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Dear Mr Rose

**Council resolution on proposed shared path project at Rushall Reserve**

I refer to my letter of 13 May 2019 regarding the Council resolution of March 2019 with attachments.

At that meeting Council resolved to write to VicTrack requesting appropriate safety measures (on request of the community) be arranged for the escarpment along the informal goat track through Rushall Reserve (see item 6 from that Council resolution).

Council is keen to know what measures have been decided, if any, so that it can be communicated to the community.

I look forward to your timely response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bruce Phillips".

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At its recent meeting on 19 March 2019, Council considered an officer report on a proposed shared path project at Rushall Reserve.

Council made a resolution at this meeting to not proceed with the shared path.

As part of Council's considerations, Council also resolved to refer to your organisation the concerns raised by the community regarding the use of the informal goat track on VicTrack land, and in this regard, request that appropriate safety mechanisms, including protection along the escarpment, is arranged.

For your information, I attach the officer report and Council resolution.

If you need further information please contact me on 9205 5300.

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## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Coleman

**Seconded:** Councillor McEvoy

1. That Council notes:
  - a) the officer report and referral advice received during the planning permit application process;
  - b) that the ability to construct a shared path located between South Morang railway line and Merri Creek cliff face has become more complex and costly due to:
    - i) the need for geological testing of the cliff face;
    - ii) the proximity to railway and power company infrastructure;
    - iii) the financial risks associated with potential disruption to railway operations.
2. That Council acknowledges:
  - a) the history of the proposed Rushall Reserve Shared path project;
  - b) the significant effort of Council officers to undertake design work, community and stakeholder consultation;
  - c) those community members who have participated in the consultation processes over a number of years;
  - d) the continuing need for improvements to the Merri Creek trail as a significant off-road cycling path in Yarra;
  - e) the continuing need for pedestrian access from the Southern end of Rushall Reserve.
3. That Council resolves to:
  - a) suspend the current Rushall Reserve Shared Path project;
  - b) withdraw the current planning permit application;
  - c) direct officers to advise relevant parties;
  - d) continue its commitment to fund and deliver improvements to Yarra's off-road shared path network.
4. That in relation to Council resolutions concerning other improvement works at the Reserve, Council note:
  - a) that the proposed drinking fountains, new seating and the intended landscape improvements processes along the creek should be progressed as soon as possible, consistent with previous Council resolutions: and
  - b) Officers will provide a further report to Council within the next three months regarding a process for engagement with the local community concerning other possible general and specific amenity improvement opportunities to the Reserve, such report to include:

- i) an outline of appropriate community engagement options to gather broad community opinions on desirable improvements for Council consideration;
  - ii) a review of appropriate improvements to directional and interpretive signage, appropriate new plantings/revegetation and drainage aspects, and
  - iii) a review of whether or not the existing asphalt path through the Reserve should be removed, or rather, retained, extended or replaced with turf.
- 5. That Council directs officers to report to Council in the August 2019 meeting cycle on the viability of other off-road cycling projects on the Merri Creek trail with advice from the Bicycle Advisory Committee and being consistent with the 2016 Bicycle Refresh Strategy.
- 6. That Council, in advising VicTrack of its decision not to proceed with the shared path, refer VicTrack to concerns raised by the community regarding the use of the informal goat track on VicTrack land and requests it to deal with those through appropriate safety mechanisms including protection along the escarpment.

**CARRIED**

Attachment 1 - Rushall Reserve Shared path - Site images



 IMAGE LOCATION AND ORIENTATION

*aerial image*

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Attachment 1 - Rushall Reserve Shared path - Site images



IMAGE 1 - BRIDGE TO NORTHCOTE 2M WIDE



IMAGE 2 - LOOKING NORTH TOWARDS RUSHALL STATION



IMAGE 3 - INTERSECTION WITH PEDESTRIAN PATH



IMAGE 4 - EXISTING UNDERPASS - 2M WIDE - 2M HIGH



IMAGE 5 - ACCESS RAMP TO CITYBOUND PLATFORM



IMAGE 6 - VICTRACK LAND - PATH ENTRY

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**IMAGE 7 - PROPOSED PATH**



**IMAGE 8 - PROPOSED PATH**



**IMAGE 9 - SIGNAL CABLE AHEAD**



**IMAGE 10 - EXISTING NARROW POINT**



**IMAGE 11 - STANCHION & SERVICE BOX**



**IMAGE 12 - EXISTING GEOLOGICAL FORMATION OF STATE SIGNIFICANCE**

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IMAGE 13 - ENTERING RUSHALL RESERVE



IMAGE 14 - MW ACCESS PATH



IMAGE 15 - RUSHALL RESERVE LOOKING SOUTH



IMAGE 16 - RUSHALL RESERVE LOOKING NORTH



IMAGE 17 - HOLDEN STREET END - LINK WITH EXISTING  
KOODA LAT PATH

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Attachment 2 - Rushall Reserve - aerial image showing existing conditions

