

Redwood Park

I SUPPORT Ian King's concerns outlined in his letter (TC, 26/6) about the proposed development of mountain bike trails in Redwood Park.

I am a supporter of the "Save Redwood" campaign and a member of Friends of the Escarpment. I walk regularly in Jubilee, Redwood, Picnic Point and Glen Lomond Parks.

I am not against cycling and mountain biking as such, but the current plan to extend development into Redwood Park is another matter altogether.

The push to develop "world class" biking trails appears to be driven by commercial interests in order to attract many more mountain bikers and promote the escarpment as a major mountain biking attraction. Degradation of the landscape and vegetation, already apparent in Jubilee Park, can only be worse in the fragile environment of Redwood Park.

I have read the "Dirt Art" Report and noted its narrow focus and poor quality of community consultation.

I believe that the Redwood Park proposal has crept in "below the radar" and that it should receive more thorough attention.

In the meantime, I hope Toowoomba residents will maintain their visibility in the escarpment parks and get out and use them so it's clear the parks are valued by many people enjoying a wide range of activities.

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