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Dr Rosemary Dillon General Manger Blue Mountains City Council Locked Bag 1005 Katoomba NSW 2780

By email: council@bmcc.nsw.gov.au

Dear Dr Dillon

Re: Little Switzerland Drive, Wentworth Falls - Improvements to Visitor Management – Reference F11194

The Blue Mountains Conservation Society is a community based volunteer organisation with over 800 members. Its mission is to help conserve the natural environment of the Greater Blue Mountains, and to increase awareness of the natural environment in general.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Visitor Management for Little Switzerland Drive.

Of the two options presented, the Society prefers Option 1. However, we do have additional comments we would like incorporated into the design.

- We would like to see the third bus parking bay placed in the adjacent car park, replacing the first two car spaces. This would help reduce the impact of the development.
- Reduce the visual impact of the car park from locations such as Sublime Point. Current vegetation to the west of the development must be retained and perhaps some planting of similar shrubs to enhance what is there.
- Rehabilitation of the two redundant car parking areas at Lincolns Rock by ripping and brush matting. The car park at the gates can be narrowed to a walking track and eventually the gate can be removed.
- Closure of the road below the main Lincoln Rock car park. Again ripping and brush matting will allow for natural regeneration.
- The current plan shows a "Future Accessible Toilet". We recommend that this toilet be made a priority. From our experience the surrounding

bushland is currently being used as a toilet.

We hope that these ideas can be incorporated into a future plan.

Please keep us informed on the progress of this proposal.

Yours sincerely

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