

(e-mail submission)

Hi, my name is Bryan Beeston, we have lived in the district since 1995 and live in town since 2020 first on Racecourse rd, and Now [addressed extracted] Allenton.

My concern with your draft budget, is the zero spend on foot paths around the town in this budget.

We have seen 100's of new houses built, subdivisions, around the town, north, east, west, and south, and most of these are an extension of the existing housing area, so there no foot path from these properties to the existing foot paths.

The second reason, has since we had Covid, lockdowns, there been more people walking for exercise, biking, around the town, and why this is great, it's created dangerous where people are walking on the roads, and why dry, they might step onto grass verge, when wet, it will be a serious issue.

We all have seen the excellent footpaths out at north park, which I wonder why they were built in an industrial area, out of town, where people drive to? The ones around the reconciliation area, are good, and we seen the great work done in the town centre.

So we can do this, we lowered the speed limits around town as it has grown, yet we haven't extended the foot paths, with the extra housing development that have gone on or future proof the safety of people of our town.

So in my own area, I would run a footpath from existing paths on racecourse rd, down to farm road, and down farm road to argyle park, to give easy access to the park, it's all 50 km speed limit, then Allen's rd wants double footpaths down each side of Allen's rd, over mill creek to join the existing footpaths.

And I know Tarbotton rd has similar issues, then the the other areas around town.

So my recommendation is used the forestry money, on future planning footpaths around our town to make it safer, and easier for our residents to walk to the shops, park, exercise, so I would use half the resealing budget on footpaths, has the last longer Than the road repairs, and will in courage people to walk more has they feel safer.

I would like to present this if it would make a difference.

Thanks Bryan Beeston.