



**Dear Lotterywest Grant Committee,**

**RE: Letter of Support for The Esplanade Park Public Open Space Project**

As representatives of Save Our Space, a new community group formed with the specific purpose of advocating for public open spaces in the Canning Bridge Activity Centre. We are writing to express our strong support for The Esplanade Park Public Open Space Project, which the City of Melville can deliver with funding support.

The creation of this public space responds to a significant and growing community need. With urban development rapidly transforming the Canning Bridge Activity Centre area, the demand for accessible, green, and inclusive public spaces has never been higher. This is clearly demonstrated by a series of petitions, signed by 1264, 71 and 2797 residents from all suburbs of the City of Melville, calling for more public open space within the Canning Bridge Activity Centre. We believe that The Esplanade Park will play a vital role in meeting this need, providing a welcoming and much-needed community hub for all ages.

The Esplanade Park Project, located at 13 The Esplanade, is identified in the Canning Bridge Activity Centre Plan (the final draft is with the WAPC) as an ideal location to ensure that the local community has access to a space where they can gather, relax, and engage in recreational activities and community events. The Plan has been developed with considerable community input. By creating this park, the City of Melville is addressing key concerns from residents who want more open space within this high-density living space, to promote physical activity, mental well-being, and social connections. As advocates for the community, we fully support this initiative and believe it will foster a strong sense of community and belonging and enhance the quality of life for local residents.

Public open spaces are essential elements of public infrastructure, vital for building healthy communities, especially in areas like the Canning Bridge Activity Centre, where urban density is rapidly increasing. Public Open Space like The Esplanade Park Project provide not only a place for recreation but also an opportunity for community-building and environmental sustainability. The benefits of such a project are wide-ranging, from improving physical and mental health outcomes to offering a safe, inclusive environment for social interaction.

While the City of Melville will be responsible for delivering this project, we, as a community, are enthusiastic about its potential and are advocating for its timely completion. We are confident that Lotterywest's support will be instrumental in making this vision a reality.

It is also important to note that The Esplanade Park Public Open Space strongly supports the State Government's Infill Policy. By establishing vital social infrastructure including public open space, more people and therefore developers, will be attracted to the Canning Bridge Activity Centre.

We urge Lotterywest to recognise the value of this project, which has strong community backing and will deliver long-lasting benefits for the Canning Bridge Activity Centre area. With your support, The Esplanade Park Public Open Space Project will address long-standing needs and serve as a lasting legacy for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

Yours sincerely,

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**The following Community groups endorse and support the creation of The Esplanade Park and would be appreciative of a positive outcome to the City of Melville Lotterywest Grant Application for The Esplanade Park Public Open Space Project:**

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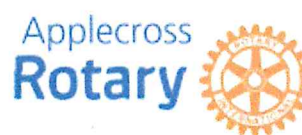
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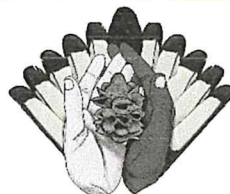
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