

RE: EO 988/21 Late budget submission Greenvale Resident Calabretta CH

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Subject: Items for consideration for Greenvale

Dear Hume Mayor and Meadow Valley councillors,

I propose the following items to be added on the Hume budget FY 2021/ 2022 submissions for the Greenvale area.

1. Investment into landscaping /beautification works.

I'm very disappointed that there has been hardly any investment put into decent landscaping of our open spaces, parks and street entrances in Greenvale.

The focus is always on other suburbs.

I think it's only fair and appropriate that investment is put back into the Greenvale Community, particularly in old Greenvale. After all, we pay very high amounts in rates.

The locations I wish to raise are:

1. Greenvale Drive Reserve:

The current landscaping is quite basic and messy for a main suburban park.

The grass is full of weeds and there is no proper lawn area. In my opinion it's maintained quite poorly. It's not attractive at all.

2. The reserve parkland along both sides of Kirkham Drive where the bridge is (near the two gazebos).

Again, there are no attractive landscaped areas. It's full of weeds, there's no proper lawn area along side Kirkham Drive. It looks dull for a main busy suburban street.

3. Nornanby Drive reserve, same as per point 1.

Landscaping / beautification for main entrances into Greenvale including;

1. Naturestrips in front of and adjacent to the Caltex petrol station.

The Naturestrip is often just long wild grass/ weeds and looks extremely untidy and messy. It looks terribly unattractive entering into Greenvale Drive from Mickleham Rd.

Fleetwood Drive/Somerton Rd entrance. There's no basic landscaping there as you enter Fleetwood Drive.

The median strip along Mickleham Rd..

I think there can be some much needed improvement of the current landscaping and maintenance of it. It's poorly maintained

Not sure if this falls within your jurisdiction or state given its Mickleham Rd.

Some other crucial points I would to raise are:

Mickleham and Somerton Rd's.

Although this is a state government concern, I believe that from a local council perspective alot more can be done in proactively advocating for the fast tracking of these two major arterial roads be upgraded.

We are all fully aware of the servere traffic congestion challenges faced on Mickleham & Somerton Roads

The problem is its getting worse daily due to the vast population growth in Greenvale and surrounding suburbs including Craigieburn and Mickleham.

Traffic is at a standstill in peak times, essentially it becomes a car park all the way to the Tullamarine Freeway entrance.

Users of these two roads would love to see alot more proactive and vigorous advocacy activity for fast tracking...

1. Continuous street lighting to be installed from Alanbrae Tce to Somerton Rd and potentially to Destination Blvd at the Aspect Estate.
2. An extra lane added on Mickleham Rd from the roundabout in Gladstone Park to Somerton Rd, in both north and south bound directions.

2. Duplication of: Mickleham Rd, north of Somerton Rd.

Somerton Rd from Roxburgh park Dr to Section Rd along with the installation of street lighting.

3. Extension of Aiken Blv from Somerton Rd to the Ring Rd

4. Extension of the Tullamarine Freeway from Melbourne airport (start of Sunbury Rd) to Oaklands Rd.

I thank you for taking the time to read this email.

Kind regards,

I look forward to hearing your responses.

Best regards,

Joseph Calabretta,
Greenvale Resident of 31 years.

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