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### **Caversham Highway Improvements – Barnes Drive Area**

The NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) is proposing to improve State Highway 1 from Andersons Bay Rd to Lookout Point. Downer (NZ) Ltd, together with Opus International Consultants, have been contracted to initially develop the project design, and as part of this we will be seeking input from the community on a range of issues/work areas.

In this instance, we are asking for your views on the proposed work in the Barnes Drive area and on the Goodall Street Footbridge. As you either live in or own a property close to the highway in the Barnes Drive Area we would value your comments on these proposed works. Attached is a 'feedback' form, with some specific questions; but you are also welcome to use this form and the pre-paid envelope provided to convey any comments/concerns/suggestions you have.

The Barnes Drive section of the project is illustrated on the attached project scheme plan that also shows the various pedestrian/cycle routes. The plan can be viewed and enlarged by visiting the NZTA project website (navigation advice is on the plan). The proposed landscaping plan is also attached. Aspects of the proposed works include:

- a continuation of the four-lane, median divided, highway from the King Edward Street overbridge to Barnes Drive
- improvements to the road layout at Barnes Drive, including separate left-turn lanes to create two through lanes in each direction and an extended right-turn lane into Caversham
- re-use and replacement of the Goodall Street pedestrian bridge. This bridge needs to be raised by 2 metres to accommodate over-dimension vehicles and extended to accommodate the additional vehicle lanes. The bridge location would be adjusted such that from Barnes Drive it aligns with McCracken Street; although the ramp from the bridge, which needs to be extended, would continue to link to Goodall Street.
- widening and realignment of the shared cycle/footpath to Barnes Drive and the Glen.
- landscaping including expansion of the rhododendron beds along the highway and planting feature trees to re-capture the original street network.

You may also shortly observe work to expand planting of the rhododendron beds along Barnes Drive. This is being done to ensure those rhododendrons which need to be removed from the Glen area, are able to remain a feature alongside this highway corridor into the city.

In the meantime, if you require further information and wish to speak with someone about this, please call me on 03 471 5591, or email the project team on [cavershamhighway@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:cavershamhighway@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

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