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To: Terrplan
Subject: Impact of West Belconnen Development - submission

To whom it may concern

As a resident of Higgins, I'm writing to express my concern about the impact of the proposed 2016 West Belconnen development on pedestrian access and recreation use of the Bicentennial trail parallel to Drake Brockman Drive.

I consider myself to be a 'high user' of this trail as I access it 3-6 times a week to walk with my dog and child. We cross Drake Brockman Drive near the intersection of Cussen Street in order to access the Trail, near the Pegasus Riding School.

I understand that with the urban development proposed for west of Holt there will be a significant increase in the current vehicle usage of Drake Brockman Drive (increase currently calculated to increase to 26,000 vehicles by completion). I seek formal advice about how the Government intends to minimise the impact of this increased traffic flow to accommodate the safety of pedestrians and residents living near and accessing the Trail. I do not believe this has been taken into account in the current traffic assumptions. It is imperative the Trail remain accessible and open for all - and especially current residents - to use, and that consideration be given to pedestrian access as part of the development planning.

Further, I understand the proposal is to increase the current 60km/h zone along Drake Brockman Drive to 80 km/h after 2021. This is unprecedented. I seek assurance that the current 60km/h speed zone remain on Drake Brockman Drive. I would point to management of speed zones in similar residential areas such as on Kingsford Smith Drive (70km/h) and Southern Cross Drive (60km/h).

The proposed road side barriers to be constructed between 2031 and 2041 to ensure road noise compliance along the length of Drake Brockman Drive do not take account of, or articulate any strategy for, pedestrians accessing the Trail. This needs to be addressed.

I look forward to your reply.

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