



Swan Estuary Reserves Action Group Inc.

Deputation to Melville City Council

Requests Excision of Dog Exercise Area
for Tompkins Park East

Alfred Cove - A Class Reserve & Marine Park



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Swan Estuary Marine Park

Tompkins Park East

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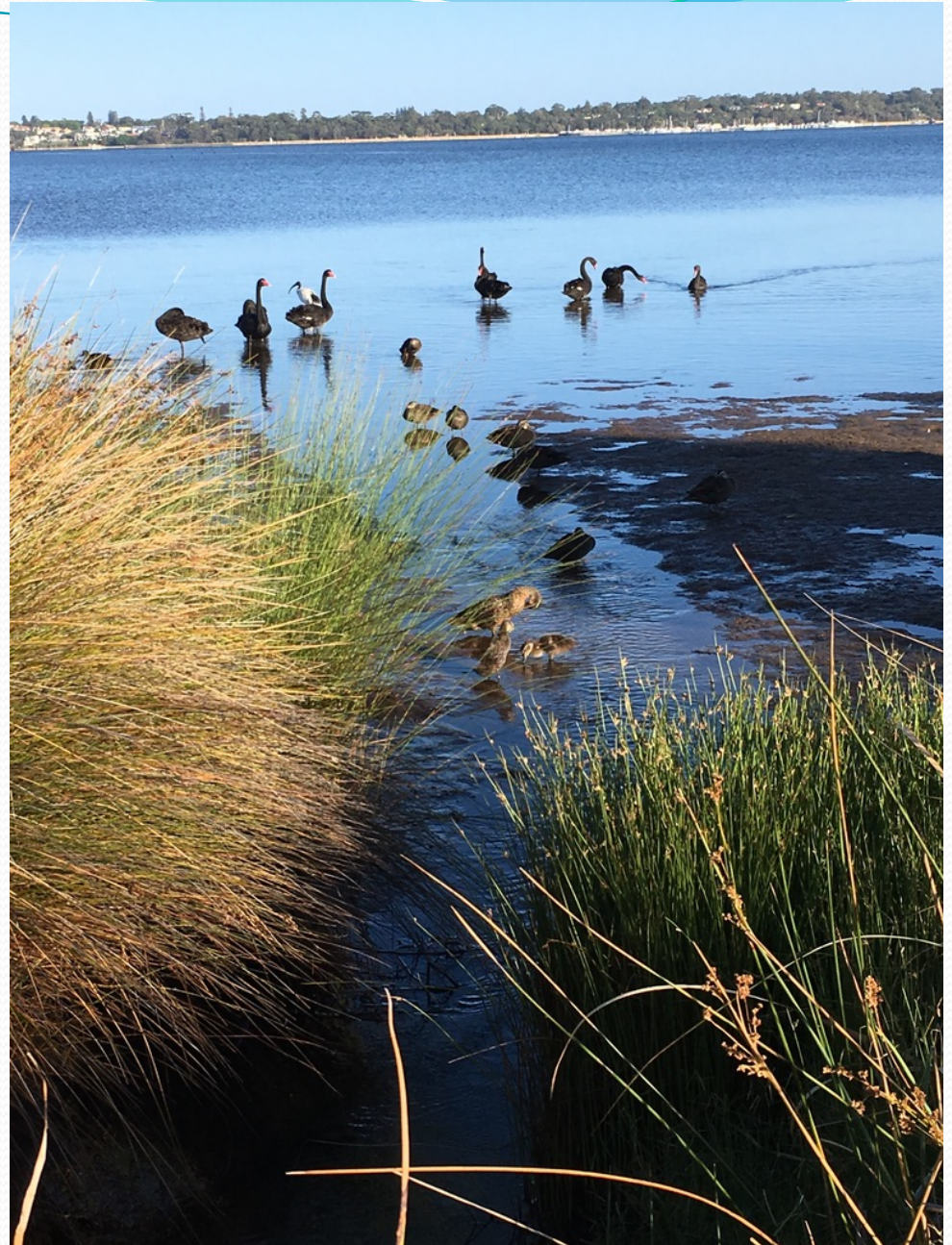
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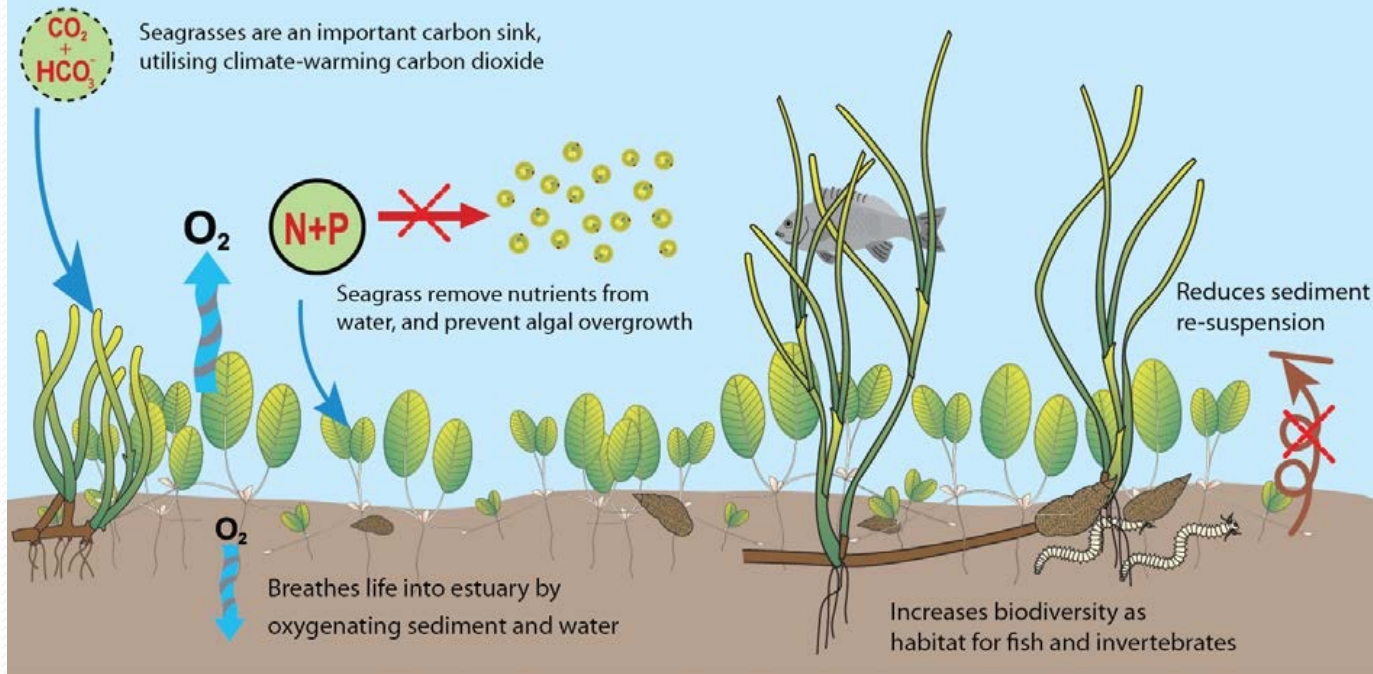
Birds and waders
at the freshwater outlet
onto river flats opposite
Cantray Avenue



Shallows, seagrasses & estuary health



Seagrass is a food source for the Black Swan



Department of Water, Water Science Technical Series, Report No 70, Jan 2014

Values of fringing vegetation - a vital role



It maintains a biologically balanced and healthy waterway

Restoration of Tompkins Park East in progress





Tompkins Park East

Before & After

From weeds in 2017

**To native
vegetation in 2020**



Risks exacerbated by dogs



Narrowness and steepness of area between dual-use pathway and high-water mark vulnerable to intrusions, causing vegetation loss and erosion



Dogs roaming off-leash and disturbing birdlife despite being prohibited in the Marine Park.

Birdlife returning to Tompkins Park foreshore



Above: Buff-banded Rails that nest in the foreshore sedges:

Right: A Stubble Quail sighted in the restored foreshore area



- **Extract from Officer's Report**

- **1. Conflict between the activities of dogs/dog owners and other park users**

- *Reported conflicts related to issues of safety (dog aggression, and collisions and falls caused by dogs), discomfort for people anxious about dogs, and concerns about health and amenity, especially associated with dog excrement. Failure of owners to remove their dogs' excrement on sporting fields was raised as a specific concern.*
- *Attention was drawn to the inherent conflict between the City's actions in designing parks and park features specifically to attract families with very young children, and then permitting unleashed dogs in those parks, which was seen as discouraging such families from using them.*

Councillors, I draw your attention to the fact that Tompkins Park east of the midpoint between Francis Street and Cantray Avenue

- **contains a children's playground surrounded by an *extremely popular* shaded picnic area much used by families,**
- **plus an exercise circuit *constantly in use*.**

1. Conflict between the activities of dogs/dog owners and other park users (continued)

- *Some people pointed to the dangers of dogs on paths to cyclists and pedestrians. Although dogs are required to be leashed on paths, unleashed dogs run on to paths in dog exercise areas, and even leashed dogs can obstruct paths when the dog and its owner are on opposite sides of the path. Some submitters asked for physical separation such as fences between dogs and path users.*

Councillors, I again draw your attention to the fact that Tompkins Park east of the midpoint between Francis St and Cantray Ave.

- **contains the Principle Shared Pathway used by *high-speed* cyclists commuting to work or in pelotons, plus social cyclists and walkers**

The danger of injury to people and to dogs from inevitable collisions is another reason to reconsider this proposal.



SERAG requests you allow the Foreshore Master Plan to complete its recommendations



**and that these locals are
considered**

Hence SERAG requests the Council with respect to Officer Recommendation 5845

that the following words

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ii) Tompkins Park Reserve east of a point approximately midway between Francis Road and Cantray Avenue

be excised