

SUBMISSION TO THE ENVIRONMENT, PARKS AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

1. FILE NUMBER

CA20/1365193

2. TITLE

Petition requesting Council install lighting at the skate park in Murarrie Recreation Reserve, Murarrie

3. ISSUE/PURPOSE

To respond to a petition requesting Council install lighting at the skate park in Murarrie Recreation Reserve, Murarrie.

4. PROPONENT

David Chick, Divisional Manager, City Planning and Sustainability

5. SUBMISSION PREPARED BY

Helenah Mac, Senior Portfolio and Program Officer, Major Projects and Asset Coordination, Natural Environment, Water and Sustainability, City Planning and Sustainability

6. FOR RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

For recommendation to Council

7. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the information in this submission be noted and the draft response, as set out in Attachment A, be sent to the head petitioner.

I note the submission is being forwarded to the Environment, Parks and Sustainability Committee.



**David Chick
DIVISIONAL MANAGER
CITY PLANNING AND
SUSTAINABILITY**



**Councillor Tracy Davis
CIVIC CABINET CHAIR
ENVIRONMENT, PARKS AND
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

8. BACKGROUND

A petition containing 123 signatures was presented to Council at its meeting of 1 December 2020, by Councillor Lisa Atwood, Councillor for Doboy Ward, requesting Council install lighting at the skate park in Murarrie Recreation Reserve, Murarrie.

Current lighting within Murarrie Recreation Reserve is limited to pathway lighting along the western side of the reserve (approximately 400 metres from the skate park) to facilitate safe movement from Wynnum Road to Rawlinson Street, and adjacent Vicki Wilson playground. The skate park is currently unlit and there is no lighting within Murarrie Recreation Reserve's toilet block, car park, picnic shelter or nearby bikeway. Council notes that the car park adjacent to the skate park is locked each day between 6pm and 8pm and reopened between 5am and 7am. Nighttime activity within Murarrie Recreation Reserve is therefore not currently facilitated or encouraged.

Considerations for the provision of lighting include (but are not limited to) proximity of the skate park to neighbouring residents, noise, likelihood of promoting anti-social behaviour, casual surveillance and relevant site constraints.

Council is committed to developing a master plan for Murarrie Recreation Reserve, to guide future investment and facility upgrades. The overall aim of the Murarrie Recreation Reserve's master plan is to establish the reserve as a dedicated wheeled sport and recreation park.

Council conducted preliminary community engagement on the Murarrie Recreation Reserve master plan in 2019. This engagement presented a draft plan for feedback and gathered insights into how the Murarrie Recreation Reserve is valued and currently used by the community.

This petition for skate park lighting will be included as stakeholder feedback to assist with the development of the final master plan.

Council is continuing to undertake technical investigations to determine the reserve's recreation upgrade options, having particular regard for the site's location next to Bulimba Creek and former use as a landfill facility, and the associated flooding and land contamination constraints. The final master plan will then be released to the community along with information about future delivery staging and timing.

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9. FUNDING

Not applicable

10. CONSULTATION

Councillor Lisa Atwood, Councillor for Doboy Ward, has been consulted and supports the recommendation.

11. CUSTOMER IMPACT

The submission will respond to the petitioners' concerns.

12. **OPTIONS**

Option 1 – Approve the recommendation

Option 2 – Do not approve the recommendation

(Option 1 is the preferred option)

NB: If the officer's recommendation is not followed, then the reasons for departure from that recommendation should be recorded here.

Attachment A
Draft Response

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The above information will be forwarded to the other petitioners via email.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Ms Helenah Mac, Senior Portfolio and Program Officer, from Council's Natural Environment, Water and Sustainability, City Planning and Sustainability, on (07) 3178 5672.

Thank you for raising this matter.