



Memo to: Mayor Watton

Copy to: All Councillors, General Manager, Directors, Senior Leadership Group and Communications & Engagement Team

From: Paul McLachlan, Director Works and Infrastructure

Subject: Kurri Kurri to Testers Hollow Shared Pathway Project

Date: 5 February 2026

Reference: CRM 2130/2026 - DOC2026/016510

Dear Mayor Watton

I refer to your enquiry on behalf of a resident, regarding the Kurri Kurri to Testers Hollow shared pathway.

Could I please have some assistance re the below query? All relevant details needed below.

"Cessnock City Council have advised Transport for NSW have funded the footpath upgrade, which will impact the front of my property.

My question is, to what extend did Council actually take to negotiate with TfNSW and why did they not negotiate the path to be approved on the opposite side of the road, considering there is less impact to residents and majority of the path would have been on land where development is highly unlikely. ????

My frustration is council are wanting so much from there land rate payers however they are not doing much to support us."

Council officers have investigated the subject matter and advise as follows:

Throughout the planning phase of the Kurri Kurri to Testers Hollow Shared Path both sides of the Main Road were investigated. The eastern side of Main Road was collectively determined as the most appropriate location based on the following:

- The shared pathway alignment strategically connects through to the proposed shared pathway network in to the Maitland LGA;
- The alignment services more residents along Main Road and;
- Improves access to an existing pedestrian crossing point (Traffic Lights) at the William Testers Drive and Main Road intersection.

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