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Dear David,

Re: Kingston Park Reserve Public Forum

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 21 May 2018 in relation to Councils participation at your public forum held on 15 May 2018. I am pleased to note that the public forum was well attended and a success for your organisation. I have passed on your appreciation to relevant staff and elected members of Council.

I understand that you have subsequently met with Rajiv Mouveri and Pam Jackson as a follow up of the public forum. They agree with your description, of the topics raised at the public forum and the issues to be followed up, in your letter. We will certainly take on board your comments about the community's desire for the natural environment to be protected and enhanced. We will also consider your suggestion in relation to the play space and other proposed developments. However, it should be noted that this master plan has been through several iterations of public consultation and council resolutions.

As advised, Kingston Park Master Plan has a staged approach for its implementation. For example, the first stage, ie the Coast Park pathway, is now being completed. The local communities and key stakeholders will be engaged when other stages are ready for implementation. However, at this stage the priority for the Council is to build a strong working relationship with the aboriginal community representatives in order to support and showcase their culture at their significant heritage site, Tjilbruke Spring. This process is being progressed.

We will continue to communicate with the local communities including your organisation about the Kingston Park Master Plan status and progress. As advised at the follow up meeting, we are pursuing a number of issues identified at the public forum which includes: revegetation plan for the reserve, assessment and re-alignment of the current car park, street lighting along the pathway and anti-social activities at the public toilet near Burnham Road.

We are in the process of developing a revegetation plan in consultation with the traditional owners of the land as well as bio-diversity conservation experts. We need to prepare a plan and present it to the State Government to obtain funding under the current coast park project for implementation. It is expected that this will be a straight forward process and will only take two to three months before the plan is ready to be implemented.



We are also assessing options to address the lighting along the pathway from the Seacliff boat ramp to the car park next to the Caravan Park. This option assessment too will need to be presented to the State Government under the Coast Park Project to obtain funding. Once again it is anticipated that the lighting will be chosen and implemented within the next two to three months. Note that there is no plan to install lighting along the Coast Park pathway within the Kingston Park Reserve. As reported at the public forum and in the subsequent meeting with you, we are investigating the options to improve the capacity of the car park near the caravan park. We also have had night patrol monitor the location over the last week and there are 3 vehicles that are regularly parked overnight. We are in the process of identifying the owners and move them on. We will continue to consider and investigate the need for a timed car parking arrangement.

We met with the local crime prevention police officer to discuss the anti-social activities reported at the public forum. The SAPOL officer who attended the site meeting with us was not aware of any reports to SAPOL in relation to the toilet near Burnham Road. However, they have agreed to include the site on their street patrol list and check on the site from time to time. We also discussed some crime prevention measures such as clearing of bushes which provided some hideouts and investigate the need for installing lockable doors. We will continue to monitor the site.

The planned transport study will commence in the new financial year and is likely to be completed by March 2019. We will inform the local communities including your organisation on the progress of the city wide transport study in the coming months.

I take this opportunity to thank you and your organisation for inviting the council staff to participate in the public forum. Council is always interested in engaging with the local communities especially when it comes to significant projects such as Kingston Park Master Plan.

Yours sincerely,



Steve Hodge
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