

# Canning Bridge Ferry Action Group

**Submission: Request for Further Consultation on the Proposed Applecross Ferry Landing**

**To: WA Government Project Team and the City of Melville**

**Re: Minimising the Impacts of the proposed Applecross Ferry Landing**

We write to express our strong concerns regarding the proposed ferry landing at Applecross and respectfully request greater community consultation to address the significant and wide-ranging local impacts of the proposal before plans are finalised. We are not opposed to expanding the ferry service, but want to reduce its impacts.

## **Consequential Impacts of the Proposed Applecross Landing**

The current proposal raises serious issues for the local community and environment:

- **Light and Noise Pollution:** 24-hour lighting and increased activity pose a disruption to the natural environment and nearby residences.
- **Traffic and Transport Pressures:** Vehicles and buses servicing ferries every 25 minutes from 6:30am to 12:30am daily will increase traffic on Kintail and Canning Beach Roads, exacerbating congestion and parking issues.
- **Parking and Overdevelopment:** The proposed multi-storey car park on the Tivoli site opposite the Raffles Waterfront will negatively affect the character and amenity of the area, exacerbate traffic congestion and make it difficult for vehicles to access local residences.
- **Environmental and Recreational Impact:** The current plan will impact the foreshore's rich shallow water ecology and feeding areas for black swans/dolphins/pelicans/water birds, recreational users, and the overall ambience of this well-used area.
- **Security and Safety:** Increased pedestrian movement raises concerns about anti-social behaviour and conflicts with a very high density of cyclists in a constrained area.
- **Ancillary Infrastructure:** Occupies large areas of prime open space and recreational area.

## **A Preferred Alternative – East Bank of the Canning River**

We urge the Government to prioritise the planned Stage 3 location on the Canning River's eastern bank as the only ferry landing site. This site offers numerous benefits:

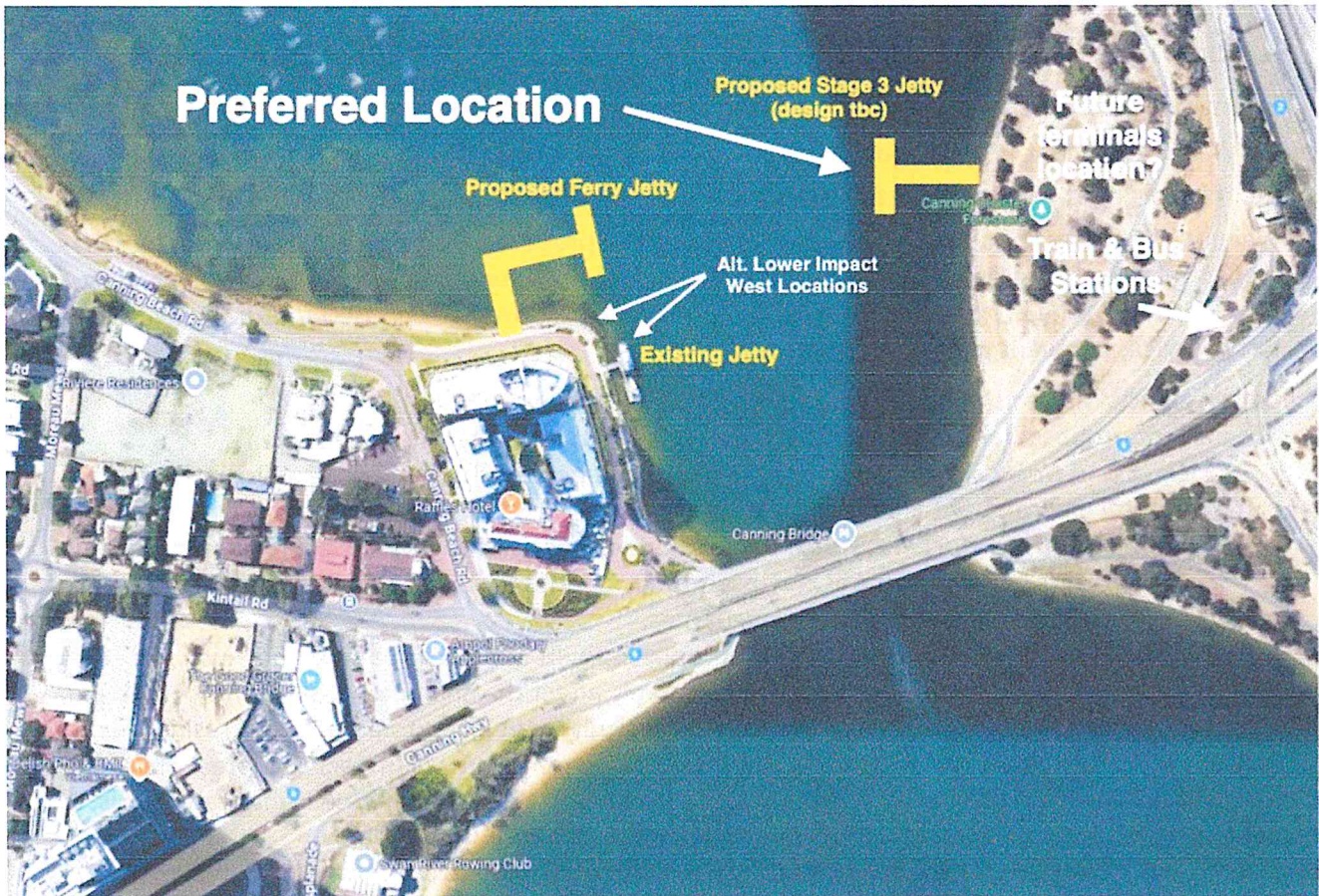
- Lower project cost by avoiding infrastructure duplication and a location immediately adjacent to deep water.
- Better multimodal transport integration (bus, train and ferry).
- Less environmental impacts.
- Safer and more accessible for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Greater proximity to a larger residential population within a 10 minute walk.
- Fewer residential, environmental, and recreational impacts.
- More efficient ferry operations.

## **Options to Reduce the Canning Bridge Footprint**

If the Applecross site remains under consideration, we ask that alternative configurations be explored:

- Avoid westward encroachment into the bay shallows.
- Extend or repurpose the existing jetty to minimise impact and cost.
- Locate the landing on the point closer to deep water and on a more suitable site.
- Redesign the terminal with a minimalist and context-sensitive approach to preserve the visual appeal of the foreshore.

We respectfully urge the Project Team and City of Melville to properly engage with local residents during the pre-construction planning phase to consider alternative sites and designs, reduce costs, and minimise adverse effects. This is a pivotal moment to get the balance right—for community, environment, and long-term sustainability.



**WE REQUEST:**

- Implementation of the Canning Bridge East bank landing location as the best option.
- Meetings with our local representative Kim Giddens MLA and the Project Team to discuss options and mitigating impacts.
- Representation on the Applecross Landing Community Reference Group.
- Transparency, information and data on the Project feasibility, business case, passenger demand studies, risk assessments, and environmental / recreational / community impacts.
- Real consultation about plans, not just announcements.
- Updates, including on meaningful input to the Development Approval and EPA assessments and their outcomes and implementation.

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Artist impression (Applecross terminal)

