



Tuesday, 18 August 2020

Adrian Schrinner, Lord Mayor
Office of the Lord Mayor
Brisbane City Council

Via email to: lordmayor@brisbane.qld.gov.au

Dear Lord Mayor

Re Traffic Management – New Developments, Montague Road

On Thursday 23 July, three staff from Brisbane City Council met with members of Kurilpa Futures to discuss traffic management associated with developments on Montague Road south of Victoria St (Montague Markets and Thomas Dixon Ballet Centre, and the new Senior College at Dutton Park).

These developments are already impacting residents and users of Montague Road, including the streets such as Drake-Ganges-Dornoch that run off Montague Road and into Dornoch Terrace. These traffic impacts will increase when the developments are completed.

This matter is becoming urgent as the Montague Markets, a significant development with a full-sized Woolworths and other retail, is due to open in September.

Kurilpa Futures welcomed the opportunity to hear BCC transport planners outline their processes in a candid conversation, but was disappointed in Council's response. We understand for example that:

- There is no acceptance of the concept that Drake-Ganges-Dornoch streets form a single traffic corridor.
- While Council BCC has been liaising with the State Government on the West End State School expanded campus and on major works such as Cross River Rail there has been no direct engagement with other State Government developments including the Thomas Dixon Ballet Centre and the new Senior College at Dutton Park.
- Montague Road has not had a Council traffic study for upward of five years despite significant and rapid population growth, and this is not a current priority.
- In respect to new developments, Council does not conduct studies on the cumulative traffic impacts of multiple developments in the same area; instead they review each development application independently.
- Transport planners will assess and respond to the traffic and transport impacts of new developments as they emerge; not before. In other words, reactively, not proactively.

This is not acceptable to Kurilpa Futures.

In the absence of any BCC comprehensive transport and mobility plan for Kurilpa Peninsular, Kurilpa Futures asks Council to refer to the Kurilpa Futures Planning Paper (2019) and the State Government's Transport and Mobility Study for South Brisbane (2019).

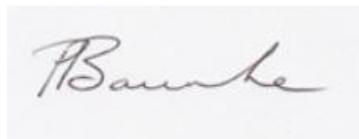
In particular, for this precinct, we are seeking to engage with Council as soon as possible about:

- Council reviving the Dornoch Terrace safety improvements project albeit with more effective community involvement.
- A traffic management corridor plan for the Montague and Drake, Ganges, and Dornoch Terrace precinct that is consistent with the recommendations of the 2019 Transport and Mobility Study for South Brisbane and that gives priority to active transport.
- The release of Council traffic modelling data for that corridor.
- The development of a transport and mobility plan for the whole of the Kurilpa peninsula consistent with the findings in the South Brisbane Transport and Mobility Study.

The current and impending traffic impacts from the developments in the Montague Road corridor require urgent action from Council. Residents should not have to beg Council to take action on an issue that could have been foreseen and addressed with appropriate strategic planning. Kurilpa Futures requests an urgent meeting with Council transport planners and decision makers to discuss our concerns and the next steps.

We look forward to your response and our representatives will be available to meet at your earliest convenience.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Bourke', is centered on a light gray rectangular background.

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