

ST KILDA SKATE PARK – MEETING 15/6/09
WORKSHOP BUTCHERS PAPERS NOTES

RESIDENTIAL AMENITY	
PAGE 1	
1	Noise
2	Lighting spill over
3	Rubbish
4	Public urination
5	Parking – Generate additional demand
6	Too close to residential properties
7	Impact on view lines / lighthouse
8	Hesitation of the unknown
PAGE 2	
1	Visual Impact (80% destruction of existing space)
2	Late night noise (locking car park wont work)
3	Young people – no parental supervision
PAGE 3	
1	Toilets (eyesore)
2	Drainage – Damage
4	Water fountains?
5	Fear that anti social behaviour will be enhanced and increased
6	Fencing = eyesore
7	Concrete = eyesore
8	Safety – Council has committed to women’s safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People getting there • Cross road
9	People <u>will not</u> use park because they fear for safety
10	Skate park does not need to be on foreshore
11	Hurt / repel tourism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business • Marina security Too risky – has risk assessment been done?
PAGE 4	
1	Decrease in property values
2	Increase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • people • cars
3	Increase in noise / graffiti / vandalism
4	Sightlines / Vista interrupted
5	Litter graffiti
6	Vandalism
7	Burglary / theft

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SITE ISSUES / CONSTRAINTS	
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1	Drainage – Marine Pde floods
2	Sub soil unknown
3	Multi – use space to a single use space
PAGE 2	
1.	Concern around need for other supporting structures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lights • Shade
2.	Radically change ambience and use of a small grassy reserve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scare elderly away • Exclude / deter most current users Small, precious area of foreshore
3.	Lots of larger recreational areas away from residents with existing use
4.	Currently picnic area for young families
5.	Sun sculpture, lighthouse quiet views could be blocked by skate park
6.	Skaters don't need view
7.	Pathway could be an extension
8.	Busy road – no crossing and no appropriate location for a new crossing
9.	Proximity of car park – hang out
10.	No toilet, drinking taps (exist elsewhere)
11.	Another skate park 2.5kms away (Elsterwick Park)
PAGE 3	
1	Sand is bad for skateboards – wont get used
2	Crown land <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where is accountability • Who owns / manages land • How can council manage it
3	Skate park doesn't need a view
4	Too Small
5	Cleaning sand from park is a problem
6	Made of fill
7	Conflicting use (exercise, walk, dog)
8	Zoned as passive / reflective area – Skate park is contrary to this
9	800m to toilet to far
10	St Kilda = Beach – not consistent with St Kildaness
11	Close too homes – too loud
12	Inconsistent with Vic Coastal Strategy
13	Rogue element may damage skate equipment and property after dark
14	Parking = Insufficient
15	Views impacted
16	P.T not close enough
17	Expensive to develop
18	Habitat for white tipped water rat = protected species
19	Floods usually. How will this be managed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If toilets are added = worse • Sand in drains, sand in skate park does not enhance liveability
20	Not right for residential areas
21	Hospital too far away – skate parks = danger
22	Area = small already – decreased in green space – not a good option
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1	Lack of amenity for park users (toilets/food/drinks/transport)
2	Increase in sand blowing into skate park making it unstable
3	Flooding risk (landfill, drains get blocked)
4	Impact on solar system sculpture (unique) move from here
5	Climate change - rising sea levels
6	Traffic congestion in car park already a problem

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7	Historical visual precinct (Lighthouse)
8	Security for Marina – this could lead to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increase in fencing • Increase in obstruction of views
9	Nearby location of Elsternwick Park skate park
10	Crown land / Aboriginal Heritage
11	No pedestrian crossing
12	No toilets / no food / no drink
13	No public transport nearby
14	Crossing road very dangerous – cars, bicycles racing
15	Harmony of space between open versus built
16	Sand blows constantly to car park – maintenance costs, discomfort for skaters
17	Use of site by Vic Astronomical Society
18	Residents of local area a mismatch with demographics of skaters
19	Impact on solar system sculpture (more to site specific issues)
20	Impact on landscaping
21	Drainage of site – drains currently don't work along Marine Pde
22	Historical landscaping / topography
23	Aboriginal cultural impacts
24	Boating security
25	Interfere with passive BBQ / family use of space

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USER BEHAVIOUR	
PAGE 1	
1	Inappropriate users <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gang members • Child sex offenders • Graphic artists
2	Public drinking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underage drinking
PAGE 2	
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PAGE 3	
1	Graffiti on site and property- skate parks in general – not necessarily done by skaters – cost high for removal
2	Crime prevention was not properly addressed or reported upon
3	Noise
4	Rubbish
5	Increased footpath use by boarders – safety issue for residents
6	Safety – Skaters crossing road – danger
7	Drugs after hours
8	Drinking
9	Concern that people who use park now will not be able to use it <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walkers feeling threatened • Dogs etc
10	Skate competitions not consistent with current use or neighbourhood values
11	BMX, Scooters, Skaters – danger to younger users – Bullying
PAGE 4	
1	Increase skating on boardwalk – decrease in safety
2	Will attract hoons and socially unacceptable behaviour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential drugs / alcohol
3	Graffiti (greater risk due to lack of supervision)
4	Past history of other skate parks
5	Safety for skaters
6	Vandalism (lack of supervision)

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MANAGEMENT ISSUES	
PAGE 1	
1	OHS
2	After hours security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hoons in Marina car park (11pm closure)
3	Graffiti
4	No existing / supporting infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilets • Medical facility • Public transport
5	Lighting
6	Tree support / vegetation
7	After dark use
8	Management costs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operational • Recurrent
PAGE 2	
1.	Hours of use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you close
2.	Noise control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in vehicles with stereos
3.	Pollution / rubbish / graffiti
4.	Safety
5.	Managing antisocial behaviour
6.	Safety of other park users, overflow of skaters
7.	Existing difficulty with level of policing
8.	Noise and high activity
9.	Hang out
10.	Unsupervised
11.	Conflict between diverse youth groups (car park vs. skate park)
12.	Inadequate consultation with police
13.	Young people – no parental supervision
PAGE 3	
1.	Hours of operation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you control it
2.	Cost <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance • Graffiti removal • Will rates go up
3.	Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you ensure and manage safety • People will not feel safe in own property at night
4.	Public liability has not been costed properly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple age range of proposed park = issues
5.	Ensuring property values increase not decrease
6.	Increase in theft in general
7.	May put Marina in jeopardy
8.	Dogs may be in danger <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog walkers • Dogs may chase skaters
9.	Don't take dog park away
10.	Already antisocial behaviour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't need added crime (physical / theft)
11.	Liveability – how do we ensure it

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PAGE 4	
1.	Traffic <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cars and parking• Cyclists• Marathons• Boating• Pedestrians
2.	Security <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cars• Residents
3.	Noise <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Banging
4.	Blown sand
5.	Vandalism
6.	Competitions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Noise• Exacerbate all problems

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OTHER ISSUES	
PAGE 1	
	Trust / Betrayal – site brought back
1.	Factual issues – refer to submission
2.	Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criteria / weighting – very ‘fine’ • Subjective / unrepresentative • Very close scores
3.	Add additional sites
4.	Inconsistent with Vic Coastal Strategy
5.	Inconsistent with CoPP Open Space Strategy
6.	Net Loss – Community Value
7.	Foreshore – don’t its wrong
8.	Skate parks don’t belong in residential areas
9.	Other sites more appropriate
10.	Green space sacrosanct
11.	Site has been knocked back twice – why is it still on the cards
12.	Process poor – Residents / council / project consultation group
PAGE 2	
1.	Is this just to avoid Triangle
2.	Basis of selection process flawed / inappropriate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why not Seabaths
3.	Local demographics not considered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on 10 yr old assumptions that skate park is needed - still relevant? • How did Marine Reserve go from inappropriate to preferred site?
4.	If no problem with skaters why is high visibility so important and why not near a school?
PAGE 3	
1.	Elimination of green space against council mandate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorrectly zoned • Goes against open space policy
2.	Graffiti / noise
3.	Noise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amphitheatre effect – sound amplified in this location
4.	Ignores demographics – doesn’t affect community need or demographic
5.	Already one in – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graham St • Albert Park • Elsternwick Park
6.	Extend Albert Park site don’t build a new one – as per ‘ Building Communities new assets’ – Renew existing assets not build new ones
7.	Extend existing sites not new site
8.	Cost of maintenance, security – safety (pedestrian safety)
9.	Interaction between beach users, dogs of leash, family = clash Discriminate – favouring minority over majority
10.	Eyesore, devalue properties
11.	Flawed evaluation process
12.	Community reference group make up and process flawed
13.	Why is council discriminating against current users of Marine Reserve
14.	User Safety – bikes, walkers, dogs and skaters is hazard
13.	Crime prevention not addressed
14.	How does a skate park address liveability
15.	Foreshore not appropriate location
16.	Park functions well as is
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1.	Scale / Size of remaining green space
2.	Length of time of operation and other disruption to locals

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SUMMARY - OTHER ISSUES	
1	Why do we have to have it at Marina
5	Can it be at MSAC or Albert Park Lake 2 sites at AP – extend them
2	Sand is a problem – sand in skates
2	Sand is a problem according to skaters
4	Relationship between council and residents and planning
4	Lack of consultation
4	Lack of notice
4	Lack of involvement and participation
4	Problem with composition of CRG
1	Inappropriate development on foreshore is a mandate – no skate park on any foreshore
1	Green space is very precious – dog walking, BBQ, look at the lake
2	Congestion on site and the broader area
5	There is a public liveability issue with injuries
5	Will residents be required to come for injured skaters
2	Site too small
5	Waste of irreplaceable / unique site
5	Green space should not be tampered with
5	Twice already this has been refused why has council not taken this site off the table
5	Has council been given permission to use this site
9	No one from the area wan part of the CRG – residents didn't see it in the paper
4	This process compartmentalises small issue and big issue together
1	Protection of foreshore paramount
3	Skates and other match territory with graffiti
4	Will it be 24 hours open – who will supervise site
5	Council say they will maintain and enhance views – this will be in contrast to this (2002 Council policy)
2	All skate parks are covered in graffiti
3	Not the skaters who are the problem – it is everyone else attracted to these sites
6	Nothing should be built on foreshore
3	The skate park will require shade structures and toilets which will compound the visual impact
5	Native water rats viewing is encouraged at Marina Reserve
2	Marina boats can be damaged (graffiti)
4	Process so far – not inclusive, residents haven't had a say
5	Waste of money (\$500k) on minority group
7	Extend / add to the half pipe at Albert Park Reserve
5	What happened if skaters injure themselves – pharmacies
2	OHS with site congestion
2	Foreshore congestion with no site paths
1	Skate parks should not be put in residential areas or busy roads
1	Most skate parks in large parks. Very few in residential areas
2	Cost of maintenance is an issue and who will do the maintenance
2	Graffiti will be an issue – requires maintenance
2	Rubbish collection is not done at football oval
5	Not just a local issue – a major tourist area. Melbourne's front door! Showcase
1	Maintain green space – not erode it. Should be left as it is, not filled with concrete
2	No toilets on site
2	Huge drainage issue on this site
5	Duty of care from Council and to build skate park will devalue property prices.

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TOP PRIORITIES
Decrease in property values
Increase in noise / graffiti / vandalism
Interruption to view / sight lines
USER BEHAVIOUR ISSUES
Increase skating on boardwalk
Hoons / unsociable behaviour
SITE ISSUES
Lack of facilities for skaters <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Toilets• Food• Drink• Transport
Flooding / Climate Change
Crown land / Aboriginal Heritage
Sand Issues