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Brisbane's worst footpaths revealed

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REPAIR works on dozens of damaged Brisbane footpaths are taking years to be finalised, with some jobs still not completed more than two years after they were first lodged.

The Courier-Mail can reveal there are more than 750 footpaths in need of repairs across the city, with paths in the outer-suburbs topping the list.

Labor councillors have seized on the figures, accusing the LNP administration of neglecting basic Council services.

The suburb in need of the most maintenance is Mount Gravatt East on the city's southside, where there are 34 footpaths waiting for repairs.

The northside suburb of Clayfield is also among the worst affected, with 19 damaged footpaths, as well as Annerley in the south, with 18.

Although most of the unfinished maintenance jobs were lodged in late 2018 and early 2019, some footpaths have been languishing without long-term repairs for more than two years.

This includes a footpath on Mackay St at Windsor, which first came to the council's attention in May, 2016.


Labor's infrastructure spokesman Cr Steve Griffiths said damaged footpaths was a "constant issue" and slammed the wait time for repairs.

"It's appalling because this is Council's core business and we are not doing our core business," he said.

"This is about footpaths that aren't safe. This is about footpaths that are in poor working order.

"Right across the whole city, the suburbs are being left behind."

The council has dismissed suggestions that the footpaths are unsafe or unusable, claiming that safe works are undertaken when an issue first arises.

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Field Services Chairman Cr Vicki Howard said the number of footpaths classified as being in “good condition” had increased from 42 per cent to 77 per cent under the LNP.

“Council routinely carries out works to make the area around a footpath in need of maintenance safe, but keeps the record of the job open until longer term repair works are completed,” she said.

“Brisbane’s footpaths are in a lot better condition now than they ever were under Labor who left behind an atrocious record.”

Last year, *The Courier-Mail* revealed the wait time for some footpath reconstructions had blown out by more than four years.

TOP FIVE SUBURBS IN NEED OF FOOTPATH REPAIRS

Mount Gravatt East: 34

Clayfield: 19

Annerley: 18

Everton Park: 16

Mansfield: 15