
5. TOLOSA PARK DAM REDEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

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ECM File Reference: Tolosa Park

Community Plan Reference:

Making Lives Better

Our lives will be enhanced by using good design to create safer, more welcoming public spaces. Community facilities and services are important to us; especially meeting place, parks and playgrounds.

Valuing our Environment

The active involvement of the community means we will maintain and enjoy our natural treasures like Wellington Park, Tolosa Park, Montrose Bay, Goulds Lagoon and Myrtle Forest.

Strategic or Annual Plan Reference:

Making Lives Better

Objective 1.1 Know our communities and what they value

Strategy 1.1.2 Guide decision making through continued community engagement based on our community plan

Leading our Community

Objective 4.1 Govern in the best interests of our community

Strategy 4.1.2 Manage the City's assets soundly for the long term benefit of the community

Objective 4.2 Prioritise resources to achieve our communities' goals

Strategy 4.2.1 Deploy the Council's resources effectively to deliver value

Reporting Brief:

To present the 'Tolosa Park Dam Redevelopment Community Feedback Report' to Council for approval and to recommend a series of actions flowing from it.

Proposal in Detail:

In 2014 Council signed a Memorandum of Understanding with TasWater to decommission the dam at Tolosa Park by September 2019. As part of the process,

Council consulted with the community to help decide how the dam area would be remediated.

Council received 747 submissions. The feedback received went beyond the reservoir area and it is clear that the community was voicing the need for Council to consider the future of Tolosa Park and the broader open space network.

The 'Tolosa Park Dam Redevelopment Community Feedback Report' (**the Report**) is [Attachment 1](#).

The Report summarised the feedback from the community in a number of themes:

Shade Areas	Access
Children's Play Facilities	Dog Walking and Facilities
Family Friendly	Skate Facilities
Water Features and Activity	Affordability and Sustainability
Cycling, MTB, and BMX Facilities	Tolosa Park Masterplan

For each theme, the Report summarises the issues raised by the community, statistics on the number of respondents, and representative samples of comments that help to phrase the community's feelings, in their words.

Based on the feedback, Council's officers have then framed a series of recommendations. The recommendations fall into three categories:

- future planning for Tolosa Park
- a business plan for the decommissioning of the Tolosa Dam, and
- open space planning in the broader Glenorchy area.

Council officers originally considered the development of a master plan for the area. While a master plan is still required, in considering the feedback from the community, it is now considered that a higher priority should be to focus on delivering immediate and sustainable infrastructure improvements.

This change in focus is illustrated by a number of examples:

1. the feedback in regards to the poor condition of the playground has led officers to recommend that the replacement of this playground is brought forward in the capital works program as a priority over spending money on the development of a master plan
2. the ability for Council to afford significant improvements to Tolosa Park and the high cost to remediate the dam site has led Council officers to recommend that a business case be developed to look at an alternative and lower cost solution, namely filling the decommissioned dam space with clean fill, and
3. Tolosa Park is a dog free area. The significant feedback by dog owners in the survey has led to recommendations that Council look to improve facilities at nearby Chapel Street Park and consider a review of dog off/on lead areas within the municipality.

The recommendations in the Report attempt to find the balance between progressing improvements to open space while maintaining levels of affordability.

Consultations:

Tolosa Park Steering Committee
 TasWater
 Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and the Environment
 Executive Leadership Team
 Community Planning and Engagement Unit
 Operations and Maintenance Supervisor

Financial

Prior to Council making a decision to proceed with the decommissioning of the Tolosa Reservoir or undertaking significant works at Tolosa Park, the full impact on upfront capital and ongoing operating and maintenance costs needs to be known.

Developing a business case to review costs prior to any decisions will ensure that the full implications on Council’s Long Term Financial Plan are understood.

Human resources

Council has resources in place to continue to manage the Tolosa Park Dam redevelopment, the community engagement process, and the delivery of projects that are recommended in the Report.

Risk management

The community engagement process highlighted a range of opinion in relation to the future vision of Tolosa Park that covered the decommissioning of the dam, improvements to existing infrastructure at Tolosa Park, and improvements to the broader open space within Glenorchy area.

Managing the community’s expectations within levels of affordability is the key risk that needs to be managed.

This report recommends that Council considers opportunities as part of the decommissioning of the dam to reduce costs while also moving forward with capital works to improve open space throughout Glenorchy.

Risk Identification	Consequence	Likelihood	Rating	Risk Mitigation Treatment
<p>Adopt the recommendation</p> <p>Undertaking a business case and working up an alternative solution could delay the decommissioning of the dam.</p>	<p>Minor (C2)</p>	<p>Unlikely (L2)</p>	<p>Low (4)</p>	<p>Continue to liaise closely with TasWater to ensure that Council meet timelines for decommissioning the dam.</p>

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Community concerns or high expectation in regards to the delivery of improvements to open space including Tolosa Park	Moderate (C3)	Possible (L3)	Moderate (9)	Council is planning to deliver a number of improvements to open space areas as part of the 2019/20 capital works program.
<p>Do not adopt the recommendation</p> <p>A focus on development of a master plan and setting aside funding to deliver improvements to Tolosa Park could present a material increase in Council's budget that is not sustainable</p>	Moderate (C3)	Likely (L4)	Notable (L4)	Review costs and ensure that there is sufficient funding within the Long Term Financial Plan.
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Community Consultation and Public Relations Implications:

Community consultation

The high response rate to the survey demonstrates a high degree of interest in Tolosa Park and the value placed by the community in open space. Ongoing engagement with the community is required as part of developing projects, future planning for Tolosa Park, business plan development, and broader strategic work in Council's open space areas.

Public relations

It is recommended that Council place the report on Council's website, publish the findings in the Glenorchy Gazette, and distribute copies to stakeholders who were provided with the survey.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. RECEIVE and NOTE the attached report on Tolosa Park Dam Redevelopment Community Feedback
2. RESOLVE that:
 - a) future planning of capital expenditure within Tolosa Park is to consider the recommendations in the Tolosa Park Dam Redevelopment Community

Feedback Report (**Report**), and

- b) Future open space planning within the wider Glenorchy municipality is to consider and prioritise the recommendations made in the Report, and
3. DIRECT the General Manager to:
- a) instruct Council officers to prepare a business case, to include further public consultation on the decommissioning of the Tolosa Park Dam considering levelling the site using clean fill versus pushing in the dam wall and reshaping of the site, and
 - b) publish the Report on Council's website, publish the findings in the Glenorchy Gazette, and distribute copies to stakeholders who were provided with the survey.

Resolution:

THOMAS/KING

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The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Bull, Thomas, Dunsby, King, Stevenson, Johnston, Richardson, Fraser, Carlton and Sims.

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

Attachments/Annexures

- 1** Tolosa Dam Redevelopment Community Feedback Report