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Dear Dr Dillon

Encroachment Policy for Council Bushland

The Society wishes to bring to Council's attention the escalating degradation of Council bushland reserves adjacent to private land. The "edges" of some reserves are being used to park vehicles, stockpile materials, locate trampolines, dispose of garden waste, and in some cases native vegetation is being cleared or damaged by mowing etc. Council's failure to act on this matter is exacerbating the problem.

The development of a Council Land Encroachment Policy has been included in many previous Operational Plans but no policy has been finalised or adopted. It has also been raised previously by Councillors in Notices of Motion.

Given the clear need and support for a Council Land Encroachment Policy, could you please advise whether such a policy is under development, its proposed timetable and resourcing.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Madi Maclean".

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