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Dear Paul,

Once again, we wish to convey our appreciation for your willingness to consider our recommendations for the Capital Improvement Programme for Scotland Island Roads & Drainage.

For this financial year (2014-2015), we recommend the following priorities:

- Develop a plan for providing emergency vehicle access to all properties (see below).
- Continue developing Traffic Management Plan(s), including Conditional Registration for golf buggies, etc.
- Begin Major Drainage Design, Sector 1.
- Survey of projects undertaken.
- Postpone (indefinitely) items G and H (Drain Pits, Robertson Road, chainage 1030 and 1170). We understand that these will ultimately be necessary, but the current drainage at these sites is adequate, therefore we feel that other projects deserve higher priority.
- Projects I and J (Pit Reconstructions, Richard Road, chainage 300 and 410).
- Projects K, L, M, N, O, P (Pit Reconstructions, Richard Road, all Sector 1), as funds allow.

While reviewing the current state of our roads, our Roads & Drainage Subcommittee became concerned with issues of property access. We note that the SIRRS states as objectives for our roads:

- Providing access to private property;
- Providing suitable access for emergency fire fighting purposes;
- To facilitate public services (ie garbage collection/recycling).

Although somewhat redundant, we would add:

- Providing suitable access for other emergency (e.g. medical) purposes.

In this regard, there are two major issues:

1. Florence Terrace is a “No Through Road.” In the event of blockage (felled tree or power line, or slumping such as occurred at chainage 830), there would be no access for emergency vehicles.
2. The “Top of the Island” contains several properties with no public road frontage and a larger number with no adequate vehicular access.

SIRRS recognised these problems and made several recommendations (H6, H8, and H10-12). Unfortunately, none of these recommendations carried into the Implementation Plan. We feel that these are important safety issues, and respectfully request Council to initiate a study and develop a plan to provide necessary access to all properties.

Thanks again for your continued cooperation in these matters.

Sincerely,

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President

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Chair, Roads & Drainage