

ATTACHMENT D

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION RESPONSE
SCHEDULE – CONCEPT PLAN**

C16086 – Parks General Upgrades – Reconciliation Park, Redfern

Community Consultation Response Schedule – Concept Plan

Summary of Comments

This summary comprises items identified following community consultation for Reconciliation Park, Redfern.

Consultation Date: Saturday 9 March 2013.

Number of responses **25**

Date of receipt	Form of submission	Comments (summarised) Refer to submissions if clarification on summarized comments is required.	Response to Comments In response to these comments, the City and its consultant team will undertake the following:
PLAYGROUND ISSUES -			
09/03/13	Form received	3 respondents believed the proposed playground was too large.	The playground is being increased in size to provide suitable area for both playground equipment and space for unstructured adventure play areas. The bottom section of the parks that is currently underutilised and identified as a suitable location to create an adventure play area.
“	“	10 respondents in favour of increasing the size of the playground.	Noted.
“	“	10 respondents in favour of providing new playground equipment.	Noted.
“	“	3 respondents were in favour of the raised deck.	Noted.
“	“	3 respondents were not in favour of the raised deck.	Noted.
“	“	1 respondent was not in favour of extending the playground to the George St end of park because it may generate more noise and impact on George St residents.	Play equipment is not proposed in this area. It is designed as an adventure play area. A planter bed that is approx. 4m wide will separate the play area from George Street.
04/04/13	e-mail	Respondent in favour of the new playground with its interactive features that will engender more imaginative play.	Noted. The play consultant on the design team has considered a number of factors to provide playground facilities that are suitable to the widest age group possible and provide play facilities that are favoured by children.

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COMMUNITY GARDEN -			
09/03/13	Form received	6 respondents were in favour of the proposed community garden	The City's Community Garden Coordinator has been advised of the interest received in setting up a community garden. The upgrade seeks to designate an area for a future community garden. It is intended that our Community Gardens Coordinator will facilitate the inception of a community group and establishment of the garden.
09/03/13	Form received	Fence the community garden. Provide a compost bin.	The park upgrade allows for the future provision of a community garden. It is anticipated that raised beds will be created. The details and associated facilities can be resolved between the community and the City's Community Garden Coordinator once a gardening group has been formed.
09/03/13	Form received	Limit extent of community garden to that indicated in concept plan.	Noted. An area has been designated for community garden that is contained between the playground, path and boundary wall. There is no proposal to increase the size of the garden.
TREE AND PLANTING ISSUES -			
09/03/13	Form received	9 respondents were in favour of a rain garden .	Noted.
09/03/13	Form received	Encourage planting in front of the boundary wall to inhibit graffiti .	A trellis for climbing is postposed in front of the blank wall. Planting is not proposed in front of the remaining wall as it would cover the existing art mural.
09/03/13	Form received	Remove/prune trees to open up George Street frontage .	It is proposed to remove two small bottle brush trees and widen the entry path to provide a less obscured and more welcoming entry into the park. This will also improve passive surveillance of the park from the street and surrounding residences.
09/03/13	Form received	Do not remove/prune trees to open up George Street frontage. Do not widen entry path off George St.	Refer above.

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11/03/13	e-mail	Respondent generally in favour of proposal. Requested that no new tree planting be undertaken and undertake canopy thinning of existing trees at George St end of park to provide clear lines of sight for surveillance and safety.	It is agreed that the extent of vegetation at the George Street end of the park inhibits passive surveillance of the park from the street and surrounding houses. The proposal seeks to remove two small bottle brush trees to widen the George St entry. Additional tree planting is proposed in the middle of the park to shade the playground. The developed design will not propose new trees on the George St frontage.
26/03/13	e-mail	Retain the frangipani in the south-eastern corner of the site.	There is no proposal to remove the frangipani.
04/04/13	e-mail	In favour of planting additional flowering shade trees .	A feature shade tree is proposed for the playground area. The concept plan nominates locations for new accent trees and fruit trees.
TRAFFIC ISSUES -			
09/03/13	Form received	Consider shared zone proposal or other traffic calming devices for James St to control traffic flows	Consider traffic calming measure and possibility of a shared zone as a separate project. Referred to CITO for comment.
09/03/13	Issue raised at consultation	Some cars drive the wrong way along (the one way) James St.	Seek patrols for local area command to issue traffic infringements in an effort to manage the issue. Referred to CITO for comment.
GENERAL ISSUES -			
09/03/13	e-mail	Respondent in favour of proposal	Noted
09/03/13	Form received	Provide a clothing bin . Provide a resource where the community can swap/borrow books .	Referred to Parks Unit and City Communities Unit. Parks Unit does not support installation of clothing bins in a park because they are often used for dumping of unwanted materials of little value. There is a documented history of unwanted household items being dumped on the George St footpath outside the park. If is suggested that residents who want to donate cloths should take them to their closest opportunity shop. Any structure for the storage of books will need to be considered in conjunction with concerns raised about alleged illicit drug exchange occurring in the adjoining phone booth.

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09/03/13	Form received	2 respondents were in favour of providing an open space for ball games, running, cricket etc.	The lawn area could be used for this purpose.
09/03/13	Form received	Increase the lighting .	The City's Safe City Unit have put a request to Ausgrid to repair two pole mounted lights along James St.
09/03/13	Form received	Renovate the existing mural (submission received from the artist).	This issue is being managed by the Public art unit who have been unsuccessful in obtaining land owner consent to repaint the mural.
13/03/13	Phone call	Renovate the existing mural . Display the history of the site in the park.	As above Signage from the City's park signage suite will be installed in this park. This signage incorporate text and photo panels for local history.
09/03/13	Form received	There are not enough garbage bins in the park. Garbage is often left in the park.	The project document will identify appropriate locations for garbage bins. Parks Unit requested that bins be located in the centre of the park and not at the periphery in an attempt to prevent the bins being used to dump household waste. Referred to Cleansing and Waste Unit to increase patrols and monitor the issue.
26/03/13	e-mail	Provide bench seating .	The project proposes both seating walls and park benches throughout the park to provide a variety of seating opportunities.
04/04/13	e-mail	The respondent supports that the basic configuration of the park has been retained. The proposed additional sandstone seating walls will make the park more user friendly	Noted. The general layout of the park is not being changed because the current layout enable various activities to occur in the park simultaneously. The upgrade seeks to work on the existing structure and provide upgraded facilities.
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