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Dear Dr Dillon

Draft Plan of Management and draft Masterplan for Buttenshaw Park

The Blue Mountains Conservation Society is a community based volunteer organisation with over 850 members. The goal of the Society is to promote the conservation of the environment in the Greater Blue Mountains region. The Society would like to make a submission in relation to the draft Plan of Management and draft Masterplan for Buttenshaw Park currently on public exhibition.

The Society is concerned about ensuring the protection and conservation of the bushland areas in the parts of Birdwood Gully which are within Buttenshaw Park. Birdwood Gully provides an important wildlife corridor and vegetation link to the Blue Mountains National Park. The area is also an important habitat for birds including a recent significant record of an endangered Regent Honeyeater at the site.

Nearby residents have reported to the Society the bushland areas in Birdwood Gully are being degraded by the construction of illegal bike tracks. This is of concern to the Society, and we are strongly encouraging nearby residents to report these illegal activities to Council's enforcement branch.

The draft Plan of Management and Masterplan should therefore include consideration of ways to discourage this activity including fencing the bushland areas of Birdwood Gully from the rest of Buttenshaw Park to prevent unauthorised bike access and construction of tracks. Signage outlining penalties for damaging the bushland reserve would also assist. Fencing of the bushland area would also minimise unauthorised (off leash) dog access to Birdwood Gully.

The Society understands that during the development of the proposed Plan of Management and Masterplan for Buttenshaw Park there were suggestions from members of the public for the clearing of bushland and construction of a new bike track through the Birdwood Gully area. We are glad to see these suggestions have not been

included in the drafts on public exhibition. The Society would not support clearing of vegetation or the establishment of bike tracks in Birdwood Gully.

The drafts on public exhibition recommend, for the Birdwood Gully area, improving the walking path, better signage and improved stormwater controls, all of which the Society is supportive of.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Plan of Management and draft Masterplan for Buttenshaw Park.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "T. Cameron".

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