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Tauranga City Council  
Submission - Memorial Park to City Centre Coastal Pathway

The following feedback will be provided electronically via a [web form](#).

**Do you support development of a coastal pathway that connects Memorial Park and the City Centre? Yes or No**

Yes

**Would you use this pathway?**

Yes, many District Health Board (DHB) staff would use this pathway as a commuting route to/from work, to attend daytime meetings in the city centre and as a recreational lunchtime activity. The DHB provides this submission on behalf of staff, as well as in the interests of population health and health equity.

**If the pathway is provided, what do you think will be important in the design? Examples of this could be things like the types of material you would like to see used, if there should be access to the water or what kind of landmarks you would like to see on the pathway**

*In general:*

- Consideration should be given to the needs of different users including school children, people on bikes, scooters, rollerblades etc., parents with prams and younger children, people with disabilities, older people and tangata whenua.
- Consideration should be given to the types of activities people will undertake including commuting, recreating, socialising, playing, resting and just taking in the view.
- The detailed design should consider safety and crime prevention.
- Future-proof for an intensified Te Papa Peninsula – factor in the anticipated greater number of people who will live in the vicinity of the pathway in the near future.
- Take account of cultural and ecological sensitivity issues.

*More specifically, the pathway should:*

- Be smokefree and alcohol free
- Be wide enough to accommodate people socialising while they use the pathway (eg for two parents with prams to walk side by side)
- Be wide enough for all types of users to move past one another safely in either direction
- Have places to stop and rest which appeal to all ages (for example benches for adults and climbable rocks for children) and that are sun protected
- Have a smooth and non-slip surface
- Be attractive, with coastal planting and recognition of cultural landmarks
- Be adequately lit
- Ideally have a water fountain and water bottle refilling station(s) nearby



- Include rubbish bins, ideally with the option for recycling

**Is there anything else we need to consider?**

Ensure adequate walking and cycling connections at both ends of the coastal pathway. For example, redesign the intersection of Devonport Road and Eleventh Avenue to be pedestrian friendly for all ages and abilities to allow safe access to Memorial Park.

The list of benefits identified for this project is impressive and strongly reflects the public interest. It is important that Council remembers these benefits if faced with objections from local landowners. Council should reduce or mitigate any negative impacts the pathway might have on local residents. However, it is important that this pathway be pursued in the interests of greater community wellbeing.

*Sally Webb.*

**Sally Webb**  
Board Chair