

# Kettering Community Association Inc.

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The Secretary  
Public Works Committee  
Parliament House  
HOBART  
Tas. 7000

Dear Sir,

## SUBMISSION RE FERRY MAIN ROAD

This Association is generally in accord with most features of these works.

Two outstanding matters are of considerable concern.

- A. The provision of adequate drainage and treatment of the embankment on the southern side of Ferry Main Road.
- B. Under grounding of electrical power.

### DRAINAGE and EMBANKMENT

The proposed treatment is an open drain planted with wetland type weeds. This replicates the present drainage in which water, which is mostly effluent, lies and creates health problems and foul odours.

It is also dangerous to any pedestrians who may stray for the proposed footpath.

A concrete or piped drain is essential to ensure quick and complete removal of seepage, rain water and effluent.

The embankment will need some kind of retaining wall for the full length of the road, approximately only 800 metres, to ensure that there is no land sliding into and blocking the drain. This will also aid adjoining residents and council to landscape and maintain the roadside.

Council recently left a very low embankment in the area without protection, This resulted in the footpath being covered with soil and council redoing the embankment.

A copy of the drain and embankment plan is attached.

### UNDERGROUNDING ELECTRIC POWER

The proposed works include the relocation of a number of power poles. This is quite costly, poles require considerable upkeep, have a relatively working life and a danger in times of bush fire. The undergrounding of power in conjunction with roadworks would reduce the perceived cost and be a most economic of upgrading the area.

Kettering is now one of the busiest tourism hubs in Tasmania due to the interest in Bruny Island and the huge increase in boating activity. Currently there are approximately 600 vessels in marinas and on moorings in the bay.

The removal of power pole from the streetscape will be a great step forward in safety and a necessary improvement to this active town.

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