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4	D08839833		1		<p>We received a letter proposing an accessibility upgrade to the Mambara Track by installing two accessible parking bays parallel to Britannia St, upgrade of walking track with concrete path linking to Mambara Track and the installation of parking signs.</p> <p>1)We would also like to mention that many local walk through the Mambara Track from a track that leads to it from Kurrajong St near the intersection of Britannia St. However the rocks when we step upto the track are falling away and done have been removed so have it has become unsafe. Can this entry point also be made more accessible with more secure stone steps? It is pictured below.</p> <p>2)Another area nearby is the access steps to the Britannia St Park (children's playground).</p> <p>It has very weathered deteriorating wooden sleepers as steps with no handrail. It is very dangerous fir anyone who is unstable and not suitable for parents with prams or anyone with a mobility problem. The only other possible access point from Kurrajong Dr is to walk on the road from Kurrajong St to Brutannia St to access the ramp to the cement path and gate.</p> <p>However many cars speed down the road and do not stop at the stop sign there so it is a very unsafe place to walk if there us a mobility problem or with a pram to push on the road. The photo below shows the main access point to the Mambara Track inside the Pennant Hills Park entrance. There is enough space there to put a few parking bays to access the Mambara Track there instead instead of further down on Britannia St.</p> <p>3)The recent letter sent out that has suggested upgrading accessibility to Mambara Track by putting parking bays on Britannia St is not a suitable location to put parking bays.</p> <p>Hornsby Council placed large boulders there some years ago to discourage it being used for undesirable night time parking there. Used condoms, empty alcohol bottles and takeaway food containers were often lying there so Hornsby Council was contacted and asked what could be done to deter that activity.</p> <p>The solution was to block it from night time parking by placing large boulders there. It has been a very effective solution. It would not be advisable to now turn it into a place with parking bays.</p> <p>A suitable plays to put a few parking bays to make it more accessible is the other end if Mambara Track inside the park entrance. There is lighting there unlike in Britannia St near the bush so it would to stop it from being used once again as night time parking place to leave conforms, empty bottles and take away food containers.</p>	<p>The track from Kurrajong St is currently an informal track not managed by Council. Council will consider formalising this track pending further investigation. The stairs leading to the playground from Kurrajong St are in fair condition however some vegetation maintenance will be implemented. The proposed accessible parking bays also provides a parking opportunity for access to the playground. If this proposal is successful Council may then extend the southern footpath from the accessible parking bays to a kerb ramp opposite to the ramp entrance to the playground. Thank you for your suggestion for an alternative space for parking bays, however, unfortunately this access to the Mambara Track from Pennant Hills Park main driveway is not suitable for accessible parking bays nearby as it is a no parking zone in proximity to the track, and the surrounding terrain is unsuitable. The location proposed for the accessible parking bays for the Mambara Track on Britannia Street is the only suitable location, however, Council has noted your comments regarding previous undesirable behaviour being exhibited here and Council will look at strategies to deter these activities. Council also notes that street lighting adjacent the proposed location on Britannia Street is currently in place. The issue of drivers failing to stop at the stop sign has been referred to NSW Police.</p>
5	D08837338		1		<p>We have a number of concerns in regard to a proposal for accessibility Improvements to upgrade the Mambara Track entrance alongside Britannia St.</p> <p>1) The Mambara Track is mostly used by local residents to access Pennant Hills Park or visitors walking from Pennant Park down to Lane Cove National Park bushwalking trails and is rarely if ever used by disabled persons.</p> <p>2) It is more often frequented by dogs owners some of whom allow dogs to run off leash (despite not being an off leash area and very close to Lane Cove National Park).</p> <p>Dog droppings are often not picked up along the way so can Hornsby Council please install signs to remind dog owners to be responsible, use a leash and pick up droppings?</p> <p>3) The Mambara Track was originally built as an accessible track for Disabled people but we have never seen a disabled person use it other than able bodied bush walkers, dog owners and local residents walking to Pennant Hills Park or Pennant Hills Rd.</p> <p>4) The proposed accessible Parking bays along Britannia St appear from the map to be suggested where some large boulders were placed years ago to deter unwanted parking after dark. Regularly used condoms, empty alcohol bottles and take away food containers were left lying near that entrance to the track on Britannia St. We asked Hornsby Council what could be done to deter this so the large boulders were placed there and have been very effective since then.</p> <p>By installing Parking Bays along lower Britannia St near that bushland entrance to Mambara Track it will increase the chance of out area people using it once again for unwanted night time parking near this residential area where many young families live.</p> <p>5)This bushland area needs more protection without further destroying it by installing parking bays, parking signs and once again risking unwanted night time parking .</p> <p>We do not need further encroachment and development in this bush land area. The parking bays will probably only be used by increased sporting traffic and become a night time parking area again with unwanted behaviour at night near this residential area.</p>	<p>Councils proposal aims to make the Mambara Track more inclusive and more accessible to people with disabilities as it has been originally designed for, and not just for exclusive use by local residents only. Council is proposing to undertake a review and upgrade of the bushland wayfinding signage for the Mambara Track in the near future, which would also include regulatory requirements to be observed by track users, and their pets. The parking bays will be for disability permit holders only, any vehicles parking in the proposed bays which does not have a disability permit will be issued with a fine.</p>
6	D08839433	1			<p>I'd be very happy to see this improvement made. I live nearby and have used the Mambara track frequently since its construction. I have to say I have never in all that time actually seen someone in a wheelchair on the track and have often thought why? Maybe access to the track itself is the problem? Go for it!</p>	<p>Comments noted</p>
7	D08839340			1	<p>This plan is an excellent idea, to improve accessibility for the less mobile to our beautiful area. Parking when there is sport on is chaos - you will need to signpost and patrol the parking. Maybe put "for Mambara Track - not for sport parking".</p>	<p>Comments noted. The parking bays will be for disability permit holders only, any vehicles parking in the proposed bays which does not have a disability permit will be issued with a fine. The disabled spaces are for the public and Council is unable to control who will be utilising these spaces.</p>
8	D08838585	1			<p>Just want to say – what a great idea. We live in Blackbutt Ave and love the track. There should not be any friction with traffic on Britannia St. Well done Council</p>	<p>Comments noted</p>
9	D08837793			1	<p>Please extend track to no1 blackbutt ave as walking down kurrajong st from stop sign is dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists</p>	<p>The track from Kurrajong St is currently an informal track not managed by Council. Council will consider formalising this track pending further investigation.</p>
10	D08836488		1		<p>There is no reason to remove the dead tree. Dead trees are critical for hollow nesting birds and has no bearing on the plans to allow for the disabled parking. This is irresponsible to the ecosystem of this bush land area.</p>	<p>The dead tree in question has clear evidence of being pruned throughout its life due to presence of overhead wires and has no hollows to contribute a value for habitat use. Council will investigate options for installation of nest boxes.</p>

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11	D08835051		1		I have lived in Cobbadah Ave for over 25 years I see no viable reason to spend money on this track. It is in good condition ,and perfectly suitable for the locals and visitors who use it Council money could be much better spent elsewhere. By upgrading this track it is only going to attract more cyclists who will use it as their own and make it unsafe for the families who use this perfectly adequate path with their young children and older people ,like myself who will find this track no longer suitable. Any number of signs and restrictions will have no effect whatsoever on the cyclists ,as there are not enough rangers to patrol and enforce the restrictions. I would be most interested to know who proposes such projects as if the people involved walked this path they would see no upgrade is necessary	Comments noted. Council is proposing this upgrade to make the track more inclusive and more accessible for those with disabilities. Council anticipates that this proposal will not increase any pressure of cyclists on the track. Council plans to upgrade signage for the Mambara Track in the near future and will further investigate if additional regulatory signs to discourage cyclists would reduce pressure on the track.
12	D08833718	1			Looks like a lovely idea to improve access	Comments noted
13	D08833451	1			Thank you for your letter notifying us of the proposed improvements in accessibility to the Mambara Track. This is to provide better access, especially for the disabled. Having looked at your proposed changes, I support the plan. As it stands, there is a need to provide very easy access to the track for the disabled. Currently there is at least one individual who visits the track about 7.30 some mornings and sings very loudly. This spoils the ambiance of the bush and the birds. 'No singing ' signs might also be useful.	Comments noted.
14	D08833082			1	Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on this proposal. My family is supportive of this proposal as it improves the access point to the Mambara walking path which we use almost daily. My only request is that existing weeds in the construction zone (spider plant and asparagus fern) be removed and regenerated with local species. I would also request additional funding be provided for weed removal and bush regeneration around Pennant Hills Park to "offset" any impacts from this construction on local species. I'm aware bush regeneration contractors work around Pennant Hills Park but this is very infrequent and there are many problematic weeds including: •African olive •Lantana •Small leafed privet •Broad leafed privet •Blackberry •Camphor laurel •Cassia •Canary Island date palm (near the tennis) •Asparagus fern. Removing these plants before birds spread the seed is a priority. Thank you for considering this feedback.	Comments noted. Council will endeavour to include your suggestions for the works in regard to weed management, however, please note that Councils current bush regeneration program for Pennant Hills Park bushland surrounds is currently being undertaken at a manageable and sustainable rate.
15	D08831928			1	Is it possible to keep the dead tree for animals that need it for a home? If not maybe put up some nest boxes :D	The dead tree in question has clear evidence of being pruned throughout its life due to presence of overhead wires and has no hollows to contribute a value for habitat use. Council will investigate options for installation of nest boxes.
16	D08831877			1	When making the parking bays, make them long enough for a ramp to come down behind the car. Also ensure the kerb has wheelchair access from the road , and it is safe. This step is often missed. The Mambara track is lovely, but needs some wider pause spots as it is essentially narrow rather entire length and doesn't give time for the carer and the wheelchair user to stop and enjoy the bush. If a dog walker comes by they may move too close to the wheelchair user if there is no pause spot . this could cause ongoing issues. I hope you are able to make some larger passing areas on this walk. The sign labelled sunshine on my shoulder, uses the word Aboriginal without a capital letter. Needs to be changed.	Comments noted. The proposal consists of two parking bays, the one on the right/closest to Kurrajong St has a ramp behind the car, the second (additional) space is surrounded by an adjacent footpath with a kerb ramp to the front of the vehicle (in between both spaces). Council notes that disabilities are not segregated to wheelchair users alone. The Mambara track does have widened areas called 'passing bays' every 20 metres. Council will investigate what maintenance is needed to make the passing bays more user friendly. Council plans to upgrade signage for the Mambara Track in the near future and will seek feedback from the community at that time.
17	D08831870			1	I think it's an excellent idea! If I remember correctly, the track was supposed to be for the disabled to appreciate nature. It would be even better, if the verge on that side of Britannia St. was widened from the roundabout down to Kurrajong St., so parking was more accessible for everyone. During Winter, soccer and netball participants' cars take up a lot of both sides of the roadway, making two way traffic difficult for us local residents. Thank you for considering my proposal.	Comments noted. Council can advise that it is very unlikely to be able to widen the whole road in this area as there is existing powerlines and services on one side of the road (alongside this proposal) and many mature significant trees along the opposite side.
18	D08829692	1			This is a very good initiative. The track is located on the northern end of the park complex, a close location to residential population, has a suitable gentle gradient for accessibility and a wonderful ambience for walking and running. The improvements in this area will be greatly appreciated.	Comments noted. However, Council notes that the Mambara track is located on the southern (not northern) end of the park complex.
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