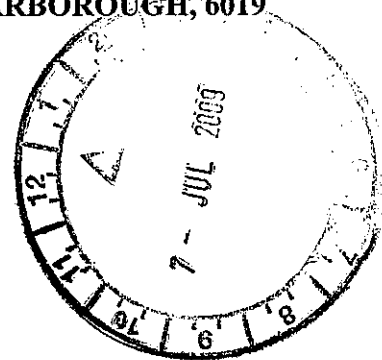


# Scarborough Autumn Club Inc.

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Parliament House  
Perth Western Australia  
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Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
Hon Brian Ellis MLC

Dear Mr. Ellis,  
Thank you for the opportunity to provide a written submission.  
The petition that we circulated was done only in a small area of Scarborough Beach Road within the confines of Westview Street, Gildercliffe Street, Grand Prom, Herbert Street, and Flamborough Street. This was done on purpose as we wanted to get signatures from only people that used the area. The number of signatures that we received (over 1600) is a true reflection of people that genuinely want a safe pedestrian crossing.  
A standard crosswalk with out lights would not work because of the high traffic volume that uses Scarborough Beach Road. A controlled crossing with lights is needed.  
The area we are talking about is, in my opinion, the busiest section on Scarborough Beach Road.  
In the section between Westview Street and Flamborough that I am referring to, there are over 41 business premises located in this area.  
The Scarborough Civic Centre is located at 173 Gildercliffe Street. It is a huge centre which covers a large area of land that has six (6) stand alone buildings in its confines.  
The complex caters for every age group from babies to senior citizens. There are activities at the complex that covers the needs of any age group.  
In my opinion the complex on its own would warrant a controlled pedestrian crossing.  
We have young mothers that have to cross Scarborough Beach Road pushing a pram and often holding on to their other children.

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And then there is the other end of the age group that is my concern, the elderly that come every day to either the Autumn Club or the Pensioners club.

The risk that my members take crossing the road, just to get to the club is scary.

I know of people that will not cross the road on their own, who would rather catch a bus down to Scarborough Beach and then catch a bus back to end up on the right side of the road. I have another elderly member who lives on the north side of Scarborough Beach Road in a unit, and she is considering selling and buying a unit on the east side because the centre, and also her doctor is on the east side.

I know these are extreme cases but I want you to know the problems that the elderly face.

The Inglewood Civic Centre had a similar problem to us, heavy volume of traffic with no safe place to cross the road. Since the controlled lights have been installed there, business to the shops has improved and I can assure you the Autumn Club members are a lot safer and happier.

I also know that there is a survey taking place to work out the best solution to make Scarborough Beach Road a safer road. I agree with some of the ideas that are being promoted but this entire project is a long way off.

The controlled lights could be done straight away and would solve a very big problem and would still fit into any future plans.

Yours Sincerely



Jack Wilkins

President Scarborough Autumn Club Inc.

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