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Dear Ms Orchard

Response: Footpath Prioritisation Request Brisbane Water Drive, Point Clare

I refer to your recent letter requesting Council reconsider its appraisal of Brisbane Water Drive, Point Clare. The following information is provided:

The annual revenue raised by the general rate and loans with the addition of any Government funds which may be granted to Council is not substantial enough to undertake the backlog of Capital Works projects required throughout the City area, inclusive of footpath construction in the immediate future.

Therefore individual projects identified on the Capital Works Programme must be reviewed on merit each year and a priority given to those works in accordance with criteria guidelines, using factors including, but not limited to:

- Class of road.
- Vehicular and pedestrian traffic numbers;
- Proximity to local amenities; and
- Existence of nearby alternative footpaths.

Given the above, a footpath route along Brisbane Water Drive is considered to be a high priority for funding, therefore, this project will be considered in framing the next forward works program. However, the 2012/2013 Capital Works Program is fully allocated, as such this project is unable to be considered until the 2013/2014 financial year.

In the meantime, another footpath project along Brisbane Water Drive will be undertaken as part of the 2012/2013 Footpath Paving Program. This project is the refurbishment of footpath and installation of a handrail in the vicinity of Fairhaven Services, to allow for improved disabled access to the bus stops along Brisbane Water Drive.

Should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me by telephoning 4325 8882 during normal business hours.

Yours faithfully

Clint Jury
Capital Works Officer
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