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Good afternoon

I would like to provide some input to the Municipal Services Committee Inquiry. I believe you are looking in to local government services including maintenance of local paths and roadways.

I have been identifying an area of Waramanga requiring correction to footpaths since 2021. This year, my elderly neighbour nearly toppled off his mobility scooter on one of the dirt areas I have been raising, and since then he and I have been lobbying local and federal representatives to try to get the required action to be taken seriously.

Despite our efforts, jobs on 'Fix My Street', we continue to be told that despite being on the list, our job isn't quite important enough to be actioned. I received an email from Tara Cheynes office advising they would look in to our issue within the next 4 years. That's a really long time, and no doubt by then there will be another election and it will never be looked at.

Waramanga is an older suburb, in Weston Creek. There has been almost no infrastructure action in Weston Creek for a really long time. The problem areas we have highlighted are an issue for the elderly, young children on bikes, mums with prams and all the residents who use the paths.

I believe the areas are of a high risk and it won't be long before someone is injured.

I hope your reviews find some recommendation in having the pathways in the older suburbs to be reviewed. Not just fixing cracks in existing paths, but where the pathways are wrong - have a look at where people actually walk, the dirt paths and determine that some of these should be concreted.

Thank you for your time.

Susan Shaw