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Dear Mr Pallas,

Extending Beach Rd Safety Section to save Beach Park bushland

Beaumaris Conservation Society Inc. is writing to you, in relation to its concern about the importance of reconfiguring a short section of Beach Road, Beaumaris, between Charman and Cromer Roads, in order to avoid a significant loss of bushland and intrusion into the adjacent Beach Park foreshore reserve.

BCS Inc. wishes to draw to your attention the significance of that bushland and the foreshore reserve that contains it, and to point out that a modest change to the adjacent layout of the adjoining Beach Road surface would avoid harm to that area. Most of that 850 metre section of road already exists as a single lane each way, where only minor reconfiguration would be needed, and that single lane treatment could reasonably be extended some 350 metres to allow such minor reconfiguration there.

The threat to the reserve arises from the implementation of the Government's intended completion of the Around the Bay Bicycle Trail in this area, which is a "missing link". BCS Inc. considers that there is a pressing need for the Government to conserve the long-standing reserve intact by extending, some 350 metres further westward, the present lane format of Beach Road, Beaumaris, that exists at the approaches to its junction with Charman Road. That extension would provide room on the seaward edge of Beach Road for enough of the width required for the proposed Bayside City Council bicycle road.

BCS Inc. has raised this issue with all six State parliamentarians for the area, and also with the Member for Goldstein, in view of the National Estate status of the bushland. We have had a response from all but one of those MPs, and three of them have walked along the route that is the preferred route in Bayside City Council's Black Rock and Beaumaris Foreshore Master Plan.

BCS Inc. requests that some of its officers be given an opportunity to walk with you along the boundary between the foreshore reserve and the road reserve in order to show you on the site how the detailed change we are proposing could be implemented in order to conserve the reserve and its vegetation, which is inscribed on the Register of the National Estate as the Beaumaris Bay Fossil Site.

BCS Inc. would appreciate being advised of your response to its request, please.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary
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