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## **Re: Port Macquarie-Hastings Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan Draft Final Report 2014**

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Council's Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan Draft Final Report 2014.

The BHPA acknowledges and supports the following:

- Planning for a footpath from Panorama Drive (N) to the refuge near the Top Shop is underway with the exact details still to be determined
- The proposed crossing facility on Ocean Drive near Bartlett Street has been relocated to the north of Bartlett Street
- The pedestrian refuge on Ocean Drive north of Jordan Ave, included in the LATM concept plan, will be included in the final PAMP.
- Beach Street at Saltwater Creek: Council has committed its designers to sketch a design to allow pedestrians to walk more safely on the eastern side of the road. Implementation will be subject to funding.
- Work has been done to improve the maintenance of the crossing facility near the Top Shop and PMHC will continue to monitor this area.

The BHPA submission on the initial draft PAMP noted that:

*The PAMP does not cover north of Rodley Street/McGilvray Road which is where a significant number of Bonny Hills residents live. The LATM has many features which affect these residents including the poorly maintained refuge near the Tavern and the need for a crossing facility near the bus stop opposite Seawind Chase. and*

*One of the most popular pedestrian routes in Bonny Hills is Beach Street from Seafront Circuit to Rainbow Beach. At present the road is poorly defined, not line-marked and the verges are rough and unusable.*

Neither of these concerns have been addressed as these areas are not one of "the selected high pedestrian activity areas".

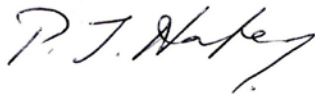
Ocean Drive between Rodley Street and Seawind Chase is a high pedestrian activity area, especially before and after school, and provisions must be made for the safe crossing of, and walkable access along, Ocean Drive. This has become even more important with the opening of Lake Cathie Public School.

Beach Street is very popular with walkers, especially residents of the Residential Parks and the newer subdivisions, and this area warrants further investigation.

In addition, the BHPA supported the proposed footpath between the Tennis Courts and Jungarra Crescent and encouraged Council *to ensure that this footpath provides access, either formal or informal, to the Community Hall Reserve and the Top Shop*. This section is vital to ensure safe access to the skate park and top shop.

The BHPA thanks Council for the ongoing consultation with the Association and the Community and looks forward to discussing the implementation of the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. J. Hafey', written in a cursive style.

Phil Hafey  
Secretary  
19 February 2015