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Subject: Reference 1009895 Pedestrian Shelters, Hammersmith Circuit, Traralgon

Good Morning Jody

I am writing to you in reference to your letter dated 14 October, 2013 in regards to Pedestrian Shelters, Hammersmith Circuit Traralgon Victoria. I am opposed to the removal of the shelters on the grounds that these were purpose built shelters (Arbours) with approval given to the developer CEEJ Property Developments by the Latrobe City Council which was done to enhance the appearance of The Strand. I believe that 3 of the 4 occupiers of homes in the immediate vicinity of the shelters would like the shelters removed. When purchasing their homes in 2012, the owners should have taken the matter of the structures into consideration before they made their respective purchases. In regards to paragraph 2 of your letter in the time that I have lived in the area I have observed only once graffiti on one of the shelters, regarding maintenance costs I would like Latrobe City Council to produce records of maintenance costs as I have never seen any council workers in my time of living in The Strand removing any bird droppings from the shelters, the design I believe from speaking with the developer, Mr Michael Biviano, Managing Director CEEJ Property Developments was done by a landscape architect, Ms Amy Davidson from Beverage Williams which was then approved by the Latrobe City Council and lastly the concern over pedestrian safety appears to me not to be an issue as visibly is good for vehicles moving in and out of the two corner allotments of Hammersmith Circuit and Park Lane. The other two residents have no pedestrian issues moving vehicles in and out of their driveways due to the location of the arbours. I was told by Mr Biviano, CEEJ Property Developments that he was requested by you to supply a letter so that the arbours could be removed at no cost to him. I believe in the circumstances he was given inappropriate information by the Latrobe City Council as to why the arbours were going to be removed. At that time of the complaint in February, 2013 I believe that all residents of The Strand had not been approached about the removal of the arbours and they were going to be removed on the 4 unjustified complaints of the residents in the immediate vicinity of the arbours being 1,2,3 & 4 Hammersmith Drive, Traralgon. The first time that I was aware of the issue was when I read it in the Latrobe Valley Express on Monday 30 September, 2013, as was my neighbour Mr Ray Read. I was unaware that Council had meet with the 4 residents on 25 February, 2013. After that date the 4 residents were written to asking them to submit their complaints in writing. It is my view due to the fact that the Latrobe City Council have failed to suitability maintain the arbours they have become an issue for the residents at 1,2,3 & 4 Hammersmith Drive, Traralgon.

Kind Regards
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