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PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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Mr Martin Gormley
Roads and Traffic Authority
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Dear Mr Gormley

Re: Long Gully Bridge safety barrier

This Association has 350 members who are resident in Northbridge.

We continue to support RTA's efforts to prevent suicides from Long Gully Bridge (the Suspension Bridge) and note that no suicide has taken place since RTA installed security guards on the bridge.

We have reviewed the recent information provided by RTA which includes proposals for one of two palisade fences – straight or curved – to provide a two metres high barrier above the wall of the Suspension Bridge. We believe that neither fence meets the Coronial Report's recommendation: "That any such barrier erected be designed to take into account the Bridge's significant heritage and architectural values and to harmonise with them".

This Association originally suggested that a design competition should be held to identify a more acceptable design and we continue to hold that belief. We would cooperate with RTA in ensuring that any such competition would be implemented in as short a time as possible.

As RTA has asked for opinions as to whether the proposed fence should be straight or curved, this Association would prefer the curved palisade fence.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter McNair'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'P' and a long, sweeping underline.

Peter McNair
President

Copy: Sailors Bay Ward Councillors
Mr Greg Woodhams, Willoughby City Council