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Chief Engineer (Roads)
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Re R72 Bridge Widening and Safety Bushman's River

Dear Mr. Keyser,

An EIA meeting was held in Kenton on the 4th September, 2007 and Mr. Da Silva of Africoast Engineers outlined the plan for the rehabilitation and widening of the bridges. Priorities were safety and rehabilitation to arrest the spalling of concrete from the bridges. Subsequently there has been news in the press about toll roads (R72, N2 and alternate routes).

We believe that the current proposed works has the opportunity to make the road (R72) between Marselle and Kenton safer. There is great concern about the amount of heavy duty traffic and speeding on the road as the route between Marselle and Kenton is used by over 1,000 pedestrians and cyclists each day.

We previously suggested traffic circles at both the entrance to Bushman's and Kenton as traffic calming measures and to assist with traffic flow (especially over holiday season). A second suggestion is that a cycling, pedestrian walkway be made from the one entrance to the other as it will only be safe over the bridge area with the current plan. There needs only to be a single walkway on the northern side of the bridges and not two as planned but it needs to extend from entrance to entrance. A third point is that a walkway needs to be made under the bridges to facilitate pedestrians from getting from one side of the road to the other without need to cross over the road.

Could you please consider these suggestions in the name of safety as it should not be big money relative to rehabilitation and widening of the bridges. Monetary savings in making only a single pedestrian walkway (balustrades and safety barriers) should contribute the concept.

Yours faithfully,

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Chairman Bushman's River Ratepayers Association

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