Public Comment on Bannockburn South-East Precinct Structure Plan

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Comments:-

Avifauna

At least two pairs of wedge-tailed eagles currently prey within the area proposed for development. What actions are being undertaken to ensure the development does not risk further harm to their chances of survival as the urban area of Bannockburn is expanded?

Current vegetated fauna corridors

What is proposed to protect or offset the area currently available to native animals making use of the vegetation corridors and protect this area from predation by domestic pets? Currently many possums and wallables reside in this area and deserve the opportunity for continued existence.

There is also a vegetation corridor along the railway line that is not obviously marked for protection or maintenance. This vegetated area provides one of the very few east-west corridors for animal movement in this south-east area of Bannockburn.

Sewer installation

The proposal lists sewer extension to the area. Is this extension proposed to be treated by existing Barwon Water sewer treatment infrastructure or are additional assets required? How will the cost of this expansion affect current Bannockburn residents?

Cyclist safety

Despite the ideals of cycling integration design, the execution of safe infrastructure for cyclists has been laughably inadequate. What further consultation will occur with the community to ensure that cyclists have safe access to bike paths from town assets, that these bike paths will be maintained and illuminated to ensure user safety? Will road crossing points facilitate/encourage use or be a barrier to safe use? Despite many promises, the local partner governments of G21 have largely rolled out piecemeal and inadequate infrastructure for cyclists (especially for school children and female riders), with routes never joining and not maintained these paths (by allowing road debris, vegetation and litter to make using them impractical and often dangerous).