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## ALBERT TOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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#### 6 Other Comments

##### Would you like to comment on any other aspect of this draft 10 Year Plan?

Submissions to 10 yr Plan QLDC 2014/15 Introduction • Albert Town Community Association (ATCA) – 12 committee representatives, 77 paid-up members • High growth area – a lot of young new families. The area known as Albert Town includes the development of Riverside Park, a 224-lot subdivision which is approximately 60% complete (as at April 2015) • With QLDC funding, the ATCA support development of community assets, like water fountains, BBQ etc at the Community McMurdo park, and we gratefully acknowledge this support. • On behalf of the AT community, we provide the following submission. The ATCA wish Council to continue to support the smaller community associations of the district with a grant of \$5K per annum to assist them with smaller community projects. In the past ATCA has used this money with the help of the QLDC to provide a water fountain by the playground, a community BBQ, irrigation to Mc Murdo park just to name a few projects. The ATCA also ask that provision be made to complete the kerb and channelling on Alison Avenue Albert Town. On one side it is from Gunn Road to Dale Street and the other from Bernard Road to Dale Street (approx.). This is the last road in Albert Town left without kerb and channelling. Albert Town Footpaths We are asking that there is an ongoing plan for ensuring there is a safe environment for all to walk especially for those with prams and small children. Many streets do not yet have footpaths and some have temporary gravel paths which are breaking up. Those who wish to walk or bike here have no option but to walk on the streets. In addition, it is the policy of the ATCA that all footpaths constructed in the urban Albert town area are constructed in concrete or asphalt. Kingston St in particular needs to have an asphalt surface as soon as possible. Lagoon Ave slip There is increasing unease by residents regarding the slip on Lagoon Ave in Albert Town. QLDC has tried to fix this slip opposite Bernard Rd in the past but all endeavours to date have failed. This slip has destroyed part of a walkway and causes material to fall onto the road. It is becoming urgent as cracks have widened and property owners above the slip fear for the stability of their land, and long term safety. We are currently undertaking a community petition which will soon be ready for submission to QLDC. To date, there are some 80 residents in the area voicing their concerns. The track was constructed by Infinity, as part of their Riverside Park development, and subsequently the management of the track was bestowed to QLDC. Public Toilets The use of tracks is rapidly increasing as the community grows and there is now a growing demand for toilet facilities to keep up. In particular there is demand at the Albert Town end of the 'The Outlet Track'. It has been reported to the ATCA that in the height of the summer the Albert Town Tavern and shop have been asked as many as 41 times over a long weekend for use of the hotel toilets. Local residents have also reported they had people knocking on their doors for use of their private toilets in 'urgent situations' Albert Town Lagoon On 4th of October 2007 the Community Board adopted a plan to restore the Albert Town Lagoon. The funds provided to carry out this plan were subsequently used to fix the Millennium Track. In 2014 the ATCA asked that the funds that were diverted be reinstated and used in this financial year to continue with the plan as adopted in 2007. Some work has been done but again the ATCA submit the request that the Lagoon area 2007 plan be completed with a funding application to be allowed in subsequent years to complete this plan. Gunn Road Speedway Gunn Road is becoming increasingly busy with both residents moving about the community and construction vehicles. The Gunn Road area of concern is from the Aubury Rd-Gunn Rd roundabout down to the Deans Bank development. This section has a steep gradient with a couple of big sweeping bends, which then flattens out into a long straight road. Its current layout and gradient means it is difficult to keep vehicles below the 50km speed limit but also a 'fun place' to test your driving skills. The construction vehicles use the road to travel between current developments (particularly Peninsular Bay and Northlake) and the Hawea-Wanaka highway. There is increasing concern from Albert Town residents for two reasons: 1) Safety issues for parents and children crossing who cross this road into the new Hikawai/Newcastle Bike Park. At least now with the recent construction of a footpath at the Gunn Rd end of Lagoon Ave, there is somewhere safe to stand and wait for a safe time to cross and we thank the QLDC for acting on our request for this. 2) Residents living on this stretch of road have complained about the noise of 'air breaks' being used as trucks descend down the hill. We request that this stretch of road is reviewed from a safety standpoint. We suggest that additional 'tools' (i.e. physical infrastructure such as speed bumps) could be used to require motorists to reduce their speed. We wish to be heard at the LTP submission hearing. Regards, Raewyn (Secretary) On behalf of the Albert Town Community Association Committee