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Cumberland City Council

RE: Council submission request in relation to closure of Benaud Lane Greystanes

To whom it may concern

Cumberland City council requested a written submission from Cumberland Police Area Command in relation to the closure of Benaud Laneway Greystanes. Cumberland Police Area Command has assessed this submission and present the following response

This assessment has been made in two parts, using an intelligence download from COPS (computerized Policing System) and a site visit conducted 2nd August 2019.

The laneway is situated in a generally residential area alongside a main arterial road (Cumberland Road). There is one licensed premises located two hundred meters from the laneway, and a large shopping centre next to it. The laneway allows pedestrian access to Benaud Street saving up to one kilometre in distance pedestrians would be required to travel.

The site assessment found the laneway in generally good condition, however there appeared to be old damage to colour bond fence panels and graffiti to fencing areas. Both ends of the laneway are secured with fencing designed to prevent vehicle access. There is one light pole in the middle of the laneway. Cumberland Police have not been informed of any complaints with respect to this light.

A number of residents from the street were spoken to about the laneway and in particular any issues that they have experienced firsthand. None of the residents spoken to on that day had any issues with the lane or exposure to any issues coming for it. One resident stating he had been there for over 35 years and had never had any issues at all in the street and were confused as to why council was undertaking this assessment of the laneway. This sentiment was echoed by many other residents within the street with many indicating that the issue was only being driven by one resident on the street.

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A COPS download of the street and laneway find that since 2017 there has been 14 recorded incidents relating to the that street. Of these, there was one break and enter incident recorded for this street, although no direct evidence the laneway was utilised by any offender. COPS was unable to isolate and assessment specifically for the laneway itself, so all information is based on the street. From the intelligence report from COPS there does not appear to be any outstanding data or issues with the lane way or the street itself.

As previously stated there is one licensed premises a short distance away from the lane way however there is no recorded evidence of any specific details or incidents contributable to this licenced premise at this time.

Cumberland Police strongly encourages the installation of new lighting and CCTV within the lane way which will increase the crime prevention abilities and decrease community concerns, if any of the local community.

Cumberland Police Area Command **DOES NOT** support the closure of this laneway

We would like to thank you for the opportunity of assessing this submission and should you require further information please contact Senior Constable Benjamin Radford, Crime Prevention Officer, Cumberland Police Area Command, Phone 9897 4199.

Yours sincerely

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Commander
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Re: Incidents reported in Benaud Street Greystanes.

Dear Cumberland Council

A review of holding indicates since the beginning of 2019 the following incidents have been reported to the New South Wales Police Force, as occurring in Benaud Street Greystanes

In February and June 2 x Occurrences Only have been reported, 1 x Break and Enter, 1 x Located Vehicle/ Vessel and 1 x Stealing matter. No further matters or incidents have been recorded within the street. I can also indicate the matters mentioned above do not relate to nor have the Cumberland PAC received any matters which would relate to anti-social behaviour.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Kneipp', written in a cursive style.

Mark KNEIPP

Senior Sergeant

Crime Coordinator

Cumberland PAC

Date: 13th September 2019