

# STEP Inc

Community-based Environmental Conservation since 1978

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Mary-Lou Lewis  
Environmental Levy  
Natural Areas Program Leader  
Ku-ring-gai Council

Dear Mary-Lou,

**Re: STEP Inc support for application for funding of walking track (Koola Park)**

STEP is the largest environmental community group on Sydney's North Shore. Our aim is to preserve natural bushland and to protect biodiversity for the enjoyment of future generations.

STEP is supportive of the application by Council for funding to construct a formal walking track in bushland below Koola Park Killara to the fire trail at Rocky Creek off Eastern Arterial Road. STEP is of the view that the proposal will improve both access to the area and the quality of the natural environment and will also help to rehabilitate the weedy interface through bush regeneration.

STEP urges that prior to the commencement of any pathway construction work, full investigation of any flora and fauna threatened species in the area be undertaken, and that alternative lines of path construction be adopted if warranted.

Yours faithfully

**Barry Tomkinson**

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