

SUBMISSION NO. 4 (Support)

From: [robert serafino](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: Underpass/natuer reserve
Date: Sunday, 6 March 2022 6:37:20 AM

Hello, I'm writing to you about the proposed underpass on mardan Rd. I travel this road and go thru that very corner twice a day. I've always treated it as a dangerous sweeping corner. When sheep are crossing its actually very dangerous as new people to the area never slow down there and some people do well in excess of 100klms an hour.

The few trees that may need to be removed will be well and truly worth it. Also to have a clearer view will greatly add to the safety of all road uses particularly people on push bikes as it will help to see them better. I've lived on that road since 1988 and the underpass is a great idea in my humble opinion.

Thankyou Robert Serafino


Sent from my Galaxy

SUBMISSION NO. 5 (Support)

From: [T & L Bruce](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: Proposed sale of 630 Mardan Rd Koorooman
Date: Monday, 7 March 2022 12:37:15 PM

To the CEO

I am writing in regards to the sale of the small parcel of land at 630 Mardan Rd. As regular users of this road for many different reasons such as access to the Mardan tennis courts, and Cycling I am in favour of this small section of land being sold to the adjoining land holders W & R Lester for their proposed underpass. I am often concerned about vermin running across the road on our regular Sat morning group ride from the particular parcel of unused scrub in question. With sole ownership and single point of responsibility for maintaining the land this could reduce the risk for cyclists and other road users. We are often subjected to traffic interruptions due to stock crossing when travelling this road and believe the shire should fully support any underpasses proposed by landholders as a road hazard elimination initiative.

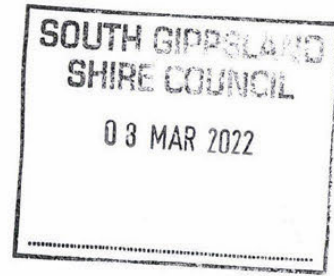
As such I am in favour of the proposed sale of land.

Travis & Louise Bruce

Trav – [REDACTED]

Louise – [REDACTED]

SUBMISSION NO. 6 (Support)



2nd March 2022

To The CEO, South Gippsland Shire Council

I Neil Storti fully agree with the proposal of the sale of 630 Mardan Rd, Koorooman for the purpose to construct an underpass. I have lived here for 15 years, at the address of [REDACTED] and know that Warren and Rhonda Lester cross cattle and sheep often.

I know the hazards of being involved with traffic, as a retired road gang worker for many years with South Gippsland Shire. This underpass will insure the safety of everyone involved for generations to come. Let's support the farming community for being pro active on this sensible application and similar applications in the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neil Storti".

Neil,Storti

SUBMISSION NO. 7 (Support)

[REDACTED]

Koorooman 3953



7th March 2022

To the CEO South Gippsland shire

I Robyn Lester being Warren's mother and part owner of the land 631 and 570 Mardan Road, often have to contribute to help crossing stock at the hazardous intersection of Lester's road. Together with my late husband Bill Lester, Warren's father we have crossed the road for many years, the traffic has continued to get a lot busier and is now quite dangerous, hence why my son has put in an application to purchase the land 630 Mardan Rd.

This parcel of land will adjacently connect our property's for the purpose of an underpass and allow us to safely move stock from paddock to paddock to maintain a grazing pattern. This is a huge cost that not all farmers have to endure, as not all farms have busy roads dividing their land. Yes we could continue doing the same as we have been doing without spending any money at all, but having personally had an 18 year old son die due to a road fatality nearly 30 years ago it's not very nice.

Alleviating dangers from the road and minimising any potential risk of a fatality would make a lot of sense especially when it is not going to cost anyone one dollar apart from our family which consequently are most at risk.

Surely common sense will allow this proposed sale to go ahead

Yours sincerely Robyn Lester

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robyn Lester".

SUBMISSION NO. 8 (Support)

Michael Ritchie
[REDACTED]

9th March 2022

South Gippsland Shire
Private Bag 4
Leongatha 3953

Dear South Gippsland Shire

I have been advised, my neighbour Warren Lester from [REDACTED], has applied to purchase a small area of disused land located on Mardan Road adjacent to the western boundary of his property.

My understanding is that Warren intends to use this small area for the provision of a livestock tunnel linking his property located on the north side of Mardan Road and 570 Mardan Road. The two areas of land are of a considerable size, and have been used for cattle and sheep grazing, as well as vegetable production. I have been a neighbour of Warren and his family for the past 17 years and they have always been busy and clearly productive farmers.

As with any productive farm, the ability to move livestock efficiently and safely around the property is vital. Currently, Warren's family are required to move livestock across Mardan Road which requires traffic control, signage, and the unpredictable control and movement of livestock. This is obviously labour-intensive and relies heavily on the co-operation of motorists travelling at speed along Mardan Road which is a 100kph zone. The closest point Warren has to cross livestock is situated on a bend which west bound traffic, in particular, has a very limited view. Mardan Road now carries an ever increasing amount of traffic and services an expanding population of residents, landholders, businesses and commuters including school buses and moving livestock in this manner clearly come at a significant risk to all involved. This risk would clearly be eliminated by the building of a livestock tunnel under Mardan Road in a suitable location which the acquisition of the area of disused land would provide.

In the interests of a safer community I wish to give my full support for the sale of this disused area of land to Warren and encourage South Gippsland Shire to consider all of the safety benefits such a decision would provide the community as a whole.

Regards


Michael Ritchie

SUBMISSION NO. 9 (Support)

Margo Campbell
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

07-03-2022

To The CEO, South Gippsland Shire Council.

After living in the area all my life. I have seen many changes on our roads. The main one being the enormous increase of traffic.

I fully support the Lester Family, for the safety of their own family, and everyone who passes their way. Life is our most precious gift, and I fully support the underpass.

Yours Sincerely
Margo Campbell,

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SOUTH GIPPSLAND
SHIRE COUNCIL

18 MAR 2022

SUBMISSION NO. 10 (Support)

15-3-22.

To the CEO of the South Gippsland Shire.

Dear Sir,

I have read with interest from the South Gippsland ~~Sentinel~~ Times the Proposed Sale of 620 Mardun Road Kooroonan, for the purpose of constructing an underpass. What an excellent idea. I pass that point every time I drive to and from Leongatha. It is so dangerous for the farmers (KESTER Family) when crossing their livestock there. It is good fortune there hasn't been a very serious accident there. Also in fairness to road users an underpass would eliminate a hazard there.

As far as the person who claims to support the maintenance of the so called "Watson's Park", during the last twelve months a limb, caused by storm damage was lying out from the tree and 30 cm onto the bitumin road, now I know this person drives to Leongatha and back to his residence past the limb. I'm sure any conscientious person as he claims, would have done something about it. I think the "Park" needs a good tidy up, maybe the proposal of sale might be the start of great improvement.

I hope commonsense prevails and that all councillors see fit to vote in favour of the proposed sale.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to comment,
Yours sincerely
Robert Gray.

SUBMISSION NO. 11 (Support)

18 / 3 / 22

To the CEO

+ SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

I am writing in regard to the proposed sale of 630 MARDAN RD KOOROMAN and the proposed underpass by the Lester family.

I have lived next to the Lesters for the past sixteen years and have watched Warren + Rhonda and their three daughters regularly endanger not only their own lives but the lives of their stock + motorists on a dangerous section of the very busy Mardan Rd.

An underpass is essential.

Regarding the proposed sale of 630 MARDAN ROAD KOOROMAN i.e. "WATSON PARK"

Although there are a small number of wonderful trees on this site, it is heavily infested with native *Pittosporum* which is regarded in many areas as a noxious weed.

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SUBMISSION NO. 11 (Support)

I have inspected the proposed path through the park to the underpass and it will have little or no impact on any significant trees.

This site appears to be the most practical place for the underpass giving good access to the adjacent property

I do hope that commonsense prevails and this proposal goes ahead

Yours Sincerely
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CHARLIE LE PAGE



SUBMISSION NO. 12 (Support)

From: [Barbara Thornton](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: To The CEO
Date: Friday, 18 March 2022 12:55:46 PM

Re Proposed sale of 630 Mardan Road, Koorooman for cattle underpass.

I Rob Thornton of [REDACTED] would like to make a submission after reading the article in the Sentinel Times 22nd Feb & 1st March on selling 630 Mardan Road so as to create an underpass.

Any hazardous situation that can be avoided is a great idea, it has become such a busy road over the years and an underpass is surely the best and safest option for farmers to move stock from one side of the road to another.

The article suggests there is very little vegetation in Mardan which is not quite true, there is a park opposite our property not far from 630 Mardan Rd, toward town which is a disgrace and has not been cared for since Woorayl Shire days.

Yours Sincerely'

Rob Thornton

SUBMISSION NO. 14 (Support)

SUBMISSION NO. 13 (Support)

CEO
9 Smith Street
Leongatha. 3953

21st March 2022

Tanya Privitera
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

To the CEO,

I'm writing in regards to the proposed sale of 630 Mardan Road, Kooroman for a cattle underpass.

I support the sale of this land to Rhonda and Warren Lester to be able to put an underpass in to safely cross their cattle. The Mardan road is extremely busy now and safety is paramount.

Our neighbour ([REDACTED]) still crosses his cows on two different sections of the Mardan road and the mess the cows leave on the road, that you then have to drive through is never fu! Having that smell sticking on your tyres all day and then driving it into your garage drives me crazy! Plus, they drive tractors across through mud and the road can become sticky and dangerous and its quite close to a corner so it's very dangerous!

Rhonda and Warren are trying to avoid the issues mentioned above, so I fully support the sale to put a cattle underpass in.

Feel free to contact me on [REDACTED] if you wanted to chat further.

Thanks

Tanya Privitera

SUBMISSION NO. 14 (Support)

From: [Barbara Gray](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: Sale of Gordon Watson park, Koorooman
Date: Wednesday, 23 March 2022 5:00:04 PM

Hello, I am in favour of the sale of the block of land, the Gordon Watson Park, Koorooman. I believe the proposed idea of a cattle underpass will be most effective in heightening the safety of many members of this community.

In 1990 I was travelling with my Grandmother, Alice Gray(dec), and we were nearly unable to stop for the flock of sheep being crossed over the road. The zone is 100km speed limit and so visibility on the corners makes it difficult to reduce speed rapidly. Fortunately no one was hurt.

Sheep and cattle are unpredictable creatures and so the need for a cattle underpass was, and has been very necessary for a long time coming.

I feel the need to also say that whilst tree preservation is a great concern of our current day, so is important the safety of humans and creatures alike. Fortunately trees can be regenerated where humans and creatures can not. So I would like to see preservation of trees and regeneration where possible with this proposal of land sale but most importantly the underpass be put in place for safety of road users and the land owners to cross their cattle and sheep with safety.

Many vehicles on the Mardan Rd are no longer locals whom know to look out for cattle crossing signs or adhere to slowing down approaching them. So this proposal of land sale and the cattle underpass being put in place is a great idea that will benefit many.

Prevention is better than a cure. As in the the case of human loss, there is no cure.

Thank-you for your time. Ms Barb Gray.

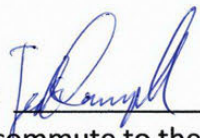
SUBMISSION NO. 16 (Support)

SUBMISSION NO. 15 (Support)

2nd March 2022



To The CEO, South Gippsland Shire Council

I  of (your address) frequently use the Mardan Rd, to commute to the township of Leongatha and agree the proposal of the sale of this land, for the purpose of the underpass is a great idea and fully support it. Where the Lester family now cross their livestock is a very dangerous corner, having a farm in one piece undivided by road, I don't envy the Lester family one bit when I see them crossing their livestock across the rd. and on the occasion's that I've had to stop to give way, it's seems very hazardous and can be nervracking sitting in a vehicle stationary on the road. Sometimes I think there's an accident waiting to happen.

Great to see the South Gippsland Shire supporting Farming businesses

Yours Sincerley

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SUBMISSION NO. 16 (Support)



21-03-2022

To The Ceo,

As a land owner on the Mardan Road, I fully support the sale of 630 Mardan Rd for a cattle underpass. This is a fantastic idea, not only for the safety of Warren , Rhonda and their family, but also for the traffic that sits stationary whilst giving way to cattle or sheep.

Traffic comes very quickly down the hill into the corner, with not a lot of respect for primary producers doing what they need to do when roads divide their farms.

We have several cattle crossings on the Mardan Road, and it's a busy road, so let's support this application to get rid of one crossing off the road. It makes sense to get rid of a hazardous situation.

Yours Sincerely, Kevin Queale

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SUBMISSION NO. 17 (Support)

DEBRA McINDOE

18.3.2022

RE: SALE OF LAND TO WARREN & RHONDA LESTER FOR UNDERPASS

ATT: CEO

HELLO, MY NAME IS DEBBIE McINDOE. I AM ONE OF RHONDA LESTER'S SISTERS, AND I AM MARRIED TO PETER McINDOE. PETER IS YOUNGER BROTHER OF CRAIG, CRAIG & WENDY McINDOE, WHO OPPOSE THE SALE OF LAND.

I WRITE TO YOU IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE SALE AND UNDERPASS!

PETER AND I ARE IN THE SAME PREDICAMENT AS WARREN & RHONDA.

WE TOO CROSS CATTLE OVER THE ROAD ON A CORNER! IT CAN BE TERRIFYING WHEN DRIVERS REFUSE TO BE CONSIDERATE, CO-OPERATE, OR SLOW DOWN.

WHILST PETER CONTROLS THE CATTLE, I DEAL WITH THE TRAFFIC.

BOTH RHONDA & I HAVE HAD SERIOUS ENCOUNTERS WITH DRIVERS WHERE WE HAVE HAD TO STAND IN FRONT OF THE VEHICLE TO STOP THEM. THIS MEANS CATTLE/SHEEP CAN SCATTER WHICH COULD RESULT IN TRAGEDY!

I WANT TO KEEP THIS SHORT & SIMPLE. I PUT MY FAITH IN THE RIGHT DECISION BEING MADE FOR WARREN, RHONDA, THEIR DAUGHTERS, THE PUBLIC, AND LESTER'S LIVESTOCK. AN UNDERPASS IS A BLESSING - BOTH CONVENIENT AND PROVIDE SAFETY. I CONSIDER THE SAFETY OF WARREN, RHONDA & THEIR DAUGHTERS FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN A FEW TREES, WHICH I HEAR WONT BE IN DANGER! PETER AND I CANNOT AFFORD AN UNDERPASS SO I PRAY WARREN & RHONDA CAN HAVE THEIRS

KIND REGARDS

Debra McIndoe

SUBMISSION NO. 19 (Support)

SUBMISSION NO. 18 (Support)

23rd March 2022



To The CEO, South Gippsland Shire Council

We John & Barbara McColl at [REDACTED] frequently use the Mardan Rd, to commute to the township of Leongatha and agree the proposal of the sale of this land, for the purpose of the underpass is a great idea and fully support it.

Where the Lester family now cross their livestock is a very dangerous corner, and on the occasions that I've had to stop to give way, it's seems very hazardous and can be nerve-racking sitting in a vehicle stationary on the road. As farmers we have the same situation crossing stock.

Great to see the South Gippsland Shire supporting Farming businesses

Yours Sincerely, John and Barbara McColl

SUBMISSION NO. 19 (Support)

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Council](#)
Subject: Proposed sale of 630 Mardan Rd, Koorooman for cattle under pass.
Date: Friday, 25 March 2022 8:26:27 AM

ATTN:
The Ceo
South Gippsland Shire

I would like to support the Proposed sale of 630 Mardan Rd, Koorooman for a cattle under pass. As a long time resident of the Koorooman area and concerned citizen, I write to you to implore practical thinking to the question of a cattle underpass.

I have on many occasions come across stock being moved from one side of the road to the other in this location and others on Mardan road, and feel whilst the owners of stock always do so to the best possible safety standard, it is a very dangerous practice moving stock on and along a main road. If a cattle underpass can be made it would provide a much better safety standard for all users of Mardan Road and this should be of the highest priority for the safety of all.

Whilst I understand there are some objections to this proposal, I feel those objecting are not fully realising the danger this continued stock crossing poses to the rest of the district and road users.

I do not feel that saving a few trees is a justifiable reason to refuse a simple safety addition to the area.

I do feel that there must be a way to ensure this proposed sale of land be granted and the "green" anti-crossing perspective posed by objectors should be dismissed in the interests of safety, due to the high level of traffic that Mardan Road has daily.

Surely the people seeking the Cattle underpass would pose minimal damage in construction of the underpass and this could if proven necessary be a requirement of any sale to ensure some vegetation is and can remain viable throughout construction, and if not, I still believe the best interests of the whole road user and community are paramount.

Nobody wants a death on Mardan road and I fully support all farms along Mardan road being encouraged to install Cattle Underpasses.

Regards,

Jane Gardner

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

SUBMISSION NO. 21 (Support)**SUBMISSION NO. 20 (Support)**

From: gatimccoll@gatimccoll
To: [Council](#)
Subject: Proposal for Lester's underpass
Date: Saturday, 26 March 2022 10:26:30 PM

To the CEO,
South Gippsland Shire Council

We, Grant & Tracie McColl of [REDACTED] strongly agree with the Lester's request to purchase land to construct an underpass on the Mardan Road. The corner position of road where the Lester's currently cross their livestock is very dangerous. As we frequently travel back and forth to Leongatha via this Mardan Road, we have often had to give way to livestock at this section and feel it to be very hazardous. As a farming family who also need to move livestock along public roads, we can completely understand the need for the Lester's proposal for an underpass and we fully support it. Not only for their family's safety, but also for the convenience and safety of our local traffic.

Yours Sincerely,
Grant & Tracie McColl.

SUBMISSION NO. 21 (Support)

From: margaret.serafino
To: [Council](#)
Subject: Submission re Mardan underpass ,Council meeting 28th March 2022
Date: Sunday, 27 March 2022 8:15:50 PM

Dear Councillors , here is our submission for the upcoming meeting 28th March & review Of a MARDAN STOCK UNDERPASS TUNNEL

We arrived to live in Mardan in 1986 , now we live in Town. so we have travelled this Mardan road many times ,

In those early days there were numerous locations on the Mardan Rd where Cattle & Sheep & farming equipment crossed the road , then the surface of the Roads were slippery and mucky,, To stop & watch a family trying to heard or move Animals across the road on those bends with inconsiderate , impatience motorists & scared animals For US has always been a very Scarey & Unsafe sight

Now 35 years later , there are soooo many more cars & inexperienced City drivers on the Mardan Road.

We were sooo relieved when underpasses started to be installed in South Gippsland . After all this is a Rural Agricultural Area . These underpasses are installed for

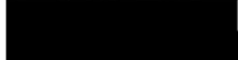
- 1st Safety , To make Safe for all Road users
- 2nd Practically , to allow Animals to pass from paddock to paddock securely
- 3rd Common Sense

We too, have appreciated the Watson Park Area & Flora along the Mardan road , COUNCILLORS , Safety & Agricultural needs , have a Priority in your decision making

We are sure with Consultation with Mr Dick Lester , the said Area around the underpass Could be re established with Native Plants & Vegetation.
For the future beautification Mardan Rd & South Gippsland

Yours Sincerely

Margaret & Vito SERAFINC



SUBMISSION NO. 23 (Support)

SUBMISSION NO. 22 (Support)

8th March 2022



To the CEO,

Being a livestock agent I see many different farming operations, many clients have a road dividing their properties, which is a huge inconvenience. Not only a hazardous situation to the farmer, but also road uses within our Shire and surrounding Shires.

I am right behind the future use of this land to be used as an underpass, as I know Lester's have crossed the road for 4 generations in my time.

Let's hope common sense prevails for the safety of everyone.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eddie Hams".

SUBMISSION NO. 23 (Support)

To The CEO,

I Rhonda Lester of [REDACTED], being that my husband Warren and I applied to buy the parcel of land being 630 Mardan Road.

I was 4 generation on my family property that I worked at 10 Gray's Rd Mardan, being a Gray before joining the Lester family 19 years ago. Warren is 4th generation here on his family farm and now we have three daughters that are 5th generation and are helping us whilst crossing cattle and sheep and interested in farming also.

When we cross stock or sheep, my job is to make traffic aware of what we are doing and try to slow them down whilst crossing. As many times signs and my vehicle with hazard lights on means nothing to motorists in a hurry to be somewhere. Wind and bad weather can make it very dangerous and I've had many a time that vehicles entering the corner exceeding 100 kms hour and on mobile phones at the time.

As I have lived here my whole life, talking to people in the district think it makes sense, for their safety, our safety and to have one less cattle crossing on the road. It saddens me that our neighbours against this idea haven't ever asked us what we propose to do for an underpass, being that the trees they are concerned about have no need to be touched.

I hope we can offer our children a safer future, as the traffic has changed a lot since I was a child and now not safe for anyone standing near the road. I hope if Warren & I can better this for our own lives as well as our future generations to come. At our expense, I can't put a price on our lives or can expect our three daughters and my mothering law to always be around to help.

Thank you, Rhonda Lester [REDACTED]