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Date: 15 November 2007 10:01:23 AM AEST

To:

Cc: "Keays, Bernard" <KEAYSB@caboolture.qld.gov.au>, "Parsons, Gary" <ParsonsG@caboolture.qld.gov.au>

Subject: RE: FW: FW: Trees

Dear ,

Further to me email of yesterday, it is acknowledged that the scheduled thinning and pruning that is required along the walkway can be attributed in the main to the natural regrowth occurring along the pathway. Where this regrowth interferes or implicates public safety, unfortunately Council it will need to intervene, however any trees or shrubs that might be naturally regenerating will not be removed if they do not pose a risk to public safety. In fact they provide a desirable buffer between the traffic travelling along First Avenue and the pathway.

Yours Faithfully

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-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: Thursday, 15 November 2007 9:20

To: Burgdorf, Graham

Cc: Parsons, Gary

Subject: Re: FW: FW: Trees

Graham:

Many thanks for the detailed response. The time and effort is appreciated. I was also contacted by Bernie Keays and we are supposed to be meeting some time to discuss the subject.

In my original note, I didn't query the removal of the trees. That did resolve a number of safety issues. And as you indicate, it is Council's responsibility to ensure public safety. My query was whether they are going to be replaced or whether their removal represents yet another reduction in the CSC-controlled tree population. From your response, and from Gary's response, I take it that the only proposed replacement mechanism is from natural regrowth. But you go on to say that the regrowth is cleaned out every 2/3 years. That would mean that no trees would ever evolve to maturity and, effectively, the 50+ mature trees that were removed along the Bongaree-Woorim pathway will not ever be replaced.

So the short answer to my query would seem to be..... "No. Those trees will not be replaced". Please let me know if I have come to the wrong conclusion.

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Burgdorf, Graham wrote:

I refer to your recent email, to Councillor Gary Parsons, seeking information in relation to the pruning and removal of trees and shrubs along the walkway servicing pedestrians and cyclists between Woorim and Bongaree.

I am able to advise that the Parks and Recreation Section undertakes the scheduled removal of vegetation along the pathway that is considered a potential risk to public safety. Under SEPTED guidelines

Council has a responsibility to maintain the landscape to a standard that ensures public safety. In response to the guidelines shrubs and other vegetation that might provide concealment have been removed or **pruned**. Dead trees have been removed and dead branches have been pruned from trees. Again this maintenance has been undertaken to ensure the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.

It is unfortunate that the introduction of human activity into the natural environment often requires the natural environment to be modified. It is an unfortunate reality that risk management and public safety play a significant role in how we manage and maintain the urban landscape. The recent work along the Woorim / Bongaree walkway is indicative of what we are required to do in order to comply with risk management and public safety requirements. While this work is scheduled and is generally undertaken every 2 / 3 years the need to return is driven by the rate of regrowth.

If you require further information in relation to this matter please contact me on telephone 5420 0561.

Yours Faithfully

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-----Original Message-----
From: Parsons, Gary

Sent: Tuesday, 13 November 2007 4:17

To: Burgdorf, Graham

Cc: Keays, Bernard

Subject: FW: FW: Trees

GB - Could you reply to re plant issue or Bernie said he could meet with and talk, your call, thanks, gp.

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-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: Tuesday, 13 November 2007 9:56 AM

To: Parsons, Gary

Subject: Re: FW: Trees

Gary:

I hadn't heard anything further on this query. Not sure what to make of that. Is the Council staff just showing its indifference towards you and the subject? Do I take it from the non-reply that no plans exist to replace these downed trees?

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Parsons, Gary wrote:

Graham - This area thickens up over time and is thinned out when needed, this has happened about 4 to 5 times over the last 5 years. This area has been cleaned up for many reasons safety being the main concern - fallen wattles, dead matter/trees removed, crowns lifted, etc - It always grows back, thickens up.

I can not recall replacing any trees over that time along this road reserve, only that regrowth has occurred, hence the ongoing thinning out of the area.

Q, Have you plans to replace any trees removed along this area.

Could your dept please action this question, and reply to Mr [redacted], thanks, Cr gp.

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-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: Sunday, 4 November 2007 5:15 PM

Cc: Parsons, Gary

Subject: Trees

Hi Gary:

I have been back walking along the Woorim-Bongaree trail again on a regular basis. Council went in and cleared a large amount of trees along that trail. I haven't counted them, but probably 50+ trees have been removed.

There is no doubt that this effort has removed many safety threats. But it did mean that 50+ trees were removed. So far, I have not seen any effort to replace them. Can you advise if and when these trees are going to be replaced

Thank you