

Newcastle Harbour Foreshore Masterplan Phase 2 community engagement Snapshot report

We're developing a masterplan to guide the future of Newcastle Harbour Foreshore.



Community engagement activities were carried out from 16 February to 5 March 2021 to gain feedback on preliminary concept designs for Foreshore Park, including a new inclusive play space being developed with our partners, Variety – the Children's Charity.



Engagement activities – Key findings



Have Your Say webpage
2,911 visits
244 online polls completed

77%

said the preliminary concepts looked great or OK



Social media
Post on CN pages & large media outlets

1000+ 'likes' & 'loves'

across two CN posts and two posts from large local media outlets



Social Pinpoint
256 comments or ideas received on interactive maps

People would like to see more:

- Trees and shade
- Facilities for skating and scooting

Improvements to consider:

- Switch location of playspace with Picnic/BBQ Lawn
 - Move café to preserve view lines from stairs to the harbour
 - Repurpose frog pond for skating and scooting
 - Retain existing community garden
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Engagement activities – Key findings – continued



Submissions

31 written submissions

Key issues raised in submissions:

- playspace too close to residents and businesses, with associated noise impacts and loss of passive recreation
- inadequate parking and increased traffic
- amount of event space
- calls to retain the existing community garden
- preference to retain frog pond as a water feature



Drop-in information sessions

250+ attendees across three sessions

Feedback at two of the sessions was positive with a broad cross-section of the community saying the project will be great for our city.

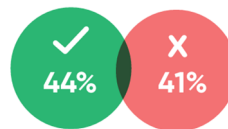
Local residents raised concerns around:

- location of the playspace
- usage of the Rail Shed & amenities
- existing community garden
- location of the proposed cafe impeding sight lines
- traffic and parking, including current 'hoon' activity, and
- inadequate consultation.



Survey

194 surveys completed about walking and cycling on Wharf Road



Opinion divided on whether the 30km/h on Wharf Road should be retained



Most would like to see an additional off-road cycle friendly path along Wharf Road.

Next Steps

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback. The information is being reviewed and considered by the project team.

The Harbour Foreshore community reference group (CRG) will discuss the Phase 2 engagement findings and any revisions to the concepts that will form the draft Masterplan.

The draft Masterplan will be placed on public exhibition for further community feedback, before going to Council for adoption.



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