

NEW SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS
Millbrook Estate Second Access – Consideration of Feasibility Study / SJ3290
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Submitter	No	Submitter Comments
Government Agencies		
Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions	1.	<p>The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) can contribute towards a feasibility study through the provision of advice and technical information; however, is unable to contribute financially to such a study or the development of any resultant secondary access for Millbrook Estate.</p> <p>DBCA remains committed to working constructively with the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale as it progresses with investigations into resolving this local planning matter.</p>
Landowners/Residents		
Robyn McDonald A166300	1.	<p>Explain your level of concern:</p> <p>No</p> <p>Are you willing to assist in funding a feasibility study?</p> <p>No</p>
Kevin & Lorna Chambers A143400	2.	<p>Explain your level of concern:</p> <p>ZERO concern – having lived there for almost 30 years, we have NEVER had the need, if there is any reason to leave the current access is fine.</p> <p>Are you willing to assist in funding a feasibility study?</p> <p>No</p> <p>Further comments:</p> <p>Apart from not needing it, the only possible routes, would be into more danger or via a long track through private land. If individual residents are concerned, I suggest they move.</p> <p>The majority of long-term residents are more than happy and understand what they need to do if there is a risk.</p>

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		<p>We have an early warning siren (not that it is often needed), which will give people time to leave along a <u>bitumen road</u>.</p> <p>The other option is to divide any costs amongst those that say YES.</p> <p>Surely in the current COVID 19 crises, the council has better things to spend time on.</p> <p>Whatever the outcome, I will NOT be paying for something we do Not need.</p>
Roger Victor Cass & Marilyn Cass A166100	3.	<p>Explain your level of concern:</p> <p>No concern as we have a fire exit at the end of Medulla Road & Bullara Ramble, the problem being to the Shire not being willing to maintain it thus leaving it non-trafficable.</p> <p>Are you willing to assist in funding a feasibility study?</p> <p>No</p> <p>Further comments:</p> <p>Many years ago a proposal was put through to link Marsh Court to Transit Road this was never followed through reputedly due to cost.</p>
Jenifer Burton A130800	4.	<p>Explain your level of concern:</p> <p>High for obvious reasons</p> <p>Are you willing to assist in funding a feasibility study?</p> <p>No</p> <p>Further comments:</p> <p>Would consider contributing to actual escape route but not the feasibility study. We pay enough rates for minimal benefit. I'm sure no other subdivision has to pay extra for access road out.</p>
Shane & Elizabeth Lee A116200	5.	<p>Explain your level of concern:</p> <p>No concern at all!</p> <p>Are you willing to assist in funding a feasibility study?</p>

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		<p>No</p> <p>Further comments:</p> <p>Under no circumstances will we be giving any financial assistance to your Scheme.</p>
<p>Sean Burden A143600</p>	<p>6.</p>	<p>Explain your level of concern:</p> <p>I have <u>no</u> concern. When moving into the estate this was a known and accepted risk. Other mitigations are in place which, if used responsibly, would offer the residents safety during high risk events. Furthermore, I do not share the view of a few individuals living within the estate that broadcast, across various social media groups, their frustrations or fears. These are understandable and were compounded by the bush fires last year and the delay in the verges being cut back, however, households could have taken action to reduce the risk of their own safety.</p> <p>I would rather see any investment go into providing consultation and advice on how to reduce risk from fire and other events (high wind- fallen trees etc) at an individual level. Not all houses within the estate are as good as they can be and would benefit from 'risk reduction' advice.</p> <p>Are you willing to assist in funding a feasibility study?</p> <p>No</p> <p>Further comments:</p> <p>I am not a member of any of the newly formed Facebook groups. Several are in existence, all providing on occasion conflicting information. The Shire should provide the 'Single Source of truth' in order to provide clarity and confidence to its residents that the Shire does care and is balancing the risk of fire danger against preserving the natural beauty of this part of Jarrahdale.</p> <p>Happy to discuss at any time, have a chat or expand on my thoughts further.</p>
<p>Mark and Jane Newton A142800</p>	<p>7.</p>	<p>Explain your level of concern:</p> <p>As each year passes, we are getting more and more concerned. Years ago we could access through the forest, although it is probably in the wrong direction for a likely fire direction. However, this is no longer even an option. So our answer is very concerned.</p> <p>Are you willing to assist in funding a feasibility study?</p>

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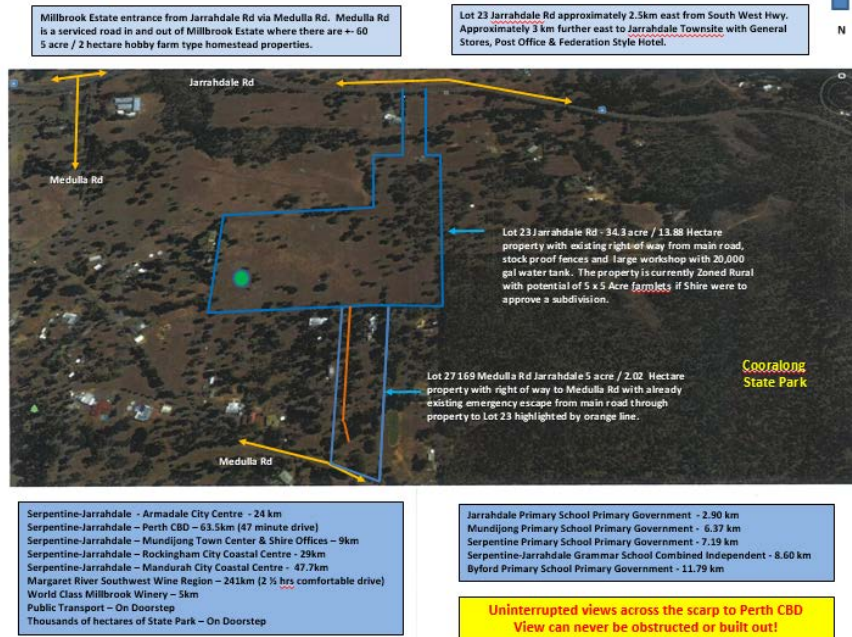
		<p>No</p> <p>Further comments:</p> <p>We are unable to afford that sort of contribution to a feasibility study which may not even lead anywhere. The total cost of the road and even the feasibility study seem particularly high. We could probably contribute this amount to the actual road cost however.</p>
Nicole Bywaters & Paul Henneberry A166800	8.	<p>Explain your level of concern:</p> <p>We are fully aware of the risks of living in the estate with only one access road. It is a concern and we take full responsibility for our own fire preparedness and property maintenance.</p> <p>Are you willing to assist in funding a feasibility study?</p> <p>No</p> <p>Further comments:</p> <p>We believe that the feasibility of a second access has been researched and failed to find a suitable safe alternative access. A study now will be a waste of money and it unlikely that funding to build an alternative exit will ever be found.</p>
Gregory and April Hogan A165500	9.	<p>Explain your level of concern:</p> <p>Very concerned</p> <p>Are you willing to assist in funding a feasibility study?</p> <p>No</p>
Barry and Anne Sander A115700	10.	<p>Explain your level of concern:</p> <p>We do not and have not had any concern with Millbrook Estate not having a second access. We have lived here since 1983 and though there are more houses here being a maximum of 62 resident we feel the current access is adequate.</p> <p>Are you willing to assist in funding a feasibility study?</p> <p>No</p> <p>Further comments:</p>

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Barry and Joan Richardson A168500	11.	<p>Explain your level of concern:</p> <p>No concerns</p> <p>Are you willing to assist in funding a feasibility study?</p> <p>No</p>
David Jansen A167600 Peter Barry A166400	12.	<p>Both Mr David Jansen (RESIDENTIAL OWNER 176 Medulla Rd Jarrahdale) and myself Peter Barry (RESIDENTIAL OWNER 162 Medulla Rd Jarrahdale) have been Millbrook Estate SJ Rate payers for some 30 years now.</p> <p>In 2007 we had a unique business opportunity to purchase Lot 23 Jarrahdale Rd (34.3 acre/13.88 hectares) with a very high prospect at the time for shire re-zoning with subdivision potential. Unfortunately nothing forthwith from the SJ Shire on this thus far some 13 years later.</p> <p>With reference SJ3290 we have a proposal opportunity to present to the SJ Shire and with that we hope that at least you can offer some consideration and appropriate timely feedback prior to July 17th.</p> <p>We have prepared a snip from Google Earth (not to any scale) of the property that is jointly owned by David & myself (Lot 23 Jarrahdale Rd) and investment property (Lot 27 Millbrook) owned by myself to give you a birds eye view of the situation. Lot 23 adjoins Jarrahdale Rd & Lot 27 adjoins Medulla Rd as per their current site plans and in addition to that an improvised accessible track between both properties has been created a long time back to facilitate property, firebreak & stock management processes more efficiently. At this point in time this track is only accessible to the current owners but could easily be opened up to facilitate a functional secondary “Emergency Escape ONLY” for all Millbrook Estate Residents at a bare minimum cost option to the Shire.</p> <p>We would like the Shire to re-open discussions with regards to re-zoning the Lot 23 property to allow subdivision therefore opening up future development of the Land for additional 5 acre properties similar to Millbrook. This initiative will provide an auto solution for a secondary “Emergency Escape ONLY” for Millbrook Estate Residents and add additional rate payers to SJ Shire coffers.</p> <p>The proposal is for your consideration and discussion with your Shire peers and timely feedback from your group is requested.</p>

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Serpentine-Jarrahdale Property Proposal



David and Regina
John
A167200

13.

Explain your level of concern:

Not concerned at all. Access is no problem as it is. If there is a problem that the SJ Shire sees, I bring to your attention, Chestnuts, various other estates to the Shire with the same issue.

Are you willing to assist in funding a feasibility study?

No

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		<p>The people that have issues can contribute – that’s why I pay rates. I wasn’t interested in polo or footy etc. but we have those facilities paid by the Shire not clubs. A study has already been done several years ago and wasn’t viable then, nothing’s changed.</p> <p>I will NOT contribute to this second feasibility study.</p>
G.G. & J.L. Johnson A167300	14.	<p>Explain your level of concern:</p> <p>As we live in a high fire risk area, we believe that if Council carried out their responsibilities to verges and reserves i.e. keep fire hazards to a minimum, and if council enforces the rules and regulations as per the Shire Firebreaks booklet to all property owners, the fire risk for Millbrook would be greatly reduced. This should lower the level of concern for Millbrook Estate not having a second access.</p> <p>Some residents do follow the rules i.e. property fuel reductions and fire breaks inside all external boundaries. Those residents who do nothing or minimal, are creating the high fire danger level in the estate. This includes all property owners who have adjoining properties to the Millbrook Estate.</p> <p>Please Note: In the SJ meeting agenda notes – Monday, 15 June 2020, page 114 states “Millbrook Estate began subdivision in the late 1980’s and early 1990’s...” Actually it was late 1970’s. We bought our block in 1981 from a previous owner.</p> <p>Also a Query: Why was the letter regarding this issue addressed to an individual property owner and not as per the rates notice of dual ownership?</p> <p>Are you willing to assist in funding a feasibility study?</p> <p>No</p> <p>Further Comments:</p> <p>If Council can manage the above, the need for an additional expensive second access is not justified.</p>
Molly & Robin Maxwell A131200	15.	<p>Explain your level of concern:</p> <p>No significant concern. The original development should not have been approved if there were/are access issues. The current/original second access (emergency access) should be maintained to be trafficable by both two and four wheel drive vehicles.</p>

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Jillian Hardie A165300	16.	<p>Explain your level of concern:</p> <p>NIL</p> <p>Are you willing to assist in funding a feasibility study?</p> <p>No</p>
J & D Fletcher A142600	17.	<p>Explain your level of concern:</p> <p>Not concerned. There is a siren which will give ample warning to leave.</p> <p>Are you willing to assist in funding a feasibility study?</p> <p>No</p> <p>Further Comments:</p> <p>If the council wish to proceed with the above they should meet the full cost. The feasibility study is a waste of money or the councillors who voted for this should pay the total cost.</p>
LR & MJ Martin A167500	18.	<p>Explain your level of concern:</p> <p>More concern in regards to the reserve on Medulla Road being a fire hazard and NOT being maintained prior to the fire season as promised last year.</p> <p>Are you willing to assist in funding a feasibility study?</p> <p>No</p> <p>Further Comments:</p> <p>Do as much as is reasonable in regard to keeping road reserves as save as possible as a fire hazard.</p>

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C & J Dines A1432009	19.	<p>Explain your level of concern:</p> <p><u>NONE</u> - In fact we prefer that Millbrook does not have a second access, that would create untold issues with through traffic and bring undesirable activity to the estate, the crime rate would go through the roof and the increased traffic would pose considerable traffic accident risk if the other roads were not widened to accommodate the increase, we do not want the roads widened! It would spoil the privacy and lower the value of the properties.</p> <p>Millbrook is unique and needs to remain that way!</p> <p>Are you willing to assist in funding a feasibility study?</p> <p>No</p> <p>Further Comments:</p> <p>We have lived in Millbrook for 20 years, in all that time while there were a couple of very small fires, none caused us to have to consider “evacuating” due to the response from local residents, the fire brigade and DFES. This response has always been very quick and effective. We understand that this may not always be the case, however we regard the risk of living here no more than if we lived in Mundijong. There is little chance of fire approaching from the West, the biggest danger would be a fire approaching from the East.</p> <p>If that were to happen we feel confident that we would know about it in plenty of time to put into action OUR PLAN. We believe that the most important thing for the local residents is to have a bushfire PLAN, those that do not have to take responsibility for their own actions.</p> <p>Putting in another access road is totally unnecessary, because if people leave their decision to evacuate so late that they cannot use Medulla Road to escape then they only have themselves to blame. There are many estates around built in the 80's like Millbrook, it is simply impossible to retro fit them all with total fire proofing. People who come to live in this type of development must have some understanding of what they are doing, if not, again they can only blame themselves. There is no way the existing residents (the biggest majority of whom are quite happy living here under the circumstances that they initially accepted), should be expected to pay for a feasibility study that cannot have any useful outcome. It would be an absolute waste of everybody's money.</p>
T Maxwell A131100	20.	<p>Explain your level of concern:</p>

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John Haynes A143100	21.	<p>Explain your level of concern:</p> <p>Greatly concerned! Would never have bought here had I perceived the catastrophic danger at the time.</p> <p>Are you willing to assist in funding a feasibility study?</p> <p>No</p> <p>Further Comments:</p> <p>We are living on savings, no pension – no handouts & virtually zero bank interest. Whichever authority initially granted permission to build here must take responsibility.</p>
Paul Di Lollo and Yvonne Savage A142900	22.	<p>Explain your level of concern:</p> <p>Our level of concern is low. When we moved to Millbrook Estate over 17 years ago we were well aware of the single sealed access. Over the years the track through the forest has been maintained to a varying degree and could never be relied upon as safe access. Our bushfire plan includes leaving early not waiting to see if there is an option.</p> <p>Are you willing to assist in funding a feasibility study?</p> <p>No</p> <p>Further Comments:</p> <p>With reference to the statement read out by Jackie Dines at the OCM Monday 15th June, we are not in favour of the feasibility study for a 2nd access and we are not prepared to provide any funds whatsoever. It is highly improbable \$2-\$4m will be spent for so little traffic. There is no point in an expensive feasibility study to come up with the same result.</p>

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Duncan Watson A164900	23.	<p>Explain your level of concern:</p> <p>Extremely concerned due to the poor maintenance of the Mundella road verge by the Council.</p> <p>Are you willing to assist in funding a feasibility study?</p> <p>No</p> <p>Further Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This what we pay rates for!!! The Council approved the estate, the Council is responsible for the road. \$150K for feasibility is ridiculous! \$4m to install is outrageous! • The Estate does NOT need a second fully sealed access road. At the discussion held at the Jarrahdale Volunteer Fire Brigade late last year with Council representatives the representative agreed with the need for a second “fire escape” access road heading west, as the greatest risk would come from the east. He agreed this road would only need to be gravel or lime stone, and promised to investigate further. It was acknowledged that it would be for use as a fire escape ONLY. This the residents agreed with. • The need for an alternative fire escape would be substantially reduced if the Council maintained the verge on the existing Medulla access road. By clearing this road back to the fencing on both sides the need to use an alternative route would be greatly reduced.
WJ Waycott A167000	24.	<p>Explain your level of concern:</p> <p>No concern that Millbrook has only one access. The Shire needs to resume spraying road verges. This has been done in the past. Why has it been stopped?</p> <p>Are you willing to assist in funding a feasibility study?</p> <p>No</p> <p>Further Comments:</p> <p>There are far too many motorbikes using the bush tracks behind Millbrook. Providing a second access would only allow those motor bikes greater opportunity to use our residential roads for their amusement.</p>

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LM Stockwell A116000	25.	<p>Explain your level of concern:</p> <p>Don't need a 2nd exit if everyone followed the rules</p> <p>Are you willing to assist in funding a feasibility study?</p> <p>No</p> <p>Further Comments:</p> <p>Pensioners can not afford</p>
VE May A143300	26.	<p>Explain your level of concern:</p> <p>Very high as I am at the top of the hill with one way out. Plus I do not appreciate being told by the Shire President that the rates I pay go towards the library and most of Byford.</p> <p>Are you willing to assist in funding a feasibility study?</p> <p>No</p> <p>Further Comments:</p> <p>I have been paying rates for 20 years and I believe the hire has done nothing to Millbrook Estate in 20 years except for the bitched resurfacing of Medulla Road.</p>
S Peredi A115400	27.	<p>Explain your level of concern:</p> <p>-</p> <p>Are you willing to assist in funding a feasibility study?</p> <p>No</p> <p>Further Comments:</p> <p>I will not be contributing to the cost of the feasibility study on construction of a second access.</p>
R Purves & J Shackleton A167400	28.	<p>Explain your level of concern:</p>

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		<p>Extremely concerned and well aware that should an incident occur on Jarrahdale road, end of Millbrook Estate residents will be trapped.</p> <p>Are you willing to assist in funding a feasibility study?</p> <p>No</p> <p>Further Comments:</p> <p>Extremely disappointment that our rates bills do not already cover these necessities. We feel that Millbrook Estate has been neglected for a long time, still without footpaths and living on roads with potholes. Basic bushfire mitigation carried out by prisoners after a great deal of pleading from residents.</p>
Shirley Morrison A142710	29.	<p>Explain your level of concern:</p> <p>NIL, I am happy with current access.</p> <p>Are you willing to assist in funding a feasibility study?</p> <p>No</p>
Will Archer & Vickey Harney A115900	30.	<p>Explain your level of concern:</p> <p>Our level of concern is high. As it stands, we rely solely on the notifications sent by the Shire/SES of any dangerous conditions which would compel us to leave the property prior to having to defend the property. We are in no position to stay and defend. We are also aware of the 'air craft siren' in the adjoining Medulla Road and the impending danger it is intended to signify. Having considered buying in Margaret River prior to purchasing in Jarrahdale, we discovered that even that Shire was intending to put through a second access road to the Prevelly Beach area as a fire safety method. It is, obviously, the way forward for most Shires and the cost should not be diverted to the householders to pay.</p> <p>Are you willing to assist in funding a feasibility study?</p> <p>No</p> <p>Further Comments:</p> <p>Having moved into the area only recently, we are extremely disappointed to find that although this Estate has been open for a considerable length of time, the feasibility study is only being proposed now. It is not within our budget to</p>

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		cater for a feasibility study as we must focus on preparing our land and making our home as fire safe as we can. Upon attending the Fire Safety evening last February at the Jarrahdale Fire Brigade, the general talk was that nothing will come of this as no Authority wishes to take responsibility for the instigation of such a project.
H Sleurink & NS Tichelaar A166200	31.	<p>Explain your level of concern:</p> <p>No Concern, just need EM Exit</p> <p>Are you willing to assist in funding a feasibility study?</p> <p>No</p> <p>Further Comments:</p> <p>Already pay taxes</p>
Brian Bolton & Estelle Lavender A168300	32.	<p>Explain your level of concern:</p> <p>Extremely concerned; particularly following consultation with fire officers about our capacity to remain safe in a fire event. Everyone MUST leave the estate (whether they think they can stay or not) and with over 60 homes with animals to evacuate, and one escape route on a steep, narrow road, we have poor prospects.</p> <p>Are you willing to assist in funding a feasibility study?</p> <p>No</p> <p>Further Comments:</p> <p>We feel this proposal has forced residents to retreat from voicing their concerns, ones they have retreated to a delusional mental state to cope with helplessness around the fighting reality of our prospects.</p> <p>Many of the Millbrook residents simply cannot afford over \$1,000 for the feasibility study. Impecuniosity has led many of them to oppose a second exit, as they fear the cost. The second exit is needed. If a large number of people die here because of only exit is blocked, surrounded by fire or otherwise unavailable questions will be asked of the Shire as to why the second exit was not built. All it takes is for vehicle to block Medulla Road during a fire emergency and a lot of people could die here. Build the second exit – no feasibility study charge.</p>