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Mayor

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Dear Mr Butler *Gavin*

Submission Response – Bungan Head Reserve Walking Track

Thank you for your submission dated 9 July 2018 regarding your request to reopen the Bungan Head Reserve Walking Track and include it as part of the Northern Beaches Coastal Walk.

I apologise for the delay in my response.

Council has recently considered this proposal and explored the option to include Bungan Head Road as part of the recent upgrade program. At this stage it is not considered appropriate to reopen the Bungan Head Reserve Walking track which runs between the ocean and Bungan Head Road, Newport.

I am advised that the Geotechnical Feasibility Assessment (GHD LongMac, September 2003) found that the existing risks and any works to manage such risks did not make this a viable project. Numerous factors were identified such as the active cliff regression, compromised cliff edge, steep sloping profile across the track and unstable soil profiles.

Staff have reviewed the 2003 independent study you provided by Shirley Consulting Engineers. We have also undertaken a recent inspection of this area. It is considered that the remedial works suggested in the study are not sufficient to nullify the safety concerns in reopening the track to the public.

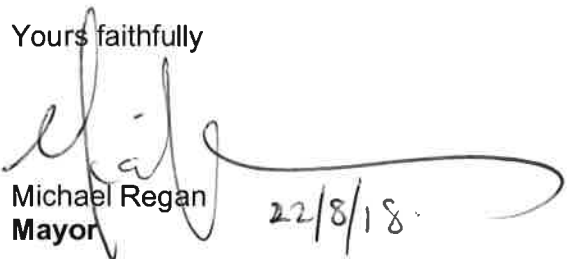
In addition, there is no existing connection to the Bicentennial Coastal Walkway along Bungan Head Road. A realignment of the walkway through this area would require the construction of extensive infrastructure. Any proposed remedial works to construct a safe walking route along the reserve would be visually intrusive, impact on local amenity and be costly.

In relation to encroachments of private property onto public land in the area, I will request Compliance staff investigate options to address concerns as required.

Should you require any further information, please contact Clint Nittolo, Asset Management Officer on 1300 434 434.

Thank you again for your submission. The time taken to formulate your proposal is appreciated.

Yours faithfully


Michael Regan
Mayor

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