

SUBMISSION NO. 1 (Object)

Wednesday 23rd March 2022

Dear Councillors of the South Gippsland Shire,

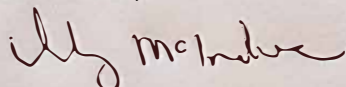
I, Wendy McIndoe of 680 Mardan Rd, Koorooman, wish to put forward a submission **objecting** to the sale of 'Watsons Park', the crown land at 630 Mardan Rd, Koorooman, for the construction of an underpass.

As the sole adjoining landholder to the above crown land, I wholeheartedly agree with the need for an underpass between the two Lester holdings for safe stock crossing, however, I **strongly disagree** with the location of such construction on the following basis;

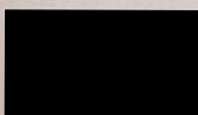
1. It has been an incredibly stressful period for my family and I since becoming aware of the sale of the above crown land, followed by a quick and very steep learning curve on educating ourselves on how to voice our opposing opinion.
2. All focus, including the Engineers report (re: phone call to Geoff Davis – Shire Engineer, 22nd February 2022) has only been on the above crown land. There are several alternate locations for an underpass close by that would not affect adjoining landowners. I wish these to be explored before the sale of Watsons Park. In particular, the Landholder's property to the left of Lester's Rd (opposite side of the crown land, *see map attached*). This option has been discussed with the landholder, one of the councillors and Richard Lester. This location would not compromise the wildlife corridor being created or the existing legacy of trees in 'Watson's Park' nor would Lester's Rd need to be accessed by stock.
3. Lester's Rd separates Watson's Park from the existing Lester holding, this is classified as a 'used road'. The future use of this road will be compromised. Large mobs of cattle and sheep will be herded up Lester's Rd to gain access to the proposed underpass site directly affecting anyone else who may need to use this access road. Should this require an additional underpass?
4. To achieve revenue, for other more urgent projects, my husband Craig and I are prepared to purchase the 630 Mardan Rd, Koorooman parcel of crown land and continue preservation of Watson's legacy.
5. Finally, I wish to have a voice at the council meeting in regards to this submission.

I urge the current Councillors to take into consideration the impact the above sale of crown land for construction of an underpass will have as explained above.

Yours Sincerely,



Wendy McIndoe



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Legend

- Property Proposed
- Property
- Parcel Proposed
- Parcel

SUBMISSION NO. 2 (Object)

Friday 25th March 2022

Dear Councillors of the South Gippsland Shire,

I, Craig McIndoe of 680 Mardan Rd, Koorooman, wish to put forward a submission *opposing* the sale of the crown land @ 630 Mardan Rd, Koorooman 3953 for the purpose of an underpass.

As a 4th generation farmer in the area and the only property with a direct boundary to the crown land, a construction of an underpass at this site will directly impact not only our property but surrounding farmland now and into the future. All alternate locations need to be considered first and adjoining landholders consulted before the land is sold.

1. Taking the lay of the land into consideration the effluent runoff from the underpass will fall directly towards my boundary. Biosecurity and disease risk are taken extremely seriously on our Prime beef farm to maintain a high standard of land practice and quality beef product make it to market.
These are not quiet, daily conditioned dairy cattle we're talking about that will frequent the proposed underpass. We're talking large mobs of sheep and cattle not used to being herded into confined spaces. This undue stress resulting in increased faeces and urine from stressed animals and the very real potential for escaping stock to push through fences onto our property which is another matter altogether.
A different site for the underpass would eliminate these drainage and loose stock issues.
2. Watson's Park, the site of the proposed underpass was established and planted out by Mr Watson who previously owned our farm and had an appreciation of horticulture and a respect for the preservation of environment and rare trees. Some of these specimens would be over 60 years old, it would be a shame to see any removed and biodiversity lost. We have managed pests and weeds ourselves on site up until this point.
3. With construction of an underpass at the above crown land site the applicant's stock will still need to cross over Lester's Road, currently a 'Used Road' thus reducing access to Lester's Rd by neighbouring farmers while livestock are crossing to the underpass site, creating another mess at this crossing. Would this require a second underpass by the applicant?
4. The future and long-term use of an underpass at this location also needs considering. Would there be a viable use for an underpass at this site for the next 20, 30, 50 years if there was a sale of land either side of the underpass? Future use or development of Lester's Rd would also be limited.
5. An underlying motive and possible title realignment by the applicant if successful in purchasing this crown land need not be taken lightly. Otherwise why not just construct the proposed underpass from one Lester holding to the other which could easily be done without compromising use of a Used Rd, sale of crown land or development of a currently heavily treed park area?
6. Our property could be disadvantaged by the construction of an underpass at the proposed site. By Birdseye view the block @ 630 Mardan Rd, Koorooman is a continuation piece to the

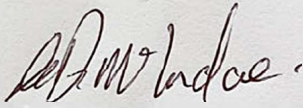
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corner of our land @ 680 Mardan, Rd and if needing to be sold for Shire revenue we would like the option to purchase.

7. I wish to have a voice at the council meeting in regards to this submission.

In closing, from the closest adjoining landowners' point of view, I encourage the councillors to look at the short and long-term impact the sale of the above parcel of land could have to all neighbouring landholders not only now but well into the future.

Yours Sincerely,



Craig McIndoe



SUBMISSION NO. 3 (Support)

To the shire of south Gippsland

I Warren Lester of 570 Mardan rd am a 4th generation family farmer working the land of 570 and 631 Mardan road Leongatha the two properties were once adjacent properties before the Mardan road was realign in the early seventys, We also have another property adjacent 631 Mardan road and a property further down the unused road being Lester road equating to approximately 300 acres on the south side and 400 acres to the north of Mardan road. We frequently use the Mardan road to convey stock from property to property causing extra unnecessary work through road signage and more staff being required to convey the stock. It can also cause angst among local road uses as where we cross the stock presently is a very dangerous corner at the end of a long straight encouraging motorists to speed and in actual fact is an accident waiting to happen. If we were privileged enough to buy back the piece of land that was cut off our property those many years ago we would have adjacent land again allowing our farms to be connected via an underpass to improve and simplify livestock movement improve health and safety to me my family and staff and also to prevent an inevitable accident with which undoubtedly nobody wants to happen. It would also prevent any angst among road users which is only going to become more prevalent in years to come as the last 20 years some 17 new houses of roughly 48 houses in total have been built within 8 km from the proposed underpass to the next main road being the Dumbalk Mardan road intersection with only one being occupied by a fulltime occupational farmer the rest lifestyle residents with jobs off the land commuting daily to work, the road is only going to get busier for the next generation and so forth .As for the vegetation on the land the majority is wild self-sown pittosporum. Granted there are some nice English style trees throughout the parcel of land in mention so do we have on our farm and there are many throughout the South Gippsland shire district. Furthermore none of these trees need to be removed to make way for the proposed lane way and underpass that would go along the south side of the property boundary. The north boundary being the road side would remain relatively untouched meaning most motorists will barely notice the proactive development given the density of the wild native tree line .If this proposal would be to go ahead it would be a major infrastructure project to our business and believe would be worth every cent whatever the cost ends up to be purely from a safety aspect. In my opinion this is the most practical and sensible way to insure continual support for our long held sustainable farming business for generations to come the Lester's have been on the same land for 136 years it would be sad to think we would have to be crossing the road for a further 136 years an underpass is inevitable. For the road users and farming community in South Gippsland let's hope this practical solution evolves.

Kind regards Warren Lester

Wish to be heard