

MelvilleTalks

Piney Lakes Reserve Fenced Dog Play Park Submission Report

107 submissions received

50.48% support, 44.85% non-supportive, 4.67% no level of support provided

Moderation of submission comments has occurred in line with CoM moderation procedures.

Supportive participants

1	As a local that lives in Winthrop, owns a larger dog, 23 kilo's and visits Piney Lakes regularly, I am very supportive of this concept.
2	Ensure that there is MAXIMUM signage for SMALL DOG ONLY AREA to keep small breeds safe.
3	Excellent plan, great to have such a large enclosed dog park! Really looking forward to taking my dogs here one day.
4	Excellent plan. As someone who has seen dog v people - mainly children - injuries in a work situation I would love to see this idea expanded not only in Melville but throughout Perth.
5	Fabulous project and much needed. Can we have a similar one along the Attadale foreshore ? Plenty of room there.
6	Great design and concept.
7	Great idea
8	Great Idea, Let's make it happen!
9	Great idea. I love taking my dog to Piney Lakes but it'll be even better with this plan in place
10	Great location and use of mostly unused area of Piney Lakes
11	I could not see agility equipment. Will there be any. Great for all dogs
12	I have a small dog that needs to interact with other like dogs in a safe space.
13	I hope that in developing this facility for dog exercise etc, the Council intends to ensure that ALL dogs within Piney Lakes park area but outside the dog engagement areas will require to be kept on a short leash. This should minimise concerns by non dog owners and provide confidence and safety for anyone pursuing general recreation activities without having to always worry about being accosted by a dog that the owner assumes "will never hurt anyone" but jumps up and rushes about out of control.

14	I support the draft and particularly the incorporation of the space for small dogs and the agility area. I believe that dogs have a right and a needs to run free in safe spaces and there are insufficient facilities for this in Melville. Having said this, measures should be taken to adequately protect the flora and fauna at Piney Lakes.
15	I support the draft in its entirety, size location and fence height. I have a Border Collie capable of clearing a 1.8M fence, and my neighbours dog, also a BC has cleared their fence, so for security for most dogs 1.8M is minimum.
16	I take my dog there most days and from what I can see of the proposed plan it looks like some dogs and owners will enjoy it. I'm presuming the other dog exercise area will also remain? Not all dogs will be able to go in and mix with other dogs.
17	I'm very excited to see agility and would love these for my two border collies. My dogs won't use the space for socialising as they don't like to play with other dogs but are very keen on jumps and agility. I hope these will be in abundance! Thank you
18	It is great to see a fenced dog exercise area. Would love to see more throughout Melville
19	It's important to provide separate areas for big and small dogs as there are too many attacks by big dogs
20	Looks great! It would be good if dogs can remain off lead in the existing area and walk outside the dog park off lead for the length of the park.
21	Love the concept plan. Please build quickly! Can't wait to take my puppy. 😊
22	Plan includes all you could ask for in a dog park. Provides a safe area to exercise your dog that does not have a perfect recall without inhibiting other park users. Melville has gone from not having a fenced dog area to having the best in the state. Can't wait for it to be constructed
23	Shade , shelter for humans plus. Signs dogs under 10 kilos small dog part. See Whiteman Park & Cockburn's signs - great.
24	The draft looks fantastic and well thought out for people and dogs of all sizes and activity levels.
25	This appears to be a very well-thought-out plan that will provide excellent opportunities for dog exercise.
26	This is a fantastic project which will allow dogs to exercise safely.
27	This is a great initiative and I would encourage you to develop more off-lead dog exercise areas. As a dog owner with a pet that could do with off-lead socialisation (doesn't do great on lead!) it would be great to see more of these sites in the LGA.
28	This looks excellent! And is much needed in this area!
29	Thumbs up from us :)
30	Very positive development. Will create active residents, promote socialising of dog owners and overall is a great addition to the community.

Supportive participants with concerns/comments

1	Why one seating area in the middle rather than one in each? Is there a snake guard at the bottom of the fencing? Are there water drinking troughs for dogs
2	The middle/separation fence needs to be the same height as the outside fence! My dog can easily jump 1.6m height
3	Both areas set aside for dogs should be larger. 'No dog' areas around Piney Lakes cover a much greater area where people can walk without interference from dogs. I see no reason why the 2 dog areas can't be extended down just short of the existing footpath and take up more of the space in the middle covered by trees in the plan. This plan significantly reduces the area for dogs and their owners - Why?
4	Essential to have plenty of shaded areas for families/small children who are not dog owner's
5	Can only see 1 dog/bag bin located at the entrance only, will there other bins for this large area?
6	I fully support this fenced area for dogs. It looks very engaging and is long overdue. My only concern would be if the off leash area was removed from Piney Lakes because of the new fenced area. This is because dogs need to have a proper and reasonable large running area and Piney Lakes is one of only a limited number available in the City of Melville.
7	Suggest there are additional shelter with seating area at opposite ends of the small dog and all dog areas as many dog owners will likely want to sit and watch their dogs play out of the weather. Also suggest signage include what a small dog is characterised as.
8	Love it all except for the fences and the drainage into the wetland. Owner responsibility is better than fences.
9	Categorisation of big/small dogs. Some breeds are still boisterous for little dogs (eg Staffy). I have a spoodle - which category would she be in? She's scared of big dogs, but she's bigger than a jack russel for example
10	Needs to be much bigger, major entry needs to be separate for each area. Make people move don't let them congregate in one area.
11	Lack of drinking fountains (what is there now is terrible) and what is going to happen to the rest of the dog park, will we lose it?
12	I am concern with noise levels for nearby residents. Please consider that in your planning. Thanks.
13	Strongly opposed to including dog agility equipment in large dog area -- hazardous for bigger dogs running, chasing balls, etc.
14	A requirement is to ensure there is a free run space for large dogs and current exercise areas are not reduced.
15	If there is a fenced a dog park are the dogs still allowed to be off lead in Piney Lakes outside of the fenced dog park? So long as this doesn't preclude dogs playing/walking off lead in the rest of the park, I am all for it.
16	I voted to have an enclosed dog area. This was based on only one enclosed dog area I had visited several years ago which did not have a 1.8 m high boundary fence which I believe to be excessive. Plus further consideration be given to the location such as the area to the right of the car park or further down past the play area.
17	Whilst I support the project, my view is that the enclosed area is too large. There is already a large off leash dog exercise area; there is no need to sacrifice a large area of open lawn for a fenced in dog exercise area. My opinion is that the total area should be approximately 2/3 of the currently planned area.

18	I believe a 1.8m fence in the middle of this beautiful open parkland to be an eyesore, and unnecessary. This dog exercise area could still be constructed, but without the fence. It's already an off-lead exercise area, so I don't know why there is a need for a fenced area. They're off the lead in the fenced area, and they're off the lead directly outside the fenced area. Totally unnecessary, and an eyesore. Further to that it impacts the many other uses for that park, other than dog play. I feel more priority should be on our kids activities, throwing balls/frisbees/casual cricket, all of which can be enjoyed in the off lead dog exercise area, albeit without fences. How do we enjoy playing with our dog, in this small enclosed space. Either make the fence a lot lower (1m perhaps) or remove the fence altogether, but leave the dog amenities.
19	My dog is large but really feels uncomfortable with big dogs; he much prefers to walk with small ones, therefore the park would not suit us. I am not a resident of the suburb, so I doubt if I would travel to use the new facility. Still pleased to see the Council providing for dogs.

Non-support

1	It will change the nature aspect of Piney Lakes. The dogs will not know the difference. The money can be better spent in the community. 170k is too expensive.
2	A 1.8m fence will be unpleasant to the eye and is unnecessary. It will reduce the dogs exercise area. Even more if it is split into small dogs area and big dogs area. There was no consulting of the residents in Winthrop about this park. Never received a letter with information. Had to find the information online. This park is a Gem. Don't change it.
3	A waste of money to fence of an area where dogs are already able to access
4	As an active member of the dog community at Piney Lakes your proposition solely seeks to negatively impact us while catering for irresponsible dogs owners who haven't bothered to train their dogs.
5	Current dog exercise area is suitable don't waste the money and ruin park
6	Dog fencing area is extremely unnecessary project and existing park facilities are more than enough dog recreation activities. Very few people will use these fenced areas and rate payer's money will be wasted. Instead of this project the Council should try to reduce rates.
7	Expect increased dog walkers on footpaths to get to preferred dog walking open areas (encroaching on other path user's space). Plan is too large & in wrong space (move to adjacent to car park of other side of Sensory Play Area).
8	Firstly the dog owners who use the park were not consulted prior to deciding to pick Piney Lakes. The dog exercise area is very large and blocks the flow of the open area. The fence of 1.8 meters is excessive since the owners are present with the dog. It would also be an eyesore. We would prefer if the dog exercise area could be moved to another location in the park closer to the carpark.
9	Have never been aware of this plan until very recently. I believe Melville Council has made up its mind and now is presenting us with a done deal. Never met anyone who new about the dog prison until now. I walk everyday and am friendly with people. Actually am quite disgusted with the entire cooked process. If dogs must return to owner at command then they don't need to be in the prison I do not think some logs and a high fence deserve having 160 thousand dollars spent on them

10	I am very disappointed that we the residents and users of Piney Lakes were not approached regarding this proposal. Piney Lakes is beautiful, untouched piece of land and all dogs play well. I have owned two dogs and will get another dog next year and do not want to see this project go ahead. I would like to see Piney Lakes left untouched, a 1.5m high fence will look hideous and spoil our lovely untouched Piney Lakes. I would like my rates to be used in improving the playgrounds and facilities around Melville. Thankyou for the opportunity to comment.
11	I believe the area proposed is a highly used area of Melville residents who are respectful citizens who have dogs off lead that are trained and friendly. This park would bring rough in-trained dogs to the area -leading to the current people using the area having to relocate elsewhere.
12	I could not participate in Stage 1 or 2 because I did not know about it. I only heard about the proposal through a neighbour. I frequently exercise my very active border collie in Piney Lakes but am not supportive of this plan because (a) there was no real community engagement and (b) it would spoil an otherwise beautiful park.
13	I didn't use the park regularly, now that I do, I don't support it. Waling in nature every day has improved my mental health.
14	I do not see the need to enclose an area for dogs. If you wish to let your dog off the lead at the park then you must be in control of it. Installing a fence shouldn't change this so why install a fence? this is a complete waste of money. The park is great as it is and doesnt need any change - spend the money adding to the childrens play area.
15	I don't support having a fenced dog park in this part of Piney Lakes. It will ruin a lovely, tranquil part of the park and have negative environmental impacts on the turtles (regularly seen in the proposed section) & quendas especially. Melville residents were never given the opportunity to comment on which part of Piney Lakes the dog park should be in. The original survey about where in COM to have a dog park didn't specify how big an area it would take up and how high the fences etc, so we were asked to vote on something that wasn't clear. Another survey should be conducted asking residents where the dog park should be located, with the size and structures specified.
16	I feel our community was not contacted prior to this plan and as a Piney Lakes user, dog owner, I object!!!!
17	I have only just become aware of this proposal and have concerns that our beautiful park will now be spoilt by imposing fences and dogs having to be concentrated in these compounds. We often walk through all areas of the park and have never seen a problem. Does this mean all dog owners in Melville will now use this park?
18	I oppose the site, size, and ugly fencing. The proposal brings no value to the community, instead it robs them of a beautiful open space system.
19	I oppose this plan. The open landscape and the environment should be conserved. Many dogs enjoy running in the big open area which should not be segregated. A closed fence will not achieve anything but take away their freedom. Such a waste of funds. Why not plant more trees to provide extra shades, or clean up rubbish in the ponds. I am a daily user and a lot of dog owners are unhappy about the whole plan.
20	I strongly disagree and do not see enough pro's to ruin beautiful park.
21	I strongly disagree with the plans it will ruin the park for all users and is a waste of money

22	I was quite disappointed to learn of the impending fenced area, not enough consultation with residents. I feel it would be quite imposing given the massive area dedicated to this. I have been a resident of Sinclair Crescent for 20 years and feel this is not inclusive nor a need for it. I have always daily walked my dogs in this park for over 20 years.
23	It will be ugly. Dogs love to run around. It costs too much money.
24	Make it smaller, it's too big, why build this on open green space, fences too high, how many users of Piney want this? \$160k seems very excessive, parking is not sufficient.
25	Needs a path from the car park and increase signage in on lead areas. Dogs everywhere unleashed. Not good enough.
26	Our dogs are civilized enough to not have fenced area. I have lived directly in front of Piney lakes for 20 years and never had an issue with dogs being aggressive. I have had 4 dogs over the time I've lived here and we never had any issue.
27	Piney Lakes is a beautiful open space that will be ruined by high fences.
28	Piney Lakes is a unique space. A fenced dog area doesn't make sense as the park is already safe for shared use and safe from busy roads for dogs. A fenced area would surely make more sense in a park area where residents do not have a safe space for dogs to exercise, for example parks near busy roads or smaller spaces amongst more densely populated streets.
29	Please leave the park as is. There is no need for a fenced dog park within a dog park. Piney Lakes has beautiful trees, landscape and wildlife so please do not destroy that with a useless eyesore.
30	Proposed area is too large. This idea would suit a built up suburb but unsuitable, impacting the freedom of Piney.
31	The fenced dog area is reasonable only in a densely populated area, which is not the case now. It is very unlikely the dog owners will use it. In my opinion, the project is a waste of money.
32	The fenced area will increase dog density negative interaction between dogs and owners its pampering to local residents who want to keep dogs in one area. Totally opposed
33	The idea of a 1.8m fence in our beautiful park will form an ugly barrier. We do not need a fenced off area for dogs.
34	The project is not supported on the grounds there has been no demonstrated problem that needs to be addressed by this initiative and the proposed construction would be visually intrusive and detract significantly from the open amenity of the park. It is considered that the capital expenditure of \$160,000 plus would be better applied to completing the remedial work in the Sensory playground. If the project proceeds it is considered that a more appropriate location would be the south east corner of the park bordering Murdoch Drive. this area appears to be highly under utilised and would not incur the same negative visual impact on this park.
35	There are rare locations of natural parkland that have a large open and aesthetic area for mixed community use. This proposal would ruin the beauty of the parkland area, restrict the usage and split up the community using the area. In addition these funds would be far better spent elsewhere. We don't need to recreate the wheel here. This area works and is loved as is.
36	There was no consultation in selecting the site within Piney Lakes. There are other suitable sites that should be considered.
37	This dog park design and fences overwhelms the natural beauty of the park .It is far too large .

38	This is NOT required, divides the park & the fences are too high and an eyesore. As a very early morning dog walker, wildlife (turtles, quenda, ducks) are frequently seen crossing this area - fences will create a barrier for wildlife. Rubbish bins and doggy do bags are currently inadequate, this will become worse. Parking will also be inadequate. The first we new of this was the signs that were erected. It would have been a better use of money to create bbq and picnic areas, more rubbish bins and shelters throughout the park, rather than a massive under-utilised dog exercise area. This is the worst idea I have seen the Council put forward and local residents should have been given the same consideration as the Attadale residents. Very poor approach by Council.
39	This whole project is nothing but a political stunt dreamed up by the Labor state member and the Labor Mayor in a desperate attempt to do something. The last mayor who tried to do something [the wave park] lost his position as mayor. I have lived here for 17 years and walk that area of the park every day. It has never been necessary to alter what we have always had. The wildlife part of the park was fenced off about 12 years ago. The concept of an ugly 6-foot high fence is very worrying. I call upon the City to stop this now.
40	Too many dogs off leads in the on lead area. Not everyone like dogs, need an area with NO dogs!!!
41	Waste of council & state money. It's not wanted by the majority of daily park users. Visually ugly with 1.8m fencing. Will be consuming space that is used for council and other organisation fairs & events from time to time.
42	Waste of rate payers money. Not needed. Will detract from the area.
43	We will not gain anything as we will be losing the current dog exercise area. Put it west behind the lakes where no-one goes now
44	What a complete waste of time and money. I have been walking through this area 4 to 5 times per week for at least 5 years and have never experienced a problem with dogs. Leave as is, money would be better spent elsewhere.

Level of support not provided

1	I want to ensure the off-lead dog areas will remain the same. I will not be using the dog agility area.
2	If the enclosed parks go ahead, will the off leash area still exist outside of the enclosure?
3	I will likely to support if the rest of the existing off-leash dog exercise area remains available.
4	As a user of the park, but not dog owner, I hope signage(path and other means) is also improved to indicate when dogs should be on lead. Current signage and compliance is poor.
5	I strongly do not want it there are enough dogs from locals A dog play area would bring more dogs to piney lakes - not everyone controls their dogs now ,causing problems for small children, elderly, bike riders and people walking or jogging Again people should be able to enjoy their park without dogs bothering them. No no no !!!