

INNER WEST



Engagement outcomes report Lilyfield Skate Plaza

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Summary

As part of the Leichhardt Park Plan of Management, Council proposed to construct a Skate Plaza in Leichhardt Park. The Plan of Management was adopted at the Council Meeting on 11 November 2020 after comprehensive community engagement.

Before proceeding, Council arranged preparation of a comprehensive Review of Environmental Factors (REF) by specialist independent consultants SJB Planning. An REF assesses the environmental and social impacts of a project.

As part of the process, the community was invited to review the associated documents and provide a submission **between 1 March and 4 April 2022**. The REF was made available to view online at yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au and in hardcopy. The consultation was promoted widely.

The Your Say Inner West project page received 580 views in total and there were 209 document downloads.

Council received 86 valid community submissions – 86 online and three in writing (all three of which were duplicates of online submissions).

Of the community submissions, 85 were from individuals, 1 was from an organisation – Cohesive Planning consultancy services representing Le Montage reception and event facility adjoining Leichhardt Park.

There was also an additional submission from an Inner West Councillor against the project and a letter of support for the location from the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust.

	Broadly for the project in the proposed location	Broadly against the project in the proposed location
Community submissions received online	12	74

Submission themes for the skate plaza included:

- The chosen location and its proximity to other recreational spaces and activities

- Fantastic facility for young people
- Shade options are needed.
- Growing populations needs for a diverse range of recreational spaces
- Length of time it has taken in obtaining approvals

Submission themes against the skate plaza included:

- Suitability of location –proximity to Le Montage Function centre, busy roads and local homes
- Current noise pollution from cars perceived to be increased by the development of the skate plaza
- Loss of trees, climate impacts and destruction of habitat for wildlife
- Loss of open space for picnicking
- Perceived anti-social behaviour impacts

Background

In 2020 Council adopted a Plan of Management and accompanying Master Plan for Leichhardt Park. The Plan of Management is a 10-year plan for development and management activities within Leichhardt Park. Within the Master Plan, the proposed skate plaza includes bowls, ramps, rails, various other technical park elements and ancillary facilities such as seating, a shelter, a water fountain, two bike racks and associated lighting, landscaping and drainage.

The project also includes the resurfacing and line marking of ten (10) existing car parking spaces adjacent to the site.

The proposed skate plaza would assist in meeting the need for a skate facility within the LGA as identified by the Recreational Needs Study. The facility would cater to a range of age groups, including older children and teenagers who are often under-represented in the provision of public park facilities outside of organised sports.

The location of the proposed skate plaza is highlighted below in Fig 1.0

Fig 1.0 Proposed Location of Lilyfield Skate Plaza Leichhardt Park



Figure 15: Excerpt from the Leichhardt Park Master Plan depicting the proposed Lilyfield Skate Plaza (06).

Engagement Methods

The primary engagement method used was Inner West Council's online platform yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au where community members could read the Leichhardt Park Plan of Management, the REF and its annexures and make a submission. Hard copies of the Leichhardt Park Plan of Management and REF (with supporting annexures) were also made available for the public to view at all Council Service Centres and at Balmain Library.

Submissions could be made:

- Online using the form
- By mail
- Or via email

The submission period was open from 1 March – 4 April 2022.

Project page on Your Say Inner West

Lilyfield Skate Plaza



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You are invited to review the associated documents and provide a submission.

The following documents are on public exhibition for comment:

- Sections of the [Leichhardt Plan of Management](#) dealing with Lilyfield Skate Plaza (primarily pages 44, 45 and 48)
- [Review of Environmental Factors](#) and its [annexures](#)

You can inspect the documents in hard copy during the submission period at:

- a. Ashfield Service Centre, 260 Liverpool Road, Ashfield
- b. Leichhardt Service Centre, 7-15 Wetherill Street, Leichhardt
- c. Petersham Service Centre, 2-14 Fisher Street, Petersham
- d. Balmain Library, 370 Darling Street, Balmain

Key dates

Submissions open
01 March 2022

Submissions close
04 April 2022

Project stages



Open

This consultation is open for contributions.



Under review

We're reviewing your submissions and will update the REF where appropriate.



Decision

The General Manager has delegation to approve this matter and must report the public exhibition outcome and the final REF back to Council.

FAQs

[Tips for writing a submission](#)

Make a submission

- Online using the form
- By mail addressed to: Inner West Council, PO Box 14, Petersham 2049, quoting reference 'Lilyfield Skate Plaza'
- Email your submission to: Aaron.Callaghan@innerwest.nsw.gov.au quoting reference 'Lilyfield Skate Plaza'

Final day for submissions is Monday, 4 April 2022.

What happens next?

All submissions will be forwarded directly to SJB Planning for an independent review and will be consolidated into an engagement outcomes report. Updates will be made to the REF where appropriate.

The elected Council has already adopted the Leichhardt Plan of Management which includes the skate park with the condition that, for the skate park, staff complete an environmental assessment to at least the same standard and with the same community participation as would be required for a development application. The General Manager has delegation to approve this matter and must report the public exhibition outcome and the final REF back to Council.

The engagement outcomes report will be available to view at yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au when the matter goes to Council. Submitters will be notified of the date of the Council meeting and the outcome via email.

If a petition or group response is received, then the head petitioner, or first signatory to the petition, will be responsible for notifying the other signatories of the outcome.

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Draft REF Submissions

Use this form to either:

- upload a prepared submission in doc or PDF formats or
- type or paste your submission into the open comment box.

(Please don't do both)

If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please provide the business/organisation's details.

Documents

☐ Lilyfield Skate Plaza - Review of Environmental Factors.pdf (4.22 MB) (pdf)

Annexures

☐ Lilyfield Skate Plaza - Final Arboricultural Report.pdf (2.93 MB) (pdf)

☐ Lilyfield Skate Plaza - Final Biodiversity Assessment.pdf (4.55 MB) (pdf)

☐ Lilyfield Skate Plaza - Final Contamination Report.pdf (18.6 MB) (pdf)

☐ Lilyfield Skate Plaza - Final Construction Drawings.pdf (13.1 MB) (pdf)

☐ Lilyfield Skate Plaza - Final Traffic Impact Assessment.pdf (2.76 MB) (pdf)

☐ Lilyfield Skate Plaza - Final Waste Management Plan.pdf (3.63 MB) (pdf)

☐ Lilyfield Skate Plaza - Final Construction Environmental Management Plan.pdf (13.2 MB) (pdf)

☐ Lilyfield Skate Plaza - Final Access Report.pdf (1.98 MB) (pdf)

☐ Lilyfield Skate Plaza - Final Flood Risk Management.pdf (16.6 MB) (pdf)

☐ Lilyfield Skate Plaza - Final Obtrusive Lighting Assessment.pdf (1.93 MB) (pdf)

Survey starts

Finish

CLOSED: This consultation has concluded. Thanks to all who provided feedback.

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☐ on behalf of an organisation/business?

Lilyfield Skate Plaza - Final Social Impact Assessment.pdf (6.37 MB) (pdf)

Lilyfield Skate Plaza - Final Foreshore Risk Management.pdf (14.9 MB) (pdf)

Lilyfield Skate Plaza - Final Statement of Heritage Impact.pdf (3.85 MB) (pdf)

Lilyfield Skate Plaza - Construction Noise and Vibration Assessment.pdf (1.35 MB) (pdf)

Lilyfield Skate Plaza - Acoustic Assessment.pdf (1.72 MB) (pdf)

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Related project - Leichhardt Park Plan of Management

Archived Projects

☒ Leichhardt Park Plan of Management

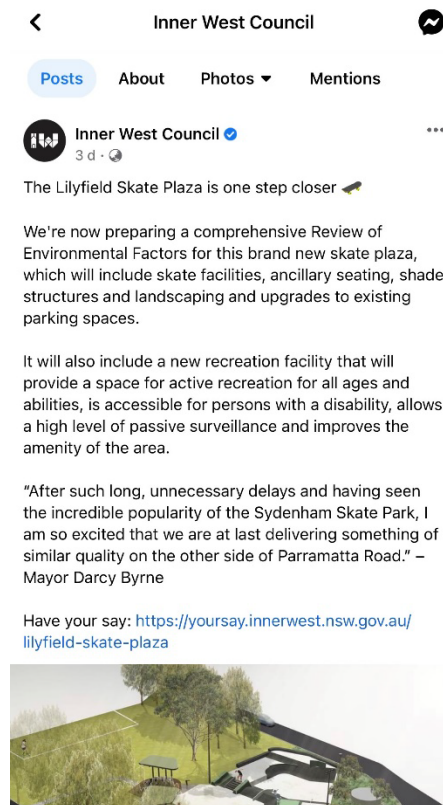
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Promotion

The engagement was promoted via:

- Letterbox drop to local residents and businesses (distribution area compliant with Council's DA notification framework)
- Announcement on Inner West Council's website
- Social media
- Hard copies of the Leichhardt Park Plan of Management and REF (with supporting annexures) were also made available for the public to view at all Council Service Centres and at Balmain Library.



Community engagement outcomes

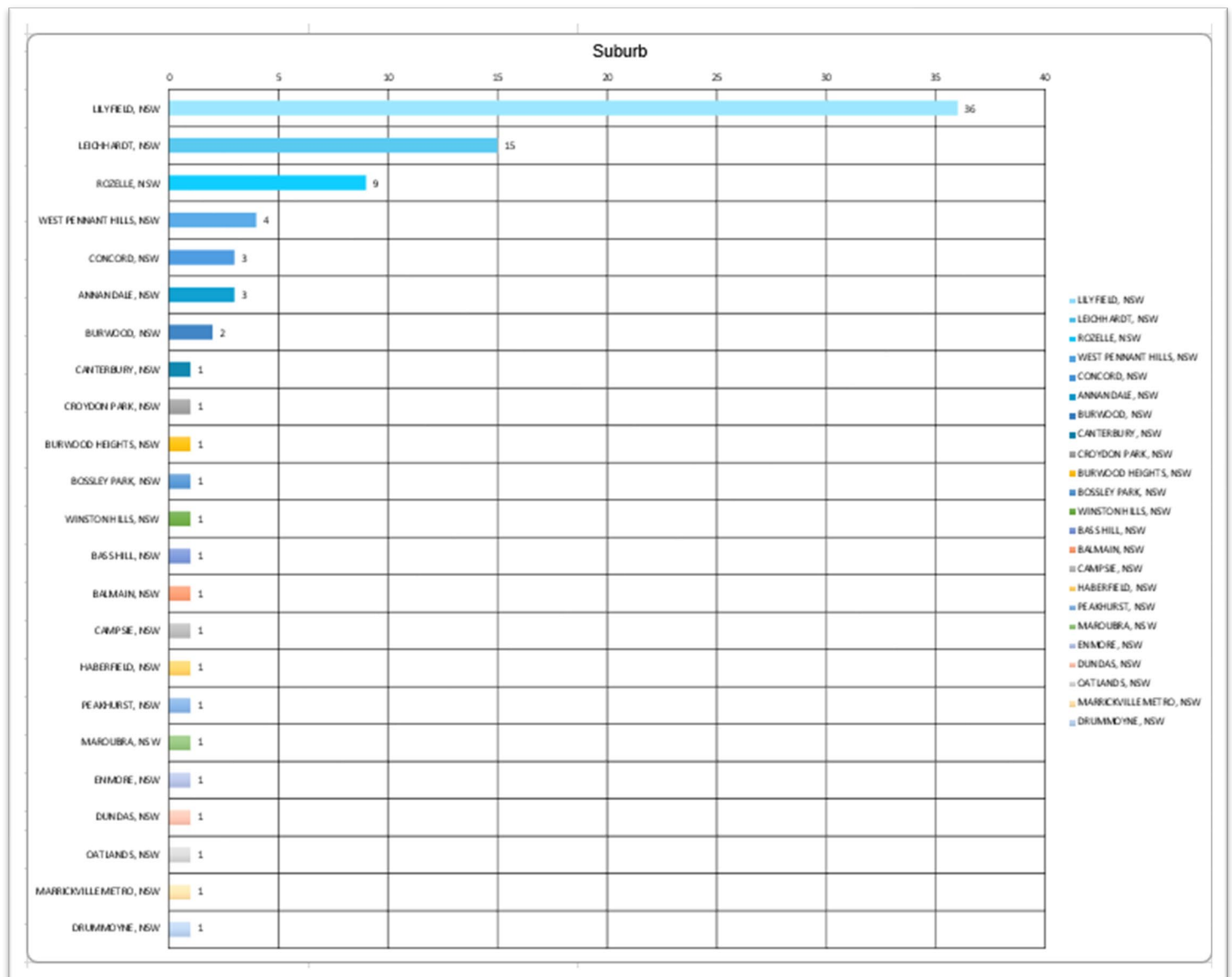
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The majority of those we heard from online lived in Lilyfield, Leichhardt and Rozelle.



Responses to issues raised – prepared by RJB Consulting

As part of the REF process, RJB Consultants summarised and themed the issues raised in the submissions and responded to them in the table below.

Issue/concern	Response
Loss of trees and shade	<p>This issue has been addressed in Sections 6.8 and 8.11 of this REF.</p> <p>Furthermore, it is noted that a recommendation of this REF is that in addition to the 10 trees to be planted around the perimeter of the skate plaza that 32 additional trees be planted within Leichhardt Park to offset the proposed tree removal.</p>
Loss of green space, replacement of green space with concrete, hot/reflective surface, and climate impact	<p>It is acknowledged that the proposal will result in the loss of a grassed area of approximately 1,300sqm with a concrete surface purpose built for the recreational opportunities of the community.</p> <p>Whilst there will be a loss of trees and shade, it is proposed that advanced replacement trees be planted to offset this around the skate plaza and elsewhere within Leichhardt Park.</p> <p>The loss of 1,300sqm of grass is unlikely to have a significant heat island affect given the location of the site on the harbour edge, coastal breezes and given it is within a park of some 14 hectares in area.</p> <p>Notwithstanding this, recreational spaces including skate plazas are considered as open space areas as they provide legitimate recreational spaces and opportunities for community cohesion, health and wellbeing within the open space network.</p>
Displacement of wildlife	<p>The Biodiversity Assessment has recognised the planted trees provide foraging habitat for local wildlife and that approximately 42 planted native trees will be removed. This impact will be minimised and mitigated through the retention of 22 and planting of 42 replacement trees, 10 in the vicinity of the skate plaza and a condition</p>

requires the planting of a further 32 trees elsewhere within Leichhardt Park.

Loss of habitat

The assessment has identified that the site may provide occasional foraging habitat for urbanised fauna species such as Common Brushtail Possum or Common Ringtail Possum, although no tree hollows, scratches, scats or dreys were observed.

A condition is to include that 'tree removal be supervised by a project arborist. If injured native or exotic fauna species are encountered during the tree removal works, works should cease and NSW Wildlife Information Rescue and Education Service (WIRES) should be contacted, or the nearest veterinary clinic.'

REF fails to address wildlife corridor

The site of the skate plaza is not identified as a wildlife corridor.

The study area is broadly part of the Greenway Master Plan catchment area, however the Lilyfield Skate Park does not form part of the Greenway Concept Design, the Greenway Biodiversity Strategy or the Greenway Revegetation and Bushcare Plan.

Noise impacts

This issue is addressed in the Acoustic Impact Assessment which accompanies this REF.

Furthermore, in relation to the specific issue of aircraft noise, Marshall Day have advised that aircraft noise is intermittently audible at the site however project guidance noise levels are independent of aircraft noise levels.

In relation to the issue the question of whether the acoustic engineer visited the site, as identified in the Acoustic Assessment, Marshall Day Acoustics visited the site on 25 August 2021. The Acoustic Impact Assessment does not indicate that noise from the skate plaza will be inaudible at noise sensitive receivers.

	In response to the claim that there is no noise from the City West Link at this location, Marshall Day Acoustics advised that noise from City West Link was audible and measurable.
Validity of Acoustic Report – undertaken during Covid	This issue is addressed in the Acoustic Impact Assessment prepared by Marshall Day which accompanies this REF.
Traffic Congestion	This issue is addressed in the Traffic Impact Assessment which accompanies this REF.
Lack of car parking	This issue is addressed in the Traffic Impact Assessment which accompanies this REF.
Validity of Traffic Assessment due to Covid lockdown conditions	<p>The Traffic Engineer has advised that the parking / traffic surveys were undertaken during April 2021 when there was little to no strict conditions on the use of recreational areas in place at that time.</p> <p>Further, it was undertaken on the same weekend where Anzac Day was on the Sunday so expected recreational / holiday use was high. Work from home was definitely more prevalent but this would not impact markedly on recreational use. In fact, it was observed during this time of greater freedoms that recreational activity increased in general across the population with people getting outdoors after working from home for long periods etc.</p>
Closure of Link Road	There is no proposal to close Link Road.
Narrowing of roadway	It is acknowledged that there is a narrowing of Maliyawul Street, along the eastern side of Maliyawul Street in the vicinity of the skate plaza. The narrowing of the road surface in this location provides tree planting and landscaping between the skate plaza and Maliyawul Street, providing increased separation and safety for users of the skate plaza.
Safety due to conflict with surrounding roads	The design of the proposed skate plaza ensures that there is sufficient separation between the proposed skate plaza and the surrounding street network. Separation is achieved through a

	<p>landscaped garden and the disabled ramp along the eastern edge, the retaining wall, garden and perpendicular car parking to the south and the retaining wall and gardens to the east.</p>
Unsocial behaviour	<p>Concerns expressed during the planning and engagement process around anti-social behaviour are historically a common community theme in opposition to the placement of skate facilities.</p> <p>Young people are an important part of the community who are under provided and underrepresented in terms of advocacy for recreation facilities. The provision of a skate facility in a carefully designed location with prescriptive management and the engagement of young people in the design process will minimise the opportunity for anti-social behaviour. A highly visible and well-designed facility will be a welcoming community asset and will highlight to young people and family groups that they are a key part of the local community.</p> <p>This issue is also addressed in the Social Impact Assessment which accompanies this REF.</p>
Light spill	<p>This issue is addressed in Section 6.20 of this REF and the Obtrusive Light Assessment which accompanies the REF.</p>
Impact of light spill on Le Montage venue rooms and terraces	<p>The Obtrusive Light Assessment provides an assessment of the lighting of the proposed skate plaza in accordance with AS4282:2019 Control of the obtrusive effects of outdoor lighting. The lighting consultant has advised that the Australian Standard AS/NZS 4282 specifically refers to “the potentially adverse effects of outdoor lighting on nearby residents (e.g. of dwellings such as houses, hotels, hospitals). The AS does not require the assessment of light spill impacts on commercial properties.</p> <p>Le Montage is a commercial property, with venue rooms that are leased for functions and not a building where people reside. Therefore,</p>

obtrusive lighting calculations along the “Le Montage” property boundary is not strictly necessary.

Notwithstanding this, the lighting consultant has undertaken calculations along the northern and western facades of the Le Montage building, assuming Le Montage was a residential premise, and has confirmed that compliance is achieved with the suburban area ambient light level classification (Non-Curfew conditions).

The submission on behalf of Le Montage identifies that it has recently been renovated to take advantage of its western aspect and has concerns that the proposed lighting will impact on sunset views over the harbour from the terraces and rooms of Le Montage.

The proposal is not considered to have an unacceptable impact on views from Le Montage as:

- the predominant views and orientation of Le Montage are west across Maliyawul Street and Iron Cove as opposed to the north over Leichhardt Park;
- The proposed skate plaza is located to the north of Le Montage i.e. perpendicular to the primary views from Le Montage site to the west;
- The nearest proposed light pole is located approximately 25m north of Le Montage and angled away from Le Montage; and
- The skate plaza is separated from Le Montage by the existing Link Road which has existing streetlights providing lighting toward Le Montage.

Impact on amenity of surrounding area

The impact of the proposal on the amenity of the area is addressed in Section 6 of this REF.

Impact on scenic views of the harbour

The impact of the proposal on scenic views is addressed in Section 6.19 of this REF.

Impact on the character of the area

The impact of the proposal on the character of the area is addressed in Section 6.17 of this REF.

Loss of exercise equipment	It is acknowledged that the proposed skate plaza will result in the loss of a single chin up bar from the site, however a seniors playground is located approximately 250m from the skate plaza within Leichhardt Park, has similar fitness equipment including pull up bars.
Drainage	The drainage of the site is addressed through the Drainage Plans that form part of the Construction Drawings and the Flood and Foreshore Risk Assessments which accompany this REF.
Validity of Contamination assessment – testing to insufficient depth	The submission that the contamination assessment has not tested to sufficient depth is incorrect. The skate plaza design involves very little excavation as the design proposes surface levels at or above existing ground levels. The depth of testing is sufficient for the depth of footing excavation for the proposed structures.
Loss of picnic area	Leichhardt Park is 14.5 hectares in size making it one of the largest parks in the Inner West local government area. The park has significant areas of open space available for picnicing most notably in the areas below the Aquatic Centre near Blue Hippo Playground, Giovinazzo Grove and also the Peace Grove. The area which is being dedicated for the skate plaza represents 1400 square metres of the parkland or 0.14 hectare in total. Furthermore this issue is addressed in the Social Impact Assessment which accompanies this REF.
Proximity to other skate parks	This issue is addressed in the Social Impact Assessment which accompanies this REF.
Appropriateness of location adjacent to Le Montage	The proposed location of the skate plaza is one which is highly visible and has excellent passive surveillance. Skate facilities need to be developed in areas which are publicly visible, where users feel safe and there is excellent passive surveillance. The site proposed for the skate plaza meets these criteria and more. The adjacent events centre, current sporting and recreation activities and the road

	<p>network add to the safety of the site through the activation of passive surveillance.</p>
Park overused, increased intensity of use	<p>Leichhardt Park is approximately 14 hectares in size and there are significant spaces provided for both passive and active recreational experiences.</p>
Conflict with soccer use	<p>Council has investigated and determined there is no conflict with the organised sporting activities on Leichhardt No.3 (Leichhardt Park). The presence of organised sport will enhance the safety and use of the skate plaza.</p> <p>There is adequate separation distance between the soccer fields to the north and the proposed skate plaza. Furthermore, the skate park is separated by a number of significant trees which are to be retained along the northern edge of the skate plaza and furthermore by seating and the shade structure, which provide sufficient separation between the two uses.</p>
Distance to amenities	<p>The distance from the proposed skate plaza location to the amenity block within Leichhardt Park is within Council's public toilet access guidelines for district parks.</p>
Alternate locations, northern end of Oval 3	<p>Council investigated the northern end of Oval 3 and deemed it unsuitable due to the restricted nature and size</p>
Need/requirement for this facility	<p>The demand for this facility was addressed in the Council's Recreational Needs Study (2018). The Study identified that, based on industry benchmarks, by 2026 there will be a below benchmark provision of one skate park facility in the LGA.</p> <p>This is addressed in the Social Impact Assessment which accompanies this REF. The Social Impact Assessment identifies that: The proposed skate plaza will service the recreation needs of the Lilyfield suburb population which is characterised by a very high proportion of children and young people aged under 18 compared to the Inner West LGA (24.7% vs. 17.6%).</p>

Waste of money

This is not a matter for the REF to assess, this is a matter for Council.

Appendix – submissions

Community submissions received online and redacted – 86 in total

Submissions 14, 16, and 83 were also received in writing

1	<p>I would like to support the Leichhardt Skate Plaza proposal. The choice of location, the design compatibility with the surrounding areas, and detailed consideration of all the factors are impressive. The park will fit well with nearby recreation facilities, such as the 2 small children playgrounds near Giovanazza Grove, the Leichhardt Aquatic Centre, Soccer Field, Bay Run and Tigers Oval. I had concerns re noise, but the acoustic report and the low key scale of the park have alleviated these. As they point out the Le Montage kitchens, passers by and traffic noise are similar levels. The skatepark will be a great asset for local young people, who have few facilities nearby in the Inner West council area.</p>
2	<p>'I am against the proposed Lilyfield Skate Plaza.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the area is overused as is with visitors to Le Montage Function Centre, recreational visitors who park to join the Bay Run, and those visiting the children's play ground. - There is a skate plaza in Haberfield alongside the Hawthorne Canal, about 1.5km away. - It is ridiculous to have two skate parks within a 1.5km radius. If anything, why not update or improve the one that is already in use? - The documents underpinning this project are not addressing the community need for another plaza.
3	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>We live at redacted We are writing to comment on the proposed Lilyfield Skate Plaza.</p> <p>We already contend with a lot of noise and traffic from Le Montage, the Balmain Tigers sporting ground, the Leichhardt Aquatic Centre, and the constant nightly hoons along the bay in front of Le Montage. To add a skate park to this mix would be seriously disruptive to what little calm and quiet we do occasionally get to experience.</p> <p>We request that council reconsider the position of the skate park by putting it at the other end of Leichhardt Oval next to the existing Hippo park where there are no residential buildings.</p>

	<p>Regards,</p> <p>redacted</p>
4	<p>I'm supportive of the proposed skate park development. It will provide another recreation option in addition to those already in the area, and this area of Leichhardt Park seem to be a suitable spot for these facilities.</p>
5	<p>Great idea and very much needed</p>
6	<p>I am thrilled with the proposal of the skate park and it's position.</p>
7	<p>Just build it already!</p> <p>The top of Callan Park opposite the Grove St bus stop was perfect. This location is even better. As there are public toilets and drinking water adjacent to the park.</p> <p>This is long overdue infrastructure that should be prioritised.</p> <p>Please ensure shade options so skaters can watch friends, as well as reducing the reflective heat from the skate bowls.</p> <p>Go for it!</p> <p>P.s. your submission form assumes people live in houses - the fields don't provide for units.</p>
8	<p>I oppose the destruction of 40 trees and grass space to make way for a concrete skate park. Trees should remain a priority in this area where canopy is rapidly disappearing. If a skate park is built, every tree removed must be replaced with the same large trees that accommodate bird, insect and possum life. Trees provide shade and reduce the effects of climate change. Trees and green space should not be removed for unnecessary development such as a skate park. I oppose this development because of the removal of necessary trees.</p>
9	<p>Love it - please build asap!</p>
10	<p>I think the skate park in this location is a dangerous idea, I am frequent in this area and I know how many cars and accidents happen there all the time.</p> <p>The danger level is too great, the proposed area has 3 roads around it, and the council wants to introduce an area where children can come</p>

	<p>and play and be "safe"?</p> <p>this has not been well thought out.</p> <p>I also can't believe that with the current state of the climate, the local councils would willingly cut down trees. This is the last thing we need for our environment.</p> <p>there are plenty of other spots for an unwanted skatepark that aren't as dangerous.</p>
11	<p>Lilyfield Skate Plaza : I support the construction of the Lilyfield Skate Plaza as the area has long needed these facilities. The design looks good, but I do have a few suggestions to make the park more functional from a skateboard riders perspective. These minor changes will have very little impact on the budget of the project and will make the park safer and more fun for it's users and spectators.</p> <p>Suggestions include the addition of some kerb features around the paths and perimeter of the park, the addition of a quarter pipe or a flat bank feature to allow riders to return into the park on one side and the relocation of the water fountain to prevent water going onto the riding surfaces and creating a hazard.</p> <p>I would like to share these suggestions with the park designers and builders prior to the final approval and can be contacted on Retracted</p>
12	I fully support the construction of this skate park in its current design.
13	I support this skatepark it will be a fantastic addition to the community
14	<p>Please provide a holistic design that includes environmental solutions to what is being proposed. These are costly elements however a design should not go ahead unless they have been resolved/included.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overall Impact- I am not against the installation of the skate park and support areas for our youth; however, this design needs to consider the environmental impacts and include plans to show how these will be addressed. This includes, canopy replacement, habitat value, deep soil, and overland flow. <p>It is unfortunate that plans tend to address organised recreation and parking and assume the position to remove trees to locate new services/activities.</p>

	<p>It is predicted that we will be seeing a reduction of car use in the future. It would be great to see hard surfaces replace hard surface rather than reducing our deep soil and canopy.</p> <p>2. Tree Replacement –Trees are assets. The forty-four (44) trees proposed for removal including the <i>Eucalyptus robusta</i>, <i>Eucalyptus botryoides</i> and <i>Casuarina glauca</i> provide shade, urban cooling, increased absorption of overland flow, and habitat and food for our wildlife. I would like to see plans showing replacement plantings for these 44 trees just to maintain the existing canopy. This includes planting around the skate park because the area of impermeable surface without shade represents a large proportion of the site. The arborist report states <i>Casuarina</i> are lifting the asphalt. It could also be said that the asphalt is preventing the trees from reaching their potential.</p> <p>3. Existing trees along the foreshore–The existing <i>Casuarina</i>’s along the foreshore are not thriving or showing signs of senescence and the Figs planted in the road pits in recent years ago are not performing? It would be great to see infill planting, replacement planting of senescent trees or tree that are not growing and improve the conditions they are growing in.</p> <p>4. Ecological Impact –The ecological report doesn’t consider the increase in the heat island the loss of habitat or the increased overland flow/ runoff. There is already a massive area of hard reflective space. Considering this is an area mapped on the Sydney Green Grid, a biodiversity corridor and a zone with an urban heat island index of 5.59% , replacement trees and water cycle management(eg rain gardens) are essential for a successful design.</p> <p>5. Sea level rise– I assume the design has considered future water levels.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. I would also like to thank Inner West Council for the wonderful work they have been doing with the current Canopy program in our</p>
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	streets and parks, streets such as Dalhousie Street in Haberfield have been transformed.
15	<p>I object to the placement of this quite large skate park in this location, as stated previously when it was first presented to councillors. The bases on which I do so are as follows</p> <p>Destruction/removal of 44 mature trees in an area known to be exceptionally hot in summer.</p> <p>This stand of trees provides shade and breeze (as well as habitat for many creatures)</p> <p>Plan to plant a few trees (10?) is inadequate!!</p> <p>Removal of the equipment for exercise in this shaded area and non replacement of this</p> <p>Covering of a vast area of currently porous grassed and soil soft area with concrete thus creating a hot and heat reflective, non porous surface.</p> <p>The suggestion that the loss of green open space can be balanced by closing the link road from LPAC to Frazer St is not the solution! This road is used by residents to exit to Balmain Rd , provides additional parking for users of LPAC, Leichhardt Oval 1 and 3 as well as occasionally for activities on the Bay and Bay Run.</p> <p>It is misleading to claim that there will be 10 new parking spaces as they already exist but will be "formalised" by marking etc.</p> <p>The noise report is also incorrect as it states that the noise level created by this proposed park will not have impact on residences as there is the noise from the City West Link!! There is no noise from the CWL at this location (I don't believe the company, MDA, visited the site as they would not have stated this!!)</p> <p>The homes in Frazer St and above will have considerable sound from the users of the park. Sound rises and the noise of skateboards on concrete and jump rails is considerable and non relenting)</p> <p>The inclusion of lights at 5.5 metres in height may well be made "spillage" free but there will still be light that will allow for use of the park until they are turned off (at what time?)</p> <p>Skaters can still use the park until late into the night even when the lights are off as there's often light from elsewhere, including natural moon light.</p> <p>Noise rises so the residents' living amenity will be negatively impacted upon by the sound of skateboards and riders (it is not known as a quiet sport/activity!)</p> <p>The report also misleadingly states that this skate park "will assist in meeting the need for a skate facility within the LGA---" with the</p>

	<p>implication that there are currently none! Darrel Jackson Gdns, Jack Shanahan Res, Sydenham Green, White's Creek are all within, and then of course there's the very large CoS regional, world standard one on the Crescent in Annandale and others accessible by public transport such as in Five Dock.</p> <p>This location is inappropriate as it requires access by means other than by public transport ie brings additional motor vehicles to the already frequently parked out surrounding streets.</p> <p>The report 's recommendation also recognises that there could be 40-50 additional people into this area if the skate park is located in this already parked out area.</p> <p>I note that there were apparently "drop in sessions" and an on-line survey held in the development of this plan. In previous years when a person has made a submissin on a proposal they were routinely informed when that proposal was re submitted, but this did not occur on this Skate Park plan. Why? Is this a new council policy? Hopefully the residents/ratepayers from the surrounding area were all notified by letter /leaflet that this was again on the agenda?</p>
16	<p>I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed Lilyfield Skatepark I continue to be concerned about the following that have not been addressed in the Leichhardt Park Management Plan nor the Review of Environmental Factors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The chosen site is still next to a large entertainment and drinking venue 2. The proposed skatepark is still in a space that is surrounded on three sides by roads - easy for unfamiliar young skaters to roll onto the road 3. The proposed skatepark is still placed next to a field that is used for soccer and as an off leash park for dogs - 200 young soccer players used the field on Saturday 25th March. How are skaters going to be protected from errant soccer balls? 4. The proposed skatepark is still at the opposite end of the oval from the toilet facilities and the childrens playground so parents can't have line of

	<p>sight vision of their children whilst utilising both council facilities (unlike the well integrated skatepark at Jubilee park – 2.3km from the proposed skatepark)</p> <p>5. Traffic congestion – it is noted that in the Review of Environmental Factors the traffic survey was conducted during covid lock down when the Reception Venue, Leichhardt Oval, Leichhardt Aquatic Center and the local ovals and rowing centers were not in full use. This traffic survey needs to be conducted again for a realistic appraisal</p> <p>6. Noise congestion – Again the noise survey in the Review of Environmental Factors acknowledges itself that it could not be considered a reliable source of sound review. It does not even acknowledge the proposed skatepark is located under the flight path. Another survey that needs to be reconducted with proper consideration of all noise impacts</p> <p>7. The removal of 44 trees – to be replaced with only 10 on this site and concrete structures being built which will increase the heat map in this location is not acceptable</p> <p>8. Light pollution – The lights that will be provided for this site are excessive and the hours unacceptable. 6 Street lights on all night plus 2 12 meter sports towers on until 9pm every night and a “blue light”. Given the size of this space and the additional sports field lighting at Leichhardt Oval Number 3, adjoining the Skatepark, this lighting proposal is unacceptable to the properties of Morton Street that back on to the grassland adjacent to the proposed Skatepark. All of these properties have bedrooms at the back and top of their properties that will be exposed to the light pollution. The Morton Street properties are not even acknowledged in the Review of Environmental Factors in any way – the report referring to properties to the west and Fraser St but not the properties with the most impact on Morton Street. Yet another over site of the report</p> <p>9. Skating to the venue, once alighting from the nearest either Light Rail Stop or Bus Stop, involves traveling via steep potholed roads or narrow pavements that have just had trees planted in them making it impossible to pass pedestrians whilst skating. How will this be remediated?</p> <p>10. The site is currently bogged with stagnant water from recent weather systems – this is nothing new. This site may not be at risk of flood from</p>
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	<p>river levels rising but does experience inundation from poor street drainage. The Rhelms Review of Environmental Factors stated that there was a minimal flood risk, once built, and high in sections before being built. What proportion of the cost of building the proposed skate facility is dedicated to overcoming the poor drainage issues for this site?</p> <p>11. Bioswales are also mentioned but plans or locations are not outlined in any of the documentation. Plus the majority of water runoff and flooding comes from gutters that converge at this low point in the area so bioswales would have minimal impact</p> <p>12. Soil contaminants continue to be an issue as the Review of Environmental Factors acknowledges there are carcinogenic PAHs, Asbestos and Acid Sulfates from their 1.2metre investigative pits. However, the plans show construction depths of 2 meters – another 80cm of soil that hasn't been investigated. The sulfate report suggested unacceptable levels below 1.2metres. Section 6.12 contradicts previous elements of the report and states there are no hazardous wastes for removal. Again, another report that appears redundant</p> <p>13. The Review of Environmental Factors refers to "Eyes on the Street" safety by design strategies to justify the location close to properties. As a local high school teacher of 25 years I get young people need their spaces but I also do not like the Council placing responsibility for community safety on its citizens through ill formed plans. During lockdown the local kids built jumps in the grass area above the proposed skatepark which was awesome to see (and adjacent to our property). Unfortunately, in the space of 8 weeks I had to render first aid and call 3 Ambulances (including one for a 62 year old man who had come off his bike and had amnesia). I also had to deal with parents' concerns about bullying issues and stolen bikes. We are good community citizens but it is an imposition and an insult to your community to build in security and safety measures based on an "eyes on the street" strategy. What other security measures have been considered? Do the local police support this proposal at this site?</p> <p>14. The proposed plans are an eyesore with a proposed 4.2metre high wall facing the Morton Street properties to the east. This wall replaces a view of open green space and native trees. Some may praise you for giving us more water views but I moved here for the natural environment and the green park space in Leichhardt Park. This proposed skatepark does not have aesthetic appeal</p>
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	<p>15. The proposed skatepark and it's supposed need is based on out of date recreational needs based surveys and the survey results of the Leichhardt park Engagement Report. This is what the report stated in regards to the proposed skatepark:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 266 people responded to this survey. Of those 20 people had NEVER visited the park and 26 only attend a couple of times a year • Questions 7-10 of the survey asked about what people valued and what people would change – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Q7 What do you value – no mention of skating ○ Q8 What don't you like – no mention of the absence of a Skate facility ○ Q9 What improvements would you like? No mention of a Skate facility or provisions ○ Q10 What should be the main priority for Leichhardt Park? No mention of Skating, once again The survey then moves onto specific questions about the Skate Plaza – • Q12 sought a response about how supportive the respondent was of the Skate Plaza 33.9% of people indicated they were not supportive; 12.4% were moderately supportive; 53.7% were supportive • Team this response with Q14 where 47.4% of respondents stated they would NOT use the skate plaza – This does not seem to me like overwhelming support for this project <p>It's also important to note that the night before the survey closed, the Mayor Darcy Byrne put a call out on social media for skaters to fill in the survey so they could get their skatepark. Given that there were only 266 respondents this skewing of the data is concerning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The survey also notes a petition of 133 signatures opposing the skate park There was also a public exhibition (which wasn't clearly communicated to the community) where 130 people viewed the plans and 70% supported changes and 10% were concerned with the location and other issues concerning the Skate Plaza. <p>There is no specific data on the number of participants to the drop in sessions, however, they were located at the other end of Leichhardt Oval</p>
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	<p>Number 3 away from the Skate Plaza and opposite the Blue Hippo park. Not on the proposed Skate Plaza site, which was misleading.</p> <p>When I attended there were many red flags posted around the Skate Plaza site on the information board. Whilst some may argue that this has been a political pledge they have made for in excess of a decade that they will deliver on – perhaps a consideration of what has happened in the area in that time.</p> <p>There are skate facilities within 3 km of this site in Whites Creek, Jubilee Park, Five Dock Park, Summer Hill Park and jump on the light rail to get to Dulwich Hill or the bus to Sydney Park. We are not short on skate facilities. Perhaps a better investment for the interest shown during covid lock downs would be a properly maintained pump track throughout the Leichhardt Park area for our teenagers.</p> <p>16. The community consultation continues to be a farce. This remains the only site that has ever been proposed to the community in Leichhardt Park for this Skatepark. The Skatepark was already put out to tender in January 2020 before even being proposed and voted on – one example of the disrespect of the democratic process and assumptions of approval by the elected representatives. Any efforts the community have made to be heard continue to be ignored as evident from the Leichhardt Park Management Plan and the Review of Environmental Factors</p> <p>17. Given the limited support for the proposed skatepark and the fact that we continue to be in a health and economic crisis is this really what we are going to spend at least \$1.3million on?</p> <p>With all that said, what do I want from this process?</p> <p>Build the proposed skatepark at the other end of Leichhardt Number 3, adjacent to the Hippo Park, along the foreshore between the park and the Leichhardt Rowing Club and next to the toilet block.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>redacted</p>
17	<p>This is a much needed recreation asset for the growing community, the new skate park at Annandale is much loved and this proposed facility on the Bay Run in this location will be a wonderful additional asset for the local community within walking distance of wider residential catchment.</p>

	I have reviewed the various planning attachments and feel that all efforts have been made in the design to minimise any adverse impacts of this proposed skate park within this location. I support in its entirety the proposal. I am thrilled to see that it has been reconsidered in this location and hope that planning process proceeds.
18	<p>There's possums that live in the trees inner west council plans to cut down- are these possums going to be re homes.</p> <p>What is the councils plan to stop unruly behaviour from the skate park? This is right near residential homes. We frequent this area regularly for the fact that there's an great mix of users. I can't see how this is the ideal place for a skate park</p>
19	Location and the concept are great, but the design doesn't look very skateable. I'm not sure how someone is expected to get the speeds required to utilise the elevated curved sections, considering the only quarter pipe tall enough is facing the wrong direction, and the rest of the inclines are all banks (rather than quarters). The bowl in the middle should be shifted to the bottom right and some of the middle banks facing the bottom of the park should be converted into quarter pipes with coping. The street section is fine but it's all a bit sparse and with limited quarter pipes, you sort of get to the other side slowly and then run out of things to do. I saw on the plans there were some engineers but perhaps a skate specialists like Convic could have a look at it.
20	I oppose the construction of the new Skate Park located in Lilyfield on the grounds of traffic disruption and the threat of potential accidents involving children.
21	The skate park will increase traffic in an already high traffic area.

22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too much traffic in the area makes the location dangerous. • the skate park will attract the wrong crowd and graffiti as seen at every other skate park. • the council will have to cut down trees and dig up the green space. • the proposed location is surrounded by three busy roads. • the noise level will increase in the area. • the skate park will get rid of popular picnic areas. • the skate park will increase traffic in an already high traffic area. • the local wildlife will be displaced. • building a skate park will require security and first aid officers. • the money spent on this could be spent on beautifying the area. • there are already 5 other skate parks in the immediate area. • building a skate park will attract more rubbish and mess in the area.
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24	Building a skate park will attract more rubbish and mess in the area.
25	I object to this skatepark. The Bay run and walked past La Montage is currently relaxing and there is a lot of parking and space available. I believe there are better places to build such things rather than right next to a wedding venue
26	Lilyfield Skate Plaza will displace the local wildlife in surrounding areas and council will have to cut down trees, dig up lush green space that is enjoyed by local residents and bay walkers
27	Hi There, Please do not put a skate park here, it attracts the wrong crowd in such a nice area. I work nearby and I live near a skate park and there is

	always graffiti and McDonalds bags left over every night. Please avoid this. Big MISTAKE
28	I object as I feel this will cause less parking at Montage, especially when there are events on as they have many of weddings on weekly. There already isn't a lot of parking so creating this skate park it will impact the scenic view of the bay. At night there could be vandalism and people will be scared to park their cars.
29	This is going to ruin the area!!
30	I object to the construction of the new Lilyfield Skate Park due to the increased noise pollution that will come with its instalment. The proximity of my work to this new project doesn't aid in my day to day working life and creates a dysfunctional workspace.
31	I strongly urge against the production of a new park next to Oval 3. The traffic surrounding the area is already hard enough during the waking and returning home hours. If this occurs then public transport has to become more accessible.
32	I believe this new skate park is completely unnecessary for the sake of the local area thanks to the multitude of open areas available for other recreational activities. The need for a skate park is too niche even for younger children and teens. It seems like a waste of money and time that could be used on fixing roads.
33	I object to the council's proposal for this new project due to the constant changing of opinions over its creation or not. The constant back and forth between construction and no construction has generated an excessive amount of time on nothing
34	I do not agree with the chosen location for this new Skate Park due to the number of roads nearby. They do not seem fit for kids to be running around a park with three roads surrounding them. A more remote location would be much safer for that type of park

35	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am writing to express my opinion regarding the Lilyfield Skate Park development application.</p> <p>As an Inner West visitor, I believe that councils need to provide safe fun environments for our young and young at heart to play or hang out in. I do not believe the redevelopment of a very popular family picnic area is in the best interests of local residents.</p> <p>Some key issues I have with this plan are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *the cutting down of trees are reducing green space *removal of a popular picnic spot for friends and family *displacement of local wildlife - in particular nesting birds *an increase in traffic in an already high traffic area *an increase in the noise levels *an increase in people loitering in the park <p>Seeing as there are already 5 other skate parks located nearby I cannot understand why another needs to be built. The funds for this project would be better channeled to beautifying the area and upgrading facilities and equipment in parks and picnic areas. I come from the Canterbury district and the recreation facilities in your area are a half way point to meet with friends and family. We love the Lilyfield area.</p> <p>Please consider all the local residents in this development.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p> <p>Concerned citizen</p>
36	<p>i am disappointed that council have again considered this idea of a skate park on a beautiful forfront near water and recreation. The money spent on this could be spent on beautifying the area.</p> <p>There are already 5 other skate parks in the immediate area. Surely this is sufficient. My friends and I often go the park for a picnic lunch, along with baywalking.</p> <p>Building a skate park will attract more rubbish and mess in the area and juvenilles to the area, along with juvenilles swearing and carrying on. They at times can become aggressive and disrespectful and are rude to elderly and middle aged persons.</p>

37	I do not appreciate the introduction of more construction on what limited greenery we have left in the area. The tearing down of trees and ripping up of grass is not good for the environment let alone necessary for families to have fun.
38	This new construction plan for a Skate Park is not very beneficial in maintaining the whole family-friendly environment that is expected when the opportunity for delinquents becomes common place, with expected vulgar graffiti and other vandalism.
39	There is to much traffic at the proposed area with the bay run and a venue. to put a skate park is a danger. especially for patrons using it. there is 3 rounds surrounding that are extremely busy this will cause more congestion.
40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the skate park will attract the wrong crowd and graffiti as seen at every other skate park. • the council will have to cut down trees and dig up the green space. • the proposed location is surrounded by three busy roads.
41	I would like to formally object to the construction and development of the Lilyfield Skate Park due to the increase in traffic and congestion on the road due to the increase in people going to the park. Traffic is already a problem at the moment, this additional buffer does not seek to help the situation.
42	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too much traffic in the area makes the location dangerous. • the skate park will attract the wrong crowd and graffiti as seen at every other skate park. • the council will have to cut down trees and dig up the green space. • the proposed location is surrounded by three busy roads. • the noise level will increase in the area. • the skate park will get rid of popular picnic areas. • the skate park will increase traffic in an already high traffic area. • the local wildlife will be displaced. • building a skate park will require security and first aid officers. • the money spent on this could be spent on beautifying the area. • there are already 5 other skate parks in the immediate area. • building a skate park will attract more rubbish and mess in the area.

43	<p>'Lilyfield Skate Park</p> <p>Here are list of objections for the skate park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the council will have to cut down trees and dig up the green space. - the proposed location is surrounded by three busy roads. - the noise level will increase in the area. - the skate park will get rid of popular picnic areas. - the money spent on this could be spent on beautifying the area.
44	<p>I am petitioning to object to the building of the Skate Park in Lilyfield on the grounds of noise pollution and unwanted congestion within the surrounding area. The addition of more traffic and younger members of the area makes it hard to operate on a professional level without the risk of interfering with work-life and productivity.</p>
45	<p>I personally object to this new skate park being added to the Lilyfield area! The number of people that love the grass and greenery do not appreciate the damage necessary to the earth as well as the half-baked measures to support the existing trees that won't be torn out. This is very unnecessary and therefore unneeded.</p>
46	<p>This is an absolute outrage! I am a mother of two and I have frequented this park multiple times and absolutely adore the environment and atmosphere. What I don't appreciate is more concrete destroying the environment and poor children getting hurt by older boys on roller skates and skateboards.</p>
47	<p>Hello, this is my formal objection to any continued plans for a Skating Park in Lilyfield. The grounds of my objection are based upon the unnecessariness of the whole project. The oval currently provided is more than enough for families and the young, soccer games and cricket for the younger ones are much more accessible and economically viable than an entire concrete jungle purely for those that roller skate.</p>
48	<p>I would like to submit a complaint about the potential dangers of introducing a new skate park in the area of Lilyfield. The problem is that a park of this nature is not beneficial to the family-like atmosphere deeply rooted in this area.</p>
49	<p>I object to the construction of the Skate Park and I base this on the grounds of additional traffic problems. The additional influx of people will</p>

	draw too much congestion to the area that will impede on day to day commuting and local errand running.
50	I request against the building of the Skate Park due to the potential danger presented with the nature of skating and three roads surrounding the park. I and my wife do not think it is necessary for children to be endangered in a high-risk zone with the occupation of a park, let alone a skate park
51	The local council's decision to create a skate park beside an already made children's park seems an unnecessary use of time and money by the council. It is for this reason that I object to its location in Lilyfield.
52	My objection is placed on the building of the Skate Park in Lilyfield. The environmental damage paired with the attraction of potential vandalism and social delinquents pose a problem for families and environmentalists such as myself.
53	The building of the new Skate Park in my local area is not appreciated by many people including myself. Not only has the council rejected this offer previously, but the random re-emergence and lack of consideration towards traffic and money wasted are completely ridiculous.
54	Regarding the new addition of a park designated for Skating, I object to its creation in Lilyfield. The area surrounding the designated location already provides ample space for recreational activity. In addition to this, the location of the walkway and paths allows plenty of space for skaters to engage in riding.
55	The new skate park proposed to the Lilyfield area is completely unnecessary in my opinion. The unnecessary removal of grass, trees and slabs of concrete planned to coat the environment is dangerous for animals and people. I will not be supporting this planned construction.
56	I do not approve of the council's decision to add to the construction in front of the Le Montage venue. As an individual who has frequented this venue, I believe that this new concrete skate park would diminish the appeal and beauty of this location. The location for this new park is far more easily available in a different oval or park
57	As a resident of the Lilyfield area, I oppose the creation of the Skate Park planned. I reject it on the grounds of additional traffic and environmental damage.

58	I propose a termination to the plans of a skate park. The added noise and traffic will affect homeowners such as myself as well as an extra level of vandalism to be expected with a skate park.
59	The new Skate Park is a waste of money that we the people of the area have to help pay for. The constant need to repair and paint over vandalism will deter many from supporting this project.
60	I am submitting a complaint about the planned skate park in my area of Lilyfield. I do not appreciate the amount of attention a new park will bring and an unnecessary amount of people to the area. We already live in a more populated area and do not require more traffic.
61	I object to the planned skate park. The people do not appreciate the forced building and demand a relocation.
62	As a mother, I am objecting to the skate park nearby the Leichhardt Oval. I have a real fear that this new park would result in many dangerous situations for both children and drivers on the roads nearby. Especially worrisome is the idea of children on wheels in a congested area surrounded by roads.
63	I would like to submit my claim against the park in Lilyfield due to the excessive traffic expected it will bring. The weather has already brought delayed transport and lots of traffic, a skate park will do nothing but add to this.
64	I am writing to present my vote against the construction of the concrete skate park. The additional problem of dealing with potholes due to the torrential rain in the past few weeks and believe the money could be used better on fixing these facilities.
65	I am petitioning against the construction of the Skate Park and do not believe it should be made in the area of Lilyfield. The traffic and environmental issues brought with this new construction are not beneficial to the area.
66	I am a local to Lilyfield and I oppose the Skate Park and object to its creation. I feel that local teens that engage in skate culture will be inclined to graffiti the area and create new issues for homeowners like me.

67	This is my objection to the creation of the new park. We do not need a skate park in our area. It is too close to the water, roads and businesses to be properly appreciated.
68	I would like to personally complain about the erection of a new Skate Park in Lilyfield, Leichhardt. The mayor has ignored the first denial of this project and completely ignored our requests a second time by attempting to pass this project through.
69	This Is an objection to the designated location of the Skate Park due to various reasons. The most pressing of these is the problem of traffic and how it will impact the working class.
70	I have an issue with the new park. The environmental impacts will take a toll on the air quality and habitats within the area. This is why many of us environmentalists are against this proposed council construction.
71	Against our better judgment, the council has yet again persisted with this project. No many how many times we deny its production, the mayor has pushed it through. We object to this Skate Park in Lilyfield.
72	I would like to object to this new Lilyfield construction. It interferes with the wildlife habitats and destroys the grass.
73	The new skate park is not welcomed by us homeowners. Additional traffic is never welcomed and we will not be supporting the council's decision.
74	I object to the construction of the new Skate Park in Lilyfield. The more noise added the worse for the homes nearby, not to mention the wedding venue located opposite where the designated spot is located.
75	It is not in a safe location with the amount of cars going past, cutting down trees is not great idea in my opinion.
76	Against the building of the skate park near Montage.
77	I believe with this park all the local wildlife will be displaced, trees will be cut down trees and dig up our green space, which is not good for the environment and for the area. Saying that, in the immediate area there are already other skate parks and there is no need of having this one. This park will cause too much traffic and also makes the location dangerous.

78	<p>I reckon that a new skate park near Montage is not a good thing. It will make here a super dangerous location with the amount of cars going past. It will result in too much traffic in the area makes the location dangerous. And it will bring lots of rubbish and noise nearby. This is not fair for people who live or work here.</p> <p>Also, it is definitely not a good idea to cut down trees and dig up the green space.</p>
79	<p>Dear Council Members</p> <p>Further to being informed of a Skate Park being planned in Lilyfield could you seriously please reconsider for a number of reasons :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Careless drivers coming around the bend will cause serious harm to children and parents crossing to reach the park. 2. Children are never aware of their surroundings and being a park why should they. Whether its their skate board or a ball, running across the road in an area that is not clearly designated as a road that children are not accustomed to as a normal pedestrian area is not conducive to safety 3. Skate parks always attract he wrong type people. Le Montage is across the road. Weddings, Formal events, Corporate events with dignatories are always in attendance. Theft, harm to individuals etc will be something that will increase in the area. 4. The pleasant quiet environment we currently work and enjoy socially will be affected 5. Graffiti will appear due to the nature of some of these individuals 6. Security will be required. Who will pay for this? <p>There are many other reasons and your awareness will be evident when you spend some time investigating and observing the activity that is already taking place in the area</p> <p>I hope you will reconsider and provide skating area at a place where there are no winding roads or significant buildings in the area.</p> <p>Much Appreciated</p> <p>redacted</p>

80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the local wildlife will be displaced. • building a skate park will require security and first aid officers. • the money spent on this could be spent on beautifying the area. • there are already 5 other skate parks in the immediate area. • building a skate park will attract more rubbish and mess in the area.
81	<p>We need more facilities for Kids –</p> <p>This is desperately needed and please please just get on with it.</p>
82	<p>'this skate park should not proceed</p> <p>-the impending demerger means that the lmc should decide on a project of this size and expense</p> <p>-council plans to remove many trees for this project negates their preserve and increase tree canopy plans</p> <p>-private owners are not allowed to remove trees so why does council not abide by its own rules</p>
83	<p>Dear Aaron, Cohesive Planning has been engaged by Conca D'Oro Lounge Pty Ltd to assist in reviewing the plans for the proposed Lilyfield Skate Plaza.</p> <p>This submission has been prepared on behalf of Conca D'Oro Lounge Pty Ltd. Conca D'Oro Lounge Pty Ltd own and operate Le Montage, which is the premier reception and event facility in the area. Le Montage is situated on land adjoining the area of Leichhardt Park over which the skate park is proposed.</p> <p>Due to the intimate/personal type of functions like weddings, wakes and christenings, Le Montages clients expect a certain amount of privacy and disconnect with the general public and therefore due to the nature of our client's activities, the impacts from the skatepark are heightening and of great concern to what is a long standing business in this precinct. Our client reserves the right to hold Council responsible for any adverse impacts to our their business as result of the skatepark.</p>



We also acknowledge the Leichhardt Park Plan of Management and Master Plan which highlights the need for a skate facility as identified by Council's Recreational Needs Study to LE MONTAGE SKATE PARK 2 cater for older children and teenagers who are often under-represented in the provision of informal recreational opportunities. The likely future target group for the skatepark includes age groups which are largely unsupervised and will exacerbate knock on impacts.

The purpose of this submission is to highlight concerns as to the location of the skate park and the likely adverse impacts on the operation of Le Montage. This submission does not object in principle to a skate park being established in conjunction with other recreational facilities offered at Leichhardt Park, merely that the location of the skate park is not appropriate.

In preparing this submission, we have had regard to the Leichhardt Park Plan of Management and Master Plan and Part C of the Leichhardt Development Control Plan 2013 (the "DCP"), particularly C4.16 – Recreational Facility.

Le Montage and its surrounds

Le Montage overlooks Iron Cove to the west and over Leichhardt Oval No.3 to the north towards Rodd Point and Rodd Island. In particular, most of the venue rooms have views to Iron Cove over Leichhardt Oval No.3, either from within the rooms themselves or from adjoining outdoor terrace areas. Other terrace areas at ground level are situated at the

north and north east. The surrounding neighbourhood to the east and south of Le Montage is residential with a mix of detached and attached single dwellings of varying ages and styles. Leichhardt Park to the north features a range of passive and active recreational opportunities, including the aquatic centre, childcare centre, playground, sensory garden, fitness equipment, ovals, off-leash dog area and Leichhardt Oval football ground. The popular "Bay Run" follows the shore of Iron Cove past Le Montage. Because of its location Le Montage is currently subjected to a number of impacts arising from the use of the Bay Run and other water-based facilities therefore Le Montage management is sensitive to greater loading when there are other more practical locations where the impacts can be reduced.

Lighting impacts

The Leichhardt Park Plan of Management and Master Plan notes that the skate park is to be used "after normal working hours, to ensure that older visitors are able to make use of the facility during week nights" and that lighting of the facility will be required Control C1 of chapter C4.16 of the DCP states:

C1 Development does not significantly impact the amenity of the neighbourhood or create a nuisance by way of car parking, traffic generation, noise, vibration or any other emission. (emphasis added)

One such emission is light spill, which is anticipated by Controls C2 and C5 of chapter C4.16 of the DCP which state:

C2 Hours of operation will be established considering the following:

- a. proximity to the R1 Residential Zone;
- b. impacts on amenity of surrounding areas, including noise and light;
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C5. Where for a Recreation Facility (Outdoors), lights incorporate measures to ensure that light spill does not occur on adjoining or nearby land in a residential zone.

We acknowledge that the proposal is supported by an Obtrusive Lighting Assessment however, the Obtrusive Lighting Assessment has not undertaken an assessment of light impacts on the terraces and rooms of Le Montage.

	<p>Le Montage has been renovated to take advantage of its western aspect. This allows for a number of the venue rooms to achieve sunset views and views across Iron Cove, including lights reflecting on the water which results in an ambience that is provided by the waterfront situation.</p> <p>Insufficient information has been provided to demonstrate the effects of the additional lighting of the skate park and how that lighting will impact on the evening views from those venue space as well as those venue spaces themselves. The applicant shall be directed to provide a full lighting report confirming compliance with relevant Australian Standards.</p> <p>Vegetation and landscaping</p> <p>The arborist report that accompanies the proposal notes that most of the existing trees are either in poor health and vigour or are impacting on other infrastructure. The proposal will require the removal of 44 of the 67 existing trees.</p> <p>The proposal seeks to replace that planting with 10 trees comprising 4 x <i>Allocasuarina littoralis</i> (black she oak) along the road, 4 x <i>Tristaniopsis laurina</i> (water gum) adjoining the carpark and 2 x <i>Banksia integrifolia</i> (coastal banksia) at the west end of the carpark.</p> <p>The proposed landscape strategy is insufficient both in the number of plantings to replace the lost vegetation as well as the ability of those trees to provide meaningful separation and delineation between the skate park and Le Montage.</p> <p>Currently, venue spaces and terraces overlook the green space at the southern end of Leichhardt Oval No.3 which provides a natural foreground to the views of Iron Cove.</p> <p>The loss of trees, to be replaced by the skate park, will impact on the outlook and setting of Le Montage. If the skate park is to go ahead in this location, a redesign which places greater emphasis on landscaping is required.</p> <p>Parking Control</p> <p>C1 of chapter C4.16 of the DCP provides that</p>
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The traffic and parking assessment that accompanies the proposal notes that the skate park will generate a peak demand for seven car parking spaces on a Saturday.

Le Montage provides gated on site parking and encourages visitors to use that parking. Notwithstanding, it remains the case that some visitors will utilise the adjoining public car parking. While the anticipated demand for car parking generated by the skate park is low, car parking around the southern end of Leichhardt Oval No.3 is at a premium particularly on Saturdays when Le Montage hosts larger functions such as weddings.

Relocating the skate park to the northern end of Leichhardt Oval No.3 or adjacent to the aquatic centre will alleviate that demand in the immediate vicinity of Le Montage.

Aesthetics

Skate parks are by their nature, large areas of hardstand comprising concrete which invariably ends up attracting graffiti despite best efforts by Council to ensure the maintenance of the facility.

Le Montage is a much sought-after venue with a high profile and long standing reputation. Event patrons book venues at Le Montage for its waterfront setting as much as its reputation and level of service and appointment.

A skate park is out of keeping with the setting of Le Montage and the ambience that guests expect. It will be difficult for Council to control teenagers skating within the existing hardstand parking areas. Council should be required to provide a Plan of Management (POM) that would specifically set out the management measures to be adopted. The POM should cover all issues like graffiti removal, safety, security and rubbish removal etc.

We reiterate that relocating the skate park to the northern end of Leichhardt Oval No.3 or adjacent to the aquatic centre will alleviate that demand in the immediate vicinity of Le Montage. As an alternative, we would suggest that a proper landscape buffer be provided between the

	<p>skate park and the carpark, including ground covers and canopy trees that will form a visual barrier between the skate park and Le Montage. Council should integrate advanced plantings and full specifications must be stated on the plans.</p> <p>Co-location of facilities</p> <p>Control C4 of chapter C4.16 of the DCP notes that accessibility to amenities such as public toilets is a matter for consideration. The nearest public toilets to the proposed skate park are approximately 220m away adjacent to the playground and sensory garden. It would be appropriate to locate the skate facility in closer proximity to those existing amenities.</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>We reiterate that we are in support of a skate park being provided as part of the Leichhardt Park precinct however we are of the view that colocation of the skate park on land behind the aquatic centre would be more appropriate.</p> <p>The proposed location of the skate park is incompatible with the Le Montage facility for reasons outline above. We remain supportive of a skate facility and consider other locations in the Leichhardt Park precinct would be more appropriate such as the following:</p> <p>i. <u>Adjacent the playground at the north end of Leichardt Oval No.3</u></p> <p>This location would have the advantage of consolidating recreation activities particularly for families with children of varying ages and allow for passive surveillance of the skate park. The playground would also be less active after hours when the skate facility is likely to be used by teens and young adults. This location would increase passive surveillance of the area around the playground and sensory garden after hours while the skate park is in use. This location also allows the skate facility to co-locate in proximity to the public toilets which are otherwise some 220m from the proposed skate facility. Parking for the skate park will be focussed on the northern end of the carpark as opposed to immediately adjacent to Le Montage where parking is at a premium.</p> <p>ii. <u>Adjoining the aquatic centre to the north</u></p>
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	<p>This location would have the advantage of consolidating active recreation activities and enabling that area behind the aquatic centre to be activated. Parking needs for the skate park will be met within the existing carpark between the aquatic centre and the childcare centre.</p> <p>The above locations would allow the current proposed location to be formalised for other passive purposes with improved landscaping and replacing trees that are of poor health and vigour.</p> <p>Alternatively, we would suggest that a proper landscape buffer be provided between the skate park and the carpark to delineate between the skate park and Le Montage. We request that Council prepare and notify a POM which covers all operational issues as discussed above such as graffiti removal rubbish etc, for notification.</p> <p>We trust these matters will be taken into consideration in the review of the proposal.</p> <p>Should you wish to discuss these matters please do not hesitate to contact me on 0403 362 216.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p> <p>Glenn Apps Town Planner</p>
84	<p>My family and I are very concerned about the removal of trees 6 -8, 9-13 and 41 as these provide a home and safe space for a number of possums. These possums will be displaced into nearby areas that are densely populated by possums, both brush and ring tail who are already fighting for tree space.</p>
85	<p>I am seriously concerned about the removal of numerous strong and healthy trees. These trees provide a habitat for a large group of possums. Possums are a protected species and are already suffering due to a lack of habitat, and this will leave this group without a safe home. Surrounding trees are already populated by other possums and this will cause fighting over territory. In turn, this will create more work for WIRES and other wildlife rescue groups, as well as force possums to make homes in the roofs of nearby houses. While the skate plaza has its merits, it should be done in a way that does not involve removing healthy trees that have been here for decades and provide habitat for a native species.</p>

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I have a number of concerns with the proposal.

Council informed residents in 2021 that it was protecting the wildlife corridor through the skate plaza area. This resulted from a small and low impact unapproved bike track that had been made by teenagers next to the skate park area. I complained to council as detailed below but I was in support of retaining the bike track.

Yet looking through the recent documents covering the development I am unable to find any reference to the wildlife corridor, in both the REF and the Biodiversity Assessment. This appears to be a big oversight. A skate plaza will generate noise, lots of high speed movements, make a discontinuity in the greenery and hence break the wildlife corridor as it will repel wildlife.

The documents also downplay the value of the trees proposed to be removed as they are mostly less than 30 years old (page 44 of REF). This is an invalid way of assessing their value. It will be 2050 before the proposed replacement trees will reach the same maturity level, by which time I will be gone.

Page 19 of the REF has a diagram labelled "Tree Protection Plan" but this is incorrect as it is for the removal of 44 trees and their replacement by 10 trees. It is primarily a "Tree Removal Plan". There is a note that 10 trees are insufficient and an additional 32 are suggested so the REF and determination should adopt the increased number.

Several diagrams in the REF show the bay roadway being narrowed adjacent to the plaza but this is not mentioned in the documents and construction plans. In any case I suggest that it be narrowed by removing the angle parking to improve road safety by preventing reverse parking movements next to the plaza.

My neighbors are concerned at the proposal to replace their shady picnic area by the concrete plaza. I have been told it is council's policy not to provide picnic and BBQ facilities in its parks (unlike other councils) but maybe an exception can be made here to compensate us for our loss.

Previous complaint 11 October 2021:

To Helen Knowles

Senior Natural Areas and Contracts Officer

Re Your letter of 9 September 2021 regarding an unauthorised bike track in Leichhardt Park

Hi Helen

I have examined the track in Leichhardt Park made by teenagers. This narrow section of the park is out of the way and has been rarely used until recently. It has been neglected with rubbish and weeds for many years. The soil is poor and contains a lot of bricks, building materials and industrial debris from when the park above was leveled with industrial waste fill. My late uncle told me he used to salvage things there and noted that some of the waste came from Burwood bus depot.

*You say the unauthorised bike track has damaged the wildlife corridor and natural areas. What I have observed in this area are three main plants: a proliferation of *Celtis sinensis*, *Tradescantia fluminensis* and giant fig trees. The first two are weeds and should be removed while the figs are large and highly resistant to damage. The track is adjacent to a regenerated patch that doesn't appear to have any significant damage.*

There is a real problem in the area though. Between the bike track and the foreshore are several stands of trees including casuarinas and mature gum trees, some 10 to 15m tall. These gums are presently flowering and no doubt a source of food for native animals. Magpies nest in these tree most years and I have heard tawny frogmouths nearby. This area is probably the wildlife corridor too. Yet council has advised residents it plans to fell almost all of these trees and replace them with concrete structures to build a skateboard facility. My local street has an annual Christmas party under these trees as they give good summer shelter and look beautifully natural. Other people use the area for picnics and special events as there are few other places in the park near to parking, out of the summer sun and close to nature.

In summary I am saying that council's plans will cause a hundred times more damage to the park's natural values and wildlife corridor while the unauthorised track has allowed the boys to be physically active, creative in an old fashion style, and to have fun away from their screens.

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Submission from Inner West Councillor Kobi Shetty

Having local infrastructure for kids to play is really important, but this site is not the best place for this. I have concerns about the removal of 44 trees that aren't being replaced (only 10 on site) and the area will be prone to being water logged with heavy rains. So much concrete without enough natural shade will be contributing to the heat island effect.

The location is also with roads on three sides which is dangerous for kids. It would be much better suited to the other end of that oval, adjacent to the amenities block and hippo playground, so parents can supervise kids going between both. It's also a bit further from residential, reducing the impact of noise and light from the skate park on local residents that will be impacted. I hope you give serious consideration to shifting the skate park over that small distance to make it better and safer for everyone.

Letter of support for location from Greater Sydney Parklands Trust

Dear Mr Gainsford

PROPOSED SKATE PARK IN LEICHHARDT PARK

I refer to Council's proposal for the Lilyfield Skate Plaza in Leichhardt Park and express Greater Sydney Parklands (GSP) support for this proposed facility.

I appreciate there have been several locations proposed for the skate park including within Callan Park. I understand that following community and stakeholder consultation, the new site has been selected to minimise impacts on heritage values and public amenity and that the new site will be co-located with other recreational facilities including being close to several sports fields and the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre.

I commend the Council for the initiative and add my support to the realisation of a key recreational facility for young people and families, so close to the popular Bay Run. At GSP we are keenly aware that these types of facilities for young people are highly valued by many in the community and that the opportunity for young people to engage in popular outdoor activities contributes to both physical and mental wellbeing.

As the 20% increase in visitation to our parks during the Covid 19 pandemic has shown, our parks are highly valued by the community and the capacity for youth to be engaged with natural areas is of key community importance.

Should you wish to discuss this further please contact Ms Sarah Cameron,
Senior Manager Callan Park, on 0472803025.

Yours sincerely
Suellen Fitzgerald

Chief Executive
Greater Sydney Parklands Trust