possible time before the next council meeting on Tuesday 12 December 2017 thankyou so he has time to digest the information related within the documents in a timely muyor # fashion.

Don Hawkins 249 Hummerston Road Piesse Brook WA 6076

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Kalamunda City Council **Railway Road** Kalamunda.

29/11/2017

Ref: A proposal to reopen Hummerston Road.

We the undersigned, hereby wish to express our deep concern that such a proposal should be taken seriously by Council.

The road was closed some years ago, following the tragic death of a motorcyclist on the very steep unmade section of the road.

More recently, a child was tragically killed on the section between the junction with Mundaring Weir Road.

We who reside on Hummerston Road are constantly reminded of the dangerous bends (some 90 decree) which have required Council to paint solid white lines on the Centre line, in order to persuade road users to keep left. Recently, a resident was forced to collide with a green rubbish bin placed too close to the road, in order to avoid an oncoming vehicle being driven wide on one of the bends. It is fortunate that most of the local users of Hummerston Road are aware of the issue of strangers not keeping left, and all experience near misses from strangers unaware of the danger of the sharp bends.

Should the road become a 'through' Road again, we believe that lives will be lost, not only due to the point raised above, but as a result of heavy goods vehicles using the road as a short cut. instead of using the expensively up graded Mundaring Weir Road.

Hummerston Road has grades that cannot be reengineered to reduce the steep sections, after all, that is precisely why the alternative road (Mundaring Weir Road) was constructed to replace Hummerston Road,

A further negative point is that the junction with Mundaring Weir Road which was rearranged some years ago, is most unsuitable for access and egress by large heavy vehicles, due to the steep rise to the give way sign and the fact that there is an almost 90 degree angle in Hummerston Road immediately on entry into the road from Mundaring Weir Road, heavily laden large trucks are very much in danger of collision due to the lack of space to turn into and out of the junction, particularly long wheel based trucks.

While we the undersigned understand the desire of some residents to find a way to avoid the need to use Mundaring Weir Road to travel to Kalamunda, but on the other hand the residents on Hummerston Road are forced to make a similar diversion to travel from their homes to Mundaring !

We therefore plead that Council reject this proposal, because we are convinced that for the various reasons outlined above, lives will be lost, we already experience many unregistered motorcyclists driving/tearing around on the lower end of the road, together with other vehicles performing 'burnouts'.

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Petition to stop the re-opening of Hummerston Road East to Fern Road. Piesse Brook

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We the undersigned Residents, Business Owners and concerned citizens of the City of Kalamunda, respectfully request that Hummerston Road East to Fern Road, Piesse Brook not be re-opened for the following reasons:

- Traffic Load on Mundaring Weir Road may be redirected to Hummerston Road a quieter, unsuitable residential road, which transfers the problem from one area of Kalamunda to another with limited benefit to the wider community.
- 2. Potential loss of trees, native flora and fauna as a consequence of any road widening and extension.
- 3. Impact to National Park as a result of road widening and extension
- Impact to all Private Properties along Hummerston Road as a result of road widening and extension.
- 5. Significant Fiscal impact to the City of Kalamunda (upwards of \$800,000) where a more conservative approach may suffice including but not limited to the following:
 - A decrease in speed limit approaching blind corner at the junction of Mundaring Weir Road and Fern Road.
 - b. Upgrade Mundaring Weir Road and improve blind spots and hazards
 - c. Refurbish existing Hummerston Road (gravel not pavement) at current width to allow all vehicles 'emergency access only' in the event of fire.
 - d. The parties who raised the Petition to open the road will not have any increase in traffic or modifications to their properties and the re-opening will only benefit a few rate payers for significant cost.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely;

The Following, Undersigned:

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at 340 Hummerston Kd Kalamunda WA 6076 Chief Executive Mr E.H. KELLY Skive of Kalamunda 2 Railway Rol Kalaminda Dear Mr Kelly, I am writing to you as an expression of support in your endeavours for the closure of the eastern end of Hump ston Rd. after having spoken to some of the local resin ents in our area I know that This is not going to be an extremely popular move. There appears to be 2 main objections and They are firstly that the road is a chortan to and from Kalaminda and Their place of residence, and secondly that the road chould be left open for emergincy which The first reason hardly rates a mention when

one considers the possible alternative which is another loss of life. The second reason is perhaps a little more valid. However I hasten to add that I have lived in this road for the past 4'2 years and have never ever experienced an emergency vehicle using our road except on the occasion of the fatality that recently occurred. In fact emergency vchicles would be placing themselves and other at risk by using the said road if used to save time and at a speed. In my time as a resident on this section of road I have witnessed 5 cars having run off the read ending up in the bush or the drain on the side of the road or both. One car collided with a power pole causing extensive damage. I myself have been run of the road once by a vehicle travelling up the kill and slewing sideway through the corner just above our driveway. On another 2 occasions ? have net vehicles at the large boulders in front of our house and have been involved in view collisions because they have been coming down the kill at a speed which is not safe ? There is a sudden fall of the road at the boulders on the Kalammada

side causing a blind spot for vehicles travelling in either direction. There are 3 areas of concern on our section of road. and these are , the first corner at the bottom or western end of the road which is a blind comer, 2, the blind spot at the boulder which Thave already mentioned, and 3. the corner just to the east of our driveway which is another blind spot created by tea tree and other buck obscuring vision for traffic travelling in both directions. These factors are further compounded by the road surface, the fact that the road has quite a steep grade in places, and is used by people who either do not know or recognise the danger of this road or choose to ignore them to the detriment of other road users. I must mention here that there are some people using the road whe do se at a safe speed. Thank spoken to Mr Leilman the Shire President on this natter expressing our concern on the danger of the road. He and I both agrice that if the road was made one way it would receive very little if any policing with the result that certain persons

would continue to use it anyway. Also to upgrade the road would not be affordable or justifiable when one considers the alternative of road closur I make this statement bearing in mind the cost of upgrading the road especially as it only service one residence, that being our own. In clarification of the early part of this paragraph, I don't mean that certain residents would use the road in the wrong direction if it was made one way, I mean that some people who didn't know the road, or who didn't see the signs or who chose to ignore the signs (and lets face it there are people around who will ignore signs) would still use the road and could therefore still create a danger. Therew That the recent death on en road was an isolal ed incident but I have alway felt that sooner or later an accident of some magnitude would occur, However I did not think for a moment that it would have resulted in a fatality. Fail bitues such as the one involved still use our road at speed as do other vehicles. I personally feel that the only avenue open to the council is to close the road as this action above is the ob only way of garanteeing the nost niminal amount of 2 way traffic.

In conclusion I make these statements as a person laving spent 15 2 years in the police force of Western Australia and having had a great deal of experies in These matters.

your Sincerly AAC Don Hawkin

P.S. I know that the division to close the road has not been Taken lightly by conneil and will apprece iate and support in any way I can your endeavou

Don Hawkins

From:	"Janine Morton" < Janine. Morton@kalamunda.wa.gov.au>
Date:	Tuesday, 15 August 2017 9:06 AM
To:	"Don Hawkins" <dm340@optusnet.com.au></dm340@optusnet.com.au>
Cc:	"Records" <records@kalamunda.wa.gov.au></records@kalamunda.wa.gov.au>
Subject:	RE: IE-200520 - FW: IE-191553 - Hummerston Road Closure

Dear Mr Hawkins

Thank you for your email, this has been passed on to the relevant business unit as it is good to receive such positive feedback.

Kind regards

Janine Morton | Executive Research Officer Director Asset Services

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From: Don Hawkins [mailto:dm340@optusnet.com.au] Sent: Tuesday, 15 August 2017 8:41 AM To: Janine Morton <Janine.Morton@kalamunda.wa.gov.au> Subject: Fw: IE-200520 - FW: IE-191553 - Hummerston Road Closure

Hello Janine I am just writing to say what a good job the shire has done of the fire gates on the gravel end of Hummerston Road. Since they have been in place no more vehicles have been using the road as a thoroughfare and we feel relatively safe again thankyou. The gates are quite substantial and will certainly last the test of time plus will not easily be run over by a vehicle as the posts are two metres into the ground in concrete so will provide some considerable resistance. Anyway I just wanted to say thankyou to all who were involved in this as it was not a five minute job that is for sure.

Regards and thanks

Don Hawkins

From: <u>Don Hawkins</u> Sent: Friday, June 02, 2017 10:07 AM To: Subject: Re: IE-200520 - FW: IE-191553 - Hummerston Road Closure

Hello Janine and thankyou very much for your email advice and the correspondence from the Director of Asset Services Dennis Blair. I am pleased with the councils approach on this one as it does affect us greatly when confronted with the road conditions when it is open to vehicles to and

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from Fern Road. Once the road is closed again it makes it easier for us to negotiate the two hazards previously mentioned and gives us some peace of mind. We have observed the commencing of works on the gate and are very appreciative thankyou.

Kind regards

Don Hawkins

From: Janine Morton Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 2:08 PM To: <u>dm340@optusnet.com.au</u> Cc: <u>Records</u> Subject: FW: IE-200520 - FW: IE-191553 - Hummerston Road Closure

Dear Mr Hawkins

Please find attached response to your email below. A hard copy of this letter has been sent in the mail for your records.

Kind regards

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From: Don Hawkins [mailto:dm340@optusnet.com.au] Sent: Tuesday, 16 May 2017 10:34 AM To: Rob Korenhof <<u>Rob.Korenhof@kalamunda.wa.gov.au</u>> Subject: Re: IE-191553 - Hummerston Road Closure

Dear Rob thankyou for your previous email assurance that Hummerston Road at the eastern end would not be reopened.

Since this time we have reported to the shire that the fire gate chain was run over by a large rubber tracked excavator leaving it lying on the ground and once again allowing vehicular traffic access in the gravel to the bituminised part. The hazards I pointed out to you in the road still remain and that is managed by us considering we know the risks. However this is not known by other users who do not reside in the area and treat it like it is a dual lane carriageway but driving in the centre of the single lane that it is. Some vehicles have now commenced using the gravel as a regular thoroughfare as we note some regular users that we recognise.

A work crew came and put the chain completely to one side advising that they were waiting for a metal gate to be applied at the top end of the gravel just off Fern Road.

I feel a metal gate put in at the top would be a cost that could be easily used at the end of the bitumen as there is another gravel access along side our property that could be used to bypass the proposed gate at Fern Road. In my view it would be far better applied where the chain gate was situated although it would need to be a little higher or lower as one of the posts on the chain gate was situated in very soft ground near the creek undercrossing on the gravel making it easy for people to run over the chain as it gave way in the soft ground.

I did notice recently that there was some surveyor activity in the gravel area in the closed part of Hummerston Road and see now that there are several pegs marking out the side of the gravel plus a white painted marker on the bitumen in Fern Road. There is also a traffic counter in the top end of Hummerston Road at the Kalamunda end.

As your previous email to me said that it was not the shires intention to open the road I am now concerned that this may have changed siting the surveyor pegs on the gravel which puzzles me as to why this would be happening.

Can you please advise me what is the purpose of this considering our previous correspondence.

Thankyou and regards

Don Hawkins

From: <u>Rob Korenhof</u> Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2016 5:24 PM To: <u>Don Hawkins</u> Subject: RE: IE-191553 - Hummerston Road Closure

Dear Mr Hawkins...thanks for your response and please note that I have also sent a copy of your advice below to the Asset Maintenance Team for further consideration when undertaking the maintenance works previously identified.

Regards Rob Korenhof | Acting Director Asset Services

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From: Don Hawkins [mailto:dm340@optusnet.com.au] Sent: Tuesday, 4 October 2016 9:34 AM To: Rob Korenhof <<u>Rob.Korenhof@kalamunda.wa.gov.au</u>> Subject: Re: IE-191553 - Hummerston Road Closure

Dear Rob thankyou very much for your response to my concerns and the Shire's perspective on this matter. It is quite a relief to us thankyou.

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I do note the intentions of the Shire to plane back a little of the dirt bank on the blind corner which is really appreciated thankyou although not expected as we managed it the best we could by being very cautious around this aspect of the road. We are still happy to have the 350 metres of single lane carriageway to our house remain as so especially if some of the bank is removed to improve visibility of this bend as this is the main worry to us apart from of course having the road reopened. The other blind spot at the upper end near our house is at a place that is formed by a rise in the road so is not likely to be able to be improved unless it was made wider perhaps. Of course one could not necessarily guarantee that drivers would keep left so this is not necessarily a fix for the problem and one that we will contend with as we have done in the past if this is any help.

Thankyou once again for allaying our fears and the provision of a plan for our part of the road long term.

Regards

Don

From: <u>Rob Korenhof</u> Sent: Monday, October 03, 2016 2:28 PM To: <u>dm340@optusnet.com.au</u> Subject: FW: IE-191553 - Hummerston Road Closure

Dear Mr Hawkins

Thank you for your email dated 21 September 2016 regarding your Hummerston Road concerns. From the Shire's perspective the continued closure of the eastern end of Hummerston Road is supported. Reopening of the road is considered to be a low priority as the benefits to a small number of residents are outweighed by the significant costs involved in vegetation clearing and road reconstruction.

Further responses to the various issues raised by you are provided as follows:

1. The road was initially closed by Gazettal some years ago after my approach to council as a result of a road crash death at the bottom of my driveway.

Yes this road was temporarily closed on 19 June 1990 and then on 25 August 1998, the Department of Lands (DOLA) requested the closure and amalgamation of the temporary road closure of this road reserve into the State forest. This was presented at Council on 8 February 1999 and after the relevant advertising period went back to Council on 19 July 1999. This road was officially closed and amalgamated with the State forest in September 1999.

2. The road at this time was gravel and of single lane width. Your comment has been noted.

3. There are two main blind spots currently still on the road even though it is now bituminised from our residence to Mundaring Weir Road at the Kalamunda end.

Shire officers have inspected the road and in particular the two blind spots that you have identified, with the Shire's Asset Maintenance Team now scheduled to undertake pruning of roadside vegetation to improve sight lines along Hummerston Road.

The Shire can advise that a new project for the upgrade of the last 350m section of Hummerston Road has now been listed in the Shire's Long Term Financial Plan for future budget consideration by Council. The Shire receives many requests for upgrade which the Shire endeavours to accommodate. It is noted that the number of projects on this Long Term Financial Plan are extensive and are regularly reviewed to reflect the changing needs of the Shire to maximise opportunities for grant funding of infrastructure projects that provide the greatest benefit to the community as a whole.

In the interim, the Shire's Asset Maintenance Team have also been requested to consider further maintenance including re-shaping of an earth embankment to improve sight lines.

Should you have further queries relating to this matter, please contact the Shire's Coordinator Design Services, Ryan Cocking on 9257 9801 in the first instance.

4. During this period when the road was open to traffic from both ends a number of vehicles that were driven far too fast left the road on a number of different occasions due to driver behaviour and loss of control. One resulted in

a crash with an electrical pole on the side of the road. Your comment has bee noted.

5. My wife and I were forced to drive off the shoulders of the road a number of times to avoid a collision with vehicles being driven at speed towards Kalamunda. Please refer to point 3 above.

I trust this provides an overview and insight into the future ongoing program in regard to Hummerston Road.

Regards Rob Korenhof | Acting Director Asset Services

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From: Don Hawkins [mailto:dm340@optusnet.com.au] Sent: Wednesday, 21 September 2016 12:06 PM To: kala.shire <<u>mailto:kala.shire@kalamunda.wa.gov.au</u>> Subject: IE-191553 - Hummerston Road Closure

Hello and to whom it may concern. Recently I have heard that there is a partition being canvassed in our area to reopen the eastern end of Hummerston Road as it would create an easier access to Kalamunda for residents who would normally need to use Mundaring Weir Road.

I reside at the last residence at the eastern end at number 249, and would like to draw to your attention a few things that related to the road closure in the first place.

1. The road was initially closed by Gazettal some years ago after my approach to council as a result of a road crash death at the bottom of my driveway.

2. The road at this time was gravel and of single lane width.

3. There are two main blind spots currently still on the road even though it is now bituminised from our residence to Mundaring Weir Road at the Kalamunda end.

4. During this period when the road was open to traffic from both ends a number of vehicles that were driven far too fast left the road on a number of different occasions due to driver behaviour and loss of control. One resulted in a crash with an electrical pole on the side of the road.

5. My wife and I were forced to drive off the shoulders of the road a number of times to avoid a collision with vehicles being driven at speed towards Kalamunda.

I am opposed to any reopening of this road as it is still a single lane carriageway with two blind spots that as residents we know well and take extra precautions to prevent any collisions with other vehicles being driven in these parts. As the road is not open to traffic from the eastern end it minimises our risk and we would like to have this continue as it gives us some peace of mind and safety.

When the road was to be bituminised council did ask us if we had any problems with it being a single lane road and we responded –"no" as it was not open to traffic from the eastern end and so therefore minimised our risk. We still maintain this view.

I have been an officer in the WA Police for forty years and have much experience in traffic matters and to me this one needs to remain the same with the only alternative to be perhaps some considerable road widening to make it safe if this is what council deems appropriate. Of course this would incur considerable costs to council which would need to be fully evaluated.

I have a copy of the original letter that I forwarded to council when the road death occurred and will attach it for you to peruse so you can avail yourself of the issue at the time. I have no doubt that council would have minutes of this too but feel that it is easier for me to attach my copy so it lessens the research perhaps required.

I do not have a vested interest in preventing people from having access but do sight the inherent risks involved if this was to be considered by council.

At the moment the eastern end is blocked off with an lockable fire gate for any emergencies however I do note that all emergency vehicles do use Mundaring Weir Road as it is a direct route without any restrictions. Plus it is a main road and safer with two lanes, one for both directions.

I am happy to be included in any correspondence or discussions in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Don Hawkins

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