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Lambertia Close Park shared path project, Mount Gravatt East

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Dear Lord Mayor

This email seeks your action to prevent Council officers constructing on a new shared path in Lambertia Close Park, Mount Gravatt East that will almost complete a long term missing link in Brisbane's bikeway network

Some years ago BCC installed a shared path between Cavendish Road and Lambertia Close in Mt Gravatt East that runs the full length of Tristania Way Park, and about half the length of Lambertia Close Park. With the eastern end of this path essentially terminating in the middle of nowhere at Lambertia Close it fell some 300 metres short of providing a relatively flat and direct connection for local residents wanting to walk or ride a bike to the Metropol shopping centre at the corner of Creek Road and Pine Mountain Road. This is a fairly hilly area and the alternative and longer route to reach these shops is by traveling up and then down a long hill via Tristania Way and Creek Road.

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