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The table below lists the recorded feedback from:

- Drop-in sessions
- outreach sessions
- door knocks
- Weston Creek Community Council meeting
- Emails (which have been de-identified)

	Date recorded	Engagement method	Location to Play Space	Comment/s
2*	26/08/2019	door knock	Near neighbour (400 mtrs)	Have a young daughter - sounds good to me. On executive of the block. Improved value for us. Understand views of nearest neighbours. Nice pick-up of the area. Does it hold up the process having this extra exercise? Wonder how many people against it? Concern about the shops - lack of coffee shops.
3	26/08/2019	door knock	Near neighbour (400 mtrs)	Surprised about toilets - when toilets nowhere else in Molonglo area, eg. none in Wright. Why is this park so special? Perhaps an arbitrary decision - not well thought out. Time will tell regarding impact on major asset, value of house. Also public housing concerns. Plans for the park aren't too bad, but wonder about process. The big park in Wright is more likely to attract larger community events. Multi-use court - young people late at night and noise. Amenity vs nuisance factor - park lot bigger than we expected. Part of our decision to buy here.
4	26/08/2019	door knock	Near neighbour (400 mtrs)	None of the promised infrastructure in this area has been delivered. Utterly disappointed. Have two young children - but buy with certain expectations. Going to cut our losses and just sell up.
5	26/08/2019	door knock	Near neighbour (400 mtrs)	Concern about toilets, BBQ, parking, basketball court - area seems too small for all those things. Much larger than we expected when we bought the place. Concern about there being so many more people.
6	26/08/2019	door knock	Near neighbour (400 mtrs)	Park/walking tracks used all day. Happy with park - not perhaps the best location. Prefer the space down near John Gorton Dr. Just some chairs around the walk/near concrete wall would be enough. Love living here. Lack of parking here for visitors.
7	26/08/2019	door knock	Near neighbour (400 mtrs)	Not sure how it will all fit in the space. Lake is used a lot - safety concern/hazard near the water. A tenant, so will pass info on to owner.
8	26/08/2019	Community BBQ	Near neighbour (400 mtrs)	Wrong place- no need for a park. Already plenty of parks for the area. Will block people's views. River corridor being overdeveloped - new development not needed. Ugly playground not required. Shops a bigger priority than a playground.
9	26/08/2019	Community BBQ	Near neighbour (400 mtrs)	Want a playground - but not a 'sports ground'. Create a buffer, light/trend - light touch as a transition from houses to lovely lake. Small neighbourhood playground with landscaping. Out of control what is proposed - too large for the space. Lots of other playgrounds that don't have a toilet block. Worry about its proximity to the public housing.
10	26/08/2019	Community BBQ	Near neighbour (400 mtrs)	We have children, bought with the park in mind - recognise that a toilet may not be preferred. Definitely for it. Necessary. Happy with design. No issues. Our neighbours with children very supportive.



11	26/08/2019	Community BBQ	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	Toilets always create trouble particularly after hours. Lights can always create problem late at night. Exercise stations are popular. Flat area like the court - good for Tai Chi etc.
12	26/08/2019	Community BBQ	<i>Weston Creek</i>	Large scale map, please - identify boundary better. Basketball court - too close to the houses - move it elsewhere on the block. Other end of the site. Like the tiered seating. Not keen on lights. Toilets away from houses good. Too much on the space. Parking not ideal when on junction next a bend. Perhaps further along the street. Landscaping needs to provide good buffer.
13	26/08/2019	Community BBQ	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	Opposed to the size - too large for the space. Opposed to it being near the water for children.
14	26/08/2019	Community BBQ	<i>Other ACT</i>	Lack of public toilets in the area - good to include the toilet here. Please ensure that there are garbage bins.
15	26/08/2019	Community BBQ	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	Several play area around - keep it similar. This is too large - not toilets or basketball court. (Require too much parking) - if so, further near the bridge. Toilets aren't in other parks - why here? Could it be on the other side of the pond?
16	26/08/2019	Community BBQ	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	Moved in 3 years ago. Still waiting, Worried about views. Not keen on toilets - will be gross. No. Noise from basketball court and attract wrong crowd. Like the blending and natural, nature of the design.
17	26/08/2019	Community BBQ	<i>Coombs Wright</i>	Looking forward to it - 6 to 8 years old. It's fantastic.
18	26/08/2019	Community BBQ	<i>Coombs Wright</i>	Supportive of the park. Only concern is about ensuring there is enough car parking. Happy for toilet if well managed. Sunshade is important. Keen to see the park.
19	26/08/2019	Community BBQ	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	Supportive of the Play Space as it will be good for the grandchildren. More parking spaces needed to accommodate walking group.
20	26/08/2019	Community BBQ	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	Location of the pond. Why toilets at Edgeworth Parade park. Will email as to attend workshop
21	26/08/2019	Community BBQ	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	Would like to see seats around the pond. Concern about planning process. Seniors facilities. No toilet. DDA sensory activities.
22	26/08/2019	Community BBQ	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	Pro-park. Send XXX an email, so she can attend a workshop
23	26/08/2019	Community BBQ	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	Support park location, size and scope. Wants to see a park that is very well equipped. Proposed location is good
24	26/08/2019	Community BBQ	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	Toilet a no. Toilet and concern of crime. Can the toilet be sunk further down into the ground? Would never have bought, if there was no basketball court. Size and scale a concern. No parking. Traffic implications.
25	26/08/2019	Community BBQ	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	Toilets - can they be put lowered. Visual impact of toilets is concern. Very supportive of park. Good for mothers and toddlers.
26	26/08/2019	Community BBQ	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	Young person. Has small children. Prefers the bushland, nature of the area. Does not like basketball court. Encroaching on the outlook. Cost more to live down here. Size and impact, structure not good. Wants to see elevation drawings.
27	26/08/2019	Community BBQ	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	I have noticed that a local resident enjoys praying in the open space.
28	26/08/2019	Community BBQ	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	Objection to putting the toilet block. Too small area for that purpose. Objection to the basketball court (noise). Not appropriate for a car space on Edgeworth Parade. Happy to have a small park.

29	26/08/2019	Community BBQ	Near neighbour (400 mtrs)	Two blocks from path. Drug activity at toilet block. Original Redbox design did not consider care - crime not considered. TCCS considers crime to be a big issue. Support Play Space but not in this location. No consideration of crime reduction. Member of neighbourhood watch. Wants to know if rangers will open and close toilets each day. Do we include blue lights? Sufficient overhead lighting to prevent vandalism. Community pitted against each other by not offering two locations. Park located on corner of Edgeworth and John Gordon - ACT Policing source because of geographic location. Police can drive past easier on John Gordon Drive. Not happy with first engagement. The current site is hidden from police during normal routine patrols. Already two big drug busts. Vandalism and petty crime is under reported. Stromlo cottage is fenced because of the crime. Needs a 2-metre high fence, is what the park needs. Adjoining residents should not be expected to monitor drug dealing and petty crime. Good ideas for Communication Link to consult with ACT policing. Coombs and Wright neighbourhood watch do not want to be consulted. Best case scenario - located up at John Gordon Drive with 2-metre fence around. Play Space is however a beautiful design.
30	26/08/2019	Community BBQ	Near neighbour (400 mtrs)	Like the idea of extra carparks. Like the idea of the whole park.
31	26/08/2019	Community BBQ	Near neighbour (400 mtrs)	Location of the toilet block is not ideal. It is an eyesore. Perhaps it can be more central to the playground design so that it is also more secure and easily accessible. The proposed location can ruin the vista of the entire area. Too many facilities. Not against the toilet block - just against the current proposed location.
32	26/08/2019	Community BBQ	Near neighbour (400 mtrs)	Keen to get the park. Bought the house based on the knowledge that there is a playground close by. Live two streets up from the proposed space. Been living here for four years without a playground.
33	26/08/2019	Community BBQ	Near neighbour (400 mtrs)	Good idea and supportive for the Play Space. Opportunity to get the children out of the house. Other playground is too far from home. Having this playground close to home will enable the older sibling to take the younger ones to the park. Looking forward to having the park soon. Lives two streets up on XXXX St.
34	26/08/2019	Community BBQ	Near neighbour (400 mtrs)	Suggest have a fence to divide each Play Space from the different age group.
35	28/08/2019	door knock	Near neighbour (400 mtrs)	More parking needed further up the parade. Better lit toilet. Park could invite people in the evening with nothing to do. Noise from teenage activities overnight.
36	28/08/2019	door knock	Near neighbour (400 mtrs)	Glad there's consultation. Getting people involved. Concern with the land opposite their home (currently has a sign for proposed future development).
37	28/08/2019	door knock	Near neighbour (400 mtrs)	Definitely want something there (referring to proposed Play Space site). Issues with other people on the toilet block and barbecue. Proposal by the Friends of Holden Creek Pond where the park was not as big. Homes with swimming pool have concern with views. Coombs has high crime rate - concern that a big park will create security issues. Definitely want the park similar to Crace. However, there are concerns with parking. The one at Crace is always busy and full especially when there are a few birthday parties at the same time.
38	30/08/2019	Email	Near neighbour (400 mtrs)	On behalf of my partner and I, I'd like to provide feedback as a resident living on Edgeworth Parade. While we both are positively for a park in the area, the 'Play Space' draft design is far too large for the location. It's next to a lake, presenting a risk of drowning, and I feel for the residents whose lake view would be impacted by the basketball court, toilets and other facilities. It simply isn't needed. A number of smaller parks would suffice, equally spread throughout Coombs (near the school, opposite Annabelle View and where proposed). While we live near the John Gordon Drive-end of Edgeworth Parade, we are already impacted by the lack of parking for the number of residents in the area. The proposed park is about 100m away, and with only a few car parks included in the draft

				<p>design, our limited parking would be further reduced. This will only be compounded once North Coombs and other proposed apartments in Coombs are developed.</p> <p>I would be quite happy with a small park, similar to that in North Coombs located at the proposed site, with a potential covered area with a BBQ or two. Nothing more.</p>
39	1/09/2019	email	<i>Coombs Wright</i>	<p>I speak from a crime related perspective on the siting of the toilet blocks adjacent to the proposed Play Space:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The toilet block will be a magnet for drug dealers in the immediate area. This will result in criminal activity and the discarding of used syringes endangering children and teenagers in our community. 2. Crime does not appear to have been considered in the Red Box design study but crime is a very valid consideration in this area. 3. There appears to be a conflict of interest in Red Box designing the Play Space and then undertaking the toilet block study with no consideration of criminal activity often associated with toilet blocks. 4. Crime is one of the most important issues in relation to placement of toilet blocks. 5. With no concept of possible criminal activity there has therefore been no consideration of possible crime reduction in placement of the toilet block. 6. I have been a member of Coombs and now Coombs/Wright NHW for the past two years and there has been drug related crime in close proximity to the proposed placement of the toilet block adjacent to the Holden's Creek pond site. 7. Questions that then arise: "will ACT Rangers be opening and closing the toilet block each night; will blue security lights be installed in the toilet block; will there be sufficient overhead lighting on the proposed Play Space to prevent drug related activity and possible vandalism. 8. A suggestion there would be "passive surveillance" of the toilet block facility puts much responsibility on residents in surrounding homes. 9. There have been three instances of paedophile activity in the past 18 months in the Coombs/Wright area (known to the community). Failure to properly provide security at the toilet block facility and sufficient lighting (that could in fact impact on surrounding homes) could lead to paedophile activity around the toilet block. 10. It is well known there has been significant under reporting of criminal activity in the Molonglo Valley including vandalism and petty crime judging on verbal and face book reports by community. 11. The Molonglo Valley has scant ACT Policing resources in the Molonglo Valley due to our geographic isolation. 12. Is the proposed Play Space and toilet block on Holden's Creek pond to be fenced off with 2 metre high fencing as is the Stromlo Cottage in order to prevent criminal activity and vandalism of expensive facility/equipment? 13. There has been a recent community report of an "under the influence" drug user being escorted from the Tishler St, Wright Play Space. <p>Alternative sites: Although this was not considered to be part of the brief to Communication Link on the proposed Coombs Play Space and toilet siting at Holden's Creek pond site, given the above possible crime related activity and lack of ACT Policing surveillance of the toilet block facility it is important that it should be considered.</p> <p>ACT Policing would have far better visibility if the Play Space and toilet facility were located along the John Gorton Drive/Coombs interface. Location of the toilet blocks along with the Play Space on the Cnr of John Gorton Drive and Edgeworth Parade should be considered as it would:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. allow for far greater surveillance of the Play Space and toilet block from John Gorton Drive both night and day on existing routine ACT Policing patrols of the Molonglo Valley along John Gorton Drive;

				<p>2. Higher level street lighting from John Gorton Drive would in fact add to the security of the Play Space and toilet block;</p> <p>3. The proposed Play Space on the Holden's Creek pond site is tucked well out of sight of existing ACT Policing patrols;</p> <p>4. would place the toilet block and Play Space in a highly visible area to the community.</p> <p>My proposed siting of the Play Space and toilet block would have the additional benefit of providing a far less cramped and more visible layout for the Play Space and toilet block.</p> <p>I am a supporter of a new Play Space as designed by Red Box, but the location is extremely poor, aside from other considerations, from a crime related perspective. I am also a supporter of co location of a toilet block facility with the Play Space for the convenience of parents/children but definitely not in the proposed location on Holden's Creek pond site for reasons stated above.</p> <p>From a more personal perspective I believe the relocation of the proposed new Play Space along John Gorton Drive could add greatly to the appeal of the suburb of Coombs and promote the Coombs/Wright as modern suburbs with amenities for young people and families.</p> <p>I suggest TCCS and ACT Policing should be included in the list of stakeholders.</p> <p>An acknowledgement of the feedback to the community consultation would be appreciated.</p>
40	1/09/2019	Email	Near neighbour (400 mtrs)	<p>In short, we are seeking a playground of the scale that the Land Development Agency (LDA) proposed in its original concept plans for the estate. That is a modest size local playground for children under 14 years of age.</p> <p>We object to the following features proposed that were never part of the original concept plans:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Toilet block 2. Sporting ball court 3. Car parking <p>Had the LDA's original concept plan for the subdivision showed a large regional scale play area with the above 3 features, we would not have purchased our property. We paid a premium for a natural outlook with a modest scale playground.</p> <p>It is our understanding that the site does not meet the ACT's planning guidelines for a Play Space and amenities of this scale. We are concerned about the following impacts on our property if such a proposal proceeds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visual amenity impacts. Note, despite requests, the LDA has not provided any elevations of the proposed development to show the view impact from ours and other properties along Edgeworth Parade. 2. Noise and security impacts from people using the sporting court, toilets and car park at night. <p>If the development proceeds with toilets and sporting court, it is likely to be to the detriment of the 0 to 14 year age bracket for whom the original LDA concept plans were intended. The play areas for this age bracket are likely to be contaminated with broken glass and syringes if the area includes carparking, sporting court and toilets to encourage people from outside the Coombs and Wright area to come to this location at all hours.</p> <p>The failure of the LDA to have put in the modest size playground originally proposed in a reasonable timeframe (with associated landscaping) has caused a number of impacts to those of us fronting Edgeworth Pde. This has included our properties been sandblasted during high winds because of the bare earth in the area. Despite multiple promises by the LDA to at least hydro mulch the area, they have never delivered.</p> <p>Yet the LDA persists in trying to push through a scale of development never envisaged for the location in its original planning; and that doesn't meet ACT government planning requirements.</p> <p>We feel badly let down and misled by the ACT government by it proposing to proceed with a scale of development totally</p>

				different to the original concept plans on which we made our purchase decision. We submit it should get on and construct a local playground of the scale envisaged in the LDA's original concept plans.
41	7/09/2019	North Coombs Park event	<i>Other ACT</i>	Need more trees
42	7/09/2019	North Coombs Park event	<i>Coombs Wright</i>	About time. Would like toilets. A real community focus. Parking needed. Good place to get together for park run
43	7/09/2019	North Coombs Park event	<i>Other ACT</i>	Would like a stage for performances and music. The natural slope is great for a stage. Amphitheatre style stage. Don't need a lot of space. The water could be a backdrop to the performance. Soft surfaces to protect injuries. Tambark is a better surface.
44	12/09/2019	Email	<i>Coombs Wright</i>	<p>I have only seen the revised design for the proposed Coombs Play Space at Holden's Creek Pond this week. I realised what a large timber structure was being proposed very close (a street width) to Coombs residential and the possible fire safety risk at time of bushfire.</p> <p>Has Red box design Co had an assessment from a Fire Engineer in relation to the newly announced design? xxxxxx is a company located in Queanbeyan that specialises in this area of fire safety expertise. They would assess the timber structure of the Play Space for fire safety particularly at time of bushfire, and could then possibly liaise with Sellick Consultants P/L Braddon, structural engineers, who may also be needed to be included as stakeholders, in the current round of stakeholder consultations.</p> <p>In the 2003 bushfire season, fire approached the Molonglo Valley from the Coppins Crossing through the now suburb of Coombs. The proposed Play Space is now on this residential boundary interface with bushland, if the bushfires were to come from a similar direction.</p> <p>I urge you, for the safety of nearby residents in Coombs, to include these two suggested stakeholders to consider the fire safety aspects of the now large timber structure Play Space proposed.</p>
45	11/09/2019	Onsite outreach	<i>Coombs Wright</i>	The size does not bother me. The playgrounds in this local area don't have BBQs and we need one here at Coombs. I walk along here often. I would be keen to see a park here. Keep it 'nice'
46	11/09/2019	Onsite outreach	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	Need a focus on native plants. There is not enough diversification of native flora and fauna. A smaller park would be preferred. There should be a focus on providing natural spaces
47	11/09/2019	Onsite outreach	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	Not a good idea to have a ball court due to noise impacts. The rubbish and noise generated, kids and dogs will impact locals. The Play Space will encourage crime and drug use. This is a quiet area and it is recognised by locals for being a quiet area. There are plenty of things to do already. The proposed interconnecting pathways and soft landscaping was a good idea. There are no public toilets around here, so public toilets would be a good idea. BBQ's would also be a good idea. Be mindful that noise carries easily.
48	11/09/2019	Onsite outreach	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	Not comfortable with the toilet proposal. The value of property will be affected, given the price we paid, which was more than other properties further up the road. Bins are no good as they will attract birds. The inclusions proposed include timber treatments that are a fire hazard. There may be some planning restrictions for using timber in this suburb already. Some aspects of the play equipment are too high and this is unsafe for children. The risk of snakes is very real.
49	11/09/2019	Onsite outreach	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	Play Space is "a great idea". This area needs a BBQ area. Need more trees and better landscaping. Too bare and windy.
50	11/09/2019	Onsite outreach	<i>Coombs Wright</i>	The scale of the Play Space is good. Need to include educational elements. Need more nature and environment. The proposed inclusions are a good idea.

51	11/09/2019	Onsite outreach	<i>Coombs Wright</i>	Echoed thoughts of husband
52	11/09/2019	Onsite outreach	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	Proposed design looks too congested. Element 2 cubby pod is not suitable for the 2-8 age group. Does not support toilet block. Can the toilet block be moved elsewhere? There needs to be adequate shade. Basketball court not a good idea. Young kids already have Stromlo Forrest Park. The site is within walking distance of another park already. It will be an eyesore for
53	11/09/2019	Onsite outreach	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	Toilets not a good idea as they will attract teenagers and drug use. The park in general, however, is a good idea. It would be a lovely adventure playground. Multi ball sports courts will be good and will attract families and cater for children particularly as they grow.
54	20/09/2019	Onsite outreach	<i>Coombs Wright</i>	Generally supportive of the proposal as a whole
55	20/09/2019	Onsite outreach	<i>Coombs Wright</i>	Supportive in general
56	20/09/2019	Onsite outreach	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	BBQ area too small. No need for a play area. The more facility the better. Completed the survey. Cyclist can use the facilities as they pass through
57	20/09/2019	Onsite outreach	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	Will send an email with further thoughts
58	20/09/2019	Onsite outreach	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	Nothing more to add
59	20/09/2019	Onsite outreach	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	Niece and nephew stay over. Bubbler, shade sails. Like the idea of BBQ area
60	20/09/2019	Onsite outreach	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	Definitely need toilets and BBQ area. Paddle boats, walk, basketball court
61	20/09/2019	Onsite outreach	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	Basketball court - happy with the proposal
62	21/09/2019	Email	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	<p>What I don't like about the Coombs Play Space proposal</p> <p>I write from my experience as a health promotion professional, with respect to the proposed toilet. Just because it is hidden does not mean that I don't know it's there and will be subject to the behaviour that is often associated with these facilities. When we purchased in the area we were unaware that a development would be proposed that would not be in accord with the government's development guidelines for recreation spaces. I was prepared to accept a small playground as was first proposed, but not what the SLA appears to be desperate to build.</p> <p>Today as I drive in and out of Edgeworth Parade I despair at the bricks, mortar and concrete jungle that have gone up and are still going up around me. Currently I see kids using the plat space area and the pond beyond for a variety of recreational activities, without the need for formal play facilities. Can we not allow kids the opportunity to explore and create their own recreation without the need for expensive equipment? There are many other formal play areas in Coombs that from observation are largely unused. The consequent noise and activity arising from the proposed basketball court, parking and barbecues should be replaced by an area of passive recreation, being the only natural area closely associated with the river.</p> <p>The areas of high density development in Coombs require open and natural environments to counter the deleterious health</p>

				<p>consequences of highly built up areas.</p> <p>What I would like to see – a Health Promotion approach</p> <p>It appears that the SLA has focused only on play stations for kids and has forgotten the wider community in relation to health issues and health promotion. We currently have epidemics in the areas of mental health, obesity and diabetes with numbers steadily increasing. There are many play areas dotted around Coombs and Wright but no spaces for people affected with the health problems stated above.</p> <p>We also need to think about senior citizens who are now living longer and also require facilities that suit their lifestyle. Noisy play stations will be avoided by those who need privacy, a more mindful and healthy lifestyle conducive to mobility. Health professionals are acutely aware of the health benefits associated with exposure to a natural, safe, quiet and aesthetically visual environment. Holden's Creek Pond and the surrounding areas offer this. 'Kids grow up' – where do they go when they have grown out of Play Spaces and may encounter the three major health epidemics? Let's give them a place where they can converse with nature rather than a noisy children's playground.</p>
63	21/09/2019	Email	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	Attached is a copy of the February 2019 Coombs Play Space concept design. This is what local residents have been using to comment to date on the design. This version clearly states, in small print, that the site of the toilet block, if included, will be at the place shown on the plan. Until today, at the Workshop, I had never heard the suggestion that the toilet block could be anywhere else other than at the designated place on the plan. It is disappointing that the wording in relation to such an important matter is different on the diagram that is currently linked to the February 2019 Coombs Play Space concept plan on the YourSay website. When did this change take place and what reason has been given to explain the earlier comment, if in fact there is scope to change the location?
64	21/09/2019	Email	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	About the Play Space - No one has mentioned that the impact on neighbours will be 100% of the time. That is, the visual impact of looking at additional car parking spaces and looking at constructed structures like a toilet block. Whereas the actual active use of the toilets and infrastructure/parking will be very light in comparison. I estimate it will be empty/unused 80% of the time. Maybe only weekend and summer evenings? We will just be looking at a huge, empty over development. The survey people (meaning Communication Link) should understand that as it has been so quiet during their latest attempt at engaging with the community at the pond. The group document that has been circulated (notes from the near neighbour meeting) is so sensible and I agree with all the points raised
65	20/09/2019	Onsite outreach	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	Concern if this meets legislative requirements, example quoted Kambah, Tuggeranong. Concern raised on safety - people brought to the space. Prefer the size to be more reasonable. Getting lots of people into the community. Looked at all the aspects of the area when purchasing their house. Line of sight. Concern with noise on basketball court
66	20/09/2019	Onsite outreach	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	Good kick around space - concern with size and level (elevation). Is it going to be flat? Currently using the space every day. Why is the design changing each time when speaking to people after each consultation? Small neighbourhood park 0-8 years old. BBQ is good and can see that will be used with family. No need for carpark
67	20/09/2019	Onsite outreach	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	Just moved from overseas and has lived in Canberra for one year. Love the facilities provided to community. Having the Play Space would be good
68	29/09/2019	Molonglo Valley Markets	<i>Coombs Wright</i>	Think we need this for adults. Things for young adult. Ping-pong tables. Sports courts. Parks had toilets - particularly. Looks like it blends in nicely.
69	29/09/2019	Molonglo Valley Markets	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	Bring families together. Swings and slippery dip, modern style slippery dips and swings. Toilets a good idea. Likes the park at Denman - use that idea

70	29/09/2019	Molonglo Valley Markets	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	Be happy without toilets if it gets built quicker. Not happy that a park would be near John Gorton Dr. BBQs obvious choice for this area. Toilets do however make sense. Like the automatic toilets. Toilets need to be maintained. Bought where we bought because of the park.
71	29/09/2019	Molonglo Valley Markets	<i>Coombs Wright</i>	BBQ and picnic areas good idea. Better access opened up more. Needs more car parks. I can understand how people would be worried about the noise. If I lived across the road, I can see how the toilets could be difficult and the basketball courts.
72	29/09/2019	Molonglo Valley Markets	<i>Coombs Wright</i>	Keen to see parking, toilets - good for grandkids
73	29/09/2019	Molonglo Valley Markets	<i>Coombs Wright</i>	Keen for park. Need to cater for all ages. Some people hire port-a-loo for their parties. Need toilets if it is going to be a big park. Like the more natural looking facilities. Shade sails important. Basketball court is a great idea. Diversity of inclusions is good.
74	29/09/2019	Molonglo Valley Markets	<i>Coombs Wright</i>	Children play elements are great. Like BBQs, like toilets - all fabulous, if you have the funding. Likes the idea of tables and chairs close to the jetty.
75	29/09/2019	Molonglo Valley Markets	<i>Coombs Wright</i>	Slides are a good idea. Wall climbing, like separated play areas for different age groups. Like basketball courts, can probably have water facilities, baby change room
76	29/09/2019	Molonglo Valley Markets	<i>Coombs Wright</i>	Love it. Think it is fantastic. Like the innovative design. Sports courts a good idea. Digging it into the ground. Concern about maintenance - upkeep. Would like to see native plantings. Likes the interconnecting pathways. Likes the earthy colour tones. Like that there's different age group play facilities.
77	29/09/2019	Molonglo Valley Markets	<i>Coombs Wright</i>	Likes the different Play Space. Hoping to see Play Space. Safety is important. Make it fun and age appropriate. Early learning facilities.
78	29/09/2019	Molonglo Valley Markets	<i>Coombs Wright</i>	Just build it! Thankful for anything. Great community facility for people to get together.
79	29/09/2019	Molonglo Valley Markets	<i>Coombs Wright</i>	Great for grandmothers
80	29/09/2019	Molonglo Valley Markets	<i>Coombs Wright</i>	Mist area will be fun. Toilets are a good idea.
81	29/09/2019	Molonglo Valley Markets	<i>Weston Creek</i>	Consider doing a dog park
82	29/09/2019	Molonglo Valley Markets	<i>Weston Creek</i>	Any park is good. It's an unusual design. Good to know it's coming.
83	29/09/2019	Molonglo Valley Markets	<i>Denman Prospect</i>	It's a great idea to have an area for family to get together - BBQ area. Good opportunity to bring her nieces (5 years old) to play (activities proposed looks good). The parking will be very convenient to have closed to the Play Space
84	29/09/2019	Molonglo Valley Markets	<i>Weston Creek</i>	Rides his bike through around here. Good idea to have a park like this for the grand children
85	29/09/2019	Molonglo Valley Markets	<i>Coombs Wright</i>	Good for the Molonglo Valley community. Hall to hire, exercise/workout equipment like the ones at Crace. Table tennis, multi purpose courts like Crace is great. Have checkers or chess board tables. Toilet are good, definitely need this. Badminton on the multi purpose court.

86	29/09/2019	Onsite outreach	Near neighbour (400 mtrs)	Likes the idea for the Play Space. Children like to come here.
87	29/09/2019	Onsite outreach	Near neighbour (400 mtrs)	Visiting friends who live opposite the pond. Taking the four children for a walk. Like the idea of having a playground for the two children living across the street.
88	29/09/2019	Onsite outreach	Near neighbour (400 mtrs)	Shade's important. Bubblers, tables and chairs
89	3/10/2019	email	Near neighbour (400 mtrs)	<p>I am very concerned about the development proposed for the Holden's Creek Pond Play Space. I have lived in Combs for just over 3 years now and have been expecting (and welcomed) the construction of a local playground for 0-14 year olds as was indicated on printed material given to me when I was considering my townhouse purchase. At the time it was evident that the proposed playground was in keeping with the size and structure of other playgrounds already built in the area, which was acceptable to me at the time.</p> <p>I am alarmed that this has changed completely and I feel that an opportunity to create a valuable and well-balanced park and Play Space may be lost in the haste to squeeze a number of extra amenities onto the site. The site is simply not big enough for the size, scale and height of the proposed development.</p> <p>I would like to give the following specific feedback:</p> <p>Safety</p> <p>The more enclosed, pod like play equipment would be difficult to monitor for glass and syringes. The area may attract undesirable groups at night, and the resulting rubbish, bottles, graffiti etc will become a problem. This is already an issue at times around the pond edge but the addition of toilets together with comfortable seating and screening vegetation may increase the problem. Security lighting would be intrusive for residences along Edgeworth Parade. This is likely to be an ongoing problem for the life of the development.</p> <p>Access</p> <p>The area will automatically become out of bounds to the current multitude of dog walkers who cross this area on the way to the pond pathways. Ducks and other birds and animals that currently use this area for feeding will be completely squeezed out.</p> <p>Community use</p> <p>If a toilet, barbeques and extra parking is built on this site it is likely to be deemed suitable for large community gatherings. I would object to this strongly. The current value of the site is that it is a successful shared zone between 'nature' (kangaroos, ducks and other birds, snakes, lizards, the odd echidna etc) and the people of Coombs who enjoy this aspect and the pond in general, and with a little sensitivity we could have a wonderful playground on this site without squeezing nature out altogether which regular large gatherings would do.</p> <p>Impact</p> <p>The impact of all the proposed structures on the site including incredibly high play equipment, very obtrusive shade sails, basketball court, parking and toilet will be evident 100% of the time, permanently changing the nature of the area. However the equipment and in particular the toilet and barbeques is likely to be used very lightly the majority of the time (especially during school hours). Can the size and scale of the development and its impact to the area really be justified?</p> <p>Can we please have a more thoughtful and sensitive solution for the development of this site.</p>
90	3/10/2019	Email	Near neighbour (400 mtrs)	<p>I've been considering the Coombs Play Space since the workshop and have a few additional comments.</p> <p>1. Existing picnic / BBQ areas</p>

				<p>On the Molonglo River side of Holden Creek Pond there are 2 existing picnic areas. Both are a very short walk, and you drive right up to the 2nd one, which has plenty of parking. Since I have lived in Coombs, These are adequate for anyone in the area, or anyone visiting to use. Given there 2 other picnic areas very close by, I believe the need for a BBQ/picnic area as part of the Coombs Play Space is a low priority. I have attached a photo of the picnic areas.</p> <p>2. Wright recreation areas</p> <p>A recent "Our CBR" newsletter included information about new recreation areas for Wright. This includes a half basketball court and cricket nets. Given this initiative is so close, I don't believe a basketball court should be included in the Coombs Play Space.</p>
91	1/10/2019	email	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	<p>Re: Coombs Play Space</p> <p>The terms of engagement about Coombs Play Space are specific to the concept design of the Play Space at Holden's Creek Pond. Nevertheless, as infrastructure normally found in a District Park is being considered for a site that does not meet the District Park minimum size criteria, I think that it is relevant to raise alternative site options for consideration. Accordingly, I draw your attention to the following report that was released in late September 2019:</p> <p>ACT Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Planning and Urban Renewal Report 9: Draft Variation No: 360 - Molonglo River Reserve: Changes to Public Land Reserve Overlay Boundaries and Minor Zone Adjustments.</p> <p>https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0011/1415729/9th-PUR-09-DV360.pdf</p> <p>Among other matters, the report refers to Coombs Peninsula which is the peninsula/ tip or land extension at the end of Fred Daly Avenue, Coombs.</p> <p>The Legislative Assembly Committee Report recommends that "Coombs Peninsula be considered for environmental and recreation purposes" and that it be zoned NUZ3 Hills, Ridges and Buffer Zones. That zoning allows the site to "Provide opportunities for appropriate recreation uses". So, if the Committee's recommendations are approved by Government, then Coombs Peninsula could potentially be considered by the Suburban Land Agency and/or Environment Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate for recreation purposes such as for a District Park.</p> <p>Well before the Committee's inquiry commenced, I had raised this possible alternative site - which, at the time, I called Fred Daly Avenue Extension - when I sent the attached document to the Suburban Land Agency on 6 March 2019. The document compares Holden's Creek Pond with Coombs Peninsula (Fred Daly Avenue Extension) against various criteria relevant to site selection for a District Park. I received neither an acknowledgement nor response from the SLA to the attached document. And, I fully accept that it is equally futile to present the document again here as suggestions about alternative sites are not under consideration.</p>
92	1/10/2019	email	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	<p>At the meeting with nearby residents on 18 September 2019, comments were made about car parking. One fact that local residents take for granted, but which probably needs to be made explicit during this engagement, is that there are already 10 - 12 parallel car parking spaces in Edgeworth Parade. These car parking spaces (between Fairhall and Colbung Streets) were constructed because the Estate Plan indicated a mixed commercial and residential development on the 'Villa Nova' site. As it happens, the commercial component of 'Villa Nova' did not take place. Nevertheless, the extra parking spaces are conveniently located immediately opposite the pedestrian entrance point to Holden's Creek Pond between Fairhall Street and Colbung Street, near the walking bridge over the pond. These on-street car parking spaces are the only such parking spots in all of Edgeworth Parade/ Annabelle View. That is, they are non-standard, Estate Plan additional car parking not associated with the adjacent town houses.</p>

				<p>Unfortunately, because that entrance area to the pond is not very attractive in its current state, there seems to have been an assumption in the Coombs Play Space design that another major entrance to the pond is required. My question is, is another new entrance really required (i.e. in the design opposite 48 Edgeworth Parade)? I suspect that it would not be hard to make the current entrance area (near the pond bridge) more attractive and significant. It already has a pedestrian island in the middle of the road.</p> <p>There are other car parking location issues that probably need to be considered in the local area. I refer to access to the main entrance to the Molonglo River Reserve walking tracks. Attached is an overview of parking/ pedestrian entrance access matters that I have noticed as a local resident. This amount of detail is probably not sought in this engagement feedback process, so please summarise it as you see fit.</p>
93	26/9/2019	email	<i>Other ACT</i>	<p>Thank you for your presentation last night at Weston Raiders.</p> <p>"Pedal Power supports the development of the Coombs Play Space for its recreational purpose. The Play Space is already well supported by paths and bicycle access and the addition of public toilets will be a valuable and well placed facility within the Molonglo Active Travel infrastructure.</p> <p>Recognising that the identified Play Space may have area and slope constraints, we support development within the Play Space, or nearby, of a sealed flat area where very young riders might develop their cycling skills. The training area should incorporate features similar to those found in other dedicated training areas such as lane markings and road signs as part of the early education purpose. The area should be easily observed by supervising adults and equipped with benches for that purpose.</p> <p>Pedal Power appreciates this opportunity to respond and invites further enquiries on this and other cycle related matters." I wish you all the best in moving forward with this excellent project.</p>
94	26/09/2019	Email	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	Attached please find a document providing feedback. In view of this, we see no need to have a personal interview.
95	25/09/2019	Email	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	<p>When we had a brief opportunity in Feb 2019 to talk to the designers and SLA staff about the 2019 Design, they were absolutely adamant that the location of the toilets would not be changed, so we just ruled out the idea of considering other locations within the Holden's Creek Pond area.</p> <p>There are some possible reasons for their being so adamant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canberra Sewerage system is gravity based. They just do not use pumps. The main sewer line runs along the edge of Edgeworth parade, which is uphill from most of the playground space. You could just run a gravity-based sewer line from the current location (I have been told), but this would not be possible from most other locations. • Toilets need to be in prominent locations with clear lines-of-sight. Hiding it at the bottom of the slope would not be allowed. • Maybe it is even more simple. In Feb 2019, the SLA intended to lodge a DA within weeks, so they were not prepared to consider changing anything at all in the Feb 2019 design. If you started moving the toilets, then other changes would be needed to accommodate that. <p>I think many people, including us, are opposed to toilets anywhere at all, but there may be some who would be amenable to toilets in a different location.</p>
96	3/10/2019	Onsite outreach	<i>Other ACT</i>	Likes the idea of a park

97	25/09/2019	Community Meeting – Weston Creek Community Council	<i>Other ACT</i>	<p>Pedal Power supports the development of the Coombs Play Space for its recreational purpose. The Play Space is already well supported by paths and bicycle access and the addition of public toilets will be a valuable and well placed facility within the Molonglo Active Travel infrastructure.</p> <p>Recognising that the identified Play Space may have area and slope constraints, we support development within the Play Space, or nearby, of a sealed flat area where very young riders might develop their cycling skills. The training area should incorporate features similar to those found in other dedicated training areas such as lane markings and road signs as part of the early education purpose. The area should be easily observed by supervising adults and equipped with benches for that purpose.</p> <p>Pedal Power appreciates this opportunity to respond and invites further enquiries on this and other cycle related matters." I wish you all the best in moving forward with this excellent project.</p>
98	30/08/2019	Email	<i>Near neighbour (400 mtrs)</i>	<p>In my view a number of mistakes were made in the design and conduct of the 2018 YourSay survey. I understand that Communication Link are currently designing another such survey.</p> <p>For what they are worth, I am passing on my comments on the previous one.</p> <p>Question Design</p> <p>The previous survey had two sets of questions where respondents had to make choices by indicating their top 5 items in order of priority, separately for both small items of play equipment and larger items of infrastructure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The “larger items of infrastructure” question mixed together play equipment options and non-play infrastructure items such as car parking and toilets. These should be kept separate. Only from a budget perspective are these alternatives. • The questions did not directly ask whether the respondent wants a specific item, so the only way to vote against something was to vote for something else. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o This creates ambiguity as it fails to differentiate between indifference and opposition. o This degrades the quality of the data in another way. People were forced to arbitrarily vote for items that they actually had no interest in at all. <p>Broad Target</p> <p>Does the survey seek the views of just residents of the Coombs and Wright, all of the Molonglo Valley (which now includes Denman Prospect) or those of residents of all Canberra?</p> <p>The previous survey was open to anyone (but did capture data on residential location), but reported the results as if they came from residents living within Coombs and Wright.</p> <p>Specific Target</p> <p>The survey was marketed as being about a Play Space, so there was nothing to attract responses from people with no interest in playgrounds. i.e. people who just enjoy the outdoors and use the area around Holden’s Creek Pond for such purposes as dog walking, fishing, exercise or quiet reflection. This view is supported by the Engagement Report’s comment that 79% of respondents were parents or grandparents who would use the Play Space. i.e. the survey failed to attract significant responses from those would use the Holden’s Creek Pond vicinity but would not use a Play Space. About 40 people responded who were not potential playground users compared to about 160 who were.</p> <p>A second survey (and indeed the whole engagement process) needs to find a way to attract responses from those who are just not interested in or ignore anything to do with playgrounds.</p> <p>Ambiguity about the subject matter of the survey</p> <p>To what extent is the survey restricted to a specific design for a specific place (i.e. Edgeworth Parade adjacent to Holden’s</p>

			<p>Creek Pond)? It is easy to say that it is restricted, but if the survey does not allow respondents to answer in a way that reflects what they really think/want, then the data is not much use.</p> <p>For example, you may ask "Do you want toilets included in the Play Space?" But there may be a whole spectrum of views about toilets and their location.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does a person respond if they want public toilets somewhere but don't care much where they are? • How does a person respond if they believe that public toilets are required in Coombs / Wright, but oppose siting them in this Play Space? <p>This ambiguity is clearly seen in some of the free text comments made in the 2018 Survey.</p> <p>After the previous survey, a representative of SLA stood up at a local Community Information Night and discussed this issue, and said that the data would be interpreted as generally about the need for facilities across the suburbs, then a report was written that took the opposite approach and interpreted the questions very narrowly.</p>
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* Record 1 was a demonstration record and has been removed from the data.

Appendix C – Record of meeting with near neighbours 18 September 2019

Introduction

The meeting was held in a local resident's home and convened by the residents at the encouragement of Communication Link. There were 14 residents attending the meeting, all of whom lived directly on Edgeworth Parade facing the future site of the Holden's Creek Pond Play Space. The meeting was attended by Simon Tennent, Development Director at the Suburban Land Agency and Helen Leayr, Managing Director, Communication Link.

Following an initial welcome by the meeting hosts, Helen Leayr thanked the residents for coordinating the meeting.

Helen advised that it is a common feature of community consultation to seek feedback from diverse areas of the community. In particular, it is important to seek input from those most directly impacted by a proposed development or changes of policy. Communication Link will take a record of the discussion for inclusion in the consultation report. The consultation report on the Coombs Play Space will analyse all feedback received during the consultation period and ensure that the ACT Government has an accurate understanding of the views of those who participated.

Simon Tennent confirmed to residents that all planning for development on the site had ceased until the outcomes of this consultation were known. This was genuine consultation, and community feedback will be considered carefully before any decisions are made with regard to the size, scale and inclusions of the playground.

This report provides a record of feedback received from the residents during the meeting.

General discussion

As a guide to discussion, residents provided a draft statement to Helen and Simon. Commentary on this statement is included in the discussion below.

The following feedback was received during the meeting discussion:

- Do not want to stop the construction of a playground; a number of residents purchased their homes in anticipation of the playground and wish it would progress quickly. Want to see the Suburban Land Agency deliver what has been previously proposed – a local playground with play equipment for children 0-14 years.
- Local residents like the nature-based, environmental design theme; the setback of the playground from the pond and road, the seating, landscaping and shade sails.
- Opposed to the area being classified as a Central Community Play Space. Believe the Play Space should be classified as a Local Neighbourhood Play Space.
- As local residents, they feel angry, resentful and upset about the process to date.
- Concern was expressed about the negative relationships that had been created between various areas of the community with respect to the current playground design.
- It was noted that while the playground will provide amenity and facilities for many in the community to use occasionally, the visual impact on near neighbours will be constant. A resident noted, 'I would like the planners to consider 'how would I feel if this happened across the road from my home?'
- With respect to the current proposed designs for the site the following feedback was provided:
 - Current plans mean the site will be over-developed; appears to be a case of what is needed in the community, rather than considering what might work well on the site



- If inclusions on the site were considered with respect to good location planning – could other things needed by the community be built elsewhere?
- Current designs are very different to the expectations that we had of what would occur on the site. The scale of what is proposed is very different to what was expected when many people purchased their blocks, or homes.
- The tone of the FAQs suggests that the current residents didn't do their due diligence when they purchased their homes, with respect to what was proposed on the site. In reality, what is currently proposed for the site is very different to what was implied at the time of purchase. Several documents were provided to support this claim, including a copy of a Mingle poster distributed in 2016 which describes the Play Space as a 'future community playground location play equipment 0-14 years'. Others noted that had purchased earlier in 2015 when there was no mention of any playground on the site.
- 'The park at North/West Coombs is the type of park I expected – with a bike track, exercise equipment etc'.
- It is important that local residents are able to have a meaningful say in what is proposed as this is where the greatest impact will be felt; rather than on those who live further away. It was noted that current owners paid a premium for their blocks based on the location.
- It was noted that about half of the residents along the street are home during the day and hence impacted by what happened on the site. They generally enjoy the 'human traffic' that uses the area, particularly for walking around the pond.
- There were strong feelings that the area was a good location for recreation and supported good mental health through peacefulness and lovely views. Several photos of the view, including at sunset were shown to the group.
- With respect to the proposed inclusions the following feedback was received:
 - It was generally agreed that the combination and number of inclusions created considerable concern; creating a scale of playground that was not in keeping with the residential nature of the street; leading to an anticipated loss of enjoyment of their own home.
 - It was suggested that the footprint of the design was too large and that 9.5 metres was too high for the play equipment. It was suggested that Stromlo Forest Park was a more appropriate location for this scale of playground.
 - Do not support the inclusion of toilets in the park. It was suggested toilets should be included in a park that is designed specifically to host community-type events, such as the Link Park. It was suggested that building toilets within this location was not 'value-for-money' for government expenditure.
 - Residents were opposed to the inclusion of a basketball court due to the noise that would be generated. The bedrooms of a number of residents are located on the street-side of their homes and would be directly impacted by the noise from the basketball court. It was noted that the ambient noise in the area was very low. A kick-around-area, or perhaps a netball hoop with no backboard and placed on grass or soft-fall was suggested as an alternative.
 - There were mixed feelings about the inclusion of the BBQ in the Play Space with some supporters and others concerned.
 - Inclusion of shaded seat(s) on the edge of the pond, not in the Play Space, was considered important.
 - There was also mixed feedback on the inclusion of carparking. It was felt by some that additional car parking would be useful and appropriate in the area, including providing access to the River Reserve. Those concerned about parking were largely worried about the impact on views and the potential that large amounts of car-parking creates the impression that this is a district or regional park. It was suggested that it be included on the lower parts of the street so that it did not directly impact on the views of any homes. The importance of appropriate traffic studies being undertaken was highlighted.



- The importance of the urban habitat was highlighted and it was suggested that the site was part of a wildlife corridor from Stromlo to the river. There were a number of stories shared about the wildlife – kangaroos, wombats, snakes and birds – that frequent the area. Concern was expressed about children’s safety around snakes.
- It was suggested that passive recreation, such as a bird watching hide, could be included in the design and that appropriate landscaping around the edge of the pond would help attract more birdlife.
- It was noted that residents did not want other regular users of the walking path, such as dog walkers, be negatively affected.
- Concern was raised about implications for lighting, noise and community safety. Lighting of the site needs to take into consideration the proximity to homes, noting the number of bedrooms on the street-side. It was suggested that light should be muted, or avoided all together in the playground.
- Concern about the appropriate application of standards and rules was raised and the importance of compliance with infrastructure design standards. It was noted that Molonglo was designed around a set of recreation principles that allowed for every home within Molonglo to be situated within 400 metres of a neighbourhood park – Edgeworth Parade and the surrounding streets are the only group in Molonglo that doesn’t currently meet that requirement (R400). The rules also suggest that homes be within 1 kilometre radius of a ‘central neighbourhood park’ and the Edgeworth Parade location has two such parks located within 1 kilometre. Based on these rules this site doesn’t justify the establishment of a larger park, and in particular, should not include toilets.
- The importance of appropriate litter and waste management at the playground was highlighted. It was suggested that dog-poo pick-up facilities be included.
- Concern was noted about the proximity to the water with respect to safety of children, notwithstanding the inclusion of fencing and setbacks.
- It was recognised that many of the facilities proposed for the playground would be appropriate for the broader Molonglo area and it was suggested they be located elsewhere in Molonglo, particularly the basketball court and toilet facilities.

Conclusion

At the conclusion of the meeting, the residents thanked Simon and Helen for listening to their concerns. Helen undertook to provide a written report of the feedback heard (this report).



Appendix D – Record of Community Workshops

Coombs Play Space at Holden's Creek Pond Workshop No 1 - 16 September 2019

Session 1: Individual thoughts on using/valuing the space

How do you currently use the space?

- Ride bike
- Cycle past during transiting through Coombs and Wright
- Bike training with kids, jog, walk dog, sit and enjoy the view, meet friends, ducks
- Run/walk, bike, views
- Biking
- Pond, scenery
- Walking
- Walking/running
- I engage with my eyes everyday; I walk through it nearly daily, I sometimes walk a dog, cycle past
- Walk around pond, looking from bedroom and living room
- Overlooking (directly)
- For recreation, walking, observing wildlife, relaxation
- Observe birds
- Views from our home/scenery
- Meditation

What do you particularly value about the space?

- Proximity to our home
- We build a bigger house on Edgeworth leaving little backyard knowing there will be a park in future for the kids
- The value is the plan that is in place to build a park for our two kids and their friends
- Good for exercise, health elements
- Birds in the pond
- Tranquillity, space, animals and birds, people using it, views
- The views, the nature and wildlife, quietness, the birds
- Nice and quiet, watching young kids with parents, bike around
- Lovely quiet green corridor, gives a good vista of the area
- Quiet, peaceful, view of pond
- Great view
- Views and wildlife
- Serenity of place
- Fantastic views



Session 2: Inclusions (Feedback on each element 1 – 7 referring to large scale map of the Play Space)

Individual responses to the following questions: What do you like and/or dislike about each element? Would you like to see that element included?

Element 1 - Discovery play zone (0-5 year age group)

Like

- 0-5 Play Space is desirable
- 0-5 is great
- Good (indicating elements in the 0-5 play area)
- Referring to 0-5 Play Space – all fine by us, sound? Height? What for?

Dislike

Element 2 – Exploration play zone (2-8 year age group)

Like

Element 2-8 years – all good

Dislike

Element 3 - Thrill play zone (5-15 year age group)

Like

- Make use of grade of site, to put play equipment at lowest point away from houses

Dislike

- Potential fire hazard
- Too high (indicating Bird house element)
- Height of is a safety hazard
- Height and size are too big

Element 4 – Multi-sports court

Like

- Dim lights at night for safety navigation

Dislike

- Basketball court, lot of benching required to get a flat site, expensive
- Basketball court too close to houses. Will be used by older kids...noisy
- Concern about noise with basketball court
- Noise level too high near bedrooms
- Noise to bedrooms – health issue
- Noise levels would be a significant factor here
- Size is too big
- Too close to the lake
- Not suitable for this area i.e. slope, proximity to houses, size
- Requires tall fencing with will compromise views and aesthetics

Element 5 – Sculptural mist play zone

Like

- The misting park will be unique and attract different people to the park

Dislike

Element 6 – BBQ and shaded picnic area

Like

- Bin will reduce rubbish but will need to be monitored and emptied when full
- Shade sails will endure kids don't get heatstroke and prolong their day in the park
- BBQ – brilliant idea for birthday party events

Dislike

- Too big – BBQ
- The design of these shades doesn't seem to fit for purpose – consider wind i.e. holes
- Area is very windy; height of elements is a safety hazard – SPF shade design (indicating shade)

Element 7 – Toilet facilities



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilets good – ecofriendly/modern design, place at lowest point furthest away from houses, place trees around if towards the houses • Suggest blue lights in toilet to make it difficult for injecting drugs and controlled times of operation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilet inviting criminal activity • Crime concerns with the toilets • No to toilets • Clear sight lines for access to toilets is required. Trees indicated in design interfere with sight lines • Hygiene and sanitary concerns • Not suitable in this area, outside of standards, consider other area to build this |
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Overall map of elements

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various play areas for different ages is brilliant to cater for the full family and friends • Carpark should have controlled times of operation with locked gates at night • Trees will act as sound barriers and protect from wind • Gives an opportunity for local kids to meet and greet in a safe environment that will develop friendship for years to come • Lovely elements but too cramped? • Nice design if a major play area will be expected | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The large scale Play Space • This Play Space is far too big for the area on Holden's Creek Pond site • Much smaller design required • The scale is too big. • Too many carparks • Too many, too close to houses – parking not suitable here • Overkill of elements ruins the beauty of the site • Cramming too much is such a small area • Elements of the park must adhere to the standards • Proximity of this scale of development is very concerning/consider downsizing |
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General response

- Activity in the park can act as security against crime especially with the assistance of neighbourhood watch
- Are there other locations in Coombs where elements can be located?
- Any lighting needs to take existing houses with bedrooms overlooking proposed park into account
- Black snakes are regularly seen in the Summer in this area
- Age range the target range is too wide – conflicting needs and desires
- Height of some elements out of proportion eg: "Bird house" at 9.75 metres as high as houses
- If keep basketball court, then this (indicating green lawn area around the bend on right hand side) is a better site – further away from houses
- What efforts has been made to reduce noise from Play Space?
- Height and size of these cubby pods are too big
- How accessible are these features to the target age group?
- Height of pods might block view of residents from their ground floor which is not ideal. Lessen height and size
- Assess the scale of development against environmental impacts i.e. birdlife, plants
- Consider moving to other areas (Coombs Peninsular) which is recommended by conservation council to be preserved
- Maintenance if too many elements will be costly
- Legends on the images would really be useful
- The elderly should give opportunity for young families to thrive and enjoy the park as they grow older



Prioritisation – using coloured stickers to mark highest and least priority based on prior discussion		
Elements	Green – high priority	Blue – low priority
Element 1 – Discovery play zone (0-5 year age group)	✓✓✓✓✓	✓✓
Element 2 – Exploration play zone (2-8 year age group)		
Element 3 – Thrill play zone (5-15 year age group)	✓	
Element 4 – Multi-sports court		✓✓✓
Element 5 – Sculptural mist play zone	✓	
Element 6 – BBQ and shaded picnic area	✓✓✓	
Element 7 – Toilet facilities		✓✓✓✓✓

Session 2: Size and scale (referring to cross section drawing)

Size

- Size of the park is too big, consider less elements
- Size is too big and too tall
- “Less is more” scale of development, number of elements, too big for the size of area, remove some elements, too much, overkill
- Size – good
- Ages – user group is too wide
- Size is perfect for Coombs Community
- The right space is being used
- Size – too big, too tall, too much!
- Perfect size with ample space for personal space, the more the merrier
- Too high, too expensive

Scale

- Scale is too big for the location of the park. Consider moving to other area (Coombs Peninsular)
- Scale too large for this location, Scale back to spread things out
- Scale is brilliant
- Trying to cram too much on site, lower density would fit better
- Too intense
- Too big
- Too congested
- Should consider 17(3) Coombs
- Too big
- Scale very well, perfect fit to blend in naturally
- Good sizing, maximising the area, money well spent
- Lower density would allow “quiet space” space to just sit and watch kids play
- Too tall in places eg: Bird House. Some play pods are also too high
- Too tall
- Scale – good on plan may look dense. This is due to the landscape legend containing a lot of details and plants. Elevations well also disperse the scale



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Session 1: Individual thoughts on using/valuing the space

How do you currently use the space?

- Kids ball games, walking, enjoy openness, enjoy wildlife, enjoy view of water, family/friend get together, relaxation
- Exercise, relaxation, community
- Though we are living on Harold White Ave, but I think it’s very vital and useful for the nearby residents
- Walking, reflecting, thinking, kids social – exploring corridor
- Walk around the lake. Run around play with my kids
- Wildlife, walking, riding, quiet time, relaxing
- Walk dogs, direct access to pond, watch ducks feeding, enjoy views
- Quiet time, relaxation, walk around in the early evening and enjoy the tranquillity of the space – sunset, swans, ducks, peacefulness
- A lovely grass buffer, peaceful, relaxing place

What do you particularly value about the space?

- Peacefulness, nature – wildlife, sunset across the water
- Open, views, peaceful, openness, quietness
- Openness, view-water and valley, ability for wildlife to come
- Nice area, space to move
- Open space, line of sight to water, conservation space
- Quietness, views, space
- Birdlife, views, water, hills, openness
- I think the space is good and I appreciate if the space is used for that playing ground
- Particularly passionate

Session 2: Inclusions (Feedback on each element 1 – 7 referring to large scale map of the Play Space)

Individual responses to the following questions: What do you like and/or dislike about each element? Would you like to see that element included?

Element 1 - Discovery play zone (0-5 year age group)

Like

- More shelters and wider ones
- Good (indicated to all proposed activity elements)
- Like natural colours an environmental look. Like interesting/ organic shapes and its different to other parks. Need more swings (look too basic)
- Would be better if toilet block closer to 0-5 element (for parents)
- Double ticks indicated for all play elements

Dislike

- Do not want
- Visually unattractive, can do something less ugly/make it more environmentally blended

Element 2 – Exploration play zone (2-8 year age group)



<p>Like</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good. • Proposed colour scheme is very neutral and blends into the environment. • Love the natural palette as designed by the local students • Metal slippery dips get very hot. Plastic better for all year-round use • Look interesting and fun • Double ticks indicated on cubby houses with connecting net 	<p>Dislike</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not want • The scale of this is way too big and visually an eyesore. Does not blend in with native site. Prefer not to have this as an inclusion. Does not blend with nature/serenity/tranquillity of the space
<p>Element 3 - Thrill play zone (5-15 year age group)</p>	
<p>Like</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very good • Actually, quite like the structures but prefer ground level where possible • Slides great, not ridiculously steep and heat resistant material • Really like this ground level • Ok to have slides but are these accessible to all age groups? Need ladders or easy way up • Interesting – don't use metal for slippery dips. Too hot. 	<p>Dislike</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too high, unsafe • Scale of this is too big. This is quite tall – 9.5 metres is visually obtrusive with the openness of the space. Do not want this as an inclusion • Do not want this • No • Will the tilt create glare for nearby residents? • Very tall, impact nearby residents. Is it 9.5 metres or 8 metres? But query • More likely attract tweens (than teens)
<p>Element 4 – Multi-sports court</p>	
<p>Like</p>	<p>Dislike</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put elsewhere • Too noisy and large. If necessary, a hoop on soft surface without backboard would be good. Preferably relocated to another site in Coombs designated for ball sports • Do not want. This will create noise which will be intrusive to residents – bounce, bounce, crash, bounce, bounce, crash etc etc. I do not want a basketball court as it will destroy the tranquillity of the neighbourhood • Absolutely do not want this due to noise carrying across water. Put labyrinth here! • ? balls in the water – fencing? Caged? Unsightly • One resident likes it but prefer see mist park instead given space issues • Concerns – noise bedrooms overlook it. Two residents at our table object to basketball court in the design and the location. Alternative: half court or hoop/or another site in Coombs
<p>Element 5 – Sculptural mist play zone</p>	
<p>Like</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discreet misty thing – yes!! • Water feature is good • Divergent views at table – one totally supports it (but where will it fit?) 	<p>Dislike</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not sure if this is a good idea for long, cold Canberra winter • Medically questionable, can respiratory illness come from water?



- Divergent views at table – concerned regarding water source/restrictions – solar powered? Says there'll be water play at Stromlo, replace basketball court

Element 6 – BBQ and shaded picnic area

Like

- BBQ good
- That's great, useful especially for picnics, birthdays
- Tables are very good
- Barbecue is a must – is there drinking water? (taps/faucets). They are good to be
- Divergent views: Like it but encourages long stay. Makes it a true destination park which the space is too small for
- If included, make sure it is well shaded

Dislike

- How will these be maintained? Put elsewhere with BBQs
- Elsewhere please, not in this space
- Put elsewhere, not in park. Food scraps attract animals. Perhaps other side of the pond. If must be in this location, put to the side away from play equipment. Have well light to stop lurkers.
- Do not want. There are currently two existing BBQs within eyesight of this park. Having BBQ here will attract people/noise which will prevent residents enjoying the peacefulness
- Divergent views: Says don't want BBQs – problematic – then necessitates toilets...??

Element 7 – Toilet facilities

- Toilets are great especially for young kids
- Very necessary for old and young
- Would support if it is located at John Gorton Drive end of the Play Space but not in current location
- Divergent views: Two think, park of this nature warrants a toilet block – however don't support in this location, should be central in design for serenity and access or closer to current basketball court or BBQ area

- Please no!! Won't be maintained not necessary
- Do not want. Visually in sight of residents' property
- One person absolutely opposed to any toilet block – crime, graffiti, drugs and poor value for money, not enough use, endless birthday parties

Overall map of elements

- Love shade structures and elements of design.
- Like the leafy shades
- Secure and more baby swings. Possible to have more than one set? Yes!! Love it!! (referring to swings and kids dug-in trampoline)
- Love the netted swing
- Yes (referring to bike park)
- Water fountain yes please
- Parking – not like this, some parallel parking preferred
- Perfect size with ample space for personal space. The more the merrier
- Would support if kept small facility
- Happy for seating
- Love the trees
- Happy for swings – good
- Good – happy for this (indicating netted swing)
- Good – happy with this (indicating to double adult-baby swing)
- Would support if kept small
- Good – may need more bike stands (indicating to bike park)

- Concern about height and line of sight being affected significantly. Height is general an issue.
- Will rubbish bins be emptied every day?
- If necessary – self-completing waste solution as similar to the one on Steve Irwin Ave (referring to rubbish bin)
- Waste will have to be very well manages so not to pollute the pond surrounds (referring to rubbish bin)
- More traffic, parking critical
- Sunshades are good but these are not 'sun safe' they provide minimal sun protection
- A lot for one small site. Split some aspects to North Coombs side??
- Only have a few spaces with 2-hour limit or fined (indicating to carpark spaces)
- Only need a couple of parallel parking spaces. I think the people using these facilities should be within walking distance and not need to drive there.
- Double crosses for bin – no
- Mess not cleared regularly
- What about BBQ and seating – another side of lake?
- Shading – like it aesthetically but orientate to properly – is it actually shady enough. Very expose site



- Bin – ok
- Seat
- Providing parking will no doubt be used as additional overnight spaces for people in units.
- Ensure very well shaded
- Double ticks indicated to all swings and shades, bike park include more
- Ensure lots of shaded seating throughout and around the lake
- Bird poo!! Sail shades need to be solid
- Parking obstructs resident's views (all proposed parking) encourages big events for which the site is not suitable. If retained, prefer alongside/parallel parking instead of nose in – for view and safety
- What about parallel parking another side (North Coombs)
- Safety is a big concern regarding parking – people speed along this road, need speed humps and consider crossings

General response

- More parking space??
- This park covers all ages to keep them entertained
- (Suggestion) Lost property box/area for items, nappy change table
- Place around the lake too (referring to seats).
- Lots more bench seating
- Pedestrian crossing for people who walk to the area. Pram and disabled access needed
- Plantings native, local not gums
- Fencing
- Open space, put labyrinth (referring to multi-sport courts)
- Prefer not to have it listed as a major attraction/feature park. Won't meet relevant criteria eg. Space, large areas to park etc.
- Regarding parking, no access direct from Joh Gorton Drive, visitors will be u-turning on Google Maps (happens all the time)
- I would like a labyrinth included eg like in Sydney Centennial park. Pilgrimage place – this is totally in keeping with tranquillity and more suited to relaxing and useful for adults as well as children (note: indicated as high priority with two green sticker dots)
- Would like to have a 'zen' garden added where people can sit and contemplate life – included maybe vegetation that is fragrant and relaxing eg. lavender
- Include native/sensory garden with path and seating.
- Include exercise equipment around the pond
- Include safety fencing road and water
- Water safety fencing? For 0-5 area
- Planting – not gumtrees, messy

Prioritisation – using coloured stickers to mark highest and least priority based on prior discussion		
Elements	Green – high priority	Blue – low priority
Element 1 – Discovery play zone (0-5 year age group)	✓	✓
Element 2 – Exploration play zone (2-8 year age group)		
Element 3 – Thrill play zone (5-15 year age group)	✓✓	✓
Element 4 – Multi-sports court		✓✓
Element 5 – Sculptural mist play zone	✓	
Element 6 – BBQ and shaded picnic area	✓	✓
Element 7 – Toilet facilities	✓	✓✓✓



Size

- Toilets not cut in so tall element - relocate
- Current plan too tall – birds nest sits 4.5 metres to 5 metres above road. Elevation of toilet block also sticks up from road and visually unattractive for residents
- Footprint is too large. Height of tall play equipment – too high, invasive to residents on street
- Smaller and shorter
- Height of toilet block as currently located too tall for immediate houses on Edgeworth
- Overly large development, too high play equipment. Toilet too large and obvious for residents
- Too tall, too big – scaled down version preferred
- Size is ok and scale too
- Size is ok

Scale

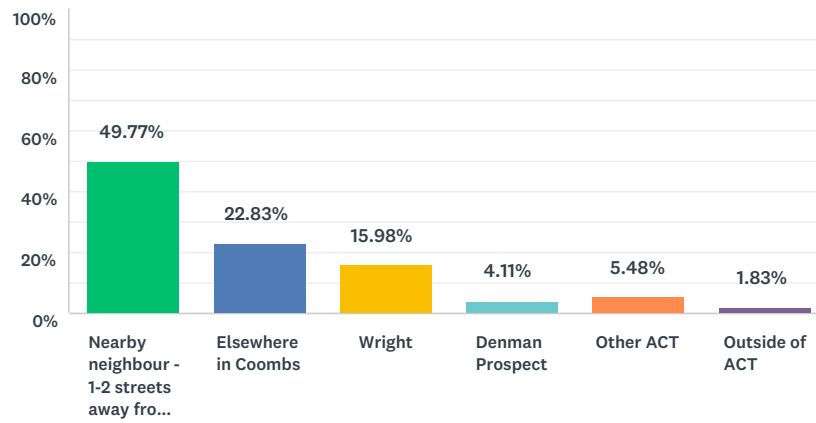
- Too big for space that this sits in. It's too much/too busy/overfilling a tranquil space
- Other elements, eg native garden would relate better to surroundings
- Inappropriate – mix of infrastructure for such a peaceful site. Too unsuitable especially basketball unsuitable for site
- Feel elongated spread out equipment would be better
- Too many elements for the site. Drop one or two features
- Number of elements for the site is too cramped because then necessitates parking and toilets (makes it more cramped)



Appendix E – Survey information including comments

Q1 Where do you live?

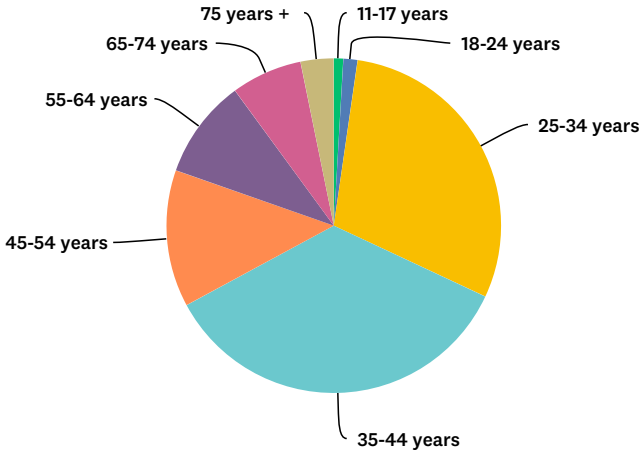
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Nearby neighbour - 1-2 streets away from Holden's Creek Pond	49.77%	109
Elsewhere in Coombs	22.83%	50
Wright	15.98%	35
Denman Prospect	4.11%	9
Other ACT	5.48%	12
Outside of ACT	1.83%	4
TOTAL		219

Q2 Which of the following age group do you belong to?

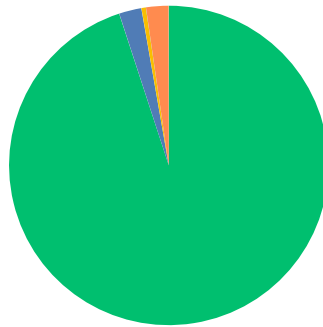
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
11-17 years	0.91%	2
18-24 years	1.37%	3
25-34 years	29.68%	65
35-44 years	35.16%	77
45-54 years	13.24%	29
55-64 years	9.59%	21
65-74 years	6.85%	15
75 years +	3.20%	7
TOTAL		219

Q3 Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

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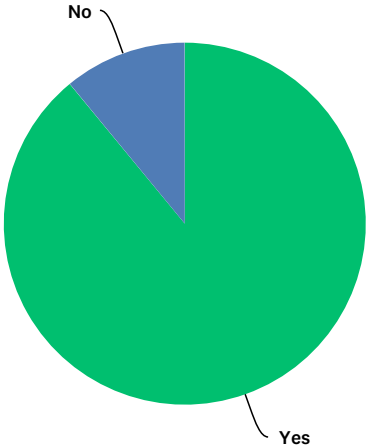


■ No
 ■ Aboriginal
 ■ Torres Strait Islander
■ Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
 ■ Not Stated/Prefer not to say

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	94.98%	208
Aboriginal	2.28%	5
Torres Strait Islander	0.46%	1
Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	0.00%	0
Not Stated/Prefer not to say	2.28%	5
TOTAL		219

Q4 Is English the main language spoken at home?

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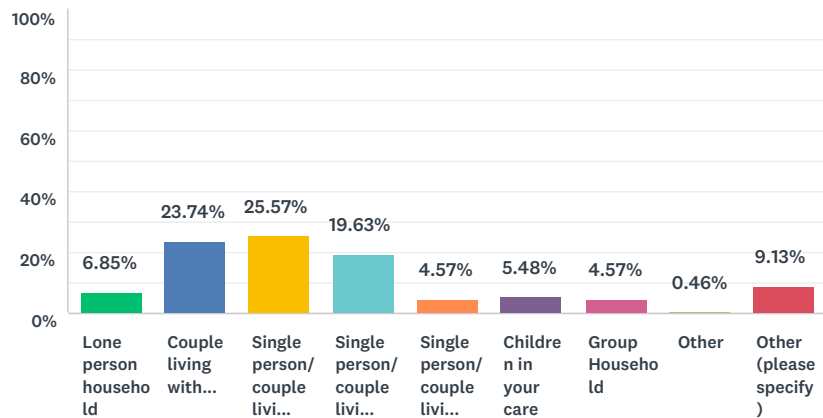


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	89.04%	195
No	10.96%	24
TOTAL		219

#	IF NO, WHICH LANGUAGE IS SPOKEN AT HOME?	DATE
	Hindi	
	Farsi	
	Turkish	
	Urdu	
	Bengali	
	Nepali	
	Cantonese	
	Czech	
	mandarin	
	Kannada	
	Russian	
	Urdu	
	Telugu	
	Malayalam, Bengali	
	Mandarin	
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	Russian	
	Farsi	

Q5 Which of the following best describes your household?

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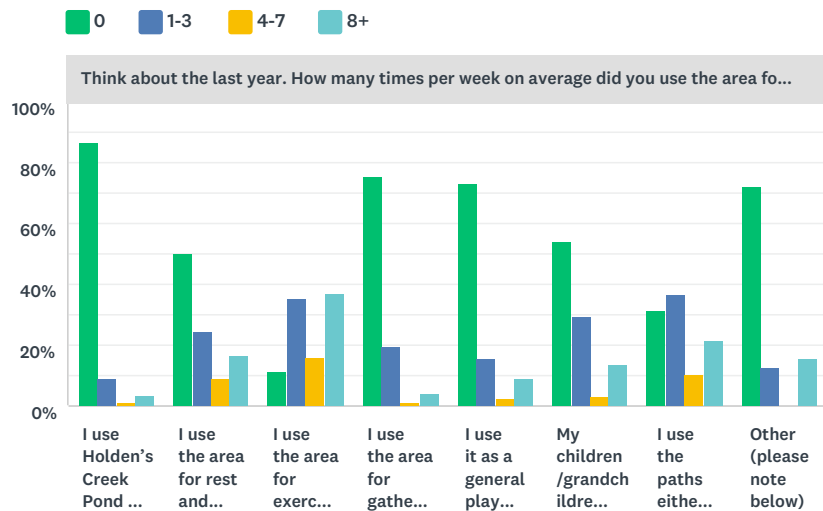
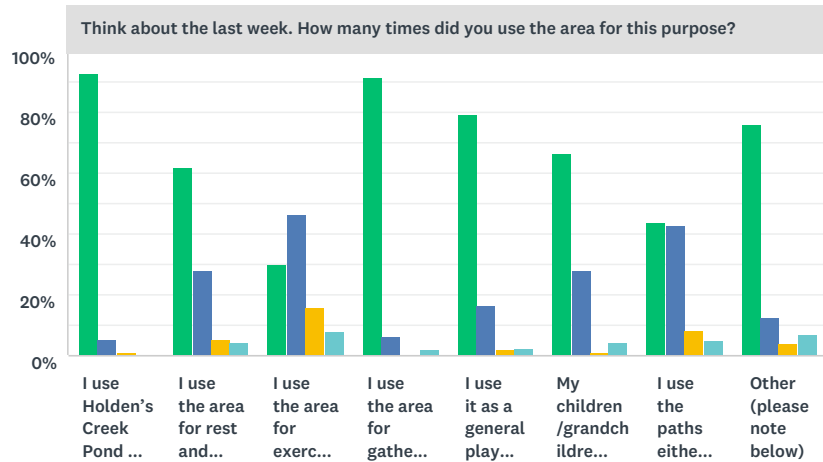


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Lone person household	6.85%	15
Couple living with no children	23.74%	52
Single person/couple living with children aged 0-5	25.57%	56
Single person/couple living with children aged 6-12	19.63%	43
Single person/couple living with children aged 13-18	4.57%	10
Children in your care	5.48%	12
Group Household	4.57%	10
Other	0.46%	1
Other (please specify)	9.13%	20
TOTAL		219

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
	Grandparent regularly looking after grandchildren in immediate vicinity	
	Grandparents with grandchildren who visit regularly	
	Couple with grandchildren	
	Couple with adult child	
	Couple with adult child	
	Couple with adult children	
	Couple with children aged 2-7	
	Lone person household with visiting grandchildren	
	Lone person household with grandchildren who come to stay for several weeks a year	
	Family - husband, wife, 2 x teenagers, 1 x primary	
	Single with children aged 9 and 17	
	Couple with children 11-16	
	Married,two young kids	
	N/A	
	Single person with children 11 and 14	
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	couple living with children aged 0-7	
	Couple with children 18 to 21	
	Couple with first child on the way	
	Couple with children aged 2, 10, 15 and 17 yrs	

Q6 How do you currently use the area that is proposed for the Coombs Play Space at Holden's Creek Pond? (select all that apply)

Answered: 197 Skipped: 22



Think about the last week. How many times did you use the area for this purpose?					
	0	1-3	4-7	8+	TOTAL
I use Holden's Creek Pond for water-based activities (eg. fishing and canoeing)	92.98% 159	5.26% 9	1.17% 2	0.58% 1	171
I use the area for rest and relaxation (e.g. reading and bird-watching)	62.13% 105	27.81% 47	5.33% 9	4.73% 8	169
I use the area for exercise (walking, cycling, yoga etc)	30.00% 57	46.32% 88	15.79% 30	7.89% 15	190
I use the area for gatherings or community events	91.46% 150	6.71% 11	0.00% 0	1.83% 3	164
I use it as a general play area	79.39% 131	16.36% 27	1.82% 3	2.42% 4	165
My children/grandchildren use it as a general play area	66.27% 112	27.81% 47	1.18% 2	4.73% 8	169
I use the paths either side when I am going somewhere else	44.05% 74	42.86% 72	8.33% 14	4.76% 8	168
Other (please note below)	76.06% 54	12.68% 9	4.23% 3	7.04% 5	71
Think about the last year. How many times per week on average did you use the area for this purpose?					
	0	1-3	4-7	8+	TOTAL
I use Holden's Creek Pond for water-based activities (eg. fishing and canoeing)	86.31% 145	8.93% 15	1.19% 2	3.57% 6	168

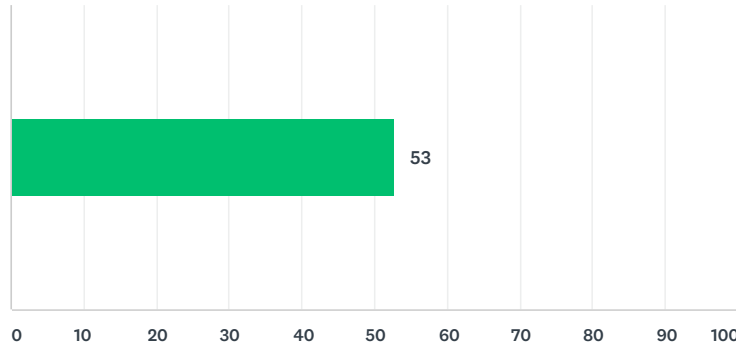
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I use the area for rest and relaxation (e.g. reading and bird-watching)	50.00% 84	24.40% 41	8.93% 15	16.67% 28	168
I use the area for exercise (walking, cycling, yoga etc)	11.64% 22	35.45% 67	15.87% 30	37.04% 70	189
I use the area for gatherings or community events	75.30% 125	19.28% 32	1.20% 2	4.22% 7	166
I use it as a general play area	73.01% 119	15.34% 25	2.45% 4	9.20% 15	163
My children/grandchildren use it as a general play area	53.85% 91	29.59% 50	2.96% 5	13.61% 23	169
I use the paths either side when I am going somewhere else	31.36% 53	36.69% 62	10.65% 18	21.30% 36	169
Other (please note below)	71.83% 51	12.68% 9	0.00% 0	15.49% 11	71

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
	I enjoy the beautiful views many times a day	
	we regularly stay with relatives in coombs close to this spot and when there we and our children use the space every day or second day	
	I visit the area monthly and use it every day with my grandchildren when I am there	
	I use the area for photography and drawing.	
	Walking dog	
	Looking from bedroom, balcony and living rooms	
	Riding bike and walking for pleasure	
	I walk the dog there twice a day	
	I look out daily over the pond and love watching the birds and wildlife around the pond.	
	Dog walking	
	I walk my dog round the pond	
	Dog walking! ACT govt seems to have it in for dog owners these days but responsible dog owners do exist and want to use public space!	
	Pond yachts in Summer. Photography. NOTE: Re your first question. Canoeing is not allowed.	
	Dog running, dog swimming	
	Mindfulness	
	I walk around the pond and to the river to collect rubbish that washes up in the waterways.	
	Me and friends who live in Coombs use it for casual sport recreation, kicking a ball, frisbee etc	
	walk dog	
	Dog swimming	
	I walk my dog there.	
	Model Pond Yacht Sailing	
	I engage with the pond by looking at it a multitude of times every day.	
	Biking, dog walking	
	dog walking	
	I do NOT use this area for Tolite AT ALL!!!!	

Q7 What are your views on the size and scale of the play element for the 0-5 year old age group?

Answered: 184 Skipped: 35



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	53	9,714	184

Total Respondents: 184

BASIC STATISTICS

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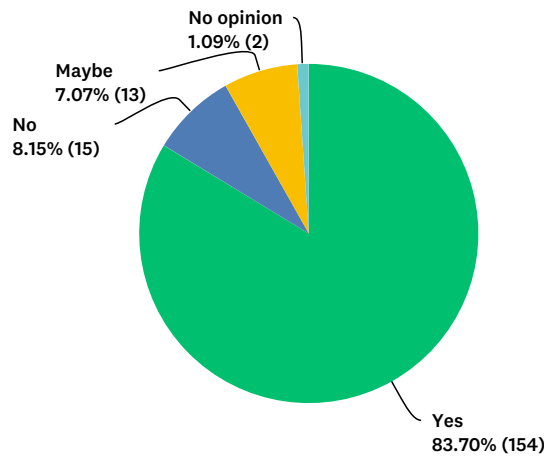
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Q8 Should the Play Area for the 0-5 year old age group be included in this park?

Answered: 184 Skipped: 35



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	83.70%	154
No	8.15%	15
Maybe	7.07%	13
No opinion	1.09%	2
TOTAL		184

#	GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE INCLUSION OF THE PLAY AREA FOR THE 0-5 YEAR OLD AGE GROUP (OPTIONAL)	DATE
	Theres heaps of parks nearby for this age group already	
	Children also love the sound bridge like the one at the aRboretum where they can run across a tiny bridge and make wonderful sounds with the bell/dongs underfoot. The shade needs to be effective. Dont use metal for the slides as it is too hot for the children in the warmer months.	
	My little cousins would like this	
	Proper shade will be important in all usable play areas though	
	The inclusion of walking gong bells like at the arboretum would be highly popular	
	the design approach looks good but please make sure the shade is adequate to properly cover - especially from the north-westerly direction because the site gets extremely hot in summer	
	There is a small park that just opened up that is more appropriate for this age group.	
	Not sure about the sand table!	
	I have 2 children in this age group and will greatly benefit from the inclusion of this in the park. Coombs is a growing suburb with young families so only fair for this inclusion.	
	The space for 0-5 year old fit the area best	
	More swings. Children this age aren't good st sharing and often want a long time on them. This will be a bottleneck on weekends.	
	There are other nearby play spaces for young children. As this space is near a pond it is more suitable for teenagers.	
	Not many parks have accessible equipment for little kids so this would be fantastic!	
	When you have children under 5 and over 5 it is easier to keep in eye contact with them	
	Parents should supervise their children so all age kids should be able to use it if their parents are there.	
	Needs water play	
	Please fence this.	
	Absolutely!!	
	There is already so many parks catering to this age group, reduce the size of this section and increase the size for older children.	
	Too noisy	

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There is already a park for 0-5 year olds in north Coombs

This is an essential part of the play space. Most playgrounds don't consider very small children so would be lovely to have somewhere to take small children in the Weston/Molonglo area. Please consider shade as a priority.

Really important for the many young families in the area.

For this age group in particular, shade structure should not be full of holes!

Looks great. So excited to have this space.

The other park of woodberry Avenue near the middle pond doesnt cater for the younger group at all .

My granddaughter will love this when she visits.

Yes, usually young children have older siblings

Simple slides, sand pits and age suitable swings

Lots of young families in the area with more then one child, under and over 5

Too much and too big for the site

This is the age group that would use the play space during the week when older children are at school.

Not safe near a water body

Provision should be compliant with standards for a neighbourhood park

This age group is already well catered for at nearby parks and playgrounds, whereas there are very few options for older kids (aged 10+).

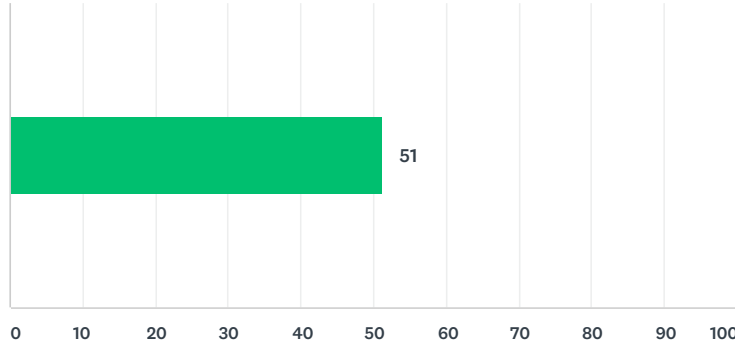
Include more baby swings

I cannot tell how big it is as there are no dimensions so I really do not know whether it is the right scale and size. .

There is already a playspace area for 0-5 nearby in North Coombs.

Q9 What are your views on the size and scale of the play element for the 2-8 year old age group.

Answered: 184 Skipped: 35



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	51	9,440	184
Total Respondents: 184			

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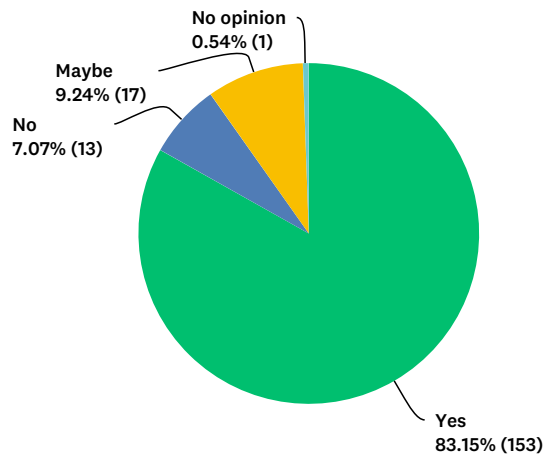
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Q10 Should the Play Area for the 2-8 year old age group be included in this park?

Answered: 184 Skipped: 35



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	83.15%	153
No	7.07%	13
Maybe	9.24%	17
No opinion	0.54%	1
TOTAL		184

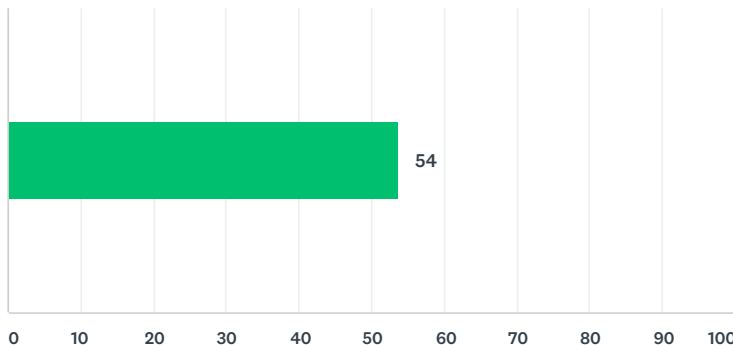
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	Children in this age group also love swings - as many swings as possible in each area is ideal. The shade needs to be effective. Dont use metal for the slides as it is too hot for children.	
	My cousins will also like this	
	Children would also enjoy a nature planting play space	
	same comment re the shade above - the picture shows that it doesnt really provide full shade - people wont use it if the shade doesnt work properly	
	Cubby structure is difficult to monitor for rubbish and syringes glass etc. shade sails way too elaborate and tall, all obvious despite being "sympathetic" to environment.	
	As above. My children will greatly benefit from this. Given we also built our house based on this park being built, we have no backyard for our children to play in.	
	The age difference is not too great and groups can accommodate each other	
	Consider climbability for younger ones and try to have step sizes that 2-3 kids can use. Often they're a bit too big and only good when 4+	
	There are other nearby play spaces for young children. As this space is near a pond it is more suitable for teenagers.	
	Over designed. Expensive to maintain. Shade sails need to be oriented to provide shade over equipment when Summer sun is in the North - not to suit designers' ideas about what looks pretty.	
	Needs water play	
	Fantastic!	
	Too noisy	
	Better using the space Infront of Arthur Blakeley Way which is bigger and can accommodate more play options for kids.	
	Please consider shade as a priority. Shade is lacking at other popular parks.	
	Fantastic range of activities.	
	Shade structure inadequate	
	I really like that this area is again different to the other parks I love that is has the cubby house area. It will leave the children to learn fundamental skills in a fun way.	
	Too much and too big for the site	

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2-3 more play structures (even some more swings) would be good to include in this area
Provision should be compliant with standards for a neighbourhood park
This age group is already well catered for at nearby parks and playgrounds, whereas there is very little available for older kids.
Please reconsider using any grass. Current parks in wright/Coombs are badly maintained. Why waste the \$\$\$
Include swings
The height of 6.6 m is too tall. Other than that no dimensions provided so I do not know about its scale and size. Bespoke shade sails like the example shown are not practical. Use things that are known to work and are easy to maintain.
Just too tall and impact on views. Height scaled down would be preferable.
Not with what is proposed above which looks too big a scale for the land area. Given Edgeworth is also a main driveway, i would be worried about my kids' safety with the risk of running off to the street. Smaller scale features would probably be best for this area.

Q11 What are your views on the size and scale of the play element for the 5 to 15 year old age group.

Answered: 184 Skipped: 35



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	54	9,908	184
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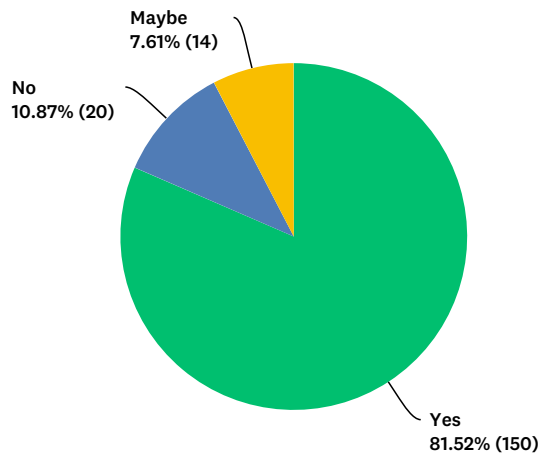
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Q12 Should the Play Area for the 5-15 year old age group be included in this park?

Answered: 184 Skipped: 35



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
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No	10.87%	20
Maybe	7.61%	14
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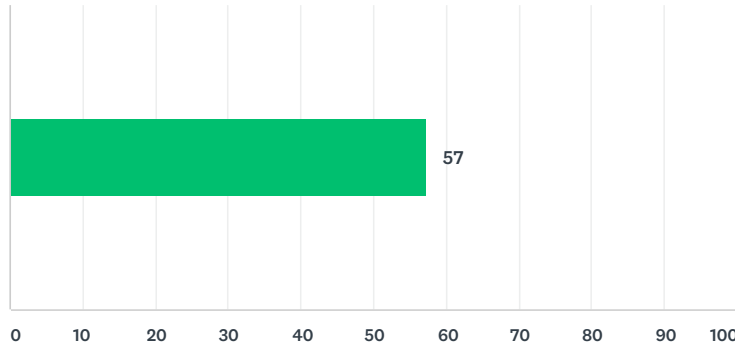
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	The shade needs to be effective. Dont use hot metal slides. Make sure there are enough swings.	
	But it's too tall for neighbouring homes	
	This thing looks pretty big. Will the park be crowded with equipment?	
	I like this. I also really like the net swings.	
	However I am concerned about the height of the tall piece of equipment - it would be fun for the children but maybe it's slightly too tall for the neighbouring homes	
	Main structure is way too tall also ugly.	
	As other comments.	
	The combined play spaces should take into account the size and gradient of the area	
	Age gap is too big for grouping	
	Have a native or sensory garden instead	
	The space should be for 10 to 18 year olds. Other age groups are already catered for in the area	
	It's great to include this play area for older children, too often it's only a playground for much younger kids so I'm glad to see this inclusion	
	Ugly mess. Should be in big central park. What happens when kids get frightened or stuck when up so high. Can their grandma get up there to help them down?	
	Needs skate park	
	Should def be in the park. If one are was to be removed it should be the middle park. I would really like to see monkey bars somewhere and a flying fox.	
	Many families have children from each of these age groups....this is great for families.	
	Include a type of maze in this section.	
	Too noisy	
	Please consider shade as a priority.	
	Also great facilities.	
	Where is the shade? Shade is paramount.	
	I showed my kids And the said it looks amazing	

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Again this age section is not created in the other two parks. Teenagers need an area where they are going to get out of the house and get exercise.
This is a critical component to make sure that kids continue to lead active lives. There should be enough challenging features to aid development of balance, coordination, team work, problem solving
Too much and too big for the site
Great, especially for school holidays and weekends.
Provision should be compliant with the standards for a neighbourhood park.
Adventurous playground options for older kids aged 10+ or non existent in Molonglo. This area should be expanded and the younger kids area minimized as there are already plenty of options in the area for young children.
Please reconsider using any grass. On past performance parks in this area are very badly maintained.
Bird house is far too high at 9.5 metres
Include swings
Far too high, Very intrusive item
I love the idea, it's just too big for the sloping site. We live directly across and are worried about the scale
Concerned about height of the bird house and impact on views and safety concerns
Again I think the scale of the suggested features is really turning me off. All the features being proposed are in such big scale for such a limited piece of land. Is there a way to lessen the proposed features. It looks more like a theme park rather than a neighborhood park. What are the safety measures around these big scale features?
it is important to include this activity suitable for the upper age of this group i.e, 10-15 years as the other recreation spaces in Coombs and Wright currently target younger ages

Q13 What are your views on the size and scale of the Multi Sports Court?

Answered: 184 Skipped: 35



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	57	10,551	184
Total Respondents: 184			

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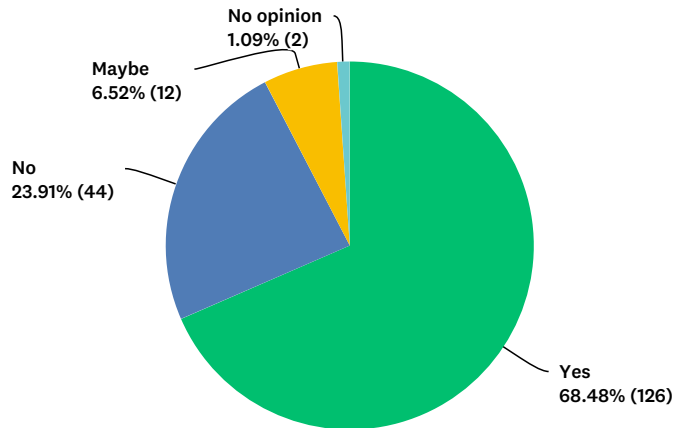
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Q14 Should the multi sports court be included in this park?

Answered: 184 Skipped: 35



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Yes	68.48%	126
No	23.91%	44
Maybe	6.52%	12
No opinion	1.09%	2
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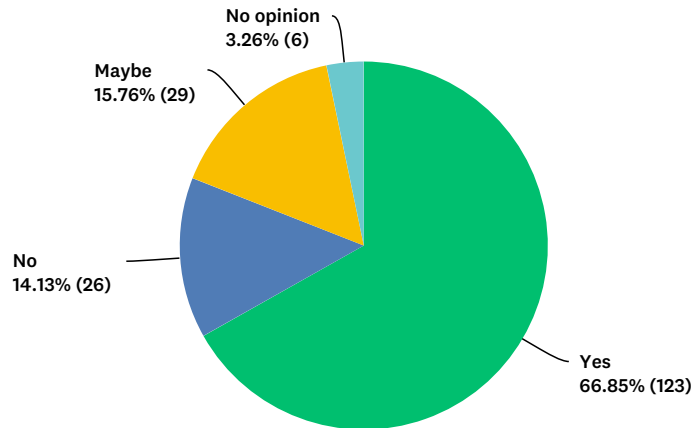
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	I am worried about the size - this will be the best inclusion for teenagers - need to ensure it fits properly and the toilets should be down this end of the park.	
	The land space seems too small for this	
	I think this is too much for this space and older kids won't want to spend time here anyway. There's nothing else for them really, they will be at the mall!	
	This would be great for me and my friends	
	This is the main space my children will likely use	
	This is a valuable inclusion, but is the space large enough for it - also will it have high fencing to avoid balls going into the lake?	
	this is excellent for teenagers - the only element they are truly likely to use	
	This area will get a lot of use.	
	Leave some green space available for kids to kick the ball around but, overall, this area scoped out for this is just not big enough to accommodate this multi use area.	
	I think this is the most important inclusion. Doesn't exist in any of the areas in surrounding suburbs so very much needed	
	Include on a more appropriate site. This pushes the whole development into the category of over development.	
	The bigger the better for this park. If you are going to build a park and spend money, I believe that you make it big with lots of activities for the children.	
	Too large and will be too loud. Will restrict access for wildlife. Would love a netball hoop on some grass however as all in the area are fenced	
	The area is too small. Bedrooms are facing the proposed location	
	Have a native or sensory garden instead	
	Excellent idea, more spaces like this required	
	Seems like it will be a bit of a blight on the landscape. Can it be placed on the green zone between John Gorton drive and Colbung st?	
	There are so few sport courts around. This will be a great addition but consideration should be given to providing some time-limited, shielded lighting to maximise use in winter.	

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<p>The multi sports court will create too much noise and destroy the serenity of the pond for both humans and animals. Every time a basketball hits the court's backboards, it will produce a loud bang and reverberate out across the pond. If the Government would like to construct a multi sports court, I believe that the court should be located on the relatively flat public land at the corner of Woodberry Avenue and Terry Connolly Street in Coombs. That location is large enough to allow for the construction of two courts, side by side, plus tiered seating surrounding the courts. That location is also much more central to the rest of Coombs and could potentially be used by the nearby primary school. Furthermore, given that the land at this location is relatively flat, the Government would not need to spend a large amount of money on excavation, as would be the case if the multi sports court is located at Holdens Creek Pond.</p>
<p>Great to see this included, older kids will now be able to enjoy the outdoor space with their friends too, and adults too</p>
<p>Too close to the pond for ball sports. Balls will end up in the pond regularly</p>
<p>I think there should be some separation from the children's area</p>
<p>No. No. No. Dumb idea noisy ugly big cage.</p>
<p>Absolutely necessary.</p>
<p>Full size basket ball / futsal / tennis hard court</p>
<p>Can't wait to take my grandchildren there. They live in Coombs and this will enhance their lives.</p>
<p>Include all weather table tennis tables</p>
<p>Too intrusive</p>
<p>This is the most important element of this complex, and can be used by all age groups.</p>
<p>Full size basketball court please</p>
<p>Multi Sports courts sounds like the perfect additional for children and adults to keep active in the community</p>
<p>Possibly should be excluded from use in the evenings as bouncing ball noise may affect nearby residents.</p>
<p>A Cricket pitch would be great</p>
<p>A facility like this is needed, but I'm not sure this is the right spot.</p>
<p>Definitely do not want this included.</p>
<p>I love the idea it will encourage children and parents to get active and socialise within the community.</p>
<p>Too much and too big for the site</p>
<p>Hopefully get to know the neighbours.</p>
<p>Honestly think that this element may be too large for this narrow space, and lends the whole park a crowded sense overall.</p>
<p>It is not compliant with the standards for a neighbourhood park</p>
<p>The multi sport court area is definitely needed as there is not a lot for older children and teenagers to do in the area and this age group are often overlooked in parks and playgrounds. I could see this court space becoming a fantastic local gathering space for older kids to get together and play basketball and other games. Given the growth of Molonglo in the coming years this space is likely to become very crowded - I would suggest two separate court areas so different sports could be played on the different courts at the same time.</p>
<p>Please reconsider using grass that requires watering. Parks in this area have a history of poor maintained.</p>
<p>would be nice to consider some ping pong tables</p>
<p>Not in keeping with local park and makes overall footprint far too large for the site</p>
<p>Include swings</p>
<p>basket ball bouncing will create noise too close to homes</p>
<p>Basketball is a very noisy activity. The location is too close to houses. The picture shown above suggests this site is flat land . Extensive excavation would be needed. Too close to the lake. Creates a circulation choke point for other pond users.</p>
<p>This is absolutely too big for the site. I cannot see how this will fit, considering how sloped the site is</p>
<p>I dont think this area is the right area for all of these big-scale features. While they intent is good, the land area and the scale of the features are simply mismatched. This scale of project should probably developed ina much bigger area that's not too close to streets with passing cars for the security of children.</p>
<p>Not enough room to do it justice</p>
<p>The Multi Sport Court is not a play-based facility, it is a sports-based facility and is to my mind incongruous here - it would fit better at Stromlo with other sports-based facilities, or in an open zone on the other side of the lake. In its current scale, it makes the play space too densely filled. But yes, it is important to cater for young people who want to play these sports with friends and family locally.</p>

Q15 Should the sculptural mist play zone be included in this park?

Answered: 184 Skipped: 35



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	66.85%	123
No	14.13%	26
Maybe	15.76%	29
No opinion	3.26%	6
TOTAL		184

#	GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE INCLUSION OF THE SCULPTURAL MIST PLAY ZONE (OPTIONAL)	DATE
	Fabulous incorporation if it fits - can it be included on the other side of the pond so that everything fits in without being too squashed	
	If it can fit	
	Would this use water from the lake? Not sure about that.	
	This could be very popular but where could it fit	
	this would be fantastic for the little kids - but for people of all ages when its so hot	
	Great for summer time assuming shade is also available	
	No as the new pool will include things like this	
	Most of the year it will be too cold to use.	
	Great for summer time	
	If the size of space allows	
	Water must be conserved in these times of climate change challenges	
	Is the most appropriate use of our available water resources when areas of Australia are in drought?	
	Ideally you want something children can run through. They aren't interested in looking at it, but playing in it. More focus on the mist, less focus on the sculpture.	
	Fantastic idea	
	Great addition! Something unique for the area	
	I think this depends on the purpose - will children be engaging in water play during hot days? Is the water treated/recycled? We have had issues in the past with shred water play spaces and illness/infection. I would not be supportive of this element.	
	Mist is great for our warmer months	
	Who is paying? what about climate change? will it be turned off in water restrictions???? New swim center is being built at Stromlo so water play there	
	Definatly nbees water play for little kids	
	Great for summer.	
	Waste of water	
	Cause more problems than it's worth	

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What an awesome idea! A water play area.

Excellent and innovative feature. Especially for summer.

great fun for the youngsters

My kids would have a ball here. So much fun.

Great option for summer as long as there is also shade

Will the water being misted come from the pond water. . .

Looks wonderful, probably dependent on budget.

How much water does it consume

Is this feasible longer term when we may be under water restrictions? Would be a shame to install something that may be non-functioning during the times of year it would be most useful.

It will just keep breaking down.

Mist play zone will create park as a destination park which is not consistent with the provision of as neighbourhood park.

It isn't even shown on your plans and will cumulatively make the footprint too large for the entire area for the site

Water play is now to be provided at the Stromlo Pool

Love it!

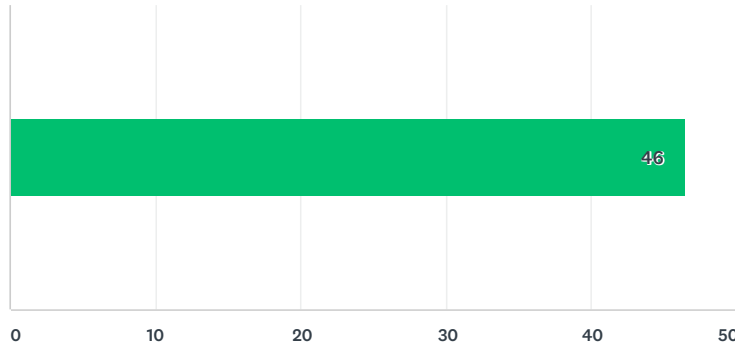
Good for both children and adults and people who are using the area for exercise. Just noting sanitation and plumbing maintenance of the area.

More water play options would be fantastic for summer

Where would the water be sourced?

Q16 What are your views on the size and scale of the BBQs & shaded picnic area

Answered: 184 Skipped: 35



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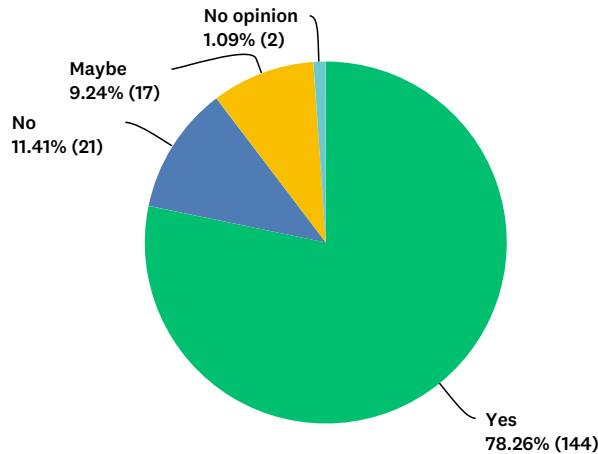
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Q17 Should the BBQs and shaded picnic area be included in this park?

Answered: 184 Skipped: 35



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	78.26%	144
No	11.41%	21
Maybe	9.24%	17
No opinion	1.09%	2
TOTAL		184

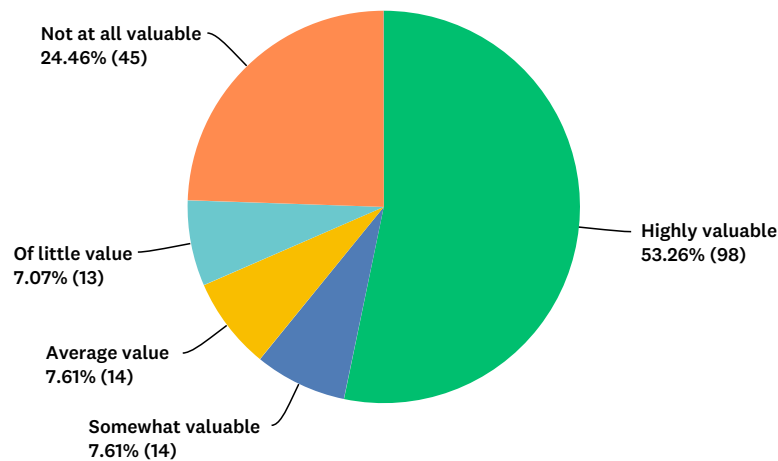
#	GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE INCLUSION OF BBQS AND SHADED COVER AREA (OPTIONAL)	DATE
	no bins please	
	These should be included (with proper shade) - but with additional included on the other side of the pond to spread out the enjoyment of the space and not concentrate it all in one area. I dont agree with the inclusion of rubbish bins at this playspace though - attract vermin, never large enough for all the rubbish people have. People should have to take their rubbish away with them like they do at many other canberra parks and playspaces these days (including e.g. Denman Prospect Ridgeline Park.	
	They should be spread out around the pond	
	Without the basketball court there would be enough room for this.	
	There should be seating all around the lake with shade as the kiddies like to stop and enjoy different spots as they move around the lake	
	It should be properly shaded.	
	Extra shaded bbqs and seating around the pond would be useful	
	The shade over the seating and bbq should be very good and the play equipment too as this is a very exposed area	
	but with the same comment about the shade - also i thought bins were no longer provided at act parks - they can cause problems with not being cleaned out regularly enough - and local wildlife could get into the rubbish if left unattended	
	Keep water fountains. No bbqs although shaded seating might be good.	
	Great for families to have bbqs and birthday parties at the park	
	There are covered picnic spaces already near the river	
	Two small ones to allow sharing easier	
	Would be nice for more than one BBQ area in the space	
	Depends on details of shade cover, design and position in play space.	
	Two pods allows two groups to use this at the same time effectively. Two together while cost effective doesn't really create two separable cooking spaces.	
	But adjacent	
	Yes to the shaded picnic area, no to the BBQs	
	Maybe have some more covered picnic tables by the multi sports court, this will allow some separation from others using other picnic tables and also encourage interaction with people on the court	

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This will bring gatherings to the park and area. Will 2 bbq be enough? I don't know?
There should be some separation from the children's area as an adults only group may want to BBQ
Broken glass, litter in a kid's playground. No thanks.
More bbqs would be good. 2 will not be enough
Of course! Maybe even bigger.
Area not suitable for BBQ
Need more seating options for the large cohort/demographic the park is trying to cater for. 1 bbq won't be enough
it would be great to have more than just two bbq stoves as this area might get very popular.
Often vandalised, but worth including
Please have two separate single or double barbecues. There are no other such facilities in Coombs.
Necessary for parents and families wanting to make a day of it.
BBQs are desperately needed; along with rubbish bins.
BBQs emit a lot of smoke, not suitable right next to young children's play area.
Love this.
Another BBQ or 2 would be good.
YES to shade, water station and picnic tables. NO to electric BBQ
The other parks in Coombs do not have bbq facilities I think every park in each suburb should have this.
Must have bbq otherwise another useless park
More please. One is not practical, families need somewhere to enjoy spending time together outdoors without fighting a whole community to use one bbq. This will lead people to not even bother.
At least 3-4 BBQ area should be provided.
Again, get to know neighbours. Also good for community events.
4 table and seats would be great with ample space available for families to use picnic blankets if they don't get a seat, this park would probably get quite busy so lots of shade and seating would be useful
where would they park the car?
There is not sufficient land and parking for bbq and picnic areas. The parking around Casey playground is chaos for local residents and we don't want the same result. There will be cars parked all over the surrounding parklands and the side of roads which are not wide enough to cope with traffic. I basically need to be a Molonglo locals playground and not encourage kids Birthday parties from all over Canberra.
Not enough bbq facilities in Wright and Coombs. Two bbqs would be better
A park of this size will likely need more barbecues than this.
Not consistent or compliant with a neighbourhood park.
Needs a bin
Keep size modest
No dimensions provided
Bin will overflow, I don't think the general area is large enough to warrant these facilities apart from a couple of tables, bench seating and definitely a water fountain please!
Looks suitable to the area
Shade should be provided by deciduous European trees, not just relying on sails, which are not as efficient on hot Canberra summer days. Such defined spaces for the parents of children provide opportunity for community building - people bump against each other and talk and learn about each other
You need to consider the RESIDENTS!!!!!!!

Q18 How valuable is a toilet block to you at this play space?

Answered: 184 Skipped: 35



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Highly valuable	53.26%	98
Somewhat valuable	7.61%	14
Average value	7.61%	14
Of little value	7.07%	13
Not at all valuable	24.46%	45
No opinion	0.00%	0
TOTAL		184

#	GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE INCLUSION OF A TOILET BLOCK (OPTIONAL)	DATE
	I dont agree with the toilet block being this close to new homes. it should be in another spot out of direct site of the houses. No one wants to live ina neighbourhood where public toilets are a prominant feature	
	Maybe move closer to the court and leave a bigger open play space at the other end?	
	conceal them more if keeping them - away from the houses on edgeworth parade	
	This has no value to my family, however i understand why visitors from further away may appreciate it. I object to it being placed in the current proposed location, at level with the freestanding homes along edgeworth parade. If included they should be located on the other end of the playspace - nearer to the current location of the multisport courts - as they will be less of an eyesore for all residents in that location, and more central to users of the other playspaces.	
	Toilets will be horrible if everyone can see them from their houses - put them in a different location. If the toilet block can be easily seen it will ruin the nice look of the place.	
	I dont support the inclusion of a toilet block on this park	
	There is no justification for putting the toilet block in the proposed location, given how close it is to existing homes, and the fact it is on flat ground to the nearby homes, completely impeding their enjoyment of their homes and views. Would it not be better placed adjacent to basketball courts where teams of people are likely to be playing and there would be more incidental supervision of the toilet block for young families using the remainder of the park.	
	With little kids on the equipment this would be better off near the middle than off at one end.	
	We live really close so we wouldn't use this. I don't want to look at it every day when I am eating my breakfast or relaxing in my bedroom. I don't want the toilets near my house. It will be ugly to look at out our window every day and it's really upsetting mum and dad. If we really have to gave the toilets I don't understand why they can't be at the shops or down the basketball court / bridge end where no one would really have to look at them all the time.	
	I this may be of use to others who don't live close but it would be a poor planning decision to put the toilet block in such close proximity to the living areas and bedrooms of nearby houses. The toilet block if kept should be in the midst of the whole design rather than in direct line of site to the houses along edgeworth parade built at the same level.	
	If toilet block is to be retained I prefer it closer to the multi-story residential buildings rather than single story dwellings as it will be less noticeable nearer the multi-story given the surrounding built form.	

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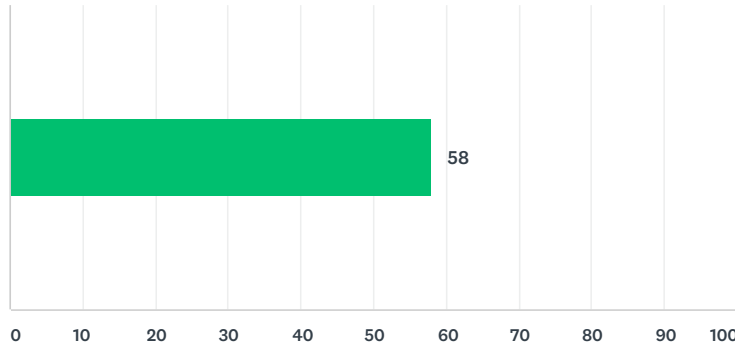
<p>I am concerned about toilets. They can attract drugs and graffiti. I don't like them in the proposed location. They should not be so close to houses. No other playSpace in Canberra has toilets so close to houses that I know about.</p>
<p>I don't agree the toilet block should be included - if it is it should be on the basketball court side - away from the direct view of the street and homes - government should not ruin the beautiful vista of the lake and surrounding region by having a toilet block protruding in the view - also toilet blocks present a potential smell and crime hazard for local residents</p>
<p>the park looks like it will attract long stay visitors - so a toilet block is potentially a good idea - however given how narrow the site is, and how close the houses are the toilets should not be in the location currently indicated - they should be in the middle of the design or closer to the basketball court side of the plan - so they are not so prominently interrupting the general beauty of the area - and would be more helpful for parents with multiple children to have them more in the middle of the design</p>
<p>Park public toilets are too dangerous to be mistreated</p>
<p>Not warranted for a "neighborhood" playground. Not considered necessary for any other playground in the area so why would this be different. Ugly. Will spoil current look and feel which is valuable for such an already built up area (coombs).</p>
<p>Stupid idea. Leave the pond as it is.</p>
<p>Doesn't bother me as I live close to the proposed park and can always go home and use the bathroom.</p>
<p>Will encroach on this small area and envisage will be used infrequently</p>
<p>Too close to homes on Edgeworth Parade and could attract criminals</p>
<p>Why is this the most appropriate are for a toilet block when there are larger more used areas in Wright which have no toilet block? It does not make sense to put one here just to attempt to address previous planning failures.</p>
<p>Ensure there are change tables for babies in the toilets & suitable bins for nappies.</p>
<p>Not needed for people living near to the park. I am concerned that maintenance and cleaning would not be adequate</p>
<p>Toilets are vital for little kids, makes visits to the park much more comfortable for both kids and families. No other facilities in the Molonglo Valley have toilets so this is a high need</p>
<p>I heard a lot of locals are against the toilet block but I think it is a must. Often I am out with my kids on a walk and someone needs to go to the toilet, it's too inconvenient to go home and I live quite close to this area. With the plans to build this play park, you really need to provide toilets otherwise I'm sure you'll see people squatting in the bush close by, and you really don't want to be seeing that. The toilets need to be regularly serviced though</p>
<p>Desperately need toilets in the area. Great location as it allows for people accessing the woodlands to do a hike and have toilet facilities nearby.</p>
<p>Last trip to th eplay area we had to go home when someone needed the toilet</p>
<p>Toilet block will make it much more likely to use this play space more often and for longer periods</p>
<p>Unsafe. Ugly addition to a beautiful pond. Drug users will sit in the playground.</p>
<p>Needs to have CCTV - deterrant as a "beat" and as a drug user space. Note: a number of public housing tenats have been moved to Coombs so drug use is an issue.</p>
<p>Without these facilities you can't have parties at the park.</p>
<p>Why isn't the toilet block closer to the basket ball court where most of the people will be and more central to the park for easier access for everyone</p>
<p>It s entirely unnecessary and will only attract riff raff. Cooking and bathing facilities (BBQ and toilet) will only attract homeless people to the area.</p>
<p>Attracts criminals and an unhealthy environment</p>
<p>Necessary !</p>
<p>There are no other public toilets in this or surrounding suburbs. This is essential. Surrounding surburbs desparately need toilets as well</p>
<p>Have a women's only toilet, make sure they are regularly cleaned and maontained</p>
<p>It is essential to have toilet facilities to support families with young children, people with disabilities (including people with IBD).</p>
<p>Absolutely essential for park users otherwise many will not use the park. Also important for people using the nature walks abd riding trails in the area.</p>
<p>The only reason it is highly valuable is that there is no public toilet anywhere else in Wright or Coombs. The public tpilet should have been in Link Park.</p>
<p>Definitely - toilets are often missing at the park. I plan to have another child and this will help if there is an emergency</p>
<p>With young kids this is essential!</p>
<p>Needed!!!</p>
<p>It's going to be very popular!</p>

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YES to toilets. Otherwise kids specially teens will wee in the bush....
Again it is the only park that will have it. Makes sense if your putting in bubblers and bbq to add the toilets.
Must have toilets otherwise another useless park
definitely required for families to spend picnic/barbecue/play times there - for the comfort of all.
Essential requirement for this park with children in tow. There are many other methods of security that can be installed to insure proper use.
A toilet block is an essential part of this community wide space. Security concerns could be addressed by CCTV and regular police patrol presence.
The idea of a toilet being available at first seems good but the reality is that in this area it will be used for undesirable things and become unusable for the majority of people.
Government standards do not require a toilet block in this small area. CONCLUSIONS of toilet block study are illogical. It only indicates how desperate the government wants to put a toilet block in this area, mainly because they have no other park in Coombs/Wright to build it. Another indication of the poor urban planning of the 2 suburbs. Also, toilets in this small area would potentially have negative environmental and sanitation impacts. Considering the park's proximity to the pond and the nature reserve, it is absurd that they considered a toilet block here to say the least.
There is nothing worse than having to run home with a small person who desperately needs the toilet.
should be closer to the big court
Coombs already has a high crime rate and this will only encourage trouble and teenagers to congregate at night.
Location seems odd. Should be placed nearer to central play elements and the multi-use courts to be of most use.
I'd prefer to go home and use my own toilet.
Not compliant with the standatds for a neighbourhood park
A toilet facility will be inappropriate. Given the level of crime and level of anti social behaviour anecdotally encountered by Coombs residents, there is a real risk that this toilet facility will be used for inappropriate uses such as drug taking and other anti social behavior.
Do not support the toilet block in its current location - it should be in the centre of the design - for accessibility, security and aesthetic purposes
Toilets belong in a regional park, not a local park. This will create a local safety issue at night for the community. It is located in a low spot - has anyone checked that you can get fall to the sewer?
The Government needs to clean them regularly
This is a loaded question. All the other questions are in the form "Should X be included?" The LDA plans that were published when people purchased in the area DID NOT INCLUDE PUBLIC TOILETS
There are a whole raft of issues with providing toilets on this location. Illustration is deceptive. TCCS strongly discourage any use of timber. This picture shows clear sight lines as required. The plan suggests it will be hidden by trees.
Allows for the use of the space for parties; also very useful with young children!
We are very opposed to the inclusion of toilets. The proposed park is huge, considering there is basically only on street parking. Edgeworth pde is narrow at the best of times. Even when visitors park out the front of our place (the townhouses directly opposite), cars have to use the other lane to pass. I love the idea of a park, and we bought knowing we'd get a park but it's just too big for the area.
Oh god please no not in front of premium properties not at all appropriate for the site
Very concerned about sanitation here!!! Plus cleanliness, plumbing maintenance, aesthetics. This doesn't look like the best area for toilet facilities, as indicated by the toilet block study. Putting toilets in this area will go against the TCCS government standards. May I also ask why you have changed the responses here, it is not consistent with the response scale provided for other previous elements. I am very curious as to why the response options were changed and how this will impact on the validity of this survey.
Unfortunately government-maintained toilet blocks are notoriously poorly maintained.
You need to consider the RESIDENTS!!!!!!!

Q19 Having reviewed the individual elements and the overall design, what are your views on the size and scale of the play space altogether?

Answered: 180 Skipped: 39



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	58	10,444	180
Total Respondents: 180			

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Q20 Do you have any other comments you would like to make?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
	Its very squished - spread it out around the water	
	Take out the stuff for young kids as there are heaps of these playgrounds already. Make some more room for a open playspace at the toilet end and move the toilet near the courts.	
	I am concerned that all of the features may be too ambitious for the small available land space, and think they (with BBQs and seating) should be spread out more around the water - this way all of the features could be enjoyed by various different groups of people without all being congested in one area. Parking should also be spread out around the water (coombs side and north coombs side). Parking cut in alongside the street would be better for local residents (like how they have done it at Ridgeline Park in Denman Prospect) - this would be safer given the very narrow width of the streets, and less of an eyesore for people living across from the parking.	
	Spread it out more so everyone can enjoy things on different sides of the water. Put the toilets where the basketball court is instead so less people have to look at it from their lounge rooms and bedroom and deck. I think the parking will be big problem. The streets are not very wide.	
	This should be a small children's playspace as was originally expected. There are far too many playgrounds in the vicinity. The site is too small for what has been proposed. A toilet block and basketball court is not appropriate for the scale of the site, especially given how close the infrastructure will be to neighbouring houses.	
	The size and scale of the park appears too large and dominating for a purely residential area. The surrounding streets are narrow and parking is already limited for residential visitors. Has a traffic management plan been completed to confirm there is sufficient width in the road to deal with two way parking and the two way traffic flow. As a frequent residential visitor I am concerned that I will have to park a long way away from the house I frequently visit and I have young children. From my perspective the layout of the streets of this neighbourhood were not designed to cater to the likely volume of people and traffic that will be attracted to this park.	
	The park looks really good and our kids would enjoy it but it looks like you are trying to do too much in a limited space. Could some things like BBQ and toilets move to the opposite side of the lake or something?	
	I think the park will be great but I don't want the toilets there.	
	The toilet block should not be included but if it is, it should be moved to the centre of the design or nearer the current location of the basketball court	
	parking looks ambitious	
	I am concerned about safety given the relative size of the land space and proximity to the road and water. Can some of the items be located on the other side of the lake as well as additional bbq and seating facilities? Also parking is a problem in the area as the roads are very narrow. I think length ways parking would be better than 90 degree parking, especially given the small size of the land space. This design has been successful at Denman Prospect Ridgeline Park and would be much better for local residents.	
	even though i think all of the play elements proposed are terrific, the space is not very large for what is proposed compared to other similar parks in canberra - and unlike other similar play spaces in canberra it is all set very close to the road, water, and homes. parking will be an issue (as it is in denman prospect park) - parking should be on both sides of the pond - the coombs and north coombs side - and in the style of denman prospect (along side instead of angle parking) as this is safer (for a narrow street where cars travel quite quickly around bends) and much nicer for the general look of the area and for residents who have to overlook the parking.	
	What about car parking?	
	Where the heck are people going to park? There is absolutely not enough space to accommodate parking for this scale of project. People already park along the streets leading up to Edgeworth Parade and it creates a major hazard. This will only get worse without a proper car park. Also, in general, I have no idea how all of these proposed elements will fit into the designated space. While it might look great on paper, there are serious questions whether it can be executed the way it's shown.	
	The most important element is the multi sport court	
	Please get started and build it.	
	Make it bigger! So families with children of all ages can enjoy it. Please make it no dogs allowed.	
	Will submit separately. Very opposed to an overdevelopment of a currently tranquil site.	
	Plant trees or shrubs. More than enough parks, schools and stuff for kids already.	
	I think this is a fantastic park that will benefit the growing families that are living in Molonglo.	
	Appears far too ambitious in size for the space and gradient and proximity to the water. Will impact wildlife and the expectations of the residents who purchased nearby property with the aspects of the play space, having been published as much more moderate, in mind	

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<p>Homes were purchased based on the 0-5 year old play space and to have a large scale play space such as the one proposed is unfair. Put the space for older kids elsewhere to lower noise pollution because a good night sleep is a health issue for those with bedrooms facing the park.</p>
<p>I work from home, and have done so for the past three and a half years of living opposite the site of the proposed park. I am very concerned about the noise affecting my ability to continue to work from home. The ability to work from home was a very important consideration when we purchased our home in February 2015. My wife is now retired, as are a number of our neighbours and so noise will be a constant concern.</p>
<p>The design looks great, but the location is wrong. It should be further towards the west where the other park is opposite Observatory Living. Also there has been a section of land not used in that area with temporary fencing applied for almost 4 years now!! This area should be fixed prior to this project.</p>
<p>The suburb has had all vegetation cleared and the pond space is quite barren. It would be preferable to have a native garden instead of play space or a combined (small) play space and (large) native garden with paths through it.</p>
<p>Generally excellent and well thought out design that caters well to users. Maximize shading for summer, because it'll be very hot and if not shaded most equipment becomes unusable.</p>
<p>The area needs a large park and sport area for active children aged over 10. Young children are already catered for.</p>
<p>This looks like a really well thought out facility for all ages. The swing in the 0-2 year for the child and parent to swing together is a great addition. The toilets are definitely needed, especially with a bbq facility as people will stay extended periods and a lack of toilets makes that difficult. The shade structures are also very important and appear to be well thought out. Can't wait for it to be built!</p>
<p>The play area is too big for the space. What are the parking arrangements as there's nowhere to park there now. And it does not need toilets - all that will do is attract the junkies from nearby.</p>
<p>Not sure that this spot is the right place for this playground? The spot between John Gorton Dr and Colbung St seems better to me - flatter, better parking opportunities, less of an eyesore, wouldn't detract from the peaceful pond atmosphere. Love the idea of such a playground but i don't love the placement of it.</p>
<p>Looks great!</p>
<p>The scale and proposed design of the space is going to destroy the attractive and peaceful character of the pond and it's utility for relaxing and enjoying the nature (bird life, etc) and natural beauty. The structures are going to be so imposing on the landscaping so as to detract from its current appeal. A small playground can meld into the landscape and complement the surrounds; the proposed space does not do that. There are other much more suitable areas in Coombs to host such a large imposing facility, notably park between Woodbury Ave and John Gorton dr.</p>
<p>I think that there are insufficient parking spaces for a destination playground such as this. The Boundless Playground at Kings Park, for example, has a lot more parking spaces.</p>
<p>Looks good, maybe some more covered tables around the place would encourage more families to walk/cycle to enjoy the park</p>
<p>It's a pretty good size as you don't want to have it too squashed together so people can enjoy the open space. If anything spread it out a little more. There is plenty of nature space down there.</p>
<p>I would use the carpark for access to the Woodland track and Grassland track for my walking group. Would need at least 20 parking spots. My grandchildren would use the park when visiting. We currently drive to the Denman Prospect park.</p>
<p>It looks like an interesting and exciting play space for multi-age groups.</p>
<p>Over the top too large and fancy. All that parking is just not suitable for the street or the area. As if this little pond is suitable for being some kind of regional park. Keep it a peaceful place where we can enjoy the view. How about a seat by the pond.</p>
<p>The parking is likely to be commandeered by the townhouse residents opposite. Parking restriction or parking metres will be required. The playground will need to be fenced as this area is a space the community walks dogs off leash. It is better to fence off the playground to keep dogs away from kids / families rather than do the normal Canberra thing of requiring dogs to be on leash just because there might be people with a fear of dogs in the space. Toilet block will need to be well lit and have CCTV to discourage gay men on the beat, drug users and paedophiles.</p>
<p>Please fence it. It is near a reasonable size road and water and if there are ball areas and small kids would b great to fence</p>
<p>I love it.</p>
<p>Yes - as a frequent visitor and user of this space with a large family I think the overall idea and design is great. I have a background in design and very family focussed. I think the toilets would be better located close to the basketball courts and the parking would be better near there as well to make it easier where there are wider streets and the majority of visitors coming by car would enter.</p>
<p>This play space has a bit a priority. It is far more important to get the existing path network connected to the movingly river shared path and to get a shopping centre/cafe</p>

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<p>This space is not suitable for this play space. This is the only decent natural recreational area left on Coombs. Currently there is an epidemic of Mental health, diabetes and obesity in the health system. Let's think about the needs of these people in relation to a safe natural space for exercise rest and the healing power of nature. There are other play spaces in Coombs that are not used. Please don't turn this natural space into a concrete jungle as the rest of Coombe has become.</p>
<p>Toilets tend to attract anti-social behaviour and are not advisable to an area so close to residents.</p>
<p>Plant trees that are actually shade trees and water them instead of letting them die</p>
<p>Better to move it to Arthur Blakeley way front.</p>
<p>Can't wait!!</p>
<p>A few extra elements in the 0-5 section would be great. Please consider shade. So many great parks in Canberra become unusable in summer as they are too hot and the risk of sunburn is too high.</p>
<p>I am all for a park, though one similar in size to North Coombs or Wright.</p>
<p>Would be great to have this ASAP!</p>
<p>This play space provides an excellent mix of facilities to support the entire community. The needs of the whole Molonglo and Weston communities are exceptionally well considered in this proposal that is innovative and inclusive. Thank you!</p>
<p>Looks absolutely fantastic, I can't wait to be able to bring the family along to enjoy it for years to come</p>
<p>I know that a small number of nearby residents want to eliminate or reduce these proposed facilities. I hope the government does not bend to this pressure group who are a very small minority of prospective users and react as if they have some sort of ownership or right of refusal on what is included. Wider community opinion is much more important. Also, parking is an issue in the whole area and if anything can be done to increase the space for parking that would be a real asset.</p>
<p>Lots of park benches and grass areas suitable for picnic rugs please</p>
<p>More parking would be desirable</p>
<p>Worried about the location and parking; particularly the impact on local residents. Also concerned that some aspects of the park requires a level area and this area slopes down. While these facilities are needed, question if this is the right location.</p>
<p>This needs to be similar to other play spaces in the area and contain similar items.</p>
<p>There is a playground only a few hundred metres away in the latest Coombs development. This is not required.</p>
<p>Please don't let this project be completely stymied by a few loud and organised voices - these selfish people aren't the majority.</p>
<p>The proposal is very good</p>
<p>The design is stunning. My family loves being outdoors and this looks like a perfect day out for us. Everything we could ever ask for.</p>
<p>This is a wonderful addition to the area!</p>
<p>1) I would prefer incorporation of natural materials (timber, sand, stones, etc.) rather than plastic ones which emit unpleasant smell and harm for the environment. 2) Please foresee recycle bins. Thank you!</p>
<p>Please make sure that there is sufficient shade. The other two parks really lack in shade. If you are going to make the space nice it will be a big tick with lots of shade.</p>
<p>Shade is crucial.</p>
<p>Focus on bbq and toilets and seating so you can have gatherings and parties at a park in our own suburb</p>
<p>Thank you for building (I hope it becomes reality) such a wonderful community activity area close to my home, where I can access it with my family/friends through a very short walk.</p>
<p>This would be an invaluable asset for the community. Coombs looks dismal in comparison to Wright and now Denman prospect. There are fewer parks and facilities leading people to overlook the suburb.</p>
<p>A great facility for the community as a whole. A space for pop-up cafes and events would be welcome noting current regulations preclude ACT Govt from helping Coombs residents with shops. I would surely vote for whomever resolves this.</p>
<p>I believe the majority of the community are supportive of this park and proposed space. There is a small minority of residents who have objected to this space, but development shouldn't be delayed due to the vocal minority. Coombs is in need of further development and the proposed space will contribute to a better community atmosphere and should be expedited.</p>
<p>Shade sails and bins</p>

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<p>While we think this will be a fun playground for our kids, there are already an abundance of play grounds in the area and unfortunately once they are built they are often poorly maintained. The grass just turns to weeds, the irrigation isn't used regularly and a year later everything is looking a lot worse for wear. It would be great for some of the funding to go into the upkeep of the current parks and keeping our suburbs looking nicely maintained. Currently most of our streets roundabouts in Wright are just covered in weeds.</p>
<p>The size and scale of the proposed development do not match the site. It is trying to compensate for the poor urban planning and lack of facilities in the Coombs and Wright area. I strongly advise that the government scale back to the original smaller footprint and intended use of this site. Use the Coombs peninsula to build a good and decent sized district/town park to compensate for the poor urban planning and lack of facilities in the Coombs and Wright area.</p>
<p>It has everything covered.</p>
<p>It looks wonderful and would be a great asset for the community. Needs to be sooner rather than later.</p>
<p>Inadequate area for parking, should this really be here??</p>
<p>Need more amenities in coombs parks, shops etc</p>
<p>When you are on site it is clearer how narrow the development space is, which makes the number elements difficult to place while considering adjacent housing and lake users. Consider dropping the multi-use court, relocating the toilet to a more central spot, and allowing the other elements more space.</p>
<p>This proposal is not compliant in terms of size and scale for the actual delineated area with the Municipal Infrastructure Standards for the facilities proposed. Site should be developed as a neighbourhood park as shown in all planning documents.</p>
<p>The current plan is clearly too large for the size of the block. You should take into consideration residents in the vicinity who purchased their properties in good faith that an appropriate sized facility would be built there. There certainly was no expectation of a toilet facility which will attract crime and anti social behavior. (Please think of residents who will be living directly opposite this, if it were you how would you feel?) If this plan goes ahead, the ACT government has a duty to compensate residents (particularly those who purchased land right next to the site) for the undoubted future loss of value of their land once the planners have succeeded in turning Coombs into the least desirable suburb of Molonglo Valley.</p>
<p>Looks like a fantastic facility. I can't wait for it to be built and I'm so glad there are options for older children and teenagers the sports court facility will be fantastic.</p>
<p>Looking forward to the play space being built</p>
<p>I'm not sure why you are bothering. Previous parks in this area are badly maintained. The grass hasn't been watered near Gornall Street park in two years. This will fall the same way very quickly.</p>
<p>This is a very small site for the large number of proposed facilities - it will have to be fenced off to the busy road, parking and lake for child safety - this will detract from the aesthetic value of the natural space</p>
<p>The overall cumulative footprint is far too large and way beyond the scale of a local park which is what the LDA, in its original concept plans, said would be located here. Carparking is not necessary for a local park. The overall scale will cause major impacts to local residents nearby. It will create the need for lighting which will exacerbate impacts to people nearby. The footprint, as proposed, will dominate what is generally a passive recreation area with a natural outlook.</p>
<p>This play space must be build before the upcoming election. It has been part of the plans since the beginning and must not be stopped or loved because of a very small, very selfish minority. The land is an eyesore as it currently is. Bring on this play space and get some life to the area. Moving the play space to an area next to John Gorton Road is unacceptable. This is a busy road and it will be unsafe for kids to play next to it.</p>
<p>This looks fantastic and hopefully will be able to get underway soon! I would request that enough additional parking be included as I suspect will be very popular. Perhaps some street widening on the opposite side of Edgeworth Parade, where there is a lot of dead nature strip, would help.</p>
<p>The plans are far in excess of what was published when people purchased in the area. There was a modest playground shown. No toilets. No car park. It is unfair to try and compensate for a lack of planning in other parts of the suburb by placing so much on this site. It is underhanded to reframe the standard questions used in the survey to consider "value" of the toilet block rather than whether or not it should be included. And it is very poor that the siting is proposed on level ground in full view of adjacent homes when it could have been sited at the Western end close to the pond and therefore hidden behind the natural land fall.</p>
<p>What is being proposed here is truly awful - far too much stuff crammed into a spot that is just too small. You have asked no questions about parking, but the design above appears to show a big increase in parking compared to the Feb 2019 design. Far too much parking. Whatever is built here should comply with the status of this space as a Local Neighbourhood Park. This is not a destination park - it is for local residents. The designers have shown no awareness of what an exposed site this is. It is always windy here, lots of sun in summer, very cold in winter. It is very hard to get trees to grow - look at the existing attempts further along the pond and in Edgeworth Parade.</p>
<p>I can't emphasise enough that I think it's all too big. The basketball court definitely is too big for the site</p>

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Very concerned about too much equipment crammed into a small space rather than scaled down equipment discreetly elongated along the wider length of the pond. Height definitely an issue with large scale equipment. Design elements are very lovely though - just don't think there is enough space to make it a destination. Also concerned that with parking provided there will be an 100% or more increase in traffic presenting a significant safety issue.

A park of this side is far too large for this space. The requirement for parking and public toilets and some elements will impact significantly on residents who reside close to the pond, both on Edgeworth Parade and North Coombs. If wanting to follow the play space as the complete design - it would be better located in the large park on the corner of Edgeworth Parade and John Gorton. This location is a big space, flat and has a greater buffer from housing. A small neighbourhood park is preferable for the Holden Pond site.

We desperately ask the SLA to please take a serious good look at what they are proposing to do in our suburb and weigh the scale of the proposed development against the size of the land on which they are planning to do this. More importantly, the long-term environmental and hygienic implications of such scale, not to mention destroying an already-beautiful area in our suburb. Consider one good design principle here: Less is more and better. Consider the proposed scale of development and its impact on environment and existing birdlife. Given the size of the playground footprint, proposed landscaping and the buffer zones – the noise effects for nearby residents and birds would depend upon the kind of play equipment. Again, looks like this could all be managed through appropriate choice/ design. Nesting birds, people who fish or people who currently use the park for quiet reflection, quiet walks, chilling-out generally need to be considered. Consider safety of children Consider having a good balance between the needs of children and adults Consider impact of noise levels for nearby residents On toilet element: A public toilet in Edgeworth Parade is bad planning in that it does not comply with the government's own standards. The TCCS Design Standards for Public Infrastructure have TWO broad park classifications: smaller NEIGHBOURHOOD Parks; and larger DISTRICT Parks suitable for toilets, BBQ and dedicated car parks.(DS 15) To date, the Edgeworth Parade site has been classified in the Estate Development Plan and by the TCCS Design Standards for Public Infrastructure as a NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK. The Toilet Block Study REAFFIRMS that TCCS classifies Edgeworth Parade as a NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK. The new MIS standards introduced a THIRD classification of middle-sized park called a COMMUNITY RECREATION PARK (CRP) on about 2+hectares. CRPs have a high concentration of sports courts, playground equipment, open space for team ball games, BBQs, toilets and a car park for 40+ cars. The Holden's Creek Pond site is TOO SMALL (1.2ha), too constrained and not flat enough to justify being classified as a Community Recreation Park or CRP. The toilet and other larger facilities in the draft concept designs for Coombs Play Space are therefore NON-COMPLIANT with government standard stated above. The toilet block study compares Edgeworth Parade park to other parks with a toilet, of which the smallest is 1.76 hectares in size. Edgeworth is only less than 1.2 hectares. Please abide by the standards, and we implore you to not ruin such a beautiful area in our suburb (holdens creek) by overdeveloping this area. Survey format: Your survey format for comments (textboxes) restricts respondents to write comments with the limited text view (very limited view to type and review comments — one line text view for previous questions, 3-line text view here) I suggest that in future surveys: ensure compliance with accessibility standards (you are required to comply with these standards); test usability of your survey before going live, to ensure that the experience of people who want to respond to your survey is good and not challenging given they are volunteering time and effort to participate and provide their feedback.

No to toilets

Very very keen for this. But Coombs in general needs more parking and I fear these spots will get consumed by residents as developments aren't including enough spots. There are large median strips which can be turned into parking. The play space should be built to a scale similar to this design. It was planned for and complaints from residents nearby should be discounted in the knowledge this was planned for (except parking concerns which are an issue regardless of the playground).

The location for this park is perfect, great atmosphere and views. Just far enough from John Gordon drive to not be marred by noise pollution (such as the new north coombs park near Shoji). My expectations are that this park would be of similar scale to the Moncrieff one, great place to gather and socialise and let the kids play.

Space is too small to include all of the proposed elements

Planting mature suitable trees and maintaining (watering) these trees will be critical to the space being a well integrated and well-used community space. I can't see on this plan what is referring to, or whether a car park will be included in the plan and if so, its location. Thank you for providing the opportunity to give feedback.

A small play space is more sense for a location near to resident! if you want to add a large place space, it should be located other place! like the entry of Coombs!!!
