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## Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report

### Freshwater Beach Masterplan - Detailed design development and staged implementation

Consultation period: 18 July 2022 to Sunday 14 August 2022

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# 1. Summary



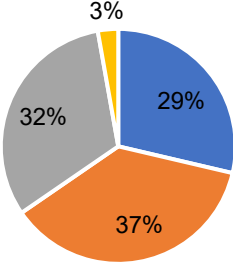

This report outlines the outcomes of community and stakeholder engagement between 18 July 2022 and Sunday 14 August 2022 on the proposed concept designs for the Freshwater Beach Masterplan Staged Implementation. This includes concept designs for a new playground, new ramps and shared footpaths, a new public artwork and a new lookout with terraced seating.

Many comments received during the consultation period were supportive of the proposed improvements for the Freshwater Beach precinct. We heard a lot of support for the playground upgrade and the proposals designed to improve accessibility and inclusion within the area.






Suggestions were received relating to the playground design, amenities, parking, safety, and environmental considerations.

Respondents who did not support the proposals felt the area should be left alone and kept natural. Concerns were raised about the loss of green space and the impact of the proposals on the overall aesthetic and vibe of the area.

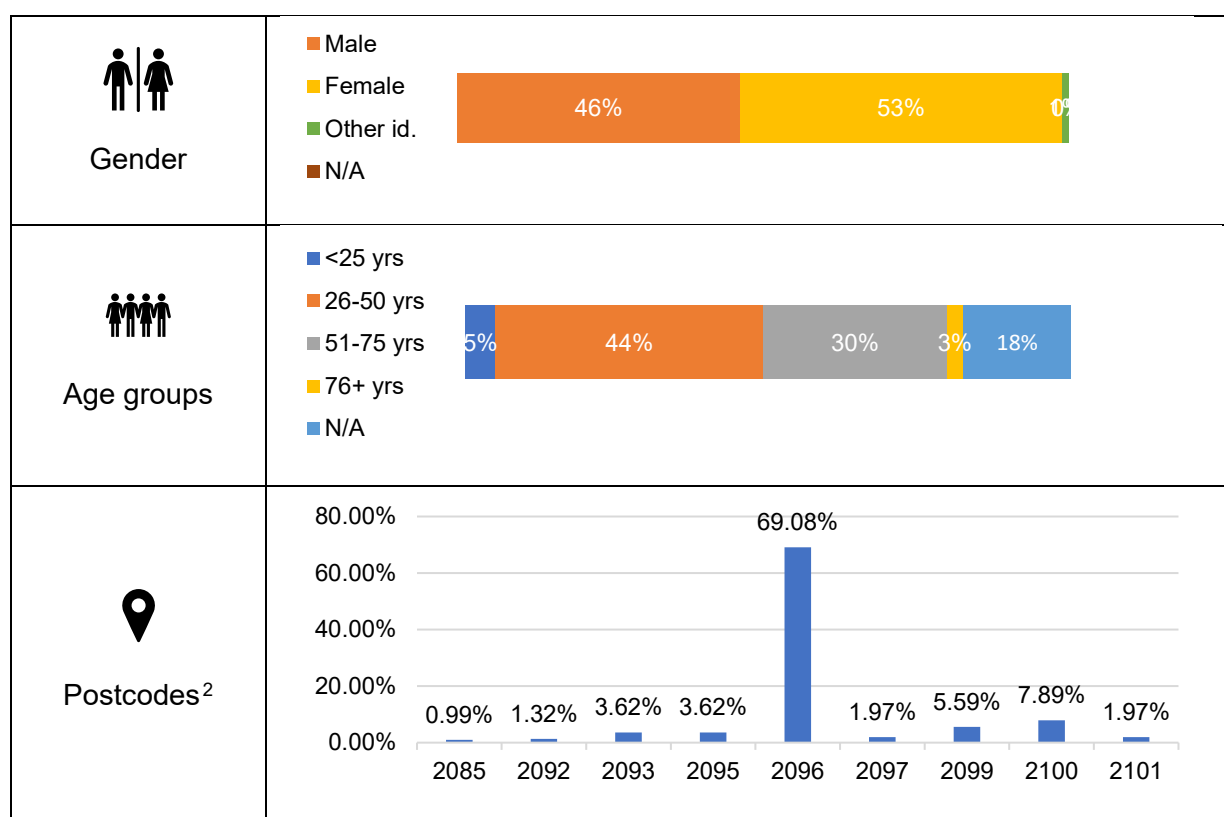
## 1.1. Key outcomes

 How responses were received	Comment form Written responses (email/letter)	Completions: 321 Number received: 17
 Online sentiment question:  <b>Overall, do you support the proposed designs for the Freshwater Beach Masterplan Staged Implementation?</b>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Yes</li> <li>■ Yes, with changes</li> <li>■ No</li> <li>■ Neutral/Prefer not to say</li> </ul> <p>Total responses = 321</p>	
 Feedback themes	Loss of green space/ Impact on look and feel of the area Main Playground Art Play/ Junior Playspace Accessibility ramp Lookout Safety improvements	Parking & traffic congestion Public toilets/ amenities Sustainability and environmental considerations Off-leash dog area Requests for additional equipment and facilities

## 1.2. How we engaged

 Have Your Say: visitation stats	Visitors: 7,075	Visits: 8,366	Average time onsite: 1min
 Social media	1 Council Facebook post		Reach: 32,063 Clicks: 2,648 Comments: 141
 Print media and collateral	Mailout to residents: to parts of postcode 2096 (lots of return to sender, working that out)  Site signs used: Yes		Distribution: 2919 17 RTS   Number of signs: 10
 Electronic direct mail (EDM)	Community Engagement (fortnightly) newsletter: 2 editions  Council (weekly) e-News: 2 editions  Disability Newsletter: 1 edition		Distribution: Approx. 22,000 subscribers  Distribution: Approx. 160,000 subscribers  Distribution: Approx. 1400 subscribers
 Key stakeholder engagement	Meeting with Friends of Freshwater  Email and online Teams meeting with Freshwater Surf Life Saving Club		

### 1.3. Who responded<sup>1</sup>



## 2. Background

Freshwater Beach and surrounds is a popular destination for local residents and visitors alike. It is often described as a special place that brings the community together.

In 2017-2018 we worked with our community, including a committed project working group, to develop the overall Freshwater Coastal Open Space Masterplan. This document set out some high-level recommendations for upgrading the public open spaces, meeting future recreation needs, improving connectivity and celebrating the heritage of the area.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been increasing demand on our open spaces. Some of the inclusions in the Freshwater Beach Masterplan have been modified based on site understanding and conditions, safety considerations, evolving community needs and budget constraints.

For the first stage of implementation, we are prioritising accessibility through the reserve, viewing points and upgrading the playground.

<sup>1</sup> Demographic data was gathered by request only. The data represented only includes those respondents who provided this detail.

<sup>2</sup> The graph shows results from the top nine postcodes only.

### 3. Engagement objectives

Community and stakeholder engagement aimed to:

- build community and stakeholder awareness of participation activities
- provide accessible information so community and stakeholders can participate in a meaningful way
- identify community and stakeholder concerns, local knowledge and values.

### 4. Engagement approach

Community and stakeholder engagement for the Freshwater Beach Masterplan – Staged Implementation was conducted between 18 July to 14 August 2022 and consisted of a series of activities that provided opportunities for community and stakeholders to contribute.

The engagement was planned, implemented and reported in accordance with Council's [Community Engagement Matrix](#) (2017).

A have your say project page<sup>3</sup> was established on our have your say platform with information provided in an accessible and easy to read format.

The project was primarily promoted through resident and stakeholder notifications, onsite signage, social media, and our regular email newsletter (EDM) channels.

Feedback was captured through an online comment form embedded onto the project page. The form included a question that directly asked respondents for their level of support on the proposals.

An open-field comments box provided community members a space to explain or elaborate on their support, not support or neutral sentiment as well as any other feedback they wished to contribute. People could select a specific design element to provide more detailed feedback on one or more of these designs.

Email and written comments were also invited. Contact details for the project manager were provided should anyone have an enquiry and wish to speak Council staff directly. Meetings were also offered and held with stakeholder groups in the area.

#### 4.1. Reaching diverse audiences

A thorough stakeholder mapping exercise was completed to identify and understand the needs of the whole community. It was determined for this project that it was important to hear from people with reduced mobility. In addition to regular channels and engagement technique to capture a range of views, we included information about the project in Council's The Wave - Disability Newsletter.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/freshwater-beach-masterplan-implementation>

## 5. Findings

Many comments received during the consultation period were supportive of the improvements proposed as part of the Freshwater Beach Masterplan Implementation project.

*Great upgrades to the existing facilities*

*So excited about these changes for our community*

Many people responded favourably to the proposals designed to improve accessibility and inclusion within the area.

*This is such an important and crucial part to do well - thank you for prioritising it*

*I think it's important to make the beach more accessible for less able bodied residents. My parents are both long standing Harbord residents and would benefit from this access.*

The playground upgrade received a lot of support.

*Absolutely fantastic plan for playground!!! Can't wait to see it done - we desperately need an upgrade of kids' area in freshwater - thank you so much for looking after this!!!*

*Love the re-design of the main playground.*

There were also supportive comments regarding the lookout area.

*An excellent refresh of this under-utilised vantage point and the inclusion of a ramp is wonderful.*

While overall supportive of the proposals, many people provided suggestions and requested changes be made to the concept designs. These included suggestions relating to the playground upgrade, amenities, parking, safety, sustainability and environmental considerations. We also received requests for additional equipment and facilities within the area.

We heard from many respondents who generally did not support the proposals as they feel the area should be left alone and kept natural. Concerns were raised about the loss of green space and the impact of the proposals on the overall aesthetic and vibe of the area.

Some people questioned the need for new concrete paths and ramps, asking for the existing ones to be upgraded and maintained. The art play proposal was generally unsupported with many people sharing their appreciation for the existing small play area where the art play was proposed.

We heard that the proposed development of certain spaces could impact on the existing passive recreation use of these spaces. The proposed lookout was cited as an example of this impact. Traffic and parking issues were also raised in the comments.

Our review of feedback revealed some contrasting views, including about the proposed accessible pathways and viewing platform, and parking.

Some submissions provided detailed feedback about specific aspects of the open space amenity and general infrastructure, however were beyond the scope of the staged works presented to the community as part of this consultation.

A number of suggestions were relating to the broader Freshwater Beach Coastal Masterplan and will be considered and reviewed again at the time of future improvement works.

Issues raised and suggestions are further outlined in the table below along with Council's responses.

Theme	What we heard	Council Response
Loss of green space/ Impact on look and feel of the area	<p>Concern that the development will lead to loss of the natural feel of the area. Desire to maintain the natural coastal vibe.</p> <p>The proposed shared user path from Moore Road to the Surf club will fragment the open space. Increased paving, new accessible ramp and lookout means excessive concrete and loss of green space.</p> <p>Consider improving existing paths rather than creating new ones.</p> <p>A new amenities block will detract from the open space.</p>	<p><i>Many of the design elements are kept within the footprint of existing park infrastructure and the material choices will be consistent with a natural/ subdued coastal setting.</i></p> <p><i>Upon reviewing the community feedback, the main shared path from Moore Road to the surf club has been removed from the design as the general sentiment was it intersected the open space too much.</i></p> <p><i>The replacement path network within the park is necessary to provide better universal access and to meet Australian accessibility standards, where practical in doing so. It also enhances the existing connections.</i></p> <p><i>The proposed location of the amenities building has been positioned close to the playground; the surf club and is central in the park. The design of the proposed amenities will be carefully considered and sympathetic to the Freshwater beach location and the surf club building.</i></p>
Main Playground	<p>Retain but upgrade the existing playground.</p> <p>Adopt the natural play philosophy – more natural materials and not something that contrasts with the natural environment. Use of natural flora for educational purposes.</p> <p>Include reference to indigenous culture in the design.</p>	<p><i>The proposed playground offers a combination of natural elements and more structured play. The playground is enhanced with better accessibility and inclusive play.</i></p> <p><i>The indigenous culture of the area is being celebrated in an artwork at McKillop Park which has been developed in</i></p>

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	<p>Excessive size and takes up too much green space. Make it simpler.</p> <p>Needs to offer more equipment options.</p> <p>Suggestions for other play equipment and experiences, including water play, flying-fox and alternatives to monkey bars.</p> <p>Concern that playground is too close to a road and carpark.</p>	<p><i>consultation with the local Aboriginal community.</i></p> <p><i>The new design provides a range of play experiences for different ages and abilities and the footprint of the playground is slightly larger to accommodate a more inclusive playground.</i></p> <p><i>Play equipment was chosen following an analysis of existing play experiences in the area. Council does not offer water play at playgrounds by the beach.</i></p> <p><i>Playground fencing has now been incorporated into to the design as community feedback indicated it was required in this location.</i></p>
Art Play/ Junior Playspace	<p>Art play is unnecessary, and nobody really knows what it is.</p> <p>Retain the small playground (near Pilu) as it is more suitable for babies and toddlers and can be enjoyed by parents too.</p> <p>Upgrade the existing playground equipment. Retain seating to allow surveillance of playground and view of the beach.</p>	<p><i>Council has listened to the community comments about the art play proposal, including the preference for a simple renewal and for retaining the junior playground in its existing location.</i></p> <p><i>The design has been modified, to offer a simple playground replacement.</i></p>
Accessibility ramp	<p>Do we really need this ramp or can we just maintain the existing path to make it more suitable for people with reduced mobility?</p>	<p><i>As per the response above, the accessibility ramp is part of a replacement path network within the park that aims to provide better universal access and to meet Australian accessibility standards, where practical in doing so.</i></p>
Lookout	<p>Concern that people will not be able to use the area for family events, weddings, birthday parties, picnics if it is developed into a lookout.</p> <p>More people will go to the area where the lookout is proposed and impact on a space that is</p>	<p><i>The lookout is an embellishment of the existing grassed area with improved accessibility and seating opportunities for all users to enjoy the vista from the end of Oceanview Road.</i></p> <p><i>This area is already a popular location for a variety of user groups. Such a vantage point</i></p>

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	<p>used for passive recreation and quiet contemplation.</p> <p>The proposed lookout extends over the dunes which removed area that can be used for passive recreation.</p>	<p><i>serves short and longer visits in both busy and quiet times.</i></p> <p><i>There are a number of pocket parks in the area that may offer better spaces for quiet contemplation.</i></p> <p><i>The lookout does not impact the dunes or encroach on them in this location.</i></p>
Safety improvements	<p>A number of safety-related suggestions were provided, such as:</p> <p>We need improve the access from Undercliff Rd to the beach, including fixing the footpath and providing a railing to improve safety.</p> <p>Heavily used walking paths in turf areas become eroded and less stable.</p> <p>Night-time lighting needed near the surf club boat shed to make carpark safe for pedestrians.</p> <p>Childproof safety fences should replace the hedge.</p> <p>Provide more shade in all areas.</p>	<p><i>The suggestion for improved access from Undercliff has been included in the detailed design.</i></p> <p><i>Council will review high use paths in the reserve and determine if the path needs to be formalised.</i></p> <p><i>A number of safety-related suggestions raised in the community feedback have been included in the design, including new fencing around the playground.</i></p>
Parking & traffic congestion	<p>Lack of parking in the area for the volume of visitors.</p> <p>Concerns over how the increase of traffic to the area will be managed due to the proposed upgrades.</p> <p>The temporary 'overflow' carpark should be made permanent.</p> <p>Some community members thought council should consider removing more parking to make larger grass/parkland areas.</p>	<p><i>The overflow carpark will stay as a grassed area there are no plans to formalise this as a permanent carpark.</i></p> <p><i>The proposed path infrastructure was designed to support active transport within the area and help address some of the congestion and car usage to the area.</i></p>
Public toilets/ amenities	<p>The upgrade of the amenities needs to be a priority and undertaken regardless of the masterplan.</p> <p>Upgrade existing toilet facilities instead of building new ones.</p>	<p><i>The Surf Club is preparing a DA to provide a better facility for the community and its members. Accessibility and any necessary lighting will be considered at that time.</i></p>

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	Wheelchair access to the surf club should be provided.	<i>In review of the current layout, it has been decided that a new and separate public amenity in a central location near the playground is in keeping with the quality of services other beach side locations offer across the Northern Beaches.</i>
Sustainability and environmental considerations	<p>Create a water recycling water tank from shower run off and use to water garden beds. The concrete tank could be used as a viewing platform for surfers.</p> <p>Use of sustainable materials would be preferred.</p> <p>Consider more recycling bins.</p> <p>If additional lighting is proposed, consider the impact this will have on the nocturnal wildlife.</p>	<p><i>Council considers sustainability practices in all design development processes where practical.</i></p> <p><i>Provision of waste and recycling stations are part of the upgrade.</i></p> <p><i>Lighting will be kept as is or minimal improvements under the guidance of the police and as required.</i></p>
Off-leash dog area	<p>Consider an area for off leash dogs.</p> <p>Consider designated times when dogs are allowed on the beach.</p>	<i>Inclusion of a dogs off leash area is not considered in the scope of this stage of the masterplan implementation. These requests would be considered in the review of the Dog Policy.</i>
Requests for additional equipment and facilities	<p>Requests for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- conditioning exercise equipment</li> <li>- bike racks</li> <li>- sport/exercise facilities for older kids/teens.</li> </ul> <p>Specific operational requirements for the Freshwater Boardriders have not been considered in the masterplan</p>	<p><i>Fitness equipment was considered but was not included in the design as it would entail creating more infrastructure within the open space.</i></p> <p><i>Bike racks are provided in the design as well as some equipment suited to older children's gross motor skills.</i></p> <p><i>The Boardriders memorial shelter has been documented and a new shelter will be developed in consultation with the board riders at the time of replacement.</i></p>

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		<i>Further consideration can be given to Boardriders requirements as part of the Surf Club DA and associated landscape area to the south of the clubhouse.</i>

## Appendix 1 Verbatim community and stakeholder responses\*

### A. Online comments<sup>4</sup>

	Share your feedback on the Playground design	Share your feedback on the Accessible ramp design	Share your feedback on the Lookout design	Please use this space to share any other comments
1	It seems like a good larger playground so I support the playground itself but nothing else, no extra pathways etc.	No, it is all too much pathways and steps. No steps needed or wanted. The existing pathway should be replaced by a path that starts at the southern shower and swings less steeply across the slope to join the location of the existing path at the kiosk. Please see my attached plan with recommendations.	The lookout is way over the top. All it needs is basic furniture to sit and look at the view. If it does go ahead, the path should go up along the existing fence line from the cul-de-sac of Ocean View Road. Please see my attached plan with recommendations.	<p>I have put in a previous comment and I have not changed my views. Basically it would be better to do nothing than do the proposed masterplan. Though I do think a toilet block near where proposed could be appreciated.</p> <p>I think the whole approach has missed the point that people come to Freshwater Beach to go swimming, to sit on the sand, and to look at the water. The proposed plan doesn't do much to improve that.</p> <p>What I suggest is a change of focus, and a change of philosophy for Council. The land facing the water at Freshwater Beach is some of the most valuable real estate that Council has. I know it is nice to have native plants but the dunes facing the water is where people want to be, and I think we need to work with that recreational opportunity.</p> <p>I studied Landscape Architecture in the 1970s and have been a strong proponent for native plants and bush regeneration but I am now seeing that the population pressure and benefits of getting to see the ocean can sometimes outweigh</p>

\*Personal details and inappropriate language have been redacted where possible. Spelling and grammatical errors have been amended only where misinterpretation or offence may be caused.

<sup>4</sup> Not every respondent made a comment in addition to answering the sentiment question

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				<p>recreating a bushland everywhere. And I think Freshwater Beach should be given back to the people.</p> <p>Have a look at the 1943 aerial photo to see that there was not even a dune in front of the northern carpark at that time. The dune and beach is a very dynamic landscape, it has changed over time. We can manage it for greater human enjoyment.</p> <p>I think a major issue is that the Coastal Walking Trail should go along the top of the dune with views to the ocean.</p> <p>Please have a look at my recommendations on the attached plan.</p> <p>Attach:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Plan with recommendations;</li> <li>2. Photo-montage of Moore Road carpark with some spaces looking to the ocean and clearer views;</li> <li>3. 1943 RTA aerial photo.</li> </ol> <p>I am not able to attach two files because they are too big. I will contact Council to put these in later.</p>
2	<p>The new playground is fairly disappointing. It's small and despite the pretty renderings there are not many play elements.</p> <p>There should be water-play, it is always hugely popular and would be more so at a beachside location. The monkey bars should be swapped for a flying-fox which are more appropriate to this century.</p>			<p>The 'Art Play' area sounds terrible.</p> <p>Please, please put in a normal, albeit small, playground up in the area outside Pilu. It is the only area with a view of the beach/water and kids need somewhere to play while parents picnic and take in the view.</p> <p>The grassy hill area to the west of Pilu is under-utilised and will stay that way without further modification. There needs to be more shade, artificial or trees.</p> <p>Some terraced seating would be useful, especially if higher on the hill offering</p>

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				views of the water. Finally, please put an outdoor shower at the 'Surf Green' area as a nicer alternative to the dark, wet surf club toilets or dragging kids to a car park shower.
3				<p>I was in the process of writing to council about the lack of a safe and suitable walking path linking the northern end of Freshwater Beach, specifically the coldersac at the end of Oceanview Rd and the Freshie rockpool. However, I'm hoping this is being addressed in the Freshwater Beach Masterplan. There has been significant erosion in the past two years with all the rain but every summer, people create their own paths causing it to be very unsafe and unsightly.</p> <p>I have taken photos and attach below.</p> <p>I observe in masterplan 03 McKillop Park, itemised (2) titled CONNECTED BOARDWALK TO POOL WALKWAY and the text &amp; picture suggest that this will be an elevated boardwalk. This is an excellent idea as will also protect the sand dunes and grassy areas.</p> <p>I include a photo from South Curl Curl of a recycled plastic path that has been a great success.</p> <p>Personally, I would like to see this pathway constructed as soon as possible as it is currently very dangerous.</p>

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4		<p>Please see below please keep as much green space as possible and limit structures the space is currently widely used for its open green space</p> <p>The proposed public amenities block will reduce valuable green space and have a negative visual impact. The ideal solution is to upgrade and improve access to the amenities at the surf club (which is consistent with other clubs on the Northern Beaches). Even if the footprint of the surf club is extended slightly, this would have less of an impact compared to a new and separate structure. I like most of the concepts within the new plan, but I feel the construction of a new building is unnecessary.</p>		
5				<p>The proposed public amenities block will reduce valuable green space and have a negative visual impact. The ideal solution is to upgrade and improve access to the amenities at the surf club (which is consistent with other clubs on the Northern Beaches). Even if the footprint of the surf club is extended slightly, this would have less of an impact compared to a new and separate structure. I like most of the concepts within the new plan, but I feel the construction of a new building is unnecessary.</p>
6				<p>Is there a shower and tap at the northern most beach entry? At the moment there</p>

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				<p>isn't. This would be so convenient rather than having to walk south to the showers there.</p> <p>Would it be possible to create some sort of water recycling tank from shower water? This could be used for the gardens. The shower at the current top carpark, would have the advantage of a gravity feed from a tank up there.</p> <p>Possibly a concrete tank in the garden slope just to the south of the surf club could also be utilised as a surf viewing platform</p>
7	<p>See attached file. Playground Area For safety and surveillance, replace hedge barrier with a railing fence that allows clear view to other side. A hedge barrier could obscure the view and limit surveillance required to ensure safety in proximity to the road.</p> <p>Within the playground area remove the through path that extends west to the Gore Street. This will avoid children wandering off in the direction of the road and car park.</p> <p>Eastern end of Moore Road Retain or upgrade playground equipment in current location. Retain seating to allow surveillance of playground and view of beach.</p>	<p>See attached file. Accessible Ramp Plan The wide accessible ramp would extend well into the Park and require clearing of existing vegetation.</p> <p>The pedestrian path is a separate access route that includes two sets of steps. The existing path does not have steps, so it is not clear why steps have been proposed for the new path.</p> <p>The inclusion of steps in the pedestrian path could be avoided by reducing the gradient of the path.</p> <p>An alternative to the accessible ramp and pedestrian path (with steps) is a shared path with a suitable gradient for prams and wheelchairs.</p>	<p>See attached file. Ocean View Road Look Out I agree with retaining existing grassed steps, picnic table and tall conifer tree.</p> <p>Keep the area natural. A few seats would suffice for viewing instead of a large deck and paved platform. Rubbish can also get trapped underneath a deck and between the slats.</p> <p>The large elevated deck appears to extend over the dune area.</p> <p>People use this grassed area for picnics and passive recreation. However, the viewing deck</p>	<p>See attached file.</p>

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			<p>will mean the open space is likely to be used primarily as a pedestrian route to a viewing platform.</p> <p>The connecting access to the elevated lookout could become a thoroughfare that dominates the use of the open space. This will change the amenity of this open space.</p> <p>Vantage points are also located on nearby grassed areas adjacent to beach. Better access could be provided to this area as well as seating.</p>	
8		Seems like a lot of concrete reducing the green open space - consider removing some pathways or narrowing		I often visit my daughter in Freshwater and walk her dogs and it would be very helpful to have an offleash dog park in this area. I agree with the Friends of Freshwater that this should be included in the current project
9	Keep the second playground - don't remove and replace with art play			An off leash dog area in either the reserve or the overflow car park. Given level of dog ownership in Freshwater - an off leash dog area is needed.
10	New playground looks great but 2nd playground should also be retained and improved. Unclear what the 'art play' will involve and appears too close to the showers.	Too much many additional paths and too much concrete reducing the open green space. This seems like it will affect water flow and increase flooding during rain. Plus reduce green space available for use.		<p>Off-leash dog park should be included in overflow car park when not in use. There is no area for dogs offleash in Freshwater.</p> <p>Bike racks should be included to assist with bike parking. I understand the plan is to eventually create a separated bike</p>

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				path on one of the streets leading to the beach - I fully support this and so bike infrastructure should be included as part of this proposal.
11		<p>Why do we need steps at the accessible ramp? I understand the ramp needs to be accessible, but then why are steps needed when currently there aren't any steps? The current sloping path works fine for everyone else. You are putting the accessible ramp through a "garden" area which was cleared and replanted by council. After doing all the planting, council has done nothing to maintain this area at all. It is completely overgrown. Why keep on planting more garden beds, which council then never ever come back and maintain. They just look overgrown and awful and would have looked better had the natural shubbery been left there in the first place.</p>	<p>There seems to be such an excess of concrete on this lookout plan. Also more garden beds that will never be maintained. Where is the "naturalness" of Freshwater beach going?</p>	<p>I think the major draw card of Freshwater beach is that it reminds Sydney visitors of many beaches along the North Coast. It has been left relatively natural, with the least amount of concrete. It is a very relaxed beach area, with a lot of open space.</p> <p>These plans seem to want to add far too much concrete, with walkways literally everywhere, and many many unnatural garden beds being added. Garden beds would not be so bad, except that none of the current garden beds, installed by council over the last say 12 years, have ever been maintained.</p> <p>The garden area between the top playground and the surf club was cleared by council, planted out, and then have never been looked at since.</p> <p>The landscaping which was planted out around the edges of the overflow car park have never been looked at again by council. It is such a waste of money to plant them and then ignore them.</p> <p>I would be voting for maintaining as much of the current parkland reserve area as possible, don't cover it in pathways all over the place, and don't install garden areas that will be left to be overgrown. Spend money maintaining what is currently in place.</p> <p>Don't try to fix what is not broken. Yes, the playground needs updating as it</p>

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				<p>is very boring for anyone over the age of 3. But installing garden beds that will be left to die or become weed infested is such a waste of money.</p> <p>As for "art play", we are at the most beautiful beach of the Northern Beaches, why is any sort of artwork needed?</p> <p>This plan is pretty over the top and for the most part, just not needed.</p> <p>Please keep as much of Freshwater as natural as can be.</p> <p>Please just fix the bathroom amenities of the surf club.</p>
12		<p>This area is a beautiful open grass area. There is already a pathway allowing access for all to the areas in the reserve. There is no need to create more concrete and stairways. Keep the grass area as is. It is natural and not over developed.</p>	<p>Again this area is a lovely grassed natural area. There is no need to add more concrete and pathways. Keep it natural and simple.</p>	<p>Please retain the current swing and small climbing frame as is. Do not create an "art play". The current play equipment should be retained or updated. This is a lovely active area for young children to play and families to come together and enjoy the view and grass. What even is artplay? It would be static. Let's give the children something to do.</p> <p>Do not build a new Public Amenities block. This will just add more concrete structure to an open, natural area. Instead invest in the surf club amenities to ensure they are clean and user friendly.</p> <p>This area is one of the most beautiful, natural beaches left in Sydney. Why do we need to add more concrete and built structures to this natural environment? Please retain this open space.</p>
13				<p>- I think the public amenities are fine within the SLSC - unsure why they need to be relocated outside and add another building within the parkland area. It</p>

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				<p>seems a shame to reduce the park area with an extra building - keep the park as big as it can be for outside activities.</p> <p>- How long will this all take to change? Often things take way longer to build and this is a major thoroughfare for many residents - hopefully building disruption will be minor.</p> <p>- Please also be careful with any new lighting - i.e dont make things too bright and garish at night.</p> <p>Thanks for the opportunity to comment</p>
14				<p>As a local I would like to know what the plan is for more traffic to the area. This design is great but it will bring more cars into Freshwater and we already have a small village with dreadful road surfaces with increased cars and the poor buses trying to get through - we need a plan for more cars, more traffic and more parking in the local streets.</p>
15				<p>The addition of the two shared pathways through the park will restrict the use of open space. It will fragment and limit the spaces for play and resting. This seems to be contrary to the initial intention of the plan - opening up the space rather than creating small segments. The issue of accessibility to the park seems to be accounted for by the other pathways.</p> <p>A new amenities block will also fragment the space and significantly detract from the sense of an open space. There is nothing stated about what is inadequate with the present amenities.</p>

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16	<p>The playground closest to Pilu should remain as a playground and open space with a few covered seating areas for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It is heavily used by local families, parents enjoy a morning coffee from either of the nearby cafes whilst kids play on the swings and slides</li> <li>- This is also a vantage spot for surfers to check-out the surf and also used for setting up marques for Surfing Competitions and judging - NO CONSIDERATION IN THIS MASTER PLAN FOR THE SURFING COMMUNITY as it is I don't believe any surf clubs provide space and services for board riding clubs in the Northern Beaches Community, swimming clubs have clubhouses what about the board riders - far from inclusive particularly when you consider the number of NB residents that are board riders! An Art/Play should be located elsewhere</li> </ul>	<p>The Accessible ramp design is where I believe the lookout area should also reside, the access to a platform here would come straight off the ramp and require less construction than what is planned for the 'lookout design' This area is also closer to amenities and cafes which is where people tend to prefer to gravitate and relax.</p>	<p>This area is too small for the amount of construction required, and is too far way from cafes and bathroom amenities. All the concrete construction takes away from the natural/coastal vibe.</p> <p>At present this area is predominantly used by 2 types -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-those wanting a quieter space to chill out and enjoy the view</li> <li>- and gatherings for baby showers, family birthdays that either do not want to squeeze in between multiple groups using the main picnic area or prefer a quieter more private space. A BBQ would also be an asset here. <p>I believe that combining the proposed viewing platform into the accessible ramp design is a better outcome for those who would use it and for the overall look and usage of the Park</p> </li></ul>	<p>In general I support the Friends of Freshwater recommendations and comments with the addition of those listed by myself in this submission -</p> <p>Public Toilets are desperately required now - they do not feature on Council's Capital Works Program. It is essential that these be constructed as a matter of priority and certainly before 2024.</p> <p>Access to the beach from Ocean View Road is now dangerous for those walking the coastal route and those with prams. Council recently installed a special pathway half way to the beach to enable prams and equipment to be conveyed to and from the beach unfortunately this track/access is primarily used by the Life Guards beach buggy for bringing boats and skis to and from the beach and as the pathway stops half way it is of NO benefit to parents with prams. Parents use the 'goat track' as it has a harder service for wheels and as it is a natural continuation from the coastal walk/pool route pedestrians use this access route. Photos have been uploaded in the accompanying pdf.</p> <p>My opinions are based on personal experiences over the last 6 years - this park is a fabulous asset, the many families that reside in the surrounding units are dependant on these spaces to get their children out in the fresh air, create a community with their neighbours, celebrate birthdays etc. The different areas of the park are used in different ways and this should remain.</p>

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				We do need quieter spaces such as the proposed viewing area - it's positioning is perfect as is. We also need the overflow car park to be open all year as you will see by the image included today the car park is at 90% capacity and it is a windy cool winters day, Summer is a nightmare for locals trying to park. Personally we are unable to invite friends and family to visit in summer over the weekends as it's impossible to find a park in Evans ST, Ocean View Road, McKillop Park etc.
17	<p>Along with the mentioned a_ space outdoor fitness Equipment in my attachment I feel it also important for the younger and teenagers to have access to free basketball hoops to give them fitness and skills with both these items.</p> <p>Chatswood playground has put these in as well as many other councils like in Botany Bay.</p> <p>Aerobic and strength building activities are beneficial to residents and visitors.</p>	<p>The existing ramp needs to be retained, with new steps located on the west side of the existing ramp.</p> <p>On the Moore Rd-footpath a disabled ramping at 1:14 can be configured better to connect the mid landing.</p>	<p>The existing lookout is NOT to be extended.</p> <p>The beauty of Freshwater is its natural outlook to the ocean. The current lawn area is the most desirable.</p> <p>No trees to be brought in. Replace existing lawn . Low native sand dune vegetation to ensure strengthening.</p> <p>The disabled parking and facilities are all at the surf club end which is the most desirable with the current lookout needing some renovations to make this an outstanding facility.</p>	<p>Foot wash taps are needed at end of all paths to the car park in addition to the current showering facilities. Foot taps should be located away from showering areas so more people can wash at the same time without incident with surfboards .</p> <p>Ocean view Rd footpath paving along south side of street car parking (9 spaces) needs to be replaced and made level without trip hazards.</p> <p>Bollards are to be replaced with reflectors.</p> <p>Provide sandstone block seating throughout north and south parklands.</p> <p>Night lighting is needed near the surf club boat shed to make the car parking-pedestrian movements in the vicinity safe.</p>

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				I was unable to add documents to this submission so I will send those tomorrow.
18			It would be great to tidy up the area and make it more user friendly - this proposed design is a welcomed improvement.	<p>1) Would like to please understand any proposed lighting for the lookout - currently there is excessive artificial light and associated light pollution in the area at night (from street/car park lighting, external lighting in apartment complexes/houses etc.). It would be a shame to add to this problem (I've seen owls and bandicoots in this area). In addition, there is already an issue with people using the area as a night time hang out (the police were overrun at times last year) - it would be a shame if any lighting stayed on beyond a reasonable hour and encouraged late night gatherings.</p> <p>2) Elevation of the lookout - currently it is difficult to see the surf from the highest point of the area where the lookout will be (the SE corner where the bricks/fence line is). Hopefully the platform will be high enough to get a clear view out to the ocean.</p> <p>3) Will there be rubbish/recycling bins in the area?</p>
19				The plans and development are not in keeping with the character of Freshwater. Freshwater doesn't need more concrete and man made construction - if people want that, they can visit Dee Why and Manly beaches. We have such a beautiful natural environment - why can't we leave it as is? Nearby Jacka park is

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				<p>already getting an upgrade - we don't need a bigger children play area and man made shade (which usually go with little maintenance and start looking dirty quickly). We don't need concrete blocks for people to sit on - the charm of the beach is that there is a gorgeous grassy knoll. Minor improvements to paths could be made for wheelchairs, but this amount of work is disproportionate:</p> <p>Please reconsider. Keep Freshwater as is.</p>
20	An adults weight bearing fitness section, similar to queenscliffe lagoon park would be ideal and encourage adults to exercise whilst their kids are as well. This would improve adults wellbeing as well as their kids and help our community with fitter and more resilient adults.			Please include an adults weight bearing equipment, thank you
21	The playground could benefit from the addition of some sandstone carvings as have many others around Sydney including the Northern Beaches such as Bilarong Reserve and Berry Reserve, both in Narrabeen.			
22				For the past two years when I walk down the steps from Evans Street to the path leading to the north end of Freshwater Beach, I pass a large flat rock, a sort of 'pad' and envision an specially created sandstone sculpture there.

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				<p>This path has a a high level of pedestrian traffic and, although part of the Palm Beach to Manly Coastal Walk, I don't think that any artwork has been designated for this site, and it just cries out for "something".</p> <p>Newton Bishop has created many significant works on the Northern Beaches over several years, the most recent being two full sized crocodiles at the Narrabeen Tramshed Centre. When I showed Newton the site he agreed with it's special nature and invited me to create some ideas and pass them on to see if we could create some further interest.</p> <p>I am sure that Newton would be pleased to meet on site with a designated Council representative if an opportunity exists for such an undertaking and from there create a proposal for agreement on the design, cost and time frame.</p>
23	<p>Whilst sun shades over the existing playground would be of benefit, there is no need to increase the size or equipment currently being used. Kids love the grass area and playing, parking is already too busy and increasing playground would only cause further issues</p>	<p>Freshwater already has a ramp in place, the new plans would make it feel lime Dee Why and the reason everyone loves Freshwater is because it isn't full of concrete and feels natural. The ramp on the side of pilu down to the beach is dangerously slippery always and should be a bigger priority for how busy it is.</p>	<p>It isn't required, as a previous occupant of Ocean View Road the natural hill incline is enjoyed by everyone without feeling like a concrete over built up area. A couple more tables could be of benefit but otherwise its a great picnic area currently and shouldn't be overdeveloped.</p>	<p>The current plan has clearly been created by people who aren't Freshwater residents. Freshwater beachfront is unique and different from surrounding suburbs because it isn't filled with concrete paths and over the top developed. Freshwater is too small a suburb with limited parking to be planning developments that will attract further traffic congestion and turn relaxed landmark Freshwater into Dee Why.</p>

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24				<p>The removal of the outside shower at the northern end of the beach goes against all the current Covid thinking. After going for a swim, this will force anyone who wants to shower to have to go inside the public amenity area attached to the clubhouse. If Council planners were really thinking about safe interactions among beach-goers, they would be planning for more outside showers to allow people to socially distance rather than go inside a small, poorly ventilated area. Perhaps Council planners are hoping to reduce the amount of water people use when going to the beach.</p> <p>The masterplan is very disappointing as it seems to approach the use of Freshwater Beach area as a "party" place rather than what it actually is - a beach where people go to cool off on hot days and enjoy the peace of being at an outstanding world quality beach, in the middle of suburbia.</p>
25				Please retain the existing swings and play equipment near the carpark next to Pilu restaurant.
26		Wheelchair access to the surf should be made available		Dogs should be allowed to use the Beach at specified times
27				<p>Zone for public art and artful play: Not enough information on this area. Grass should be left open, no BBQ or more covered picnic areas added. Playground should be retained in position, but modernised. And showers should also remain here. Timelines are not clear enough overall. Toilet facilities need urgent attention and should commence asap.</p>

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28			This mustn't happen, freshwater is a beautiful unspoilt area and this will totally destroy it. It is an area of outstanding natural beauty and is a rare gem of unspoilt beauty in Sydney. The beautiful rocks that overlook the bay from the left (by diggers) must not be developed on.	I think an improved playground/workout area would be good though
29		The green space area designated as "Area 5" on the Master plan appears to have an over-abundance of concrete including a switch back that takes away from the limited green space available. We suggest that the current path is redesigned to provide the appropriate grade requirements and the switch back is removed. The incorporation of stairs into the current path is not supported. Alternatively, the path from Moore Rd to the Surf Club could be used.	While a viewing platform in the parkland at the end of Ocean View Rd in Area 3 is welcomed it would be more appropriate to access it from the pedestrian pavement in the turnaround. Building an additional pathway parallel to the pedestrian walkway is inappropriate.	<p>After careful and additional consideration, we feel compelled to add additional comment highlighting concerns to the Freshwater Beach Master Plan. We are concerned with the number of additional paths dividing the public open space and dividing the area into smaller, less useful pockets of green space.</p> <p>The concerns and reasons are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The green space area designated as "Area 5" on the Master plan appears to have an over-abundance of concrete including a switch back that takes away from the limited green space available. We suggest that the current path is redesigned to provide the appropriate grade requirements and the switch back is removed. The incorporation of stairs into the current path is not supported. Alternatively, the path from Moore Rd to the Surf Club could be used.</li> <li>• The playground at the end of Moore Rd is well used generally by young families with very young children. The proposed</li> </ul>

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				<p>installation of "Art Play" appears too close to the showers and will be unlikely to cater for young children who really love swings and small slides and climbing structures. We believe the community is best served by retaining this playground in its current form and further from the shower.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The current path to the beach from the end of Moore Rd could be widened a little and the small green patches appear to add little value. The new path proposed from Moore to the Surf Club would further cut into the current well-used green space. However, this path could remove the need for the zig zag.</li> <li>• The area around Pilu has too many new concrete pathways cutting current green spaces into smaller areas. The path cutting across the slope below Pilu Baretto is unnecessary and removes an area where people congregate. A more appropriate path would go from the end of Moore Rd parking to meet the current path. The new path from Undercliff beside Pilu is unlikely to be heavily utilised as people coming along Undercliff will likely continue to come down the steps and take a diagonal path. Those coming down from Queenscliff will likely continue to take the path nearer the beach.</li> <li>• While a viewing platform in the parkland at the end of Ocean View Rd in Area 3 is welcomed it would be more appropriate to access it from the pedestrian</li> </ul>

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				<p>pavement in the turnaround. Building an additional pathway parallel to the pedestrian walkway is inappropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is needed is an extension of the walkway entrance from Ocean View to the beach. The walkway leading up the rock wall to the ocean pool is not addressed and while we are aware that the discussion around building a walkway has been considered and rejected based on cost, there should be some more research into other potential options that would better suit the situation.</li> <li>• It has been mentioned by numerous residents that an off-leash area for dogs should be considered either in the reserve or the overflow car park. We believe that it is a manageable option that may be restricted by appropriate times as well as considering if both or one area is appropriate. Based on the high level of dog ownership and the ridiculous fines that can be incurred, it seems a matter of accommodating the number of dog owners in the area and the overall view that there is a need as well as a desire to offer this option. While we are aware there are off-leash areas in Manly and Curl Curl, there are no immediate areas in Freshwater that allow this.</li> </ul> <p>In conclusion, although we are delighted that the Masterplan from 2018 is getting further attention, we note that timeframes are totally missing from the documentation. We believe that it is imperative that the public amenities are included in the first phase of</p>

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				implementation. We look forward to the implementation plan being released to the community.
30	Needs some exercise equipment for the numerous runners and fitness enthusiasts that visit the area		<p>Less concrete, it looks horrible and bad for the environment.</p> <p>We see plenty of whales and dolphins at the lookout, paying homage to that with public information would be a nice touch.</p>	Please use sustainable materials and please please please use less concrete. Looks horrible and bad for the environment
31	Please don't get rid of the small playground overlooking the ocean. It is the only place in Freshy where us parents of babies can go with the pram, a picnic blanket and still have a glance at the ocean. It means so much for so many of us. The other playground is larger and you still see more people going at the other one only because you can see the ocean. PLEASE.		That spot of freshwater is used for locals for birthday parties, kids parties, baby showers, small weddings etc. Please don't put a lookout. No one will use it. It's too isolated and in front of the car park. Also the design has so much concrete, it looks like Dee why. We love Freshy family vibe and raw nature, please less concrete in the design	As an engineer myself and a local that goes to freshwater beach twice a week I am overly excited about the masterplan. However, the design implements a lot of modern, concrete and cold design. Concrete where we just love to sit on the grass. And PLEASE don't get rid of the small playground in front of pilu and the ocean. It is THE spot where all locals go with their families. It will be a huge disappointment for the community to see that gone. Love the barbecues overlooking the ocean.
32	Playground at end of Moore Rd is extremely well used by young families. Upgrade by all means, but do not take it away. We don't need an "art play" area which would be more suitable for a day care school, not a park area. The major park playground looks good, but don't fill up the park with masses of trees, plants, footpaths etc. It looks far to busy, not clear	Too much concrete in area 6 covering yet another green space. We don't need a path from Undercliff next to Pilu. It is not used very much and would be just more concrete in an otherwise lovely grassy area, which of course is very rare now in Freshwater.		<p>Council desperately needs to fix the pathway from Undercliff Rd down to the beach and provide a railing to guide oneself safely up and down.</p> <p>Taking into account all these proposed changes, the very first number one change should be public toilets. At present, on warmer nights when the whole area is packed with people picknicking and this starts in early</p>

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	and natural. We are not a tourist resort, we are all about locals here in Freshwater. Keep the park free and spacious.			October and will go on till daylight saving finishes, the only way to relieve oneself is in the bushes. PUBLIC TOILETS ARE A MUST.
33				I agree with comments. In particular to keep the playground area at the southern end of the beach, at the end of Moore Rd. This is the best area to watch our beautiful ocean while the kids can have a play. I & my grandkids love that little play area. This play area doesn't need to be big just a swing & a climbing / slippery slide type of thing.
34	<p>The Art Play area sounds a bit vague. Having play equipment there is most important for allowing our children to engage in play. Secondary to that should be having the equipment integrated into the art.</p> <p>More details on this would be good.</p>			Love the changes to the beach access, park and parking areas.
35		<p>In general I object to any additional plan to further concrete over grassed or vegetation areas wherever possible.</p> <p>There is already ramped access on the existing path. Perhaps it may be too steep and/or too narrow but people with wheelchairs and prams currently use it. The existing path could be modified to widen it and to reduce the gradient to comply with current standards. Then the path can</p>		

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		<p>continue to be shared by all. Building steps makes no sense and will add an additional safety hazard. Concreting over the existing lovely vegetation area would be a travesty. Please reconsider the design here.</p> <p>My strongest objection is to adding an additional concrete path diagonally through the park. This is simply not necessary. Please leave the grass as it is.</p>		
36				<p>It seems that the Freshwater Reserve will lose its flair. The plan uses concrete extensively. Freshwater beach and the reserve are so wonderful because they are still natural.</p> <p>The rocks, the sand, the palms. Please leave this little paradise its natural beauty and refrain from using concrete everywhere.</p> <p>Where will people sit and have picnics with the huge playground in the middle? Why another playground at all? Just renovate the existing one. Will there be enough space for the Xmas carroll?</p> <p>Where will people just sit under the palms and relax and play guitar?</p> <p>It looks that Freshwater will become full of concrete, organized and therefore losing its flair</p>
37				This looks wonderful! Well done to the designers and those who are making this happen.
38			Look out over two 1950's non environmentally	There is a massive oversight in this FRESHWATER plan, the fresh water

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			<p>sympathetic concrete tubes and grills if a constant thorn in residents sides.</p> <p>This is not a vista we want to share, lets do better and make this iconic beach as good as when nature made it.</p> <p>Please see a solution in the comments below:</p>	<p>stream is in pipes on the beach! I understand why this was done, but the iconic beach deserves a better/ more considered and environmentally friendly solution than 1950's industrial pipes and grills.</p> <p>The two storm water pipes need to be shortened to the Pine trees, building a natural filtration pool system with a foot bridge over them. The new shortened ends of the pipes should be under a decorative archway just beachside of the Norfolk pine trees, where the waterway can be landscaped to allow slow and overflow filtration.</p> <p>Lower down towards the ocean by the large rocks on the northern end of the beach a small boardwalk bridge can be used to cross the water to access the beach.</p> <p>I would sincerely like to be involved with such a project and if you share my concern for this beautiful beach and the freshwater stream it was named after, please contact me.</p>
39	Keep as much grass as possible!!			Leave as is, freshwater is beautiful. Too much development will ruin it.
40				I hope that you have included the local board riding clubs in this. They are the longest and most community evolved clubs. Having been the birth place of surfing it is freshwaters history to have these clubs. Not only history but for many local kids it's a great sense of pride and belonging to the freshwater area.
41	The playground simply needs re-furbishment and is fine where it is.	This is not clear. The present provision of path ways is adequate	The look out design is too invasive. People desire	I have lived in Freshwater for many years and have a very good idea of what works

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	<p>The idea of art play is unnecessary. It is not likely to be a success and will require constant cleaning and supervision. The kids love running through the grass to the play ground. The other park near Pilu overlooking the beach is very popular with children. Families love to meet there and enjoy drinking coffee and catching up with other parents. It's a wonderful space for everyone and the grass provides wonderful seating. The toilets nearby are adequate. They need to be cleaned more regularly and kept up to date, providing facilities for everyone,,,,, Everything needs to be kept simple. More native trees would be a bonus as the palm trees can be dangerous,</p>	<p>through the park behind the surfclub.</p>	<p>and need green space and natural design not concrete terraces. The photos of the concrete terraced area looks appalling and ugly, not at all in keeping with this beautiful natural green space. A focus more on maintaining and promoting the natural beauty of these spaces is absolutely paramount, The use of natural shelters is more in keeping with this beautiful place. Man-made structures encourage litter and degradation.</p>	<p>for people here. Whilst I support the beautification of the natural landscape that surrounds Freshwater Beach I would like to emphasise that people love this area the way it is! Everybody loves the grassed area in front of the surf club and they also love hanging out with others on the grassed area overlooking the beach near Undercliff Road. Really, no-one worries about the navigating the various ramps to the beach. There could be one purpose-built ramp available from Koolooro Ave for example. It's also a mistake to turn the temporary overflow carpark into a permanent concrete parking lot. Kids and dogs use this area in the afternoons and there are heaps of kids and dogs in Freshwater!. The area needs to be maintained but kept natural and beautiful!</p>
42				<p>Hi, there needs to be consideration for the inclusion of a storage area for the Freshwater longboards Club which is an iconic club strongly aligned to the Duke, an icon of surfing. So please consider this otherwise their existing storage trailer will need to be kept on the road, an eye sore.</p>
43				<p>Please retain and upgrade the playground with swings and slide in the upper area near Pilu. This is in constant use from children of families picnicking in the park and is a necessary addition for parents purchasing coffees and food from cafes in the area.</p>

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44			Please add a beach shower at this end of the beach, near lookout (end of Ocean View Road). This entry / exit point sees a huge amount of beach traffic, especially young children, prams etc. We too need to wash off the sand when we come off the beach. Running water is sadly lacking and can be rectified easily in this master plan.	Shower please so we can wash off sand and salt before heading home!
45	The new playground design is too big - much more hard surface, shade clothes that need maintaining and end up looking mouldy and unkept - the beach is the playground - we don't need a massive playground on the corner of a busy street and car park.	There are footpaths criss crossing all over the place. What is the point of it all. I think what is appealing about our area is it's casual - just simple open space- council doesn't need to provide for everyone to have a good time. Bring a towel or a picnic rug - that's all - simple stuff.	If you would like to see the beach - walk down to the beach. What is the point of all this construction to look at the beach? Get your feet sanding and walk onto the sand - don't just look at it.	I like that the council is wanting to make our area accessible but it really is over kill. In my opinion move the Surf club storage shed from the middle of the car park to close to the surf club, finish off the over flow car park so it can be used all year round and we don't have to wait for someone to open it on busy days and that's it. Leave it - people use it and love it already.
46	The original masterplan (2018?) had the playground relocated closer to the surf club and away from the road. It is a shame to see it remaining in it's current location - so close to a busy road. Re-locating the playground to the 2018 location would also be ideal for the fabulous coffee shop located within the surf club - to have this parent activity close by, especially mid week. Also a great			Why is there no amenity for children older than 5 years? Freshwater is in dire need of amenities for tweens / teens (Not all teens spend their time at the beach). A basketball court at a minimum - there is 1 hoop located at each of Grahams reserve, Nolans, and Curl Curl - pathetic! Volleyball / tennis nets; Table Tennis, ...

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	location for parents groups to meet with their young kids.			
47				I would like to see a separate shed for the Freshwater Long boarding club to store their personal items so they don't have to use small trailers that take up space in the car park
48				I'd like to see more paths across the Southern Parkland area. Perhaps in an organic X shape from North to South and East to West.
49				Freshie is great the way it is. We don't need to waste taxpayers money overdeveloping areas that are just fine as is. Locals love it the way it is. Don't fix what isn't broken
50		Freshwater has the least green space of all postcodes on the Northern Beaches. The proposals now seek to eliminate that green space further by introducing concrete walkways and unnatural steel railings. Please keep Freshwater raw and natural! Development is not always a positive! I have 2 small children who I frequently push around Freshwater reserve in a buggy. The current setup works. Let's not criss-cross this beautiful space with even more walkways	I live opposite this space. I would like to correct Friends of Freshwater and council members who believe this is an 'under-utilised' space 'ready for activation'. Generally on every day of every weekend, birthday picnics and gender reveal gatherings are held there with beautiful views across the beach. Where will these people go after council has destroyed all the remaining green space?  Furthermore, how many accessible lookouts are needed? There are already	The removal of the playground in front of Pilu is devastating. Go sit on the swings there and look out to sea before you make this decision. There are not many places in Sydney where children can do this anymore. The proposed art project can be used to liven up any old dreary space. The playground is not the place for it. No art is needed when the natural landscape is so beautiful

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			accessible view points along Freshwater beach. Clearly I support accessibility for those less able but am also mindful that by its natural geography, Freshwater is a beach between 2 headlands. It does not lend itself to being as accessible as other beaches such as Dee Why and Manly which are 100% accessible due to being longer and flatter.	
51	The site on the corner should have a conventional childproof safety fence as a hedge is simply not good enough to restrict children from accessing the adjacent roads. There should also be vehicle accident barriers ( large sandstone blocks or similar) The current speed limit on Koolooro Ave( also Gore St, Moore St and Ocean View Rd) is 50 kmh which is highly dangerous given the high pedestrian and bicycle usage) A car accident could result in a car crashing into the playground area. Why does Northern Beaches Council continue to refuse to reduce the speed limits on these roads despite every other beach having 40kph and 30kph speed limits. The speed limit in the plan key area 1 shows a car park in this part of Koolooro Ave which is	The accessible ramp is an excellent amenity for safe access to the beach reserve however the addition of steps to the existing pathway would appear to be unnecessary.	Can the level grassed lookout area be increased ( with a retaining wall at Ocean View end) to expand the grassed area by relocating the ramp access further east and relocating bike ramps.	The construction of a new pathway from Cnr of Moore Rd and Gore St to connect to pathway at rear of Surf Clubs unnecessary and reduces this highly utilised grassed area of the reserve where for generations young children and their families have played football , frisbee, and ball other games. The pathway along Moore Rd to the existing pathway already provides an efficient access to the surf club and northern end of the beach. This will now be further improved with the Accessible Ramp Plan. We don't need a shortcut from Moore Rd. Please don't replace grass with more concrete

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	currently 50kph right up to the beach showers.			
52				<p>I'd like to understand where the request for this upgrade has come from? We have plenty of accessible ramps and paths down to the park and beach as well 2 playgrounds already existing.</p> <p>Freshwater is a small beach village, we do not have the resources (take away shops, bins, parking and bathrooms) to facilitate any influx of people coming to freshwater.</p> <p>Freshwater is not a Bondi or a Manly and nor does anyone want it to be, everyone enjoys the green space already available and do not wish to have built up concrete areas ruining the natural charming environment.</p> <p>Council funds would be much better spent upgrading curb and gutter or the drainage system at the bottom of Waine street.</p>
53				<p>There's going to be less parking and appears to be no provisions now for the community board riders clubs to store their equipment and or trailers which should be addressed.</p>
54				<p>The charm of freshwater beach is its natural feeling, and large open spaces. Please don't make this like dee why or manly. If we wanted it like that we'd move there</p>
55			Looks great!!!! One add below	<p>It would be great to have a shower at the northern end of the beach please. The one closest to the Northern end is difficult to access as it is on the car park and dangerous with children</p>

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56	I'm not sure I am onboard with Artplay. Seems like over complication of what kids do at a playground			
57				Why do the council have to overdevelop green spaces by the beach, there's already plenty to do in these areas without ruining them with some lookout ramp and a plastic and steal playground
58		I think taking away and tree space or sand dune on the beach could affect the climate of it. We should leave the beach as is and look at other options.	These options could include more parking for people visiting the beach and accessing freshwater as it is quite a dangerous walk if you have children.	That's all, thank you for your consideration.
59	I think it's absolutely fine the way it is! It's ridiculous to spend an obscene amount of money to make this beautiful area built up and awful. The locals and people visiting freshwater love it the way it is and the simplicity of it is what makes it such a beautiful and serene spot to visit. Please don't!	The ramp is absolutely fine!	The design is awful. It doesn't represent freshwater or it's surroundings at all. It would be such a disappointment to see this go ahead.	Please listen to the people and keep freshwater the way it is!
60		Too much concrete for this area. Leave it be.	Not needed. Too commercial. Keep freshwater as it is.	While updating the playground for the children of the community is supported I do not support any further changes to this beautiful green space. Please leave freshwater as it is and allocate funds more appropriately around the area.
61	I would like more info on what the art/play area is			
62	There have been multiple studies on the need for children to reconnect with nature and or the benefits for nature play. Following the lead of Scandinavian countries			No plastic. Needs shade. Natural materials like timber. Nature play philosophy.

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	and in keeping with many Freshwater families values please take this into account and redesign the playground. Look at the Ian Potter "wild" play park in centennial parks. Natural materials. In bed nature into the park. Something that isn't jarring with the landscape and that won't age or date. This is an opportunity to do something very special for Freshwater and to put the suburb on the map with a world class and progressive playground.			
63	Fenced and keep to current land area. Should not expand current footprint.	It looks so out of character with the laid back natural feel that is the area. Concrete and at steel eyesore.	Where is the current lookout next to the surf club gone? That is the best look out location.	
64				Just leave it as is, the simplicity of the area is what makes it so nice, all people want is some grass to sit down on and enjoy the sun and beach with an unobstructed view. If it ain't broke why fix it
65	I would like to see it more natural, not so many bright colours and illustrations. Natural materials, original indigenous culture inspired.			Natural materials, original indigenous culture inspired.
66				I would like part of the beach to allow dogs. Not to run around but a spot where I could sit on the sand with my dog and also enjoy being outside. Most peoples dogs are better behaved than most children and leave less mess behind.
67	Perhaps more could be done with the playground near Pulu rather than what appears to be an	It would be a shame to put another ramp (6) across an area that is popular for picnics and		

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	<p>already reasonable playground at the bottom. Particularly with the plans to add more picnic facilities on the grassed areas here, it may be better to look at other safe ways to entertain children, without obstructing the view.</p> <p>You could also consider other multipurpose facilities to help people be more active, such as an outdoor gym or multi-use area for outdoor exercise groups. As an exercise physiologist I'd love to see more opportunities to get people moving!</p>	<p>games. This would be very understandable if there wasn't already an access ramp, however given there is one slightly further down I wonder if it is entirely necessary. It's much nicer to see open greenery rather than reducing/parting the space with more concrete.</p>		
68				<p>It is already extremely hard to park in Freshwater near the beach, near-by streets are full due to unit blocks with inadequate spaces given for residents, who then have to park on the street, and this improvement to the area is sure to attract more people to the area - so where do they park?</p> <p>This concept plan needs to include information as to what Council is going to do to increase parking spaces in the area.</p>
69				<p>I strongly oppose the development plan for Freshwater, the beauty of the Freshwater beach is its organic look and feel. Compared to all the other lower northern beaches, Freshwater is the only beach that still maintains a more natural surrounding. We do not need this upgrade it adds no additional value to the community. The funds could be spent on</p>

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				other upgrades such as the grass around the playground or an area. We do not need more built out concrete pathways and ramps. The existing toilet blocks at the surf club are sufficient.
70				Just leave freshwater as it is Does not need to be another commercial place What a stupid idea
71		I think we need to leave this area untouched by man. This the main beauty of this beach, that it's predominantly untouched by man. Please it as it is.	Unnecessary, unwanted and ugly. This money would be better spent on fixing potholes or donating to a childrens hospital or MND research.	The proposal to change the untouched landscapes of our beautiful freshwater in my opinion aren't needed or wanted. We love the space and areas as they are. It is so rare these days to have natural untouched spaces. Please leave it as it is. I wish that man could for once leave something alone and it's natural state.
72				Car park is a joke, in summer takes up to an hour to find a parking spot, this new proposal will make it impossible. Before anything is done the parking needs to be sorted out. Had women try fight me for a spot last summer.
73			Car parking is currently average in summer, what's the plan here?	Locals car parking please
74	More shade, always more shade, over every piece of equipment & areas to throw a picnic rug. We have such high rates of skin cancer in this country. I have treated twenty something year olds with skin cancers. It's also just so hot for children & carers when it's sunny and there is no shade. Increasing the risk of heat			

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	stroke and exhaustion. The ground burns little feet and the hands and knees of babies who are still crawling. The equipment is sometimes too hot to even touch. Our climate is only getting hotter, please plan for the future. Go put your hands on a playground with not enough shade on a hot sunny day. It also helps protect the ground and equipment so it doesn't age as fast.			
75	Similarly to my accessible ramp comment, there should be a higher focus on the planting in the playground design. Various species could be used for educational purposes and to balance the intensity of the playground's design.	It would be good to provide an indicative planting palette, and demonstrate the use of a higher diversity of plant species. Should apply to the whole design set - improving the endangered ecological communities of freshwater and expanding the project to include dune rehabilitation.	The look out could use more small trees to frame the space, such as banksias. More seating and opportunities to stay at that space would be preferable, e.g. some drinking fountains, individual block seats, grouped furniture.	Overall there needs to be a better focus on the areas ecology. Freshwaters public domain is in need of more tree planting.
76	Needs to be bigger and offer far more equipment given how many people will be using the playground, looks like a very small amount of equipment. Have more water features like the park in drew why and slides like rocket park Otherwise it will look like a cheap outcome.			
77	See below	I understand if there needs to be improved disabled access to make the beach welcoming for all	See below	The thing that locals love about Freshy is it's old school simplicity. Located right next to manly we can go there if we want up graded more modern facilities. The beauty of Freshwater is that it's not built

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				up and has remained fairly untouched which is rare in Sydney and what sets us apart from the Eastern suburbs. Please don't dig up our park!! The kids love it as it is and the area is perfect for picnics in the summer
78				<p>I note you do not disclose what this will cost the ratepayer.</p> <p>I believe this 'masterplan' to be excessive and should not go ahead. Sure upgrade toilet facilities but leave all else as is. The childrens play area is also a waste. Excessive and no doubt costly. Children go to a beach to play. Art work- waste of money spent on "art" which is personal taste. If residents want 'artwork' they can go to an art studio or gallery. Constant reference to the term 'inclusion' also makes the community divisive. I accept everyone as they are and lose interest in having the 'inclusion' reference pushed down my throat.</p>
79		Too much concrete.	Too much concrete. Each time you pour concrete, there is less green space. You are proposing to turn what looks like a country beach dune into a massive concrete-covered structure.	Too many concrete paths.
80				Great plan for the space and will make a huge difference to its use
81				Good balance of open space and upgraded amenities. New public amenities block and retention of parking spaces is to be commended. D. T

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82	A fence around the playground is needed for the safety of small children and intellectually handicapped children. Our 5 year old intellectually handicapped granddaughter will try to run away if there's no fence. There are very few playgrounds around with fences around them.			
83	I believe kids would benefit better if a water sprinkle play area was set up close to playground too. I always imagined a water play area there, a mix of what you find in manly or dee why.			Sprinkles Water play needed!
84				Something needs to be done about the sand dunes.. full of lantana and weeds and rubbish... also need the width of dunes reduced for more room on beach... remember the dunes were man made by the council..
85			The Lookout appears ugly, its over kill, no doubt expensive and achieves very little. Who has determined this is a priority?	Priority should be given to address a major safety issue that exists with the conflict of pedestrians and cars, where pedestrians traverse the carpark from Ocean View Road to the Surf Club. The "shared way" shown on the masterplan would go so way to alleviating this, however it is unclear whether this is included in the first stage? It appears to be too narrow, it should be 3-4m wide to accomodate a large number of pedestrians, walking groups, runners, dog walkers etc. Why not build a suspended boardwalk over the dunes that would also provide the proposed lookout over the beach.

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86				An outdoor shower area adjacent to the northern-most beach access path would be beneficial.
87				Changes are sub-optimal without addressing parking and access.
88				As a Resident of Freshwater my wife and i strongly support the submission and comments of The Friends of Freshwater.
89	<p>Love the re-design of the main playground.</p> <p>The second existing, limited, playground has disappeared and is replaced with a vague “art play” proposal. I am concerned at the possible removal of this playground, as it is most valued in its current location.</p>	<p>In the north the recently installed special pathway to enable prams and equipment to be conveyed to and from the beach could be the subject of further consideration as the current solution has the look of a stop gap measure.</p> <p>In the South there is a relatively steep access way from Undercliff Road. The installation of a safety rail would be prudent as this access way can become slippery in wet weather and slippery when beach sand covers it, as has occurred in recent East Coast Low events.</p>	<p>An excellent refresh of this under-utilised vantage point and the inclusion of a ramp is wonderful.</p>	<p>Bridge Street Footpath (leading to Queenscliff Steps)</p> <p>This element of the Plan has been omitted even though the safety railing is in disrepair and the pedestrian traffic still shares the access with motor vehicles. There is a great opportunity to create a Lookout viewing platform along this short section of roadway</p> <p>Implementation Timelines</p> <p>There are no definite timelines mentioned in the Plan but Council needs to inform the community of when various deliverables of this Plan will be implemented, given the five year hiatus since it was first approved by Council.</p> <p>Beach Reserve Access Ways</p> <p>The current pathway linking the two parts of the Reserve has stairs in the new proposal which are unnecessary. The current gradient of this pathway can be reduced to allow greater usage by a wider segment of the population.</p>

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				Shade Shade Shade The more shade and gazebos added to the re-design the better for all.
90				Not in favour of the proposal. The existing layout as it is, is hard to beat. The existing layout is functional and aesthetically pleasing. It is currently very natural and unspoilt and easily accessible to all. Not in favour of sticking toilets (eyesore) in the middle of the park. Are they really necessary when there are facilities within the surf club. Please rather spend the money on fixing up sub soiled drainage problems and road surfaces.
91				will encourage teenage drinking that is already an issue in this area
92	The existing playground in front of pilu needs a complete overhaul and more shade, also the bigger playground would suit something similar to playground in clontarf, bit more beach/sandy, water features? does not need shaded sales as only gets sun half of day and is covered by the trees I like that it's left open and not fenced or gated			
93	Excellent plan - last school holidays I had 4 tween age grandkids (9-11 yrs) and wanted them to run off steam outside our Freshwater home unit block one evening. Drove around looking for a park and found several lovely infants parks that they were way			

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	too big for. I totally forgot the lovely park in the midst of DY (Walter Gors). Eventually gave up and home we went after a brief run around an empty green lawn at Curl Curl before the rain started again. So the plan for Freshwater Beach park looks fantastic to me. Thank you.			
94		It's taking away from the freshwater beach that everyone knows and loves	It's ruining the environment	This is not on spending money in an area to bring more people that's not what the suburb needs. It needs less people it already to crowded. It's money spent on an area that dosent need it yet people are struggling to even put a roof over their head and food on the table maybe spend the money on people who need it
95		I think it's important to make the beach more accessible for less able bodied residents . My parents are both long standing Harbord residents and would benefit from this access.		Please leave the space like it is . I like it rustic and beachey. Stop trying to turn it into Noosa. I am born and bred Harbord . It's impossible to get a car park now just to go for a quick dip I can't imagine what a new play ground would do . I hate what's happened to Harbord . Please just leave it alone .
96				I am concerned that the designs including drawings of small high rise buildings on Ocean View Road. I do not support any further extension of medium density dwellings near the beach.  I also suggest the Council needs to prioritise those parts of the 2018 Masterplan for Freshwater that provided for extending the sea side walkways from the beach to the northern headland and salt water pool. The recent storms and

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				loss of sand on the northern end of the beach have highlighted the need to improve the walkway above high water mark.
97				Looks great, can we get this underway ASAP as this will be a major attraction and benefit the local businesses.
98			Looks great but more work is needed in the northern corner of the beach, particularly with regard to the stormwater pipe infrastructure and Ocean View Rd beach access.	<p>Access to the beach from Ocean View Rd is still poor and the newly installed walkway has been compromised by the recent swell events. The alternative goat tracks immediately north are also becoming progressively more eroded and dangerous. Currently the stormwater pipes are fully exposed and 3ft+ above the beach level the entire way back to the dune.</p> <p>This is forming a 3ft high concrete barrier between the beach and the pool access path that is impassable for many except now at low tide/low swell times. While always problematic, the situation has deteriorated significantly after the recent swell events.</p> <p>Some thought needs to be given to providing a long term, climate proof solution for access from Ocean View Rd and between the northern end of the beach and the rock pool.</p>
99			I wish we had more picnic tables with a view of the beach!	<p>I apologise for leaving so many comments! I've been walking around and looking so they are coming at different times.</p> <p>I also hope that the carpark entrance to</p>

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				the beach could be paved or have wooden slats put down to reduce the sand brought onto the street. I have a picture but it's too large to upload!
100				<p>I oppose the fence to protect vegetation. It would be very unsightly on such a beautiful beach and ruin the sense of openness and expansiveness.</p> <p>Could signs be put up, or even logs on the sand to demarcate the vegetation zone.</p>
101			<p>I prefer the grassland that is there now. The lookout doesn't seem high enough to actually see the beach.</p> <p>If the plan is to go ahead and replace grass with concrete then I would advocate for another picnic table, a higher platform to actually lookout from. And a wider space that can be used as a yoga/ exercise platform.</p> <p>Right now it seems like it's all sloping walkways rather than space to be used for exercise/viewing.</p>	
102				The new amenities block should be prioritised within Phase 1 along with the playground. Please find money from somewhere to do this. It is essential.
103				Toilets should be prioritised

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104				The amenities block should be completed in Stage 1. Please find money from elsewhere and prioritise this along with the playground etc
105		<p>Two flights of stairs and an extra accessible ramp cutting through recently planted greenery would be unnecessary if the existing path between the Surf Club and the swings near Pilu began its rise closer to the Surf Club. This may necessitate grassy banks on either side.</p> <p>The two flights of stairs are unnecessary obstacles for parents with prams and bike riders.</p>		<p>Key 6 Path through the park from the cnr of Moore and Gore to the Surf Club is unnecessary. People want green grassy slopes not concrete.</p> <p>The swings near Pilu are very popular and should be retained.</p>
106			This design will destroy one of the most important features of Freshwater beach - the natural surroundings and sand dunes. Freshwater is one of the few Northern beaches which has natural vegetation, a rarity. The lookout design will urbanise the beach, with too much concrete and destroy the beauty of the area. It is extremely disappointing to see this design being considered. The area will become too built up and congested.	

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107				I agree that this is a much better design all round for Freshwater Park area ,compared to the previous design submitted in 2018 which was most unsuitable in a lot of ways with too many changes.
108				Happy with the design-except for the location of the amenities: could be closer to the playground , leaving more green space closer to the beach. We do picnic a lot there and the kids run around near our favorite coffee shop at the surf club. Also please leave all the iconic palm trees in place and don't break up the park/green space with far too much pedestrian/concrete walkways. Could we please have more carparks. Would it be possible to transfer the overflow carpark into permanent carpark maximizing the number of cars to fit in. Rgds
109				We have a memorial seat in my brothers honour which was arranged through council years ago. I would like to ensure that if this seat is removed or relocated that his memorial plaque will be re-instated in the updated space.
110	Hello! So excited about these changes for our community. There is a beautiful company Castle & Cubby who create cubby houses that inspire imagination, create connection and engagement and are truly beautiful!			Would be so great to do something a little different. I am a mum of a 17 month old and this would be such a dream for somewhere to go during the week and then on the weekends as a family. We are really lacking anything different to a good ol' council park. Hope you consider this!

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	<p>In the Northern Rivers they have Newrybar Merchants which is a little hub of shops and cubby houses which draw local families and create a really beautiful little community feel. Please check them out!</p> <p><a href="https://www.castleandcubby.com.au/">https://www.castleandcubby.com.au/</a></p>			
111	<p>Please include a slide in the playground. All 9 nearby playgrounds have slides, because children love slides. There being 9 others with slides is not a reason to not include a slide in this playground. I have a 4 year old and in his opinion a playground without a slide is just not worth going to. Maybe ask some children what they think of the plan? Thanks</p>			
112				<p>Please explain car parking options for local residents as streets surrounding the areas are choked with vehicles during the super months. Residents are often unable to obtain parking spaces within a reasonable distance from their residences.</p>
113				<p>One of the best traits of Freshie beach is that is it natural, unexploited and a place for the locals.</p> <p>Some upgrades are definitely welcome and please do not make it into something commercial and touristy, just because the suburb is booming. There are plenty of that along other beaches - e.g. DY and</p>

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				<p>Manly, to fill that need. Adding to the traffic and parking pressure would be unfortunate.</p> <p>Also, please consider making it officially allowed to walk dogs (on leach is fine, and it would be amazing to have some off-hours beach access for people with dogs - either at the hth end of freshie or on a section of curly beach adjacent to the dog park (note that the lagoon is unsuitable for both humans and dogs)) along the path at the north end of the beach - currently dog owners will have to take an unsafe, unfair and unnecessary detour to access between Freshie, McKillop lookout and the boardwalk to Curly.</p>
114				<p>Is there a possibility that a basketball hoop and area could be incorporated into the design for older kids in the community.Perhaps on the side of the surf club.</p>
115	<p>Although pictures and virtual videos make this look good, in my opinion its all style and no substance.</p> <p>The biggest issue here is safety from traffic. Although the playground is supposedly to have hedging it think it actually should be fenced for safety. Something must be done about speed limits on the surrounding streets. Based on the Dee Why example in my view all streets from Albert St to the beach should have maximum 30km and the immediate vicinity of</p>	<p>This seems to be okay from an accessibility perspective but in relation to the rest of the pathways that connect to it its still very dangerous to have the shared path going though carparks. It still appears that car is king in this whole plan. I'm very disappointed about that.</p> <p>On the overall plan there appears to be a new path installed west of Pilu restaurant, between Undercliff Rd and the Moore Rd. car park. There is no indication of how "accessible" this is to be such as</p>	<p>The lookout seems quite good but i suggest the cost of it needs to be weighed against potential benefit. It is not a major priority in my view if fundamental issues of accessibility and safety in the whole Freshwater Beach area are not properly addressed.</p> <p>Council should aim to get the fundamentals right before such "add-ons".</p>	<p>I'm very disappointed that nothing appears to be suggested for the so called "Parkland South" area between Undercliff Rd and Moore Rd. This sloping grassed area is heavily used as an informal picnic and meeting place in summertime. It has not held up well during the protracted heavy rains we have had since Christmas 2021 to the present. In fact its been quite heavily eroded. Although i think it should be kept as an informal area the council should undertake some "terracing" of the area to create some flat areas.</p>

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	<p>the playground as well as the car parks should have maximum 10km. This is such a heavily used area especially in summertime. While the playground planting looks pretty this is a facade. The truth is any planting must be extremely low maintenance because past history reveals the council will do nothing to maintain them. There will not be any pretty pink or purple flowering plants. This area is subject to extremes of weather and extremes of use. That's just how it is so please don't mislead people. It is also imperative in my view to retain but improve the small play area immediately near the beach. This is heavily used by parents with toddlers and babies who are just taking their first steps to walking. The idea of "Art-play" is frankly silly and who knows what it could be. Just improve the small playground for the very small children with their parents so there is an alternative to the bigger playground which will be heavily used. Please don't do all show and no substance when it would be cheaper and quicker to improve what is there and is already well supported by the community. In respect of play areas for children the councils</p>	<p>the gradient of the path making it suitable for strollers, wheelchairs etc. This makes the "accessible ramp" look like tokenism. All the pathways and connections need to be accessible.</p>		

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	greatest priority should be to reduce speed limits in this area.			
116				Freshwater has a community feel to it with families that live in the area using the beach and park area during the week and on the weekend. The proposed design will bring crowds of tourists especially on the weekend, ruining the community feeling Freshwater has. The design will make it like Dee Why beach but not in a positive way. Freshwater should be kept small and community based.
117				Freshwater is great as it is. LEAVE IT ALONE
118	Looks fun, lots of different options. Only concern is how much of the open space where families and friends play cricket or soccer will be used - is there scope for ensuring some open grass area is retained?	Great idea!	Cool idea - the current place isn't quite high enough to see over the dune.	<p>All the changes look great and are being done with community needs in mind. Initially I was skeptical ("what changes need to happen?") but you make a good case for them all. I'm in support of all proposed changes.</p> <p>After the recent storms the need for better dune management and care is obvious. Without the dune to protect these areas, these amenities will become redundant. i would strongly argue for some budget also going to fences to stop people walking on the middle dune area and human help to encourage plant regeneration as well. We don't want Freshwater to end up like Collaroy beach.</p>
119				There is nothing wrong with it the way it is. 12 months ago I requested that the council look into the issues relating to the disgusting toilet block above the Freshwater pool. The toilets leak, the

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				<p>shower sprays across the entrance and the lighting is terrible there is no bench or hook to hang clothing or towels on. Basically its wear your thongs because you'll come out with soaked feet and hold your breath because it stinks. The council did nothing.</p> <p>Now apparently the council has the time and money to build a whole new toilet block 50 meters from the existing surf club toilet block. It just doesn't make sense.</p> <p>Given how popular the Freshwater pool is why is it so hard for the council to do something about the state of the toilets/changeroom at the pool. It will still take about 10 minutes to walk from the pool to the new toilet block to get changed. Its crazy please spend some money on the health issues at hand before wasting it on creative new ones.</p>
120				<p>Freshwater is a very family orientated community. I agree that the area around Freshwater Beach could do with an uplift. I have reviewed the plans. They seem fine to me. A doggy (poo) bag station for also be a useful addition. Well done.</p>
121		<p>Has council considered pedestrian desire lines? There is a strong north-south desire line immediately to the west of the surf club. The footpath does not hug the surf club therefore is potentially in the wrong location. Consider moving.</p>		

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122		I am opposed to this fullstop. It is not required as the few that cannot navigate the existing path have other options. Importantly it cuts into the natural area which we already have so little of. So in summary both a waste of money and damages natural environment - pls dont do this.		Overall mastetplan is good - however the accessible ramp is not needed, enviro damaging and a bad idea.
123				I cannot see any reference to improvement to shower facilities adjacent to the carpark at the northern access to the beach. The current showers are terrible, poor pressure and low height. Four reasonable showers are required at this exit.
124			I love the idea and the design and it'd be nice to clean and re do the accesses to the beach from the north end	The north and south lookouts could be better connected. Just front of Pile the space is not well utilised, the native vegetation is good but it could be better, it is growing higher and covering the views; ut be great to have paths around and through the native patch's so they allow us to get l. Many ways down the beach while connecting is with the nature- not just a patch of inaccessible patch of green. The south playground needs and update too, a bbq or 2 could help
125				I think it will be a great improvement.
126			Why are we losing the current lookout which is along side the surf club. This very treasured meeting place for all locals and visitors. The new lookout is good but we are	Losing the very popular lookout near the surf club is a backward step. It need a rethink.

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			losing one and just improving the other. This improved lookout is detached from locals and visitors and is near a busy end of street road.	
127				Design is fabulous
128				Will speed limits in the surrounding streets be reduced to 30 or 40 as is the case in other beach areas. Freshwater beach is very popular and there is a lot of foot traffic to the beach. It is quite frightening watching cars speeding up the streets with families trying to cross at intersections on Charles/Ocean View and Charles/Kooloora (an accident waiting to happen).
129	<p>It's been a long time coming that Freshwater has had a new Playground and sadly almost too late for our family as our kids are growing out of them!</p> <p>As a mother I know just HOW important playgrounds are in the community though.</p> <p>I'm originally from the UK and am always disappointed by the lack of creativity with playgrounds in Australia.</p> <p>There are some incredibly talented and creative people around and I would LOVE to see the arts and indigenous heritage employed in the playgrounds. It is</p>			<p>Please see above.</p> <p>Please don't just get standard equipment but choose materials and a playground that reflect natural environment and sustainability and represent and encompass the areas heritage and history.</p>

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	<p>an AMAZING opportunity to blend the beautiful natural environment into community and to enrich the local kids senses!!!</p> <p>It's easy to purchase or contract the standard gharish bright coloured metal equipment, but I feel Freshwater should be more tasteful and exciting and progressive than other areas.</p> <p>There are companies, makers, builders and carpenters that could make wooden, timber playgrounds like treehouses that blend with nature. I've attached a picture of just one example of a natural style playground.</p> <p>It could be incredible!</p> <p>I'd actually love to get involved.</p> <p>Please, please, please consider this opportunity to stand out and be progressive. It could tick lots of boxes for inclusion, the arts, indigenous programs etc.....</p>			
130				<p>I live in Freshwater and have lived at other Sydney beaches before. Freshwater and its beach is indeed a special place, full of nature, that brings not only the community together but also flora and fauna that can thrive. It is one of the last beaches in Sydney that is surrounded by nature, without</p>

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				<p>prominent concrete ramps nor promenades - nature is doing its own thing. That's why Freshwater is so special.</p> <p>With the proposed new development it will be gone and just another Sydney beach with concrete.</p> <p>There are accessible ramps at the southern ends as well as a lookout platform (beautifully designed with wood). I regularly see people accessing the beach with prams and also wheelchairs without any issues.</p> <p>Also, during storms and windy times, the sand will naturally sweep onto the sand dunes.</p> <p>How will this be maintained and managed with the new proposal? The proposal argues it will be more accessible. The existing ramps at the south end and lookout platform are full of sand after storms and windy times but aren't properly maintained currently, so why is there a need to destroy existing nature, the sand dunes and trees when the current ones aren't even maintained?</p> <p>The sand will also sweep onto the new proposed ramps, lookout platform, and playground structures due to the nature of how Freshwater's sand dunes work. I can't see how it will be better maintained than now. There will be sand like now - but existing nature will have been destroyed which is very sad.</p> <p>I'd also be interested to hear what</p>

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				<p>scientists say about this proposal as research seems to be moving away from destroying nature and building concrete walls and platforms near beaches.</p> <p>Please leave nature alone. Freshwater really is a special place due to its nature habitat. Please don't destroy it. Freshwater has already accessible ramps and lookout platforms and great playgrounds. The community loves it. That's why we live here. Please use the funds for maintenance of the existing structures.</p>
131				I would like some exercise facilities to be included in the open space as can be seen on the Bondi to Tamarama walk.
132				<p>Hi there, some general comments below, I've also attached a marked up plan with some thoughts. Thank you for your work so far on this, it has the potential to be a great public space!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trees to be removed should be shown on this plan. I suspect this will be very contentious and the ambiguity of this illustrative plan is perhaps concealing some removals.</li> <li>- There should be no shade shelters or structures East of Pilu. This is a favourite local gathering spot for watching the surf. It capitalises on the natural sloping lawn and good views to the water. Groups of various sizes gather here at all times of the day to sit on the lawn and watch the surf. The existing shelter doesn't get used that much and blocks the views, in fact I would suggest relocating this. The</li> </ul>

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				<p>proposed bbq and shelters you've shown east of pilu would ruin this great grassy outlook and restrict use to two 'groups' of users inhabiting the shelters. Many people walking past also stop here to take photos of the beach or enjoy coffee. Instead, I suggest consolidating the shade shelters to the patch of lawn east of the car park, and locate the BBQ here too. This would allow clear sight lines to the water from the footpath and all lawn areas. The land here is also flatter, allowing the concrete slabs to sit within the landscape better than they would have next to Pilu.</p> <p>- The new pathway leading to pilu bareto is quite strange? Why bring people up new stairs, only to bring them back down again to the car park? The existing path location should definitely be retained and re-paved. Understanding DDA requirements/Australian standards, more should be done to avoid unnecessary stairs, handrails and tactiles. Please explore a performance solution to replicate the existing condition with new paving.</p> <p>- There has clearly been a bungle up with the current works outside pilu bareto, with the designers/builders having to install handrails and ramp as an afterthought. This has resulted in unusable areas of decking and ugly stainless steel handrails ( and I assume tactiles to come). Timber handrails should have definitely been used here to compliment the coastal aesthetic.</p>

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				I hope this is not foreshadowing the quality of future work that is to be done in this area.
133			We need more parking in this area How do you expect people to enjoy your new fancy ideas when no one can park and get out.	Again no increase in parking. It's a very big issue that needs to be addressed.
134	Playground itself looks good. Too much concrete and pathways connecting to it.	No, no, no. The accessible ramp itself is ok and uses an area that can be put to that purpose. But all the rest is just concrete construction gone wild. Too much concrete. The steps are far too formal, and unwanted as they would replace the existing concrete sloping path that is a favourite of children and bike riders. This is "grand design" replacing functional, good fun, existing facility.	This also is "grand design" in concrete replacing a lovely green space. Too much concrete. The path splits the grass area. Look at it now and you can see that the grass is not worn out from use. A path could go along the fence line from the footpath at the cul-de-sac turning area, to a narrower paved area with a few seats to look at the ocean. No need for any other paving or concrete. Let us enjoy the grass and earth.	<p>This plan still doesn't recognise that the main reason people come to this location is to swim or surf, and to look at the ocean and waves. Everything else is secondary and minor. (Though it makes sense to have a large local playground in the available parkland.)</p> <p>The design should maximise use of areas on the slopes looking over the beach and ocean. This should include converting some of the ocean facing sides of the front dune to grass with access direct to the sand.</p> <p>The coastal walking track could go on top of the dunes with a view to the ocean instead of behind the dune beside the carpark. The surface of the track could be timbers on chain as was previously used on beach access, so it could be lifted and adjusted as necessary. No need for side fencing, the ocean side could be grass in most areas. The "bushland" is planted revegetation, much of the area north of the surf clubhouse had no dunes 70 years ago, and can be replanted and nurtured as necessary.</p> <p>There is a demand for view of the waves from vehicles, by surfers, and for views of</p>

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				<p>the ocean from parked cars by people who wish to stay in their car, or disability makes staying in the car preferable, and in bad weather. At the eastern end of the Moore Road car park, the area could be slightly raised and 10 cars spaces could be made facing the ocean. On Undercliff Road beside the southern park, a dozen car spaces could be put at 45 degrees to look over the park and ocean.</p> <p>Everything should be designed and built for views of the ocean, and to maximise the grass area with a view to the ocean.</p> <p>The dunes are not an area to be protected and prohibited from access and use. The dunes are a dynamic landform, largely human made in this location, to be managed both for stability and human recreation. The dunes provide a large area for inclusion as ocean facing grass sitting and picnic area, and adventure play in the remainder.</p> <p>I will try to do a rough plan and send this in later.</p>
135			Will it be accessible by bike and what are the widths of the path 'connections'?	<p>I commented 4 or 5 years ago and had assumed that the whole project had gone into a black hole.</p> <p>From memory, my impression is that the current plan is a much truncated version of the original master plan. A bit like the Manly Lagoon upgrade which has improved the degraded park somewhat, but overall has been a major disappointment.</p> <p>Is there a firm implementation timeline, or</p>

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				will we be asked to comment again in another few years?
136			<p>I feel that the lookout area doesn't go far enough, it should extend right along the beach to near the surf club. There should be a flat raised area with some grass, a path and picnic benches/seating so you can actually see the beach. You can't see the beach from anywhere.</p> <p>The carpark 1 (next to Pilu) should be completely removed and made into seating, grass area, lots of trees for shade, picnic benches etc.</p> <p>Use some of the space behind the large carpark at Koolooro Ave (vacant council land) for more parking.</p> <p>We need more trees, and the shabby palms need to be removed or cared for, they look terrible.</p> <p>Path access to the beach off Ocean View Rd is disgraceful, it needs to be designed to resist the king tides and heavy rain fall. It get washed away every time it rains.</p>	
137				As a resident and owner of several properties in Freshwater, I am absolutely

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				<p>perplexed and furious, and I am not the only one!</p> <p>WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO RUIN FRESHWATER?</p> <p>WHO ON EARTH WANTS THIS?</p> <p>LEGALLY - THIS IS NOT YOUR DECISION TO MAKE!</p> <p>Why isnt there more community consultation on this?</p> <p>One Facebook post?</p> <p>There are more post for a skate ramp?</p> <p>Why aren't the posts every day like the Open Space posts?</p> <p>Please make sure these posts are every single day to allow all the residents to voice their opposing comments.</p> <p>And make the comment link clearly visible.</p> <p>Also - why aren't the 92 (many many more I know!) comments on the website visible? Where is the transperancy?</p> <p>BE WARNED, if NBC dares to touch Freshwater - without a MAJORITY of residents approving it and showing full transparency of all those for and against- there will be a very very very large court case on your hands. There are a lot of people and a lot of money in Freshwater that are willing to fight this! Which we are sure you very well aware!</p>
138				<p>The footpath on Lumsdaine Drive, opposite Harbord diggers has a steep batter between the edge of the footpath to the bottom of the batter, there is heavy tree planting on the batter both sides of this location. A Stormwater pit is located at this location. If the pedestrian network</p>

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				is to be improved and more pedestrians are using the footpath, I would suggest a strong pedestrian fence be installed along this location (fence may have to be cantilever). Plants have been planted in this location that are slow growing. This is a safety concern especially for vulnerable pedestrians.
139	Too big. Will attract too many out of area visitors, causing further parking issues.	The surf club is already accessible for parks and wheelchairs via kooloora ave- no need to create a new path.	Too big. There is already a lookout at the end of kooloora ave.	The best thing about freshwater reserve is that it hasn't been overly developed like other beaches. It retains an undeveloped beach holiday vibe, which cannot be found at other beaches in Sydney . Please do not spoil this.
140	Playground design seems far too plastic and out of touch with the current vibe. The playground should exist but not be seen. Much like the one at Queenscliff along the lagoon. The colours are neutral and blend.	The accessible ramp is perhaps needed. And I can come to terms with it to allow better access for those that need especially as the existing pathway is likely too steep for many. However, the diagonal pathway going from the cafe towards Shaka is not needed. Why is there such a thirst to put concrete everywhere? I'll be repeating these sentiments below. The reason people love Freshie is that it's not Dee Why. The minimalist and "hasnt been touched for years" with a bit of a Byron feel for it is why people live here. There isnt a need or a want for additional concrete unless absolutely necessary.	Not needed. It's perfectly fine as it is. The lookout by the cafe is barely ever busy so why do we need another one?  Again more unnecessary concrete.	I can accept that there is a need for a walkway through the parking lot, despite the fact I actually like the vibe of everyone strolling through the parking. I hope that the proposed pathway doesnt dig away at the vegetation that exists but rather just uses existing parking lot.  In addition - did the person who designed any of this ever go for a walk through Freshie??? The only thing that actually needs any fixing at all in the entire area is the stairs next to the Pilu restaurant and yet that's no in scope. Mind boggling how many people trip and fall or slip on that section of path and yet it's completely omitted from the design.  Overall the design to me is way too much unnecessary change. Any avoidance of additional concrete should be avoided.
141			Lookout seems far away from park. It would be	

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			<p>better to have it closer. I think more could be done with the Parkland South as this is a very underused area at the moment. Perhaps some picnic tables here. I think Freshwater is also deserving of a classic outdoor artwork similar to the artworks between Manly South and Shelly Beqch- like the sculpture near the natural swimming pool. Generally I don't think this new plan is sufficiently different to the space today and feel more innovation could have been adopted. However I agree that a refresh is well overdue.</p>	
142				<p>Given climate change is a huge factor in liveability and future weather events, I think planting non-thirsty trees for shade and carbon should be a priority.</p>
143			<p>the lookout is not a picnic area - remove the one picnic table &amp; existing steps flatten out the elevated grass area &amp; turn it into a calesthenics type adult street workout park with basic equipment including multiple pull-up bars, stall bars &amp; parallel bars, &amp; soft flooring. much like the ones at bondi &amp;</p>	<p>obesity &amp; metabolic disease continue to soar - the northern beaches should lead the way in offering free physical activity areas. id like to see the numbers of people that use those adult 'exercise areas' with mostly useless machines replace them all with basic pull up bars. instead of building so many playground areas for children, start opening up all the schools on weekends &amp; holidays so kids &amp; adults can use the equipment / space that's already available.</p>

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			observatory hill (not useless silly machines like the exercise area at lagoon reserve queenscliff) - freshwater is one of the most beautiful beaches on the planet make it a place to be seen a muscle beach like spot where people want to come to do a workout from around the area & the world & get pics. (also it's a public space - not a space for paid private group personal trainers to abuse during peak hours)	
144				What about parking - that's one of the biggest issues. The overflow parking should be made into permanent parking and the grass replaced with a weather proof surface and marked parking. All parking should be time to eliminate van and trailer parking and overnight stays.
145				This must be done using environmentally friendly methods and materials. It should seek to increase people's care for the environment when they come to freshwater- eg. appropriate recycling bins in multiple locations. There should be more inclusivity of the aboriginal heritage of freshwater land. Whose land are people on when they visit? Remind them to take care.
146				I think its a waste of tax payer money. I visit the park at Freshwater beach every day and its great! Please leave it!

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147			<p>Although the design is clean and contemporary I would still argue that the lovely atmosphere of freshwater beach is due to it not being overly developed. Whilst the proposed pathway is a good idea for safety of pedestrians, the building of additional structures and concrete areas to replace grass and natural vegetation is unnecessary. The space is already a natural lookout point best left alone and natural as it currently is. If lighting has been considered in the design please advise, and hopefully only low level path lighting would be more than adequate (ground level) Please avoid lights on poles that will adversely light up and negatively impact the neighbouring houses and residents. Please also have lighting turned off at 9pm or earlier to discourage noisy groups staying late into the evening negatively impacting local residents.</p>	
148	There are no playgroups in the area for older children. Some			I think it is a terrible option not to move the car park back from the beach and

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	features for children aged 6 to 10 would be good.			allow open space along the whole width of the beach. There needs to be a wide strip to allow pedestrians to walk across this area. Currently people need to walk through the car park and this plan doesn't seem to address this problem. Not only is a very special area set aside for car parking, it is unsafe to have people needing to walk through a car park.
149			<p>The lookout design is lovely but I would like access to the beach from the lookout. This is so kids could play and adults could be on the lookout. (Eg: Queenscliff kids can play in the sand in front and you know you can access them quickly in need.)</p> <p>The other thing is gas bbq's or at least a (if not more) table and chairs on the lookout for people to gather on the beautiful Freshie evenings.</p> <p>I did think the lookout would be on the other side - close to Pilu etc as the side you have designed it on seems like a "forgotten corner". Could you get access to a coffee van there or have a small kiosk offering coffees?</p>	

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			<p>Otherwise - love it. Thank you for the efforts</p> <p>The walkway is lovely and the ramp is lovely!!</p>	
150				<p>Hi, I am a resident of Evans Street in the row behind the houses on Oceanview Road that directly face the lookout. The new plans look good, I would like to make sure however that no additional street lighting is added on or around the Lookout. This would encourage people to stay late in a residential area, and also potentially act as light pollution across the dunes and also into the houses nearby.</p>
151			<p>Further to the comments I left a few days ago, please would NBC confirm what the plan is for lighting at the Lookout planned for Freshwater?</p> <p>Please ensure that any lighting is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) is integrated into the lookout structure eg walls and paths, and not raised above the lookout</li> <li>b) not bright, or it will take over the whole area</li> <li>c) not on after dark, as that will prevent anyone looking out and will turn the lookout into an evening hang out</li> <li>d) will not light up the houses in the vicinity</li> </ul> <p>thanks</p>	

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152				<p>Leave Freshwater as it is. Its a great local, natural space. Some things do NOT need to be touched an upgraded. Natural and untouched is the beauty of this space.</p> <p>These proposed plans are directed at inviting more people to the space which is not large enough to cater for. If visitors want all the modern improvements they can go to Manly where the space is alot larger and suitable to handle larger crowds etc.</p>
153		<p>Accessibility and path access on either side of freshwater is all that is needed. Nothing else needs to change. Nothing. The natural grass and reserves as well as the open space is what people love about Freshwater. Please don't develop it.</p>		
154				<p>Is the existing viewing platform on the northern side of the surf club to remain? It is not mentioned in the plan. I think it should remain.</p>
155				<p>Plenty of room to have dog friendly off leash areas please.</p>
156	<p>I really like the look of the proposed playground. I would love to see a physical barrier between the playground and the road.</p> <p>My children love walking around the boulders that border the current playground - could there be some stepping stones or similar for them to do this</p>			<p>There is generally a lack of shade in the area, especially on the upper level adjacent to Pulu. This is where we love to sit with a view over the water but it is not feasible in Summer as the only shade is the cover over one table which is hotly contested. It would great to have more tables and more shade, both natural with more trees and artificial with shade sails perhaps.</p>

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157				Looks great! Can't wait for it to be done. Don't delay!  Thanks
158				Don't need to fix what's not broken South end off Moore Road parents gather and children play in that playground and parents can watch surf. Please don't remove the top playground. A foot path so we don't have to walk through the carpark to get to diggers Don't take away grass for concrete
159	We have a wonderful playground already, in fact we have 2, what we don't have is enough parking, these works which only service a small part of the community are unnecessary as the kids run around in the grass and what we have is plenty.		Why does it need to be bigger or better disrupting the natural setting that is so beautiful at freshwater!	Please, we do not need any updates, Freshwater is already super busy and off putting in warmer month, we do not need to attract more people as most are interested in swimming/ surfing, the parks are plenty and fully functioning and construction will make freshwater even less accessible for many month.
160	Is there a fence on the road sides?  Why no water feature for little kids to get a little wet in summer			Parking is 100% need to be fixed, better flow in and out.
161	Proposing the removal of all BBQs from playground and connection areas. What we find is people that use BBQ facilities fail to clean up after themselves, leaving excess garbage, food scraps and cans/glass bottles in the area, over loading rubbish bins. The excess rubbish is sits there for 2-3 days making it an eye soar and potential hazards for children. This usually more prevalent during			Is there any plans to add a outdoor gym facility like at Manly Lagoon? Attached photo example

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	warmer months. Removing them all together would ensure the cleanliness of the area and preserve the space.			
162			Need to have a shower here to cater for those coming off the beach at this point. Also the seating seems inadequate at the lookout - would be better to have tiered long benching for the lookout so more people can sit and enjoy the view at the same time.	
163			<p>This is a vast improvement on the previous proposal from 2018 and it is good to see that Council listened to the feedback provided by locals and Friends of Freshwater.</p> <p>My main concern is the massive tee-pee wooden stick construction proposed for near Pilu. This is an horrendous concept - is ugly, blocks the view, is unnecessary, useless and would completely wreck the open feel and expansive view of that south end of the beach lookout area. Please, please, please reconsider this structure.</p>	<p>As a resident of Ocean View Road, I am concerned by the amount of additional traffic this development will attract, especially in Summer when it is already mayhem, however we are grateful that no parking has been taken away and that the over-flow field will be used as such.</p> <p>The playground has a Darling Harbour meets Disney appearance. In my mind something more subtle and less gawdy, made of wood or natural tones would blend into the environment and suit the Freshwater vibe better. Has anyone asked the children what they like? Do they even notice the brightly coloured designs that are best viewed from an aerial aspect? I think something more natural can still be fun and educational without being so bright and gawdy.</p>

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			We have always felt that this area needs subtle seating in the form of sandstone blocks or long wooden benches in front of the current swing sets, even integrated into the low bushes so that you can just sit and look at the ocean without actually going on the beach. If you sit on the ground there, much of the view is obscured.	
164				I think the beauty about Freshwater beach is it's predominantly untouched and the new designs are tacky. Why can't we just leave it alone.
165				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* a public park should remain accessible to all people at all times, with no reservations or exclusions offered</li> <li>* off lead dogs around the area are very common. Increasing the size of the park will likely increase the popularity and has the potential to increase the risk to kids of a dog attack k. Recommend better implementation of the 'dogs on leads' rules in the area.</li> <li>* There is already a significant parking issue at the beach on weekends and in school holidays</li> </ul>
166	Leave as is. Kids just need grass and open spaces to play on and run around. Do not change the natural environment. Dee why looks awful.	Leave as is. No more cement spaces. Do not change the natural environment.	Keep as is. Do not change the natural environment	Please do not upgrade freshie. That space with so much natural grass is beautiful as is. Dee why, collaroy and narrabeen have all been ruined from developments. Leave the money to fix the potholes in the roads.

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167	Please just leave freshie how it is			Please just leave freshie how it is
168				Would be great to see more benches and more than one bbq in front of Pilu. This is a high traffic area and the additional benches would really benefit. Would this be considered?
169	The shade sail is so crucial - great it's been already included!	Looks good	Looks good	We have been waiting for such an initiative for a long time as our family loves going to Freshie with kids, but the current playground is quite worn out and tiny...Well done, team and looking forward to the project completion to enjoy Freshie, even more, thanks to this local council's initiative!
170	Absolutely fantastic plan for playground!!! Can't wait to see it done - we desperately need an upgrade of kids' area in freshwater - thank you so much for looking after this!!!	That will be very helpful for older people, prams etc.	Great design and nice idea!!!	
171	It is important to have a design that is in keeping with the natural environment while also providing appropriate safety and accessibility. The plan appears to have a lot of synthetic, rubber and a theme which is not in keeping with the local setting. A suggestion would be to consult the local elders and traditional owners of the land alongside local artists to provide a design and feel that reflects the special and unique environment on Freshwater and the northern beaches. The public amenities need to be positioned behind the playground on the			The public amenities should be placed on the corner of Gore St and Kooloorra Ave. The current proposal has them at the entrance to the open space which will ruin the lovely open feel that you have across the park now as you come in from the beach car park. Having the toilet block as the first thing you walk past as you arrive to Freshwater beach fundamentally changes the whole feel of the parkland and beach access.

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	corner of Gore St and Kooloora Ave (see other comments).			
172	<p>This is crazy! Yes the playground can be upgraded and made slightly bigger, but what your proposing is ridiculous! .</p> <p>Freshie is already overcrowded on weekends. On summer weekends the roads are blocked by cars fighting for parking spots. The beach is simply not long enough to cater for everyone who wants to use it, so building a large play area only adds to this issue. Why can't this be at Jacka Park instead? This is just around the corner, a much more suitable space and will help avoided overcrowding at the beach.</p>	This is a good change.	This area is great as it is. It's a natural quiet lookout that people use to get away from the busier end of freshie. There is no reason to build something ugly and unnatural on this.	<p>Don't waste money by building new unnatural attractions on a beach that doesn't need further crowding.</p> <p>Instead, build the play park nearby and focus on improving beach access. Since the storms a lot of sand has disappeared in the north end. Tidy this up, improves the paths down to the beach and improve accessibility overall.</p> <p>There is no reason to go overboard on this and turn freshie into a circus!</p>
173				I think that there should be a basketball court added because for most of the kids and teenagers in Freshwater the courts in Curl Curl and Manly vale are a bit far.
174			Fantastic initiative	Really nice upgrade for all areas, well done.
175		The footpath that runs through the car park will lose parking. The thing freshwater lacks the most.	There is no reason to move the toilet block from the surf club and dump them in the middle of a green space area. It will end up disgusting and ruining what is an already lovely space. All of the concrete footpaths again chopping up the space in which people picnic, socialise,	If you don't move the toilets you don't need all of the access ramps. The surf club really does not need any extra space!!!!

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			kick balls with their kids or exercise.	
176				Great to see investment in improving facilities. Overflow car park should be included - proper surface and marked spaces. Additional public toilets to compliment the surf club
177			I believe the 'Lookout' is overkill and unnecessary with the retainment of the natural surrounds a much better idea, with perhaps a few more tables and chairs and say a BBQ.	The building of a walkway from Freshwater to Sth Curl Curl is certainly not a good idea. Retaining the natural and beautiful rock formations is critical for this area, being so few of them remain. Furthermore, there is already existing upper walkway there along Lumsdaine Drive leading into McKillop Park, so it would be overkill, and especially so being it would be a defacing of the few and rare and unique rock formations that still remain.
178				An adult fitness area (like at Bondi beach) would be nice!
179	Would like to see an outdoor fitness dedicated area.		Would like to see an outdoor fitness dedicated area.	
180		Not required, current access is enough		The village and beach environment of Freshwater serves the community very well and no level of additional development is required. Especially any that divide the current park with more walkways.
181				What about making the walkway to the pool more accessible? At the moment you have to climb over rocks to reach the walkway.
182	Please include an small area somewhere for the children to use			

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	scooters/skateboards such as a flat concrete area with a small quarter pipe and ramp. There are so children in a freshwater & the footpaths and roads are so busy, the young children have no safe place for scooters, toddler bikes and skateboards. It doesn't have to be a proper skatepark for teens and adults but somewhere for under 12s to ride would be good. Otherwise they will tear around the accessible paths and potentially harm people on them. There needs to be a small included concrete space for kids.			
183			Want to ensure that there is insignificant impact to the dunes in the proposed plans. Coastal erosion is a significant issue and disruption to the natural movements or attempts to build against natural movements (such as the terrible works being attempted at Colloroy) should not be considered as part of any works at all	
184				stop taking away the natural landscape. This whole plan is horrendous & the locals are furious! If you have to make changes, keep them minimal.
185			I really like the lookout design, the steps would be great to sit on, but there is only one picnic table that	

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			people could sit and eat at. Nearby bike storage would be fantastic for promoting environmentally friendly travel.	
186				Dear council, please leave Freshwater as is. No development, no larger playgrounds, no artwork, no outlooks are needed. Leave its natural beauty as it is. The Northern Beaches don't need any further development and definitely no more concrete, paths etc. I urge you to not touch the natural beauty and simplicity of Freshwater Beach.
187		This is such an important and crucial part to do well - thank you for prioritising it		It looks amazing - love the lookout cabana
188	Based on the feedback of a playground expert (my 4 year old) a playground without a slide is not a playground. The justification that nearby playgrounds mostly all have slides and hence this one doesn't need one doesn't make sense - if anything it just reiterates how essential slides are. If we want to make a truly modern and up to date playground a flying fox should also be considered like at the Lionel Watts Reserve.			
189				Seems like a lot of money for not much improvement.
190				What is going to happen to the car park between Kooloora Avenue and Ocean View Road? Parking is a major problem at Freshwater and should be specifically

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				addressed. It seems to be completely missing from this plan.
191	Design looks good, just needs a fence around the playground to keep dogs out and kids in. In summer there are way to many cars around and with all the extra kids playing here would be a very smart idea to have the playground fenced as to limit the possibility of kids running onto the road and surrounding carpark.			
192		Areas are already made accessible by existing paths, we don't need any more concrete, or the need to chop up the landscape to introduce man made shapes and structures. Just leave the area alone.	This area will be ruined by such unnecessary concrete landscaping - leave the raw beauty of this beach. Stop this over development. Leave Freshwater alone!	
193				The grassy hill between Pilu and the Shaka Cafe is a great spot for catching afternoon sun and very popular, some nearby bins and inclusion of that area would be great.
194				I strongly oppose the suggested development. This is a beautiful natural coastal area well utilised by locals and visitors. We should be protecting natural coastal environments not introducing paving and concrete. It's great that money is spent upgrading essential surf life saving facilities and public toilets in this area and I support that. However the the overall look of the ramp and connections is completely unfitting for a natural coastal area and takes away from the natural beauty. There should be other

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				design options presented for the public to consider, the presented option is ugly and damaging to the current natural beauty and uniqueness of the area. The wooden structure at the lookout is completely confusing, the area is an amazing natural beautiful lookout, it defies logic to block it with a huge man made structure. My family and I have enjoyed the freshwater reserve and look out area to relax and appreciate nature away from the sensory overload of city and man made structure. Please leave this beautiful piece of the worlds nature alone.
195		Freshwater doesn't need more concrete.	Doesn't fit with the local environment.	Freshwater is busy enough, we don't need to encourage more visitors, have you been to the beach in summer? The place cannot cope with more visitors.
196	It's hard to see exactly how the playground will be from the map, but I think it needs a lot of free climbing, ropes, rocks, wooden tree trunks etc. Kids need to explore things in nature, not be confined to playing in plastic and metal jungles like the one in Dee Why that was redeveloped about 6 years ago. Please make it as close to nature as possible so the kids can learn to take small risks, but also have fun.			I love the little park at the community garden in Innes Road in Manly Vale. The kids need to use more skills to get around and enjoy the slide than a normal park where they walk up stairs and slide down the slide.
197				Need more parking! Freshwater is already at capacity and this will make it even more difficult to get parking.

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				And do it properly by adding parking, not by increasing parking restrictions!
198				<p>Sorry but we have lived here for 50 years and don't know a single person who wants this?</p> <p>I presume legal diligence will be taken and you will be transparent with this survey and listen to the MAJORITY!</p> <p>So, I'll make it easier for you, [expletive removed] and take your ridiculous unwanted plan and money somewhere else.</p>
199			<p>I do not agree with destroying the dune vegetation and replacing it with a manmade landscaped area / lookout. This damages the natural landscape feel of the freshwater beach which is the areas greatest asset. I do not see the rationale for an additional lookout area when this is already provided in the area near Pilu.</p>	<p>Why is no consideration given to hiding the storm water drains at the northern end of the beach which are an eyesore, particularly since the recent storms wash much of the sand that hid the drains???</p>
200				<p>Please keep the extraordinary natural beauty and environment of Freshwater Beach.</p> <p>By all means upgrade paths, surf club facilities and barbecue areas on the grassland.</p> <p>The proposed developments look like overdeveloped Dee Why Beach.. way too much concrete.</p>

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201		That is quite a nice garden area at present, do you really need to destroy it?	The grassy hill that is there currently serves quite well as a lookout, any change would be a loss of green space	the new toilet block will also result in a loss of green space, would also ruin the outlook for the cafe at the surf club, I thought the existing toilets in the surf club building were just fine
202				Leave it as it is. We like green areas and not more concrete pathways. Renovate the EXISTING surf club, toilets, seating areas and playground.
203				Please don't create a new path that cuts across where all the kids play football it's unnecessary destruction/division of green space
204	It seems very busy and how will it be kept looking good all the time. Yes it needs upgrade but a much simpler design. And where will all the people park when they come and use the park. Freshwater village is busy with cars now how will it cope with more car movement Shade area in park and an upgrade that is less. Where will everyone park. As it is now you can't get a park on weekends. So this is a huge problem.	Yes accessible ramps but as I said above the park is very busy. Keep it simple The beach is the important part of all this.	Lookout at McKillop is ok. More seating would be good people don't like to share.	Parking must be looked at. I think near Pulu its over the top keep it natural. We don't need lookouts just simple seating so you can picnic and no bloody dogs if we have dogs they must be on leads at all time.
205				I think most of the community concern with the project will be the risk of overdevelopment of the area and losing the charm of Freshwater. Indeed, my concern is that some of the proposed changes will develop Freshwater without improving it (or indeed harming it). That being said, the area has become extremely popular and struggles to cope in summer. I think expanding the overflow

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				<p>carpark into permanent parking is a top priority and its absence from the later plans is a bit concerning. Parking in Freshwater in summer has become a nightmare for both visitors and residents, and it will only get worse.</p> <p>Keeping the playground in its current location is a good decision. However, in the parkland and at the proposed lookout, there doesn't appear to be much new shaded areas proposed, which is a problem because on hot days (when people do go to the beach), avoiding the sun will be difficult. Increasing the number of picnic covers and trees should be considered further.</p> <p>I also don't understand why we need to put in an ugly set of stairs and ramp that look more akin to Bondi or the Gold Coast than Freshwater reserve when there is a perfectly fine existing ramp, and especially since a less steep pathway is also being introduced from the carpark through the park. It just seems like a lot of ugly development for an issue that could have been solved in a less intrusive way.</p> <p>Further, the back (western) part of the proposed lookout is grass. I think keeping this as dune foliage and trees to provide shade would be a good decision in keeping the developments subtle while maintaining the existing environment and aesthetics. I also think it would improve the experience of the lookout, feeling as though you were looking out from inside the sand dune rather than just out of the</p>

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				carpark, and that it's use as an open green space would be very limited (literally looking onto the carpark... no one wants to picnic there when you visit the beach, and no parent would let their kids play there). Linking it to the beach access could also be a good idea, minimising its impact. Finally, I also don't understand why a 'public amenities' block is required when there are the existing surf club toilets within 50 meters. Again, this seems like unnecessary development for little improvement.
206				Silly idea removing and restricting parkland. There already is public toilets and a disabled ramp nearby. Don't cover the grass with pathways either. Freshwater doesn't need to be a cement jungle
207		The big v-shaped additional concrete path looks like overkill. Adjusting the existing path would make much more sense.		The best thing about this park is that it still has some aspects of... a park, with trees and grass. Leave it as it is. Modify the main path to the toilets so that it can be easier to access in a wheelchair, but leave everything else alone! The last thing that is needed is more barbecue pits, furniture, sitting areas, concrete paving, etc. If you have money to spend, use it to make sure the existing toilets are kept clean.
208				Hi I love the direction this is going. Thank you for your work on this. My family and I live at Ocean View Road, literally over the road from the planned lookout, and I would be delighted to be

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				<p>more involved to support your work if you would like any local community input of any sort.</p> <p>My question is not about the published changes, which I support, and are whether Council could provide an approximate timetable and concept design for the further stages of development. The materials shared so far refer in places to this being the "first stage"; that's great - it would be really helpful to know what the broad intent is over time.</p> <p>Lastly, a suggestion: the footpath at the northern end of the beach is now badly eroded and an alternative track has been forged by users, but this too is broken up and very unstable. It would be good to develop this access point to the beach which is impossible for older people to navigate and hard for young families (I've helped mums carry prams etc etc on several occasions).</p>
209				I am pleased that the improvements to Freshwater Beach park areas are finally to be implemented. I agree with all the proposed changes.
210				a great proposal for freshwater beach, maybe less parking and more public space, increase parking costs so to maintain reserve more regularly. parking meters in the 3 streets would also help, and increase council funds.
211	Overall love it. But why is the playground limited to tiny children?? We need another skate park in the area. There is only one		Overall love it.	Please consider a skate park (even a really small one) in any upcoming developments. Teenagers are frustrated!!

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	in the back of manly that is overcrowded and not easily accessible due to traffic and major roads. Teenagers have limited options to spend time outside with their friends and there seems to be no plan for skate parks???			
212				Would be great if there was an offlead dog area, there are none in freshwater!
213	<p>This playground will be used by so many families, please give us more than the bare minimums! What about climbing frame, flying foxes, slides, trampolines...give the kids adventure for all ages. and please please please add a fence! at least to the Kolora Ave side, the road is busy enough and a sandstone small bench isn't going to stop kids.</p> <p>This is an amazing improvement to the very sad little park there currently, but this space is busy all the time, kids need more than what you have proposed.</p>			Thank you for the opportunity.
214				<p>Access to the rock pool is limited during high tide. Are there any plans to create a safe pathway?</p> <p>Overall the new designs are wonderful and compliment the natural landscape of the area.</p>
215				Freshwater Beach is the type of ocean surfing that is perfect for young kids, the sandbank and lack of rips allow for a safe space for kids to learn to catch waves and surf. For the last few years I have

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				<p>been taking my 10 year old to learn to read the surf in a "safer" environment. She loves it and it's the only beach on the northern beaches which offers this. Parking is a nightmare with the overflow not always open and it's just a grass area, meaning we are forced to get there before 7am to get a park or by 8am trek down with boards from Harbord diggers carpark or 4 blocks away. Increasing facilities like BBQs and playground is nice but it will only increase the time spent there by people, preventing a large flow of people through the great surf conditions on offer. Basically a bad parking situation gets worse. A better parking solution is the only thing needed at Freshly. No issues with connections or ramp design.</p>
216	<p>The playground is pathetic there is nothing fun their that kids actually like. Go and take a look at the playgrounds out west the have flying foxes giant climbing frames with big windy slides. You have a great space but put the most pathetic "play ground" activities in there. Make it adventurous our kids are 1-8 and this would only please the 1 year old.</p>			<p>I don't see the point of the look out freshwater is so busy you can't even get a car spot it looks like 15 people max could go there.</p>
217				<p>How about the council spends the money fixing our roads including the 1000s of pot holes and road surface drainage so it doesn't keep damaging our cars. Stop wasting money on this crap and fix everything that needs it first!!</p>

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218				Please leave it as it is, not all areas need to be developed. It's a wonderful chilled area with just green space and your 'upgrade' will likely ruin this. It'll lose its appeal. Please spend money elsewhere. It's already child friendly but also appealing to other demographics how it is.
219				Plans look great! I don't think the artwork / sculpture is necessary at the beach front - especially if it will obstruct the beautiful view of the ocean (which is why everyone comes to picnic in that spot). All the best with the development!
220	Please get going soonest ...	Please get going soonest ...	Please get going soonest ...	This looking very good and I encourage Council to proceed asap.
221				Beautiful! This looks fantastic!!!
222	<p>I suggest keeping all the picnic areas concentrated where they are currently, or adding new ones close to the beach side of the park, not near Gore Street. The current location is reasonable compromise in terms of a suitable distance from residents' homes.</p> <p>New BBQs right next to the southern end of Gore Street would greatly impact the amenity of residents due to noise and smells. There are 50 apartments in the White Waves building alone which would be 20-30 metres from this area. BBQs are often associated with alcohol and residents are left at the mercy of groups having gatherings all day and evening.</p>			at the moment police are regularly called to close down parties in the Reserve in the evening. The proposed design for BBQs closer to Gore Street could lead to ongoing disharmony in the area.

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223				The charm of Freshwater is that it is a relatively natural beach and dune system. There are already developed beaches at Manly and Dee Why, some of the other beaches such as Freshwater and Curl Curl should remain more natural, we don't need concrete viewing platforms or paths through areas that are currently grassed or have trees there. I'm sure money could be better spent elsewhere, fixing all the potholes that are destroying peoples wheels would be a good start.
224	With the amount of councils now adopting public fitness equipment and the toil that lockdown had on fitness enthusiasts - I'd advocate to use some space to allocate to these types of equipment			
225		Intrusive concrete nightmare. There's already a ramp there.		
226				The new lookout looks good. I support that, as long as the existing lookout near the surf club isn't removed,
227				The natural environment has received too much destruction from human impact already. The beach has all but disappeared recently and the dunes have been severely compromised. More negative impact created purely to 'entertain' should no even be considered. The extra viewing platform (items labelled 3 and 5) in particular should be omitted totally. It serves no purpose and is certainly not worth placing extra stress and endangering further an exceptionally fragile natural ecosystem. Saving and

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				<p>protecting the limited natural dune habitat has to be a priority. Is any area of government listening to local concerns? By that I mean taking heed of the Federal Election results which clearly voiced the change in the local thinking to the need to protect, not destroy our natural, delicate and struggling natural environment. To make an area more aesthetically pleasing merely to indulge humans and encourage even further human impact is no longer an acceptable or tolerable. Protecting what is left of our natural environment is far more important to the vast majority of residents of the Northern Beaches especially our invaluable beaches. I say more green, less indulgence and definitely no more expansion of built up surfaces.</p> <p>Come and have a look at the destruction the latest Northern Beaches brainchild has created on the Northern entrance to Freshwater Beach. As predicted by local residents the pathway has been destroyed and also funnelled water down the path adding to the erosive destruction of the Northern End of Freshwater beach. But of course what would local residents know about their local environment? They only live there, try to care for it and appreciate it everyday.</p>
228	Very nice but close to the road is not great.	Great	Great	The picnic area and new seating would be better closer to the other end of the park.
229	The pdf provided lacks detail making it very difficult to assess. Please ensure there are slides	The pdf provided lacks detail making it very difficult to assess the exact location and need for	There is too much concrete and handrailing for what is needed, are there	Please don't over concrete the area, please do not remove the beautiful organic lines that give Freshwater park its

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	(more than one) And wheels, such as steering wheels. Cause and effect play equipment. Water play equipment would be in keeping with the beach location. I support this much needed update to the park, particularly if the playground is organic in shape and involved further vegetation to provide a natural experience.	this ramp. But what is quite clear is how very concrete ugly it is, the amount of concrete and the man-made structural lines are not in keeping with the area. There are many options this could take to allow such a ramp to appear more in keeping with its setting. The existing paths through the park allow accessibility and this update seems unnecessary and is an overdevelopment of this green area.	alternative materials which could be more sympathetic to the environment. It also is far to straight lined. Why can't we maintain nature's beauty in this area, with organic lines. Freshwater doesn't need to have every single point made accessible, as there are neighbouring beaches which already are, I do not support this update to the park.	beauty. Please do not overdevelop this area for the sake of progress. Please look at shapes and materials that are more in tune and sympathetic to the sandy / green areas.
230				Suggested Changes to plan include: 1, Would be good to see how this plan integrates with coastal walkway - noting that coastal walkway might be on different implementation timetable. 2. Existing lookout near surf club not included in plan - this should be retained. 3. Not clear why new public amenities required and what happens to existing amenities at surf club. Preference is to retain existing arrangement with better signposting. 4. Some further development of parkland south such as picnic shelters as well as some vegetation to make this area more usable. 5. Include some rehabilitation of overflow car park including some thought to traffic control when in use 6. Childrens playground in front of Pilu must remain.
231	These plans are absolutely outrageous - Freshwater in	TERRIBLE - terrible terrible ugly - freshwater locals do not want your	DO NOT DO THIS - the last thing we need is more	CANCEL THESE PLANS these plans are terrible I don't know why you feel the

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	summer gets busy enough as it is and adding a playground when there is already a perfect playground at the front of the beach is ridiculous. There are also multiple playgrounds already around the freshwater and manly areas.	ugly ramp - the last thing we need is more man made structures and concrete around our beautiful beach. You will be absolutely ruining the vibe of Freshwater if you do this	tourists in Summer and to turn beautiful freshwater into a manly or Coogee or Bondi beach where there are zero parks for locals it's constantly got traffic. The beach lookout at the moment is FINE. DO NOT do this	need to come in and commercialize a beautiful locals beach
232				The design will attract more visitors to an already popular beach. To make this an accessible place for all, there needs to be some consideration into parking.
233	There needs to be additional bbq and shaded picnic table seating. By adding this, families will be able to enjoy playground area without having to worry about their children's safety as they will be within close proximity. By adding these additional resources, it will also welcome families and groups to the area. Not everyone has the ability to sit on the grass, especially in the sun for long periods of time. Furthermore, the current plans do not cater to the future proofing of the Northern Beaches and it's increasing population.		There needs to be additional raised seating so that the view is uninterrupted by sand dunes or vegetation. It would be great if Northern Beaches locals were able to sit and enjoy the spectacular view. However with the current plans, the seating is limited and does not cater for future increased Northern Beaches population.	There needs to be more parking, more picnic tables and accessible seating for everyone to enjoy. The current plans do not cater for the growing Northern Beaches population.
234				I'm really happy at the way council is trying to encourage more people onto their bikes. However, this plan doesn't look at access holistically. Freshwater is tricky and unsafe to get to on a bike, especially when carrying surf gear, whether you come up Oliver Street or

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				Queenscliff Road. Also, are we ever going to celebrate our female surfers at this so-called home of surfing? Why do we have a statue of the Duke and no mention of the Australian woman surfing with him? Isabel Latham surely deserves celebrating for her adventurous and pioneering spirit in the world of surfing and swimming. This is also the home of Layne Beachley, not only a seven times world surfing champion but also someone who has helped launch the careers of a variety of other inspirational women in all sectors, not just sport.
235				Leave Freshwater alone! We would all love to know how many councillors actually live here and where is the public survey suggesting ANYONE wants this?? No one!!!! Stop [Deleted expletive] up the northern beaches and leave Freshwater the hell alone!
236	It's more like a work space no real play equipment - where's the slide the tunnels climbing sections - freshwater is known for young families this playground is no small child friendly at all and would greatly benefit for maybe a seperate small play section for young toddlers similar to queenscliff park			
237	Ensure the toilets are close to the play area. Ensuring they are actually inside the gated play area to assist these looking after children		Make it larger, it's a busy spot and it will require mire room. Using Narrabeen as the benchmark. Build it bigger	Nil

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238	More nature play! Natural materials. like wild play at centennial park. Options for young and older kids such as climbing frames and better monkey bars for primary aged kids. Sandstone seating for parents. A bike or scooter track around the park. Keep swings in a Zone away from the rest of the park. Lots of sun shades and shelter. A young kids and older kids focus.			The animals feel cliched. Organic timber materials. A focus on nature and Steiner and Montessori play philosophies would resonate strongly with Freshwater's community.
239	Looks amazing, much better than the old ones we have at the moment!  Ideally you could add a few more known equipment for toddlers to use the space more than just running around and try to use the few proposed, such as, open slides, swings, spring riders, spinners, and/or a mixed equipment with most of that together.			
240		Definitely needs more accessibility, ideally for disabled persons, not particularly for mother's with prams		Initiative is good, however, planning needs to be put into the reality of parking otherwise more problems will follow
241				The changes feel like an overdevelopment of a beautiful natural space. Freshie beach as it is now is perfect, don't ruin it! The changes proposed in front of Pilu are not needed. The amenities block in the park near the surf club is a terrible idea. Why not

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				<p>spend the money to upgrade the facilities in the surf club rather than building a separate ugly structure.</p> <p>Upgrade to the kids playground area is a good idea.</p> <p>The current viewing area at the northern end of the beach is fine as it is - no need to build an unnecessary structure.</p> <p>Instead of spending money at Freshie beach and ruin a beautiful natural place, spend the money on the sports fields at Nolans Reserve and deal with the flooding. Would be a far better investment of council funds.</p>
242				Leave it alone and just add more parking. It's beautiful as it is.
243				Direct and fast bus link to Chatswood please
244	Construction to take place in cooler months. That construction take place in a staged approach so as to keep 3/4 of park open at all times.	Accessible ramp should lead to a dwell area for multiple families and potentially a table and bbq		Footpath behind Pulu through park should follow existing grass track. Existing alignment connects with kerb immediately behind restaurant not 3-4 car spaces behind. This is because the track connects with walking track over hill to Manly.
245				Unnecessary development of an already great area
246		Why put in both stairs and a ramp, when we already have a ramp in place? Surely this is just removing more of the green area without benefit?		Please don't put in a heavy vehicle turning circle next to the beach. We're not looking to encourage heavy vehicles to the area. Think of child safety, especially next to a playground. Additionally removing parking to accommodate this seems ridiculous considering the lack of parking in the area already.
247				Looks great. Get it done.
248	Leave it alone.	Leave it alone.	Leave it alone.	Leave it alone.

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249	Does look like many things kids can actually play on. Needs more areas safe for small toddlers. Something like the park at Berry NSW or the new park at Wagga Wagga would be fantastic.			The area needs an upgrade for sure, the parking situation there is dire in summer though.
250			<p>Make a taller level look out part for more wheel chair access so they can see the surf more.</p> <p>Also adding a wheel chair run way over the sand allowing access to the beach for them.</p> <p>Move the look out down to the main surf club as amenities and further renovate the bathrooms there.</p> <p>Add wheelchair and disability play area.</p>	
251				No consideration for parking space. Leave everything as it is and increase parking. Nippers parents would greatly appreciate it.
252				<p>Currently, Balmoral beach has hot water in the changing room. So parents with kids can easily take shower after playing in the sand and ocean.</p> <p>It will be great we have similar amenities in Freshwater, that helps to have a better environment and facilities for families.</p>

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				Especially disabled people who cannot take cold shower.
253				A bit concerned about parking, since the area is already really busy on the warmer months.
254				Freshy doesn't need this beautiful perfect green space to be changed? WHO asked for this? The playground and paths and are fine as they are for elderly wheelchairs prams etc. The open park works perfectly as it is - as was clearly evident during Covid with people happily picnicing on the grass. It is high time that Michael Regan and his political party LISTEN TO THEIR CONSTITUENTS THAT ACTUALLY LIVE HERE and Leave our Freshwater alone! For heavens sake this is making a lot of peoples blood boil!
255				You are planning to increase facilities while reducing car parking! In recent years the car park and overflow car park have proven to be insufficient yet you plan to reduce it! I have lived in Freshwater for years and have watched the increase in usage, this will be chaotic at best!
256				LEAVE FRESHWATER ALONE! It is a disgrace you ignore the majority who actually live here! This is NOT DEE WHY! Tell Regan to listen to the actual community and Leave it alone!
257		Seems this accessible ramp goes nowhere. The accessible path does not lead to any of the picnic	See above. Accessible design of public spaces is more than just providing a	Perhaps send the design team to chat with some of the people who are disability carers or people with disabilities

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		tables or other facilities which are also not accessible in design. People in wheelchairs or with walking frames or prams should be able to access the other public furniture to dwell at in the park.	path for wheel chairs. Please rethink this design. Consider some accessible picnic tables or other shaded dwell areas. People with access issues also like to dwell and look at the view.	themselves. The NB beaches are popular destinations for bus loads of people with disabilities many of whom live in the LGA. Do better as they say. Did anyone actually read and understand then implement the recently adopted Disability Inclusion Action Plan? Particularly pages 9 and 10 of the 'easy read' document.
258			See below	Will you have to chop down more trees to make way for the development. As it is now, there are very few gums anywhere from Manly to Mona vale along the coast - I barely know it's Australia. Can we have some gums, banksia's and natives for our suffering wild life. Freshwater is like a coastal holiday because of less development, that's what attracts people. Why do you need such a big viewing ramp? Just a small one with habitat around it would blend in nicer to the beautiful landscape and dunes. Also, how will this infrastructure affect the dune stability with so much erosion happening.
259				In regards to the Parkland South area at Undercliff Reserve. It is a bit disappointing to see the original designs from the 2018 masterplan dropped for this park.  At the very least it would be great to see some shade trees and park benches added to this reserve, it currently has almost no shade trees, making it pretty unappealing during summer. Having some along the carpark boundary to

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				shade the parked cars would also be a good addition.
260				Leave it alone!!! Ruining everything by constant so called improvements that just make it more busy more crowded and more concrete everywhere!!!
261				I'd recommend upgrading the existing cafe on the NW corner of the surfclub. Other than the cafe / restaurant in Moore St there is no other catering for the many visitors to the beach. Having a view over beach to the east or the new areas to the west would guarantee a very popular facility. Having a coffee while watching the children in the play areas or a takeaway to sit at one of the benches.
262				Overall the proposal is fantastic, however I am concerned that the overflow carpark behind the equipment shed seems to have been closed off. If this is planned I think it would be the only negative. One more thought/question, are all the mobility parking areas (in number) for the parking areas going to be retained or increased?
263	Sustainable lighting is required in the area that is functional, energy efficient and that supports improved visibility and safety after dark ... which in winter starts around 5pm	Sustainable lighting is required in the area that is functional, energy efficient and that supports improved visibility and safety after dark ... which in winter starts around 5pm	Sustainable lighting is required in the area that is functional, energy efficient and that supports improved visibility and safety after dark ... which in winter starts around 5pm	Great to see the area being improved. Hope to see the toilet / changing room facilities to match the new plans ... such as at the new area at Mona Vale Beach ... where people can see at dusk and there is plenty of light to make the area safe, that users can see the facilities are clean and functional. Also sensible to provide dog bags and dedicated bins for their waste without

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				becoming general dumping bins. Thanks
264				There is insufficient parking at freshwater beach.  Many people have to resort to parking in the harbord diggers car park and walking down.  Upgrading the area and amenities without providing more parking will only exasperate this issue.
265	I thought that one of the core concepts of the new design was to move the playground from the current position, away from the road? Wasn't it supposed to relocate to the area behind the surf club?			It does feel like this Masterplan is moving more and more towards being just a refresh with every new iteration
266	Love the design. Well done. Any chance of adding a slide and climbing wall and some more challenging things for bigger kids around 5-6 so there is a range of age groups covered?			
267		Excessive structural access ramps through undisturbed green space interferes with the soft natural feel of Freshwater and also impacts on natural forna and flora	There are already two lookouts at Freshwater beach. One near the surf club and a general grassy embankment near Pilu. I feel that the access ramps and footpaths are excessive and disturb the soft natural setting of the Freshwater reserve which ultimately makes Freshwater beach such a	I don't agree that an additional public amenities block is needed in Freshwater. It reduces the free flow green space considerably. I also don't like the diagonal paths which cross the green space areas. These areas are used a lot by kids running and kicking balls. These paths will bring more foot traffic, wheelchairs and bicycles into this area disturbing the way older kids play in the area (running around and kicking balls). Priority number one is to do something

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			desirable place to live and visit. Residents on the northern side (Ocean View) would not appreciate seeing an excessive retaining wall, ramps and footpaths where there is now soft on the eye green space (which is already small) used by kids, families and informal gatherings. Excessive footpaths would also increase the heat reflection and contribute to climate change	with the eyesore of a stormwater pipe. A lookout above this area would just highlight this eyesore to visitors
268	No, freshwater does not need more [expletive removed] developments. Leave it how it is and stop ruining nice places with over development	No, freshwater does not need more [expletive removed] developments. Leave it how it is and stop ruining nice places with over development	No, freshwater does not need more [expletive removed] developments. Leave it how it is and stop ruining nice places with over development	No, freshwater does not need more [expletive removed] developments. Leave it how it is and stop ruining nice places with over development
269				Seriously you are increasing the draw cards for people to use the park but no parking ..... do you realise how frustratingly hard it is for emergency services to access the beach on a busy day because the carpark and access roads are choked back to the village 😊..... you need To increase the available car park space as well.
270				Great upgrades to the existing facilities Probably amenities will need an upgrade as well
271				I am concerned about parking! Parking is always a massive issue in Freshwater. Otherwise love the plans

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272		There is already an accessible pathway/ramp. PLEASE leave Freshwater as it is. That is the beauty of it. Have the locals who live here asked for changes? I imagine not! Spend your money putting Dee Why strand back to how it was!		
273				Leave it how it is!
274				I assume part of the area will allow dogs as there are usually plenty down there.
275			Eliminate the lookout. Unnecessary	
276			Maybe even wider if possible. Sufficient seating for 19-20 ppl Protect Sand dunes. Civil Engineering advice on foundations of platform please	Playground looks lovely and accessibility ramps very inclusive
277				<p>When you have a look at the new proposal from the air you can see how ridiculous it really is. The green space is cut in half by the Moore st car park. There is no flow! There should be no 'Parkland South' and 'Parkland North', there should just be 'one Parkland'.</p> <p>The carparks need to be redesigned to create a better use of green space. Leaving the car parks as they are misses the mark completely?</p> <p>1. Moore Road should stop at Gore Street. The Carpark at the bottom of Moore Road (opposite Pulu) must be</p>

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				<p>removed as it cuts the park in two.</p> <p>2. An extra row of car spaces can be built off Gore Street.</p> <p>3. The open grass overflow car space off Kooloorra Ave can be utilised better, as permanent parking.</p> <p>4. Half the spots in the "Freshwater Beach Carpark" (between Kooloorra Ave and Oceanview Road) can stay and link with the overflow carpark, the other half on the beach side should become green space with an access path linking Ocean View Rd to the Surf Club.</p> <p>Currently it's dangerous as you have no choice but to walk through the car park, with all your beach gear, trying to dodge reversing cars.</p> <p>5. If needed, Moore Road could become the new overflow car park for special occasions such as surf carnivals. The section must be GRASS to maintain the flow.</p> <p>6. A concrete access path is need to link Moore Rd/Gore St to Pilu and beyond for bikes, prams, wheel chairs etc</p> <p>7. Pilu restaurant deliveries can be made via Undercliffe Rd or via the access path off Moore rd.</p> <p>8. Additional car spaces can be built off Undercliffe Rd, in front of Parkland South. These spaces could be '45 degree angle parking', either front first or rear first, similar to Kenneth Road outside LM Graham Reserve.</p> <p>These new car park proposals, if designed correctly, would provide more</p>

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				car spaces than are currently available. Sadly the new proposal smacks of budget constraints, minus any forward thinking. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to design the green space to flow from Undercliffe Road all the way through beyond the surf club to Ocean View Road. Design it right and do it once. Design it badly and the next generation will have to fix your mistakes.
278	Concept design looks good if I've understood correctly that it will include elements targeted towards older children. Please do not let these elements be removed as the upcoming upgrade to Jacka Park has had an outcome with minimal play equipment for older kids and we don't need another playground without older kids considered, particularly in relation to climbing, hanging and general nature play.			
279	The stepping logs to the kids slide are very dangerous. Similar logs were installed in the new Harbord Diggers and have been removed as many kids fell off the logs hitting their heads and knocking teeth out. There is no fence around the kids play area which is very close to the carpark.			More picnic benches with shelter's should be built throughout the whole area. Building more of these would provide shade and places for friends & families to gather and enjoy time together.
280				Please consider removing more parking to make larger grass/parkland areas. For example the carpark at the end of Moore Rd really cuts into the overall

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				parklands. It would be great if this carpark was removed so the park could flow right through.
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282				The plans look great but I can't see any plans to improve the toilets and showers above the swimming pool, which are in a very poor condition and definitely need an upgrade.
283			Love what I see	It would be great to have a designated dog off the lead space in there somewhere!!!
284				will this marry up with the walkway from Queenscliff to Freshwater beach.
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286			With budget constraints I can't understand why this is a priority? Wouldn't the money be better spent on improving the overflow carpark which is a disused muddy mess at present.	What happened to the proposed cafe/kiosk above the ocean pool? If Council is short of money surely monetising this dilapidated and disused building should be a priority. It would add some amenity and use to this great location with views over the beach.
287	Less formal 'play' areas as designed by an adult, unless you will include an 'adult play area', and more natural rough and tumble play designed for children. The ability for a child to begin to address 'risk analysis' by themselves is crucial for the development of functioning adults.			
288		Can't see any bike parking facilities despite the existing few racks always being full. There should be 50 plus bike racks to help ease traffic congestion and	More bike parking facilities as the existing few racks are always full.	Are there plans for a bike lane to Freshwater as the current footpaths are busy, narrow and not suitable for shared use. Seems council is making the area even more attractive without addressing the main issue of traffic.

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		encourage active transport and e-bike use.		
289				There is not enough parking at Freshwater Beach, so many cars park in the streets. It is very hectic and dangerous driving around Freshwater Beach as people scramble for a car park all year round. In summer we avoid Freshwater as it is too hard to park but we would like to be able to go there if the parking was fixed up.
290		Why install stairs when the existing path is good? The more gentle path for accessible is required.		<p>1) Why build more amenities when the surf club amenities are under utilised and adequate, I do not understand the logic. No wonder rates increase because not all facilities are properly utilised to their full extent.</p> <p>2) More seating would be appreciated, there isn't a lot of places to sit especially with the ground so soggy this year.</p>
291				The plan takes all of the open space away. Just leave it as is.

## B. Submissions uploaded on Your Say via a separate attachment

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1.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FRESHWATER BEACH MASTER PLAN 2022</b></p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the latest Freshwater Beach Master Plan. We have studied the plans and would like to submit the following comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Would it be possible to add a flying fox to the new playground located next to Kooloorra Avenue?</li> <li>2. Is there provision of power to the proposed lookout area? If the public wish to use the BBQs in the proposed lookout area for functions, a supply of water and power to this area would be advantageous. We have noticed that there is a power pole in the playground area that provides power to the amenities in this area. Is this also the case for the lookout area?</li> <li>3. We support the idea of more bins in this park. After a busy Friday and Saturday night, the Council bins and our shop bins, that are kerbside awaiting collection, are overflowing. There is a mountain of rubbish adjacent to the bins. The public see the bins, and even if full, will add their rubbish to the pile. More bins are indeed very welcome.</li> <li>4. As mentioned in our response to the 2017 Master plan, we are concerned about permanent structures being located close to residences. The picnic shelters encourage people to hang about and seem to promote antisocial behaviour after hours. The location of a permanent shelter close to the corner of Gore and Moore Roads is of concern in terms of noise. In recent history, this park has attracted huge gatherings, to the point where the riot police have been called to disperse noisy, drunken crowds. It would be appreciated if these picnic shelters were located closer to the beach and further away from residents' homes.</li> <li>5. The inclusion of a path, or disabled walkway (diagram B) from the road to the Cafe located at 37 Moore Road would be an excellent addition to this plan. At the moment, there is a muddy embankment (diagram A) that mums with prams have to negotiate. See diagrams below for explanation.</li> </ol> <p>Thank you for considering these points. [name removed]</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div data-bbox="331 1098 943 1187"> <p><b><u>Diagram A:</u></b> Prams and wheelchairs need to navigate this muddy incline to get to the café.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1066 1098 1823 1187"> <p><b><u>Diagram B:</u></b> A hand drawing of the proposed new disabled access path from the Council car park to the existing deck of the café.</p> </div> </div>

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2.	<p>To Northern Beaches Council Email: <a href="mailto:council@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au">council@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au</a></p> <p>14 August 2022</p> <p>FRESHWATER MASTERPLAN</p> <p>Comments</p> <p><u>Parkland North</u></p> <p>Extend existing open wooden fence along the southern boundary of park.</p> <p>Plant shade trees and vegetation also along the southern boundary to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• screen view of car park adjacent to Moore Road</li> <li>• avoid informal access across grass area</li> <li>• create a sense of enclosure within the park</li> </ul>

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	<p>On hillside: Palm trees with dead fronds do not look healthy. Replace these palm trees with species of shade trees that have strong branches preferably suitable for climbing.</p> <p>An existing low rock wall around the base of the hilly areas delineates a boundary that helps to separate active and passive recreation areas.</p> <p>The level ground east and west of the central hill can be used for ball games.</p> <p>In the Masterplan: Provide areas for passive and active recreation (such as picnics and ball games respectively).</p> <p>Plant more shade trees on the hill and around the perimeter of the Park.</p> <p><u>Diagonal Walkway</u> The proposed diagonal walkway links the corner of Moore Road and Gore Street to the Surf Club. In the Masterplan the diagonal route appears to cut across the southern section of the central hill, but the topography is not shown.</p> <p>An important function of the Parkland North is that it provides a large area of open space in which children and young people in particular can run around freely and play. The grassed area is large enough for ball games and active use. In Freshwater this is especially important, as there is a shortage of parks and open space.</p> <p>It is not clear if the path would fragment the large open space area of the Park and intersect areas used for active and passive recreation.</p> <p>The existing grassed area is reasonably intact and there is no paved path or formal pedestrian thoroughfare to intersect the actively used space.</p> <p>The diagonal walkway is not essential as there is alternative pedestrian access on the south eastern corner of the Park.</p> <p>The central hill should be retained as it provides varied topography for passive and active use. For example, children enjoy running up and down the hill.</p> <p><u>Accessible Ramp Plan</u></p> <p>The wide accessible ramp would extend well into the Park and require clearing of existing vegetation.</p> <p>The pedestrian path is a separate access route that includes two sets of steps. The existing path does not have steps, so it is not clear why steps have been proposed for the new path.</p> <p>The inclusion of steps in the pedestrian path could be avoided by reducing the gradient of the path.</p>

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	<p>An alternative to the accessible ramp and pedestrian path (with steps) is a shared path with a suitable gradient for prams and wheelchairs.</p> <p><u>Parkland South</u>  Agree with seating.  Many people use the grassy slope for passive recreation.  Plant trees for shade.</p> <p><u>Eastern end of Moore Road</u></p> <p>Agree with showers in existing location at exit from beach.</p> <p>Retain or upgrade playground equipment in current location.  Retain seating to allow surveillance of playground and view of beach.</p> <p>Footpath  Retain continuity of footpath along northern side of Moore Road.  In the Plan the two divided sections of footpath path appear to intrude upon the Park.</p> <p><u>Playground Area</u>  For safety and surveillance, replace hedge barrier with a railing fence that allows clear view to other side. A hedge barrier could obscure the view and limit surveillance required to ensure safety in proximity to the road.</p> <p>Within the playground area remove the through path that extends west to the Gore Street. This will avoid children wandering off in the direction of the road and car park.</p> <p><u>Ocean View Road Look Out</u></p> <p>I agree with retaining existing grassed steps, picnic table and tall conifer tree.</p> <p>Keep the area natural. A few seats would suffice for viewing instead of a large deck and paved platform. Rubbish can also get trapped underneath a deck and between the slats.</p> <p>The large elevated deck appears to extend over the dune area.</p> <p>People use this grassed area for picnics and passive recreation.</p> <p>However, the viewing deck will mean the open space is likely to be used primarily as a pedestrian route to a viewing platform.</p>




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	<p>The connecting access to the elevated lookout could become a thoroughfare that dominates the use of the open space. This will change the amenity of this open space.</p> <p>Vantage points are also located on nearby grassed areas adjacent to beach. Better access could be provided to this area as well as seating.</p> <p><u>Public Toilet Amenities</u></p> <p>The existing location of amenities in the surf club building is more convenient and spacious for people visiting the beach.</p> <p>It is not desirable for people to converge on the park and playground area in order to use the amenities. The existing amenities can be accessed via paths that do not traverse the park.</p> <p>Public toilets in the park are not essential due to nearby amenities in the surf club building. These also have the benefit of close proximity to the cafe and beach.</p> <p>There are no intervening roads to cross to access existing amenities from the playground and park.</p> <p>Providing amenities in the park will take up a lot of space and reduce the area of the Park, which has a limited area for recreation use.</p> <p>The area proposed for the amenities is also used for parking boats etc. during surf carnivals. There does not appear to an alternative location for this purpose.</p> <p><u>Dune Vegetation Protective Fence</u></p> <p>I agree with reinstating protective fence as boundary for dune vegetation.</p>
3.	<p>Freshwater beach master plan</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It is time to put the natural environment first.</li> <li>2. Keep it simple. Plant lots more trees.</li> <li>3. What is the budget for maintaining all the proposed infrastructure?</li> <li>4. A few access pathways so the disabled and their carers can gain access</li> <li>5. Strongly object to another toilet block in the park. No way. We can still use the facilities in the club house. I have never noticed a queue there. Less impact on the environment. IT IS NOT NEEDED. Further I note the possibility of more toilet facilities at location no8.</li> <li>6. The surf club already has prime position and often monopolise the use of the beach eg nippers and early morning paddlers. The later making it unsafe for body surfers. They can share the facilities . they are only toilets. It is for the good of the environment.</li> </ol>


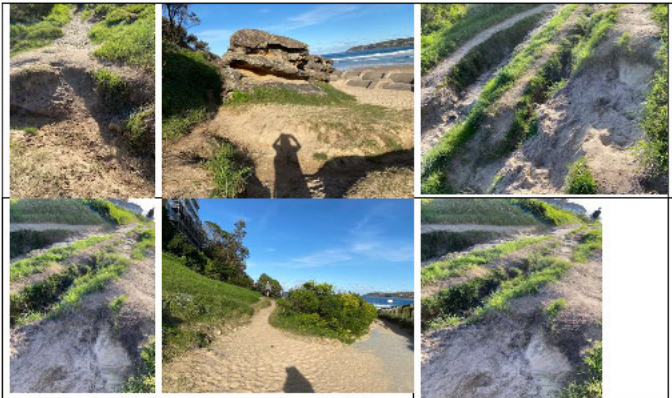
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	<p>7. We do not need gazebos and more structures . Keep it simple. Visitors can bring their own chairs if they wish to picnic in comfort and wear a hat.</p> <p>8. Look to put some dog pooh stations around</p> <p>9. Friends of Freshwater propose signage for international guests. If they cannot figure their way to the beach if coming from the south they just need to look east . IF this is not possible they can use their phones. Friends of Freshwater also propose “way markings” . Please do not put arrows etc on pathways.</p> <p>10. Would much rather address the water quality issues of our beaches, lagoons and creeks. What we have done is unacceptable. There so many days last year where the beaches were unfit for swimming. The lagoons are never fit for swimming and the creeks that are left are just dead.</p> <p>Thanks for reading</p>
4.	<p>After careful and additional consideration, the Friends of Freshwater feel compelled to add additional comment highlighting concerns to the Freshwater Beach Master Plan. We are concerned with the number of additional paths dividing the public open space and dividing the area into smaller, less useful pockets of green space.</p> <p>The concerns and reasons are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The green space area designated as "Area 5" on the Master plan appears to have an over-abundance of concrete including a switch back that takes away from the limited green space available. We suggest that the current path is redesigned to provide the appropriate grade requirements and the switch back is removed. The incorporation of stairs into the current path is not supported. Alternatively, the path from Moore Rd to the Surf Club could be used.</li> <li>• The playground at the end of Moore Rd is well used generally by young families with very young children. The proposed installation of "Art Play" appears too close to the showers and will be unlikely to cater for young children who really love swings and small slides and climbing structures. We believe the community is best served by retaining this playground in its current form and further from the shower.</li> <li>• The current path to the beach from the end of Moore Rd could be widened a little and the small green patches appear to add little value. The new path proposed from Moore to the Surf Club would further cut into the current well-used green space. However, this path could remove the need for the zig zag.</li> <li>•</li> <li>• The area around Pilu has too many new concrete pathways cutting current green spaces into smaller areas. The path cutting across the slope below Pilu Baretto is unnecessary and removes an area where people congregate. A more appropriate path would go from the end of Moore Rd parking to meet the current path. The new path from Undercliff beside Pilu is unlikely to be heavily utilised as people</li> </ul>



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	<p>coming along Undercliff will likely continue to come down the steps and take a diagonal path. Those coming down from Queenscliff will likely continue to take the path nearer the beach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• While a viewing platform in the parkland at the end of Ocean View Rd in Area 3 is welcomed it would be more appropriate to access it from the pedestrian pavement in the turnaround. Building an additional pathway parallel to the pedestrian walkway is inappropriate.</li> <li>• What is needed is an extension of the walkway entrance from Ocean View to the beach. The walkway leading up the rock wall to the ocean pool is not addressed and while we are aware that the discussion around building a walkway has been considered and rejected based on cost, there should be some more research into other potential options that would better suit the situation.</li> <li>• It has been mentioned by numerous residents that an off-leash area for dogs should be considered either in the reserve or the overflow car park. We believe that it is a manageable option that may be restricted by appropriate times as well as considering if both or one area is appropriate. Based on the high level of dog ownership and the ridiculous fines that can be incurred, it seems a matter of accommodating the number of dog owners in the area and the overall view that there is a need as well as a desire to offer this option. While we are aware there are off-leash areas in Manly and Curl Curl, there are no immediate areas in Freshwater that allow this.</li> </ul> <p>In conclusion, although we are delighted that the Masterplan from 2018 is getting further attention, we note that timeframes are totally missing from the documentation. We believe that it is imperative that the public amenities are included in the first phase of implementation. We look forward to the implementation plan being released to the community.</p>
5.	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>My name is [name removed], messaging on behalf of the Freshwater Longboard Club (President).</p> <p>The plans all look amazing and I'm sure it will create an amazing space for family and the local community.</p> <p>My comment is to do with the southern grassed area (In front of Pilu on the beach side) that is utilised by the surfing community for monthly competitions.</p> <p>Our club (Freshwater Longboard Club), and the Freshwater Boardriders Inc (Shortboard) run a monthly competition using this area. In a previous meeting with the new President of the surf club, we were in talks of being allocated some form of storage for our equipment (Tents, trailers, BBQ etc) whether that be a new dwelling, or utilizing existing structures. We would be very appreciative if this was included in the councils plans for upcoming changes. Another addition that would be beneficial, not only to the board riders clubs, but also the community, would be power access for the gazebo's.</p> <p>A point for the existing Gazebo. The inside of the structure is lined with multiple plaques of passed members of the clubs and members of the</p>

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	<p>surfing community. I believe it would be a good Idea to maintain these plaques, or reinstate them if the gazebo's were to be amended or rebuilt. Discussions with the Longboard Club, and Short board club would be greatly appreciated to ensure the history and memories are looked after.</p> <p>Please feel free to get in touch regarding these comments. Our email is [email removed]. I wish you all the best with the project and hope it all goes smoothly.</p>
6.	<p>Thank you for the continued community engagement and the ability to comment on the Freshwater Beach Masterplan. We understand it is a difficult ongoing project and appreciated the continued efforts of council and the working group to ensure the community has the ability to input on the concept.</p> <p>Whilst we encourage the plans to make the beach accessible for all, we have significant concerns regarding the councils view on how the facilities are used during the day versus how they are used at night.</p> <p>On paper the plan looks great for day time activity, but has council considered the plan through a night-time lens? Under the current plan the playground and lookout will be a welcome congregation place for youths after dark and encourage the existing problem of under-age drinking. I encourage council to review Police records regarding the number reports of underage drinking, violence and noise on the beach and surrounds. As it is, both these areas are extremely noisy places with noise reverberating and echoing through the basin as far as Evans St. I encourage acoustic tests be done from all areas in the community around the area, especially in the summer when activity peaks.</p> <p>We already have a problem with youth having 'pre's' (pre-drinking) in the park before going out in Freshwater and Manly, and the overspill of intoxicated patrons moving from the village and Harbord Hotel at close and crossing the basin to gain entry into the Diggers. I encourage council to sit in the Freshwater carpark on a Friday or Saturday night to witness the pre-drinking ritual and post close migration. The answer is not one for Police, as they are too busy dealing with other more serious community problems to attend noise calls from residents.</p> <p>I encourage council to look at ways in which they can make the master plan work that meets the concerns of the whole community – a plan that gives the community and visitors a place to enjoy during the day, whilst respecting the ambience and residents at night.</p> <p>On a side note, I am concerned about the ability to access information on the website and the ability for the community to provide feedback. I was unable to open the plan from the original link sent in the Northern Beaches News newsletter (I had to do a detailed search to find it) and unable to open the <b>Public Space Vision and Design guidelines</b> referred to in the plan regarding lighting. I am interested in the night-time lighting and have concerns, but was unable to view proposed lighting plans.</p>



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9.	 <p data-bbox="349 1090 808 1201">  Australasian Leisure Management  <b>Nature play at the heart of new South Australian National Park ...</b>  <a href="#">Visit</a>  <small>Images may be subject to copyright. <a href="#">Learn more</a></small> </p>

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10.	<p><b>FRESHWATER BEACH MASTERPLAN SUBMISSION – 14 August 2022</b></p> <p><b>██████████ Proud FRESHWATER resident ☺</b></p> <p>In addition to my comment, please see photos below of the northern end of Freshwater Beach taken in June 2022. As you can see, there is significant erosion &amp; many different walking tracks that people have created. Overall, it is a very unsafe area that hundreds of people use daily &amp; we really need this to be addressed as soon as possible.</p> <p>While we have had higher than normal rainfall this year, the walking track has been a problem for years.</p> <p>I thank council for the new plastic path leading to the beach (in photo below) but this path is not used by residents walking to the Freshie rock pool or walkers continuing onto Curl Curl beach or parents with prams. The deep and sometimes very hot sand can make using the sand access path very challenging for many individuals. Hence people form their own track up along the grass.</p> <p>I propose a recycled plastic path that has been built at the northern end of South Curl Curl surf lifesaving club (below). This has been a significant improvement and successful initiative.</p> <div data-bbox="407 560 1077 841">  </div> <p>Photos of northern end of Freshwater beach (taken June 2022) and there has been further erosion since then.</p> <div data-bbox="407 879 1077 1278">  </div>

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11.	<p data-bbox="378 233 949 248">End Ocean View Road Beach access used by prams, those going to the pool and coastal walkers</p> <div data-bbox="378 288 1032 719">  </div> <div data-bbox="378 759 647 1121">  </div> <p data-bbox="651 1110 1075 1126">Beach Car Park at 90% capacity today 14<sup>th</sup> August – windy winter's day</p>

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	<p>Many gather around the park café – this area also needs an upgrade in seating and shade presently it's looking a little too home made and rustic – improving the facilities her would should also result in more customers for the café and an increase in rent for Council. We do not have restaurants like many of the newly built club houses and would appreciate improved options for food and drinks for beach goers. Council is missing out on revenue here.</p> <p>Both images below taken on 14<sup>th</sup> Aug</p> <div data-bbox="378 379 824 713">  </div> <div data-bbox="378 713 833 1058">  </div>

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12.	<p>This is huge Masterplan &amp; I can see major costs with minor benefits for locals.</p> <p>The issues as we see them are:</p> <p><b>Car Parking:</b></p> <p>I see this is "outside the scope of this project" but is super important to me as a resident of Evans St. Street parking in the summer months is already a nightmare. Surely the project should not proceed until there is adequate parking. The small increase in the plan will be inadequate from my observations.</p> <p>I strongly object to the removal of the car spaces on the eastern side to allow for green space. People who are seeking green space can go to our local; parks eg Jacka nearby or Manly dam. This is the beach &amp; should look like a beach? So long as the dunes are preserved we do not need to reduce car parking for green space.</p> <p>Could there also please be some sort of street parking restrictions to eliminate trailers, caravans &amp; commercial vehicles.</p> <p>The traffic flow around the Freshwater beach area needs to be maintained rather than restricted by making Lumsdaine Drive one way traffic. Sheet 03 of the masterplan for McKillop park seems to suggest one way traffic from the entrance to McKillop park parking area. This idea of a one-way flow of traffic was resoundingly rejected when proposed previously and we hope it will not be re-introduced.</p> <p><b>Maintenance:</b></p> <p>Currently the council seems unable to maintain simple things, like the outside showers [the drains are always blocked with sand] I wonder how will it be able to maintain this new work</p> <p><b>New Lookout:</b></p> <p>Currently there is a calm open green space . The huge bland cement slab is very unappealing &amp; no better for viewing</p> <p><b>Alcohol free Zone:</b></p> <p>If this plan progresses it may bring party goers. Can the entire zone be alcohol free after 9pm</p> <p><b>Pedestrian walkways:</b></p> <p>I feel there is NO need to connect the walkway with the Harbord Diggers, This is a commercial enterprise &amp; should not be linked to community open space on the Commonwealth land</p> <p><b>Planting:</b></p> <p>Only natives should be planted in the area to sustain the genuine beauty of the Freshwater area.</p> <p>Planting should fit in around other facilities such as car parking</p> <p><b>Beach Showers:</b></p> <p>The number of showers has been reduced with the 2 showers at the northern end being removed to make way for access to the Beach Viewing Platform. This will mean that everyone who would like to have a shower will have to go inside the clubhouse. It is disappointing that Manly beach has multiple outside showers yet Freshwater is being allowed to have none.</p>

Can the existing outside shower please be retained with the drainage upgraded to allow for the water to get away more safely than it currently does as it is flowing over the concrete to the gutter making a slid hazard.

**Open space VS loss of car parking:**

As long-time residents of Evans Street we are happy to see improvements that benefit the community however there are many issues with this Masterplan that need to be addressed to consider local residents please. Thank you

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13.	 <p data-bbox="613 917 1422 1005"><b>Freshwater Beach - Changed parking</b>  <b>short stay spaces facing the ocean and clear views</b> P Thyer 14 Aug 2022</p>

### C. Emailed comments<sup>5</sup>

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1.	<p>I've written a review just before (via form) on this project, as a mum of a 4 years old and a Master of Design, suggesting a sprinkle water play area for the kids between playground and bbqs.</p> <p>Although, I forgot to mention that the look out area project REALLY seems to be missing something.</p> <p>I would strongly suggest create the water sprinkle area fountains for kids play (something between manly and dee why project ones, but smaller) just in the back of lookout area; or if would be possible maybe remove the surfer Duke statue which is hidden, from the hill to that look out area too? Or maybe just the surf heritage plate to there? I think it would really suit and not look like is missing g something (bad feng shui). It will relaly look like a good looking world mark then.</p>
2.	<p>I wanted to know if the Freshwater Ocean pool will be impacted by the Masterplan?</p> <p>Will we still be able to access the pool easily while the changes are being made?</p> <p>Please note that the ocean pool pump has been switched off, can you please turn it back on? I swim throughout Winter and without the pump bringing in fresh ocean water, the pool water is very cold and often very dirty.</p> <p>Also after all the high seas recently, it looks like the light posts around the pool are corroding. Are you able to get these checked please? It's a safety issue.</p> <p>Thank you .</p>
3.	<p>Thanks to the Northern Beaches Council for instigating this initiative.</p> <p>I personally like to keep the concrete coverage in our parks kept to a minimum.</p> <p>In this vein I would suggest an alternative to No 5 on the plan ,to reduce the gradient on the pathway towards the surf club.</p> <p>The proposal to reduce this gradient on the current pathway (which has been successfully negotiated by families and them's' pushing prams for many years) is extensive.</p> <p>Firstly with two sets of steps.</p>

<sup>5</sup> Where comments from one contributor were both emailed and submitted online and were the same, they appear in the table of online comments only. If the comments varied, they are included in both the online and email tables.

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	<p>Secondly by an extensive V shaped wheelchair access pathway. This proposed wheelchair access pathway involves covering a considerable area of our park by more concrete.</p> <p>I would suggest that to reduce the gradient of the current pathway could be achieved by raising the ground level in this area .</p> <p>Although this initiative would involve significant groundwork , the final result would eliminate two sets of steps and the significant coverage of our limited parkland with more concrete.</p> <p>am personally not a believer that more concrete solves all problems.</p> <p>Suggestion ,the proposed pathway through the Freshwater south reserve tends to duplicate and existing older concrete pathway close to the Pilu boundary line , could the existing pathway be utilised to reduce costs and reduce the “ concrete coverage.</p> <p>If you examine the walking wear pattern in the grass on this southern reserve you will observe that the greatest though traffic is on a diagonal across the reserve.</p> <p>Maybe change the direction of the path?</p> <p>The playground area adjacent to Pilu , I believe from my 15 years of observation is utilised to a greater degree than the “ northern “ one.</p> <p>Should be retained.</p> <p>One major concern for a number of years and regular contacts with council Traffic advisers, is that Undercliff rd on the eastern end has no footpath.</p> <p>Families with prams etc have to walk on the middle of this roadway , to avoid the parked cars.</p> <p>Undercliff rd has heavy traffic at peak times with drivers looking for “ free” parking.</p> <p>I have concerns with families with small children , coming in contact with backing and turning vehicles in this area.</p> <p>I would strongly recommend that the funds for the pathway from Moore rd to the Surf club be redirected to providing a footpath on the eastern end of Undercliff Rd .</p>
4.	I am a resident of Freshwater, and I would like to ask if there is any plans to have a specific area for dogs to play unleashed.

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	Having to daily go to Curl Curl or Manly is not ideal for many of the residents. I understand that the entire park could not be destined to it, but at least some small place where we can let our pets to spend some energy.
5.	<p>Further to my email below as an alternative to Freshwater beach an outdoor gym could be located near McKillop Park at the end of the boardwalk in area known as Freshwater lookout..</p> <p>The overall designs appear well thought out and will provide further usage of the area for local communities and visitors. I would like to see an outdoor gym similar to the one at Bondi adjacent to the playground area. This is something lacking in the area for families to exercise together in a safe environment. There would need to be some rules concerning usage to prevent professional bodies monopolizing the area such as bootcamps.</p>
6.	<p><b>FRESHWATER BEACH MASTERPLAN</b></p> <p>Northern Beaches Council,</p> <p>Our group of 14 resident ratepayers living around the park, supported by approximately 600 signatures from park users opposed the Freshwater Beach Masterplan originally.</p> <p>This was because the Masterplan,as originally proposed would have destroyed the natural beauty and width of the park turning natural grassy slopes into a carpark and terraces with too many structures for the addition of one net car space.</p> <p>We were extremely pleased that the council were very consultative and amended the plan.</p> <p>We are very pleased with the detailed new plan which improves existing amenities and provides new ones.</p> <p>However we have three suggestions that we think will improve the new detailed plan</p> <p><b>FIRST</b>  <b>Key 5. Accessible Ramp Area</b></p> <p>Two flights of stairs and an extra accessible ramp cutting through recently planted greenery would be unnecessary if the existing path between the Surfclub and the swings near Pilu began its rise closer to the Surf Club. This may necessitate grassy banks on either side.</p> <p>The stairs are an unnecessary obstacle to parents with prams and bike riders.</p>

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	<p><b>SECOND</b>  <b>Key 6 Path through park from cnr Moore &amp; Gore to Surf Club</b>  Is this path necessary?</p> <p><b>THIRD</b>  <b>Art Play Area Near Pilu</b>  There are currently very popular swings in this area where children play while their parents have coffee.  Why remove them?</p>
7.	<p>This is a great idea and we hope it happens soon. We were waiting for this! When will this be up?</p> <p>A spider web would be great and monkey bars so it's for all ages.</p>
8.	<p>The Friends of Freshwater Inc has been closely involved with establishing the key elements of this Beach Reserves Master Plan as well as the planned extension of the Coastal Pathway from South Curl Curl to the Lookout on Freshwater Headland. Two of our Executive were part of the Project Team that devised the original draft plan for Council approval in 2017-18.</p> <p>It is pleasing to observe the presentation of this Plan, five years after it was initially formulated and after previous consultative input from the community in 2019.</p> <p>We submit the following comments on this Plan iteration:</p> <p>1 Beach Reserve Playgrounds</p> <p>The plan for the first playground located adjacent to Kooloora Avenue is a significant improvement on what currently exists, which is somewhat dated. It also neatly resolves the risk associated with being close to a busy road way with the provision of a hedge barrier to deter errant toddlers. It retains a barbeque but the Reserve needs an additional barbeque options across the whole Reserve. It is also a plus that it is close to proposed toilet amenities.</p> <p>The second existing, limited, playground has disappeared and is replaced with a vague "art play" proposal. We have repeatedly stated the community concern at the possible removal of this playground, as it is most valued in its current location.</p> <p>2. Public Toilets</p> <p>We are delighted with the location of the proposed public toilet amenities, as these will permit the Surf Club to retain the existing public toilets on its premises for its expanding membership and Nippers. Being close to a public roadway, this assists with regular cleaning by Council contractors.</p> <p>It is important to note that although these are an important part of the Plan, they do not even feature on Council's Capital Works Program. It is essential that these be constructed as a matter of priority and certainly before 2024.</p> <p>3. Beach Access (North and South)</p>



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	<p>Access to the iconic beach from Ocean View Road in the north and from Undercliff Road in the south is problematic and can be improved. In the north. Council recently installed a special pathway to enable prams and equipment to be conveyed to and from the beach. This could be the subject of further consideration as the current solution has the look of a stop gap measure.</p> <p>In the South there is a relatively steep access way from Undercliff Road. FOF has previously written to Council seeking the installation of a safety rail as this access way becomes slippery in wet weather and slippery when beach sand covers it, as has occurred in recent East Coast Low events.</p> <p>Way Marking</p> <p>This is an important part of the Plan and a relatively low cost consideration. The Project Team in 2018 had innovative proposals in respect of way-marking and signage which appear to have been discarded. There needs to be consistent way marking to direct people to and from the beach and particularly from the Queenscliff Steps end and from the Evans Street end. International visitors would clearly benefit from way-marking which currently is largely non-existent.</p> <p>Beach Reserve Access Ways</p> <p>The diagonal walkway linking Moore Road to the Surf Club precinct will be well received and reduce pedestrian wear and tear on the Reserve. The reduced gradient of the pathway for disabled, prams and bicycle access will also be well received. The current pathway linking the two parts of the Reserve has stairs in the new proposal which are unnecessary. The current gradient of this pathway can be reduced to allow greater usage by a wider segment of the population.</p> <p>Shade Cover/Gazebos</p> <p>A number of Gazebos are planned for the Reserve with hatted rooves. These will be well utilised. A further hatted roof gazebo ought to be located on the concrete platform outside of the surf club cafe area. It would gain much use, both when the cafe is operating and when it is closed.</p> <p>Availability of potable water</p> <p>The Project team in 2018 made mention of the limited potable water supplies in the Reserves. These are not shown on the Plan. Friends of Freshwater also has written to Council seeking a potable water facility atop Queenscliff Steps and adjacent to Crown Road.</p> <p>The Ocean View Road Look Out Design</p> <p>This is an excellent refresh of this under-utilised vantage point. It is made more so with the provision of a ramp for disabled access.</p>
9.	<p>It is very important to have plenty of shade in summer and sunny in winter by planting deciduous trees, and shade cloth over playground, which should include a tunnel and balance beam.</p> <p>Also enough BBQs.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
10.	<p>Leave Freshwater Beach how it is! Dont waste tax payer money turning Freshy beach into a construction site for a year just to make it look fancy!</p>
11.	<p>Re: Freshwater Beach Masterplan Implementation</p> <p>I am writing to you to submit a concept for submission for consideration for the Freshwater Beach Masterplan Implementation.</p>

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	<p>The current Freshwater Masterplan is an improvement to the area. I commend the planning team for the well-thought-out design elements. In the current Masterplan, I see areas for all kinds of interactive and community activities which is wonderful, but I would like to propose an activity that has not yet been included. There is no special area for those who wish to take a moment away from the hustle and bustle to allow for quiet reflection on life and all its vagaries, separate from the constant demands for action and reaction to the critical and trivial events in our lives.</p> <p>So my concept for submission to the Masterplan is for a dedicated space for people to pause, be mindful, be grateful for our existence and appreciate the people in our community that dedicate their lives to the service of others.</p> <p>A special place for people to meditate, watch the sunrise, or those who want to take a moment to recall those who have helped us get through the tough times, who have saved lives and who have dedicated theirs to our community and those who have promoted their healing? I believe there is enough room in the area plan to allocate such a spot for contemplation and quiet.</p> <p>Perhaps a small, raised circle with seating, perhaps with simple artwork (stone carving or metal/stone sculpture) and provisions for an individual to meditate or a small group to gather.</p> <p>Four generations of my family have been part of the Freshwater community continuously for the last 60 years. My late wife grew up in the house next door to where I live now, which is where my two children grew up from the 1980s. Now my grandchildren visit me and play in the playground, surf at the beach and enjoy the surrounding areas of Freshwater just as my children did in the 1980s and 0s. We have seen many changes to the Freshwater community, particularly the density of the population and the increasing busyness of the area.</p> <p>My late daughter, used to run along the beach and do yoga and meditation at daybreak on the sand at Freshie beach. [REDACTED] was a mindfulness meditation and yoga teacher who dedicated her life to helping people find stillness themselves as an antidote to the stress of modern life. She was well-loved and known throughout the Northern Beaches. And like her late mother, a nurse, who was an active local member of Warringah WIRES, she also took in rescue animals both native and domestic and cared for them in our home.</p> <p>[REDACTED] was killed in 2017 by a Minneapolis police officer which was condemned by the Prime Minister and millions worldwide and over the past 5 years, we have been humbled by the number of strangers and friends who come to us to say how much she was loved and regarded to this day. A candlelight vigil with hundreds of community members was held on Freshwater beach at dawn when she was killed. It is where we go every year at the same time for our private grief.</p> <p>I am at Freshie several mornings every week. I see people jogging, doing yoga, walking their dogs, having coffee and chatting with friends old and new. I look at the ocean, the beach and over to the Diggers and wonder how many of the dogs that go by have been rescued by the likes of [REDACTED].</p> <p>There is currently no other dedicated space to be reminded of the people in the Freshwater community who have dedicated their lives to serving others either as frontline healthcare workers, teachers, healers, volunteers, good Samaritans, or even neighbours. Our family would be grateful if this submission was successful, that the space was to contain some mention of [REDACTED], but also acknowledge that there are so many in our community that are in service to others that should be honoured.</p> <p>We need to say thanks to so many. Such a designated platform recognising Good Samaritans could remind all of us to give thanks for our world and our lives, encouraging gratitude – which in itself is a transformative process for individuals and the community.</p> <p>Thank you for your time in considering my submission.</p>

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	Yours sincerely,
12.	<p>In respect to the various developments proposed at Freshwater, I am gravely concerned that such developments are not publicly sustainable without provision or development of new adequate parking facilities. It seems that such parking has not been provided in the past or on your development proposals because a few local residents want sole use and control over any area which can be used or developed for parking. The parking area which could be utilised at present is locked on most occasions. And, other parking which is available is being mostly used by local residents for their own personal needs.</p> <p>Be assured, despite what locals may say, I am a regular visitor to Freshwater beach and there is not adequate parking to accommodate council's proposed developments. It is clear to all that the current parking situation is bedlam whenever the area is frequented by large groups of people.</p> <p>The selfish attitude by a few locals, if curtailed to by council (which appears to be the current case), makes any proposed development of other facilities futile and a waste of rate-payers money.</p> <p>Will you please advise accordingly.</p>
13.	<p>Southern Area:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Change the ocean end of Moore Rd to make 8 car spaces facing the water, 3 x 10 minute quick surf viewing</li> <li>5 x 30 minute lunch or quick swim</li> <li>2. Picnic shelters x 3 and BBQ on the hill</li> <li>3. Five x 45 degree parking on Undercliff Rd</li> <li>4. .Native plant garden beds for screening</li> <li>5. At turning circle on Undercliff Rd, move kerb further into road to improve path.</li> </ol> <p>Southern Grassed Area</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Keep view clear from carpark to ocean, move bins</li> <li>7. Extend grass sitting area down the slope with ocean views</li> <li>8. Install low sitting walls at top of slope and beside access path</li> <li>9. Additional bench and backrest seats</li> <li>10. One more picnic shelter</li> <li>11. Grass sitting area and access to lawn on south of clubhouse</li> <li>12. Fencing to stop wind erosion and protect native shrub areas.</li> </ol> <p>Parkland Central / North</p>

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	<p>13. New playground as proposed by Newscape</p> <p>14. Replace existing path from sthn shower, at wheelchair grade. No steps</p> <p>15. No new paths, they are not needed !</p> <p>16. Toilet block with access direct from footpath</p> <p>17. Extend outside table area for kiosk</p> <p>Performance stage facing the grass amphitheatre</p> <p>19. New picnic shelters x 2</p> <p>Central and Northern Area</p> <p>20. Coastal walkway along top of dune with ocean view (not in carpark) Make with timber boards and chain, erosion fence on ocean side .</p> <p>21. Lookout as per Newscape but access path from cul-de-sac</p> <p>22. Grass picnic area with view to ocean and access from walkways</p> <p>23. Picnic shelter x 3</p> <p>24. Shrub garden barrier to driveway</p> <p>25. Existing grassy slope to be well maintained for public use</p> <p>26. Coastal walkway to Freshwater pool to be properly constructed</p>
14.	<p>I am a local resident. I have viewed the upgrade and I would like to make 1 comment.</p> <p>The children's playground that is going to be moved to near the kiosk is</p> <p>A/- too small; and</p> <p>B/- too close to where everybody sits.</p> <p>There is so much space west of the surf club, why is the playground being located almost on top of the eatery area.</p> <p>I believe it can still be close to the eating area but west of it rather than to the north of it.</p>
15.	<p>From our home we currently enjoy ocean views across the overflow and paved carpark.</p> <p>I refer to document 01 <i>masterplan freshwater beach – item 14 Redesign access and carparking</i></p> <p><a href="https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/freshwatercoastalopenspace">https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/freshwatercoastalopenspace</a></p>

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	<p>Specifically, the proposals to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase existing 146 spaces to 180 spaces</li> <li>• change the overflow carpark to permanent</li> <li>• relocate the Council lifeguard building</li> </ul> <p>I rang Northern Beaches Council and spoke to the reception seeking further information and clarification. Unfortunately no one from Council with knowledge of the masterplan returned my call.</p> <p>Overflow carpark</p> <p>We do not object to the carpark becoming permanent beachside Council parking. However, we would like to ensure we do not lose our views of the ocean and existing beachside vegetation.</p> <p>Paving the existing grass overflow carpark will remove some of the natural beauty of Freshwater. It is import the existing vegetation is maintained. We currently look over many trees, including impressive beachside palm trees. These trees should remain.</p> <p>As the creation of the carpark will impact our views, I also request we are consulted on the new vegetation to be planted in the carpark.</p> <p>Relocation of the Lifeguard building</p> <p>We are unable to find any information on the Northern Beaches Council website where this building will be relocated and what type of structure will be built.</p> <p>This information should be made available to allow full consideration of the masterplan.</p> <p>The current lifeguard building is only a single story building. Any new lifeguard building should also be only 1 story so as not to create a large, ugly storage facility so close to the beach. The new building should also not remove the existing views enjoyed by local residents.</p> <p>If you would like to provide further information or to</p>
16.	<p><b>Comments on Freshwater Masterplan</b></p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the revised plans of Freshwater Beach Masterplan.</p> <p>There are many welcome aspects to the new revised plans including the addition of seating, shelters, the expanded children's playground, shade areas, bbq areas and improved accessibility particularly for wheelchairs and strollers. The focus on and priority given to the Disability and Inclusion Action Plan is to be commended.</p> <p>I understand that there are significant budgetary constraints particularly after Covid and the recent spate of flooding and beach erosion and that many of the earlier proposals have had to be scaled back, modified and delayed. However, I feel there are some issues that could be considered.</p>

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	<p>While acknowledging the need to prioritise accessibility for the area, in this most recent concept plan there are too many paths dissecting the open parkland areas. This seems to significantly prioritise moving <i>through</i> the area at the expense of the most popular active and passive recreational uses of this Freshwater Reserve eg. picnics, celebrations, festivals, sports including cricket, soccer and children's games.</p> <p>The addition of the path (see area marked) from Moore Rd down the hill across Parkland North appears to be steeper (see photo) than the one proposed to be replaced with stairs and would dissect an area that is used for picnics, sports and games. This may also see a significant increase in bike riders using the park as a bike trail which would then affect the accessibility and use of the parkland for many patrons, particularly those with a disability, aged or small children.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <p>The addition of the Accessible ramp will obviously be safer and more useful for wheelchairs but it is questionable as to whether turning the existing sloping path into stairs will be of any benefit. Strollers, many elderly people with walkers and young children can cope with this degree of slope and stairs would be a hindrance and limit the number of people who could use this. The cost of replacing this path with stairs would be also considerable and possibly there be greater value for money if it was used for other improvements in the reserve such as a shelter, shade trees and terraced seating in the Parkland South (see marked area below) where these proposed plans have been heavily scaled back. This would make that large, under-utilised area more accessible, useable and provide considerable viewing points.</p>

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	<div data-bbox="376 199 734 411" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="383 451 2029 571">The prioritising of the previously proposed Boardwalk from the end of Ocean Street to the pool area (see area marked) would make a great deal of difference to the accessibility to this area and the park for many people especially those with mobility issues. The current pathway has for many years deteriorated and large areas of exposed bricks and rubble that were probably used as landfill many years ago are dangerous causing falls and injuries.</p> <div data-bbox="376 639 667 1045" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="383 1085 2029 1236">Accessibility <i>to</i> the park and not just <i>through</i> the park could easily be improved with more pedestrian friendly measures such as a dedicated pedestrian crossing between Moore Rd and Charles St and or Moore St &amp; Gore Rd. This is a very heavy foot traffic area. There are bus stops situated here and the refurbished Harbord Hotel has seen a significant increase in people and cars in this area. There is currently no crossings in the streets leading to the beach at all and this is also a 50km area. The 40 km zone of the shops could easily be extended along Moore Street to make it both safer and more accessible for all and particularly children, elderly and those with a disability.</p>

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	<p>It is unclear from the diagrams whether the repair and re-establishing of fencing around dunes is this part of this current plan. In large areas of the dunes there is significant blowout of dunes smothering the vegetation and allowing people access to the dunes and increasing the pressure on the vegetation. This issue will only worsen without some attention.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of these comments.</p>
17.	<p>Freshwater absolutely needs a children's playground update and what would be amazing is a walking path which went from curl curl, through Freshwater over the hill to Queenscliff beach that was accessible by wheelchair and pram, you can not currently go over the hill from Freshwater to Queenscliff with prams or wheelchairs, very unfortunate. Love the idea of a lookout too!</p>

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