

urbanrenewal - Lets fix up Hunter St and get rid of the trains.

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Subject: Lets fix up Hunter St and get rid of the trains.

I live at the Bellevue on Bellevue apartments on the corner of Hunter and Bellevue Street at the "awful end of town" so I am all for the revitalisation of the city, ending the railway etc as it will make our end of town look much nicer and hopefully increase the value of our property.

However, it seems there are plans for a walkway on the other side of the drain which will be widened and will be a link between Hunter Street and Honeysuckle Drive once the railway stops at Wickham. I assume that this will mean most of the foot traffic from the trains will use that pathway and you have seen the mess they have made of Bellevue st with all the graffiti, and the constant repainting in our street.

I don't know if you have noticed but on Wednesday nights between 11pm and 1am that pathway is used as a public toilet and garbage dump for smashing beer bottles by all the drunken teenagers walking from the Cambridge to uptown. This also happens on Friday and Saturday nights. I have seen these people peeing in the garden, and on the front door of the next door building, vomiting on their front steps and purposely breaking the plants, not to mention all the drunken arguments and yelling. Will this increase if it's a thoroughfare??

I see that the pathway will probably have to be well lit which means the lights will be shining into our apartments?

Now just a week ago we watched 3 boys walking down that path and throwing rocks at our windows and our building and The Cove's from across the Creek. We took photos of the young teenage boys but by the time we grabbed the phone to take the photo we couldn't catch them in the act. I watched to see where they would go and if they would come back out along the path but they went around the building into the car park of the Ibis where they were looking in all the cars and rocking the boom gate there and generally mucking around with anything they could get their hands on. And yesterday a tenant in this building caught some kids with a stolen wallet on that pathway, the police were called but the kids got away.

What will it be like with people constantly walking and cycling along that pathway? We do not want that next to our building especially if they widen the path and its closer to our building? The Cove apartments and the Bellevue apartments are residential and do not need a pathway so close to the residence.

Im thinking they should make this planned path one block up next to KFC the road next to them will be extended across the railway line and wouldn't upset the residential area.

I love the plans for the city but the planners obviously haven't been here at midnight to see the kids wrecking everything in the street. Kicking and smashing windows, wrecking cars that dare to park in Hunter street, Graffiti everywhere, they will have a field day with a street full of lovely new things to wreck. I remember when they put a new bus stop out the front which was completely wrecked within the week and the flower boxes along hunter street they became big boxes for empty beer bottles and vomit. I walk to work up and down Hunter street everyday and the stains of vomit on the footpath the length of Hunter Street is revolting. Yes all the footpaths need to be replaced but are they going to be stain proof, or wrecked within the week again?
 Until we have police patrols along Hunter st late at night there will be no control!

Do you think a petition from all the residents in our street would help? We do feel strongly about having a happy residential environment for apartments.

Please advise
 Kind regards
 Dawn.