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MAINTENANCE OF PEDESTRIAN / CYCLEWAY – FIRST AVENUE

Thank you for your letter dated 2 February 2009 regarding maintenance work recently undertaken by Council's Parks Department staff along the pedestrian / cycleway in First Avenue, Woorim.

I am advised that periodic clearing of this walkway is undertaken to ensure that traffic directional signs and signage along the walkway is clearly visible to motorists, pedestrians and cyclists. There are driveways that transect the pathway and the sight lines to these need to be re-established and maintained. It is also essential that the landscape does not provide opportunities for miscreants to conceal themselves. Under CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) guidelines, Council is required to ensure that open space areas are maintained to ensure the safety and well being of the general public.

I am further advised that during the course of the maintenance works, the responsible Council supervisor accompanied the President of the Bribie Island Environment Protection Association through the work site and explained the nature of and reasons for the works. I understand that the President was in agreement with Council's actions.

It is acknowledged that the pathway is utilised by a diverse and significant number of users. However in circumstances where human activity and the natural environment converge, there is often a need to strike a balance. I am of the understanding that the maintenance work undertaken in First Avenue has demonstrated a balance between Council's obligation to provide safe and amenable public open space while ensuring that the natural attributes of the walkway have not been seriously compromised.

If you require further information in relation to this matter, please contact Mr Graham Burgdorf, Manager Parks (North) on 5433 2561.

Yours sincerely



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