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Sent: Monday, 28 August 2023 12:42 PM
To: liz; Linda Gray
Subject: Fw: Public Notice – Informal Advertising Of Proposed Road Closures For Preliminary Community Consultation

Good afternoon Liz and Linda,

Please see attached submission received (24/8) on the informal advertising of Frankland Rural purchase of road reserve in Frankland River.

Kind regards

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Dear Shire of Cranbrook Chief Executive Officer

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed road closures of unconstructed road reserves adjacent to Frankland Rural at 1 Trent Street in Frankland River.

Frankland Rural is a valuable business for the township and we have no objection to the closure of the road reserve adjacent to Rocky Gully-Frankland Road (shown in green).

However, we do oppose the closure of the road reserve on the west side that is shown in blue.

We live at [REDACTED] which is on the opposite side of Trent Street from the road reserve shown in blue. When we purchased this property, one of the features that most influenced our decision was its location with views looking to the woodland on the southern side of Trent Street. Currently the trees extend along the west side of the reserve over about half the reserves width.

We appreciate this bushland and purchased our property specifically because of the views of the bushland across the road. We built our house with front windows and have arranged furniture in the bedroom and study to maximise views of this woodland. This bushland is part of a 55 ha area of crown land, that has been proposed to be made into a nature reserve. Orchid expert Jim Parry confirmed that there are 87 orchid species in this area and nearby golf course. WA Native Orchid Study and Conservation Group and Green Skills data bases confirm the large number of sightings and argue that the status of the crown land needs to be investigated and if possible upgraded to Nature Reserve.

Prior to purchasing [REDACTED] we were concerned that there might be an expansion of Frankland Rural or other potential development to the west of 1 Trent Street that would affect the bush outlook that attracted us to this property. We enquired with the Shire and were assured that the land opposite [REDACTED] was road reserve, not freehold land, and to the west and south of that was unallocated crown land for recreation and open space. If we had been told that Frankland Rural might be allowed to expand to the west, or other development could replace the bushland, we would have been far less likely to purchase [REDACTED].

The eastern part of the road reserve currently appears to serve as a fire break for Frankland Rural. If the road reserve is closed and Frankland Rural is permitted to expand its business, there will presumably be removal of the vegetation in the road reserve. And it is possible that even more native vegetation could be required to be cleared to the west of the road reserve, in order to meet fire break or planning for bushfire policy requirements.

If the business is permitted to expand into the road reserve, the woodland views for which we purchased our property will be replaced by a rural business that is often noisy, busy and visually unappealing and a cleared firebreak or possibly a larger bushfire hazard separation distance.

Bushland is not always highly valued or considered beautiful by people in rural communities. However, for us, proximity to and views of native vegetation were at the top of our property checklist. We oppose the closure of the road reserve and proposed expansion of Frankland Rural into this reserve, because it will result in clearing of woodland that we value for its habitats, flora, wildlife and its intrinsic natural beauty that we can enjoy through views from our property. The expansion of Frankland Rural into this road reserve will result in the removal of native vegetation and reduce our enjoyment of our property.

We hope you will consider our views in your decision.

Kind regards

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