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**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**

Date: 13/09/08

**REPORT**

**TO:** CORPORATE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE/OPEN **APPROVED:** FC

**FROM:** DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES **APPROVED:** LC

**REPORT NO:** 08A0175 **APPROVED:** AB

**COMMON NO:** 1200761

**SUBJECT:** CLOSURE OF WALKWAY 54  
DARTER COURT TO GRASSLAND CRESCENT, LEANYER

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**ITEM NO:**

**SYNOPSIS:**

This report recommends the night time closure of walkway 51, from Grassland Court to Darter Court, Leanyer.

**GENERAL:**

In March 2008, Mr Darren Jones lodged a petition with 27 signatures from local residents of Grasslands Court supporting the night closure of walkway 51.

In April 2008 Council at its meeting requested that further consultation be conducted and a survey of 140 residents was undertaken. The survey resulted in 32 responses received, with 12 objections to the closure, 10 requesting a night time closure, and 7 requesting permanent closure.

In July 2008 Council resolved to permanently close the walkway for a period of 12 months and conducted a further letterbox drop advising the community of its decision and inviting comments. Two objections were received to the closure, please see attached.

In August 2008 a petition containing 19 signatures was also submitted by Mr Lon Wallis objecting to the 12 month closure. Mr Wallis' covering letter requested no closure or a night closure, claiming that little antisocial behaviour occurs, and requesting that a light be installed in the walkway and graffiti cleaned up. Please see attached.

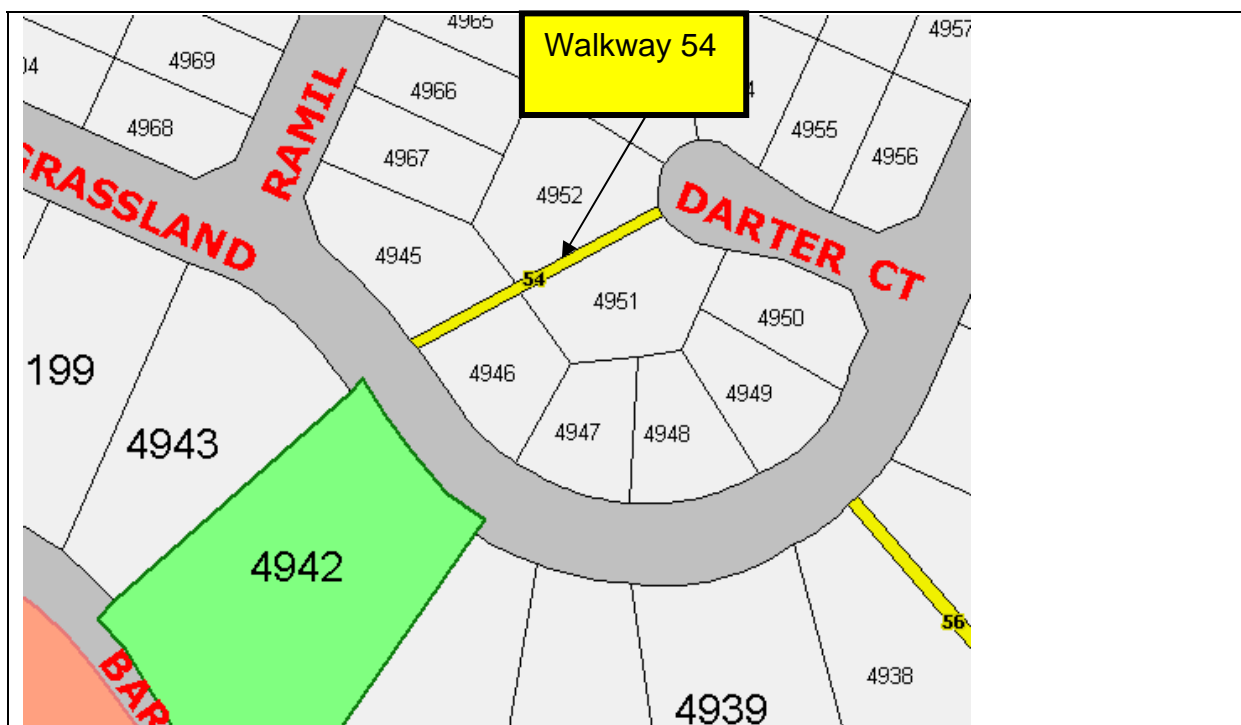
Council's last decision on this matter was as follows:

- B. THAT subject to final consultation there be a trial period of closure for twelve months for the walkway between Darter Court to Grassland Crescent in Leanyer.
- C. THAT there be a period of monitoring the walkway between Darter Court to Grassland Crescent in Leanyer to ascertain that the twelve month trial closure has had some effect on the situation or to identify what further action needs to be taken.

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### Survey Results

The survey results conducted by Council demonstrate a polarised view of the community in relation to the closure of the walkway. Of the 32 responses received, 19 (or 59%) of the residents support some form of closure, this is not however a conclusive result.

Council may consider the suggestion from Mr Wallis in relation to the installation of lights in the walkway which are estimated to cost in the region of \$25,000 - this however, may not solve the problem of antisocial behaviour.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

A night time closure will require the installation of gates estimated at \$3,000 and the annual cost of security to lock and unlock the gates at \$3,300 per annum.

### **ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Action Plan of the Darwin City Council 2004 - 2008:

#### 4.1 Public Safety (infrastructure)

- To provide infrastructure in such a manner that promotes public safety.
- Review existing footpath/nature strip policy to ensure safe public access and visibility.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

May impact on members of the public affected by the closure.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. THAT Report Number 08A0175, entitled Closure of Walkway, Darter Court to Grassland Crescent, Leanyer be received and noted.
- B. That the night closure of walkway 54 commences.
- C. THAT the community be advised of Council's decision by way of letterbox drop, public notice and placing signage on the gates.
- D. That should there be no significant objections to the night closure of walkway 54 that it remain in place to be reviewed in one years time.

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## DECISION

11. **Closure of Walkway 54 Darter Court to Grassland Crescent, Leanyer**  
Report No. 08A0175 (13/09/08) Common No. 1200761

(Moir/Marrone)

- A. THAT Report Number 08A0175, entitled Closure of Walkway, Darter Court to Grassland Crescent, Leanyer, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Walkway Number 54 between Darter Court and Grassland Crescent, Leanyer, be closed at night.
- C. THAT the community be advised of Council's decision by way of letterbox drop, public notice and placing signage on the gates.
- D. THAT should there be no significant objections to the night closure of Walkway Number 54 that it remain in place to be reviewed in one years time.

DECISION NO.20\0767 (30/09/08)

Carried

ACTION: DCORP