

## Priorities for Normandale in the LTCCP

- Continued preservation of a landscape dominated by vegetation. We would wish to see existing land cover maintained on both publicly and privately owned land. Specifically we would like to see better protection for existing mature trees, and any residential development, whether single site or larger done in harmony with the landscape and with the minimum removal of existing vegetation.
- We would like to see a re-defined Hill Residential Zone applied to the Western Hills, particularly those suburbs such as Normandale that have developed 'organically' rather than as an imposed solution such as Kelson. In particular we would like to see strict limits on developments to ensure they conform to existing usage – no more developments like the universally excoriated blot at the top of Harbour View!
- Complete protection of skylines from development. We consider that internal as well as externally visible skylines should be subject to this restriction.
- Greater use of Reserve land for recreation by the development of a comprehensive network of tracks through, and link, existing reserves. We would also like to see the development of more recreation areas for unstructured play by older children, and have already proposed the development of the Poto Road site for this purpose as part of the Land Review in the Western Ward.
- We note that Telecom in its process of cabinetisation is continuing its policy of running cables in underground conduits. We are at a loss to understand why when power poles need replacing as they have been in Lower Normandale Road recently, the cables cannot be required to be run underground in a similar manner with major benefits to infrastructure reliability and improvement to the visual aspect of the Suburb.
- Although the upgrade of Lower Normandale Road is scheduled in the LTTCP, the primary safety concern is the separation of pedestrian and vehicular traffic. We would not wish to encourage further suburbanisation of upper Normandale by the extension of street lighting. Nor would we support changes to Road alignment that would lead to either increased traffic flow or increased speed.
- We would like to see more direct support by HCC for public transport and consider that the option for a light rail link from Melling to the CBD should be revived and acted on.
- We are concerned that some existing landscape management practices, such as the gang mowing of the verges at the bottom of Normandale Road actually encourages the spread of weeds such as Tradescantia that propagate vegetatively and would like to see more appropriate and site specific approaches adopted.

For and on behalf of Normandale Residents Association

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