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Dear Council,

I am writing to request an inclusion/amendment to the above development. It's a large area near the corner of Delmar Parade and Pittwater Rd. Gareth David is the contact person. I have spoken to Gareth.

I regularly use the steps from Tango Ave Dee Why (they run beside Stony Range Regional Botanic Gardens) down to near the corner of Delmar Parade and Pittwater Rd.

Before the demolition of the buildings (currently underway) I would walk through the business area's car park as a direct route to Delmar parade on my way to catch a bus or go shopping.

This means taking a right from the bottom of the steps. I would return this way too, usually carrying shopping.

Now there is a fence up to stop me from going that way which leaves the longer route of walking through the Garden's car park and along Pittwater Rd down to Delmar Parade past AVIS.

In summer this makes the walk particularly unpleasant as there is no shade along Pittwater Rd (apart from making it a trek) heading north for some time. There is no cover from the rain either.

It's turned a fairly convenient pathway to popular Dee Why destinations into something arduous for those living/working on the escarpment or headland between Dee Why and North Curl Curl. Be aware that one needs to preserve energy to climb the 80 steps.

Not being able to walk directly across this development area (once completed) to Delmar Parade will impact St Luke's staff and students too.

I am writing to request a **public right of way for pedestrians through this development by the shortest possible route from the bottom of the stairs** to Delmar Parade.

Without this option, I have to walk so much further, on a path open to the elements before the cover of the shop fronts is available.

Blocking off this shortcut permanently will make the walk so much longer and more challenging. Walking should be encouraged not discouraged.

Pedestrians need to be considered especially due to the road pattern and terrain around Tango Ave. The steps provide a vital connection to Dee Why shops and transport.

Of course, I am talking about an easement in the long term, when safe (not now or during construction).

Please feel free to call me if you have questions.

Thank you for considering my request.

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