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**Subject:** View Point Road - My photos over the years

To the Officer concerned,  
I am a retired architect living at – View Point Road, McCrae. My family originally build our house as a holiday home in 1967. So we have occupied our site for almost 58 years. Since 2017 I have lived here more or less permanently. Over the years I have taken many photos of the street and our neighbouring properties. If you need to use any, I would be most happy to share them with you.  
Here are some examples:

**What was the water flow like in the northern gutter?**

Before 2004, the flows were fairly minimal, often drying up entirely during the summer months.



*View outside no.4, 29th January 2004. The northern gutter is dry.*

In the years that followed this changed. The water flow gradually grew larger and larger, and lasted throughout the summer. Eventually a big problem developed with algae growth along the gutter adjacent to nos.6 & 10, running about 200mm wide all down its length. The Shire was forced to clean it out several times due to local complaints. They should have records of these complaints somewhere in their system.



*View outside no.10 in 2008 before the hump was installed, note the poor gutter condition.*



*Zoomed view of previous image showing the poor state of the gutter.*

About 5 years ago the council put a hump across the road before the curve in the above image, in order to transfer the water across to the other side of the road in order to reduce any overflow impact to the cliff-edge residences during heavy rainstorms. The related complaints and subsequent action should also appear in Shire records.





*View in 5 May 2023. Shows hump across road to divert water. Note the cracked kerb.*

Following the first landslide about 2 years ago, the gutters were finally replaced in May 2023.



*Looking east 13 May 2023, showing work in progress replacing gutters.*

**The site at no.6 View Point Road**

Also I have many photos of the site at no. 6 before the Pugh's built their house on it should you need them. For example:



*Site at no. 6 looking north from the front gate, 18 March 2002. Note the site had been graded before sale in about 2000.*





*View from no.6 towards no.10, 18 March 2002. Shows extensive vegetation between the respective sites.*



*No.6 just before construction, 29th January 2004. Note the gutter is dry.*

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Regards  
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*I acknowledge the Traditional Owners, past and present, of all the lands on which we now share and enjoy.*