



Dear Verity Greenwood,

Cheltenham resident Robert Crawford has approached the BCCT about the amended cycleway route around the Beecroft tennis courts. This is my reply addressed to Robert, but also to Monica and Cr Verity Greenwood.

“Dear Robert, Cr Verity Greenwood rang me today regarding your concerns about the decision to relocate the cycleway away from the rail line and instead using the Beecroft Rd footpath to get past the tennis courts.

I understand you would like to see the various govt stakeholders work together; for State Rail to allow Council to build the cycleway behind the tennis courts. There is no denying that such a strategy has merit.

Your common sense argument is that it is likely to be waste of public funds to construct a cycleway on Beecroft Rd when in a few years later traffic lights will be installed at Kirkham St and the footpath may be required for road widening.

There would be no disagreement with your argument. The likely problem may be that RMS does not have a detailed design for the lights yet.

Council has been lobbying T for NSW for a number of years to gain access rights over a sliver of rail land for the cycleway. Both at an officer level and at a political level. I suspect Council is as frustrated as you are!

I have included Monica Tudehope MP Epping in this reply as I see this to be a State Government issue. “

Cr Verity, you may wish to share this with your fellow councillors and for Council to consider what action it deems to be appropriate.

Regards
Ross Walker
President
BCCT