

**Petitioner Deputation
Piney Lakes Fenced Dog Play Park**

**City of Melville Agenda Briefing Forum
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Presentation Outline

- Consultation processes
- Metropolitan Region Scheme and Bush Forever
- Site selection criteria
- Other Fenced Dog Parks
- Options
- Conclusion

Consultation - Petition

- 128 signatures from an estimated 145 users (88%)
- Majority knew little or nothing about fenced dog park
- Few users knew that City had consulted
- Few knew that Piney Lakes was identified as a suitable location
- No consultation on selected site, and vast majority are opposed to it
- Many believed that \$160,000.00 budget was excessive
- Concern at 1.8m high fence and blight on the landscape

Consultation – Community Survey

- In response to petition, community survey on City's website
- Survey provided opportunity to comment on draft Concept Plan
- The survey had limitations



Consultation – Meeting with Councillors and Officers

- Site meeting with Councillors Mair and Sandford, and City officers, on 8 November
- Officers shared 'Engagement Snapshot' of the October survey: 107 submissions were received with 50% supporting the draft concept, while 45% did not support it
- Survey focused on site identified by the City, but no other options
- Officers agreed to include other options in the report to Council

Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS) and Bush Forever

- Parks and Recreation Reserve under the MRS, and a Bush Forever Site
- Development without approval of the WAPC allowed where there is no clearing of bush, provided there is a management plan approved by the WAPC
- Is there a management plan that provides guidance for any additional infrastructure, such as a fenced dog park?

Site Selection Criteria

- Additional criteria:
 - retention of large existing open spaces
 - visual impact and amenity
 - retention of areas of high landscape quality
 - environmental attributes
- Feedback – users are drawn to open and uninterrupted green spaces
- Report seems to see value in withdrawing a community benefit

Other Fenced Dog Parks

- Six fenced dog parks ranging in size from 2,070m² to 5,100m²
- Fence height ranging from 1.2m to 1.8m
- A height of 1.8m at Piney Lakes will have a significant impact
- The six are constrained by space and surrounding infrastructure

Options

- Overall management plan recommended to provide guidance
- Alternative option 1 is least preferred option



Options

- Alternative option 2 occupies the smallest land area, would cost the least, and allows for possible future expansion



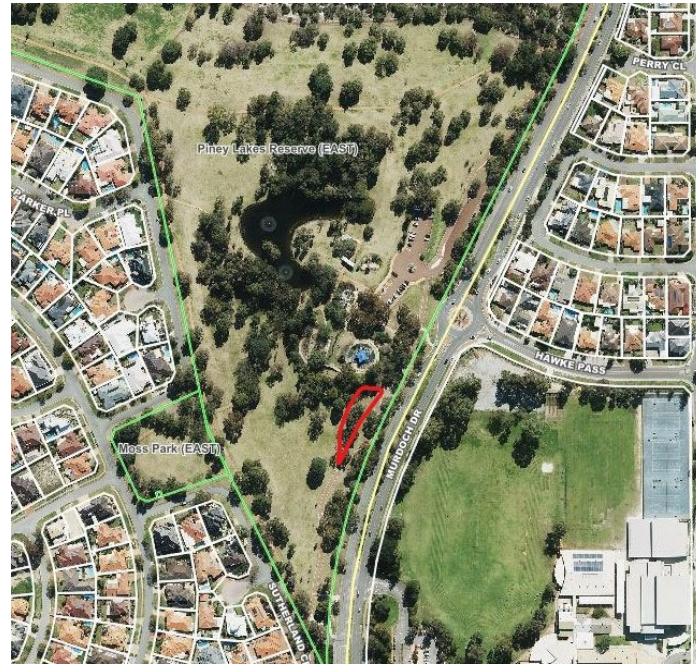
Options

- Alternative option 3
 - appropriate size
 - separated from existing off-lead area
 - positioning could be amended
 - could be the catalyst to activate other under-utilised areas



Options

- A further option was proposed by many petitioners
- Underutilized area opposite Corpus Christie College potential to be activated



Conclusion

- In light of:
 - the City and Petition consultation processes
 - MRS and Bush Forever considerations
 - comparison with other fenced dog parks
 - outstanding environmental and landscape characteristics
- Recommended:
 - make a decision within the context of overall management plan
 - opt for a reduced size facility on another site
 - take cognizance of community preference