

**Community Comments**

**Not Support / Objected**

The laneway provides access to residential area, church, school, bus stops and local shops.

I live next door to the lane way and is used by all neighbours on the street. I have absolutely no issues with it/with people using it and do not see the need to have this closed.

I use the laneway on a daily basis to walk to the local shopping centre. I prefer to walk rather than drive and the laneway provides the most convenient route. As a diabetic, the laneway provides the fastest way to the shops for any medical emergencies such as doctors and medication. I have been using the laneway for many years and have never had any concerns for my safety. It is well lit and since the alcohol restriction signs have been erected, the lane is quiet and safe.

I have used this laneway multiple times per week, both during the day and night, for years and have never had any issues. If the laneway is shut there will be more foot traffic on the busy Merrylands road, much longer trips to the shops for elderly people from Benaud Street and further west as well as longer trips for parents and students attending Greystanes Public School from the east. Better lighting and maintenance should be done however the laneway should remain open.

This laneway provides easy access to the Greystanes shops for the residents of Benaud Street and surrounds. This includes wheelchair and pram access. Without this, residents are forced to go back out Simpson St, and take the long route via Whalans Rd, or drive there. Going through the park is not an option due to the many stairs at the Merrylands St end. I have walked this laneway at night and have never felt unsafe. Greystanes has a great system of walk and bike ways and I would like them to remain!

I have three children under 5 and this is the safest and most direct route to the shopping centre and the bus stop on Cumberland Road. - The park between Benaud Street and Merrylands Road does not allow for pram / wheelchair access as it has steep sets of stairs so the Benaud Street laneway is the only accessible route.

Many locals and school children use the laneway to safely access Cumberland Road.

We need this Lane way as we are getting older and it is the shortest way for us to catch the bus from Merrylands Rd., and to walk to the shops. We have a lot of young children in our street who their mothers use it by walking the children to the shops & School etc. There are many young school kids that walk up from the housing flats on the other side of Cumberland Road, that go to Greystanes Primary School.

The lane way is a shortcut not just for locals but a safe cycling route.

I have lived in Greystanes for 50 years and use this laneway on a regular basis. To date, I'm not aware of any crime in this lane.

Petition - 35 signatures from resident of Cumberland Rd, Benaud St and Bradman St.

The laneway is a vital part of our weekly lives in that we regularly use it as a quicker and safer alternative to walking on the main roads, normally Whalans Rd & Merrylands Rd which are both extremely busy and unsafe with a vast amount of vehicular movement at all times during the day. We support to leave the laneway always open, since it is very important for all local and nearby residents.