



26 November 2018

David Bagshaw
President
5049 Coastal Community

VIA EMAIL

Dear David,

Re: Kingston Park Reserve: *Resumption of progress*

I refer to your letter of 8 November 2018 in relation to Kingston Park Reserve Master Plan and short to medium term enhancement works in and around the Kingston Park Reserve.

As you are aware, a Judicial Review was lodged against the decision by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs to grant Council a Section 23 approval under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988*. This action delayed any further works on the site until the proceedings were finalised. During this time we continued ongoing discussions with traditional owners regarding future plans for the site.

Through discussions with traditional owners and feedback from other stakeholders, including your own, a need to review at least some of the elements of the Master Plan for the area has been identified. Therefore, we will be bringing this matter to the attention of the newly elected council in the near future.

In addition we are progressing broader discussions with traditional owners on a city wide Cultural Heritage Plan. Some plans and guidelines for heritage are in place and further plans and procedures are being developed. As you would appreciate this is an on-going and slow process.

In relation to the kiosk services, the current lease for the kiosk runs out by the end of December 2018. However, I understand that it is likely to be extended until April 2019. Our plan is to call tenders for the continued provision of the kiosk in the New Year. I understand that you have agreed to provide your suggestions to improve the facility for our consideration prior to the tendering process so that we can incorporate some of those suggestion within the tendering processes. We would not be able to support any earthworks in that area at this stage.

We are aware that there are some car parking issues and the carpark deserves some improvements. We are exploring the options to improve the car park without physically expanding the parking area. We will continue to work with the Caravan Park operator to resolve any conflict of usage by the caravan park users and the staff. The city wide transport study that is currently underway might also provide some options. The fencing around the car park has been scheduled to be completed by the end of January 2019. Rajiv will be able to provide you more details.

I understand that the log sheet of small works has been noted and most of the items have been inspected by our field services. Our field crew will undertake those works in due course. Note that we are unlikely to support any changes to the park benches and memorial seats at this stage. Please continue to liaise with Rajiv and he will be able to provide you up to date details and time frames.

Yours Sincerely

Justin Lynch
Chief Executive Officer

