

# **Draft Nelson Square Concept Plan Consultation Summary Report**

Submission Summary  
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## Project Overview

City of Port Lincoln invited the community to give feedback on the new design concept for the enhancement of Nelson Square from Thursday 19 January 2023 to 4pm on Thursday 9 February 2023.

Previous community consultation was conducted on the Nelson Square Dog Park Concept from 16 September 2021 to 7 October 2021. Throughout the consultation, feedback was generally supportive of the concept as designed, however there were objections raised, some in opposition to the potential sale of land and some in significant opposition to the dog park concept itself being located at the reserve. As a result of community consultation and feedback Council determined at the Ordinary Council meeting held on Monday 18 October 2021 to pause any further decision until an alternative layout plan had been developed for the entire Nelson Square reserve that did not include a dog park.

Council engaged local company E+MQ Architect and Landscape Interior Design to come up with a concept to enhance the amenity of the reserve taking into consideration previous feedback on what the community would like to see for the community reserve.

The proposed upgrades at Nelson Square will be fully funded through the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program. The \$250,000 will go towards revitalising the much needed and loved community reserve.

The concept for Nelson Square has been designed around accessibility, protecting the native Flora and Fauna and creating a space for families to gather, relax and play.

The enhancements will include refurbishment of the old Tennis Court Clubrooms into an accessible/unisex toilet and new shelter / BBQ area and seating. The old tennis courts will be upgraded to a multifunctional sports space for playing tennis including netball and basketball with the inclusion of netball and basketball rings.

The existing playground will be removed, and new play equipment installed, including featuring repurposed equipment from the foreshore playground. Internal footpaths will link the areas of the reserve suitable for wheelchairs, prams, small scooters and kids on bikes to move through the reserve.

The existing parking area on Volante Street will be formalised and the internal parking area and access track will be resurfaced. The Oleander scrubs and Aleppo Pines will be removed to protect the native vegetation and replaced with Australian natives throughout. Additional new plantings, irrigated turf area and revegetation of some areas will be undertaken.

These upgrades to Nelson Square are part of Council's commitment in the Open Space Strategy 2021-2026 to deliver new and upgraded open spaces over the next four years. These enhancements to Nelson Square are planned to be completed by 30 June 2023.

Refer to the draft Nelson Square Concept Plan in the Key Documents section on the right of screen.

Hard copies of the Draft Nelson Square Concept Plan were made available at the Council Administration Office and Port Lincoln Library during the consultation period.

## Nelson Square Concept Plan Submission Summary

Number of Submissions: 40

Respondent	Subject	Description	Attachments
1	Nelson Square Upgrade	Hi I like your proposal for the Nelson Square Upgrade. My feedback to your plan would be to expand the grassy area labelled 2 to also include section 3. I don't think this change would alter costs to be substantially more than revegetation of the zone. I think expanding the irrigated grassy area into section 3 would be the most advantageous use of this space. Advantages include- Greater area for families to use for recreation with the protection of the surrounding established trees. It gives more space for those waiting to use the tennis courts, greater space for lawn sport activities (boche etc), greater space group picnics and blankets, greater space for exercise groups to utilise. Increasing the grassy space may open the opportunity for it to be used ( with council permission) for jumping castle etc for parties. Given the large areas of vegetation surrounding the square and in zones 9,8 , I feel having this area become a revegetation zone would be a waste of very usable space.	-
2	re: Nelson square redevelopment	having lived in Kirton Point all my life I am happy to finally look forward to some progress in Nelson Square, this has been an eyesore for so long, I only wish that council could have incorporated a fenced off area where we could run our dogs off lead as I feel many would take advantage of this as well. But we can't have everything. The only downside of it is that we are losing our play ground down the foreshore, it is well used close to BBQ facilities - ideal place for young moms to take	-

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		their kids and have some social time with other young mom's that use the playground. I would rather see the basketball court if there is one to be built Yacht Club end near the toilets then we can have the best of both worlds.	
3	Nelson square	Need car parking on tennis court side of the park No one will want to carry stuff from the car park including items for a bbq to the opposite side	-
4	Feedback on Nelson Square concept	As a resident of ■ Cardiff Road, which is right across the road from Nelson Square, I fully support the proposed upgrade of Nelson Square. As a family we use the existing tennis courts and often see others doing the same. For these to not only be retained but upgraded is great news. My son who is an avid basketballer is excited by the proposed addition of a basketball ring. Happy to see playground equipment being upgraded and facilities and BBQ area being added for many families to enjoy. Thanks!	-
5	Nelson Square Concept Plan	I live across from the park and use it for a wide variety of activities with my Family Day Care business. The park gets used regularly by many members of the community, from couples playing tennis, children riding bikes, elderly walking their dogs and families riding bikes, skating, using scooters or going for nature walks around the park as well as the playground area. The upgrading of the park is definitely needed, and the new plans look great. However, I think that changing area 2 on the plans to an area to a flat area with a smaller hill as it is, so that young children can go to learn to skate, ride scooters and bikes would be great. As well as	-

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		area 3 being turned into net ball and basketball courts. Making area 10 into the irrigated grass area for families to be able to use when having BBQs, from the new shelter and amenities area, extending up to the playground making it so that the area is more usable and family friendly. You could also add a nature walking /bike track into the existing bush areas, clearing out some of the lower overgrown prickly bushes and re-establishing the walking/ bike tracks that are there. I believe that this would make the park more user friendly to a families, and provides a wider age range of activities for families to choose from while using the park. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	
6	Nelson Square	Whilst I agree with the plans for Nelson Square around fauna flora and creating updated facilities, the repurposing of front street playground is not in the best interest of the wider community. The foreshore playground and enclosed fencing should remain, and be separated to the Nelson Square redevelopment project. Removal of Aleppo Pines and Oleanders is appropriate to replace the natives, however the shade that these species provide should also be considered. Further shade sails or built structure may need to be considered.	-
7	Nelson square redevelopment	This is a much better plan! It would be nice to have it fenced to help prevent little people from running out onto adjacent streets and stop particular resident from riding their dirt bikes through the park (as they do most weekends)	-

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8	Nelson Square	I feel Nelson Square has always been in an unviable location for the public. I would prefer the current foreshore playground remains where it is and this money better spent elsewhere, such as a diving board or pontoon for the swimming enclosure down the main jetty. Sporting activities are at a minimum in the town and is simply a sign of the times. This upgrade will do little for anyone either in that area or elsewhere in the town. You need some fresh ideas, and seem to be stuck in the past.	-
9	Nelson Square	Hi [REDACTED] Here is my feedback on the Nelson Square design. - Court 2 should be kept as bitumen to allow kids to ride their bikes/scooters/roller blades on which so many of them currently do now. There is no other safe space like Nelson square for kids to learn how to ride on a smooth bitumen space. There plenty of vegetation I think it would be a waste to turn in into grass. Focus the grass on the playground area. - Public Toilet Block please install more than one toilet. Currently there is constant line up of children and their adults at Wellington square due to there only being one toilet and it is very inconvenient especially when lots of people are using the area which is the idea behind the Nelson Square upgrade, that multiple people can be using the facilities at once. Im sure the current toilet block at Nelson square could fit at least one female and male and disabled toilet. - Cricket pitch why not just refurbish it rather than remove it? That way people will actually use the pitch? - Playground. Great idea to reuse equipment but what is there going to be for older kids? None of our playgrounds in Port Lincoln consider kids from ages 7-14. Nelson Square has so much potential to give that age group some equipment for them. Such as a flying fox. Check out the new playground at Cleve that has an awesome	-

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		flying fox that is safe and would be great for that age children. Also playground needs shade so hopefully you will reuse the front foreshore shade? Overall I am totally for the Nelson square getting upgraded but I think more consideration for all age groups of children needs to be considered such as leaving the bitumen in court 2, having more than one toilet and putting a flying fox for older children.	
10	Submission - Draft Nelson Square Concept Plan	I very much appreciate that it'll continue to be a reserve. I was wondering if there are plans for the small bike track to remain there? It is such a gentle introduction to bmx riding, my children learned to ride there (tennis courts, progressing to bmx track both at Nelson square, then down to the box track... which hopefully gets a look in in the future to be done up!!!). Giving children some opportunity to take small risks is great for them, so please consider leaving the mini jumps there for the little ones, or formalising it more.	-
11	Submission - Draft Nelson Square Concept Plan	Love the concept of Nelson Square Upgrade 1. Tennis Courts, Netball & Basketball good idea, this could however be both 1 & 2 as it will allow more people to use these sports areas especially if the courts are being used for tennis and you want to play basketball etc. 2. No: 3 square would be a great place to build a bike track area for people to ride their bikes safely around vegetation. 3. Amenities area is very important, male/female toilets, BBQ area, table & chairs to cater for many families – don't make this too small maybe another area each side of the toilet block would be good then you can have two family groups using at the same time. 4. Playground should be big and incorporating a couple of flying foxes (like they have in other towns) and at least 4 to 6 swings as 2 is never enough. 5.	-

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		<p>The area marked 9 would make a perfect area for a water park. These are a great hit for young and old. 6. Upgrading the cricket pitch and fully enclosing it so you can hit the ball and not have to keep chasing it so old can pay with young. 7. No: 8 could incorporate a grass area close to the playground. Make this another great place to be, encouraging families to be together doing the things they love. Thinking big for future and growth.</p>	
12	Submission - Draft Nelson Square Concept Plan	I feel strongly that the current playground at the foreshore should not be torn down and repurposed at Nelson Square. The foreshore playground is perfect as is, safe for young children in a prime location, fenced in, and in an area for all to enjoy.	-
13	Submission - Draft Nelson Square Concept Plan	I would like to see the existing playground stay in the site where it is. This is used by many families and will continue to be used, as well as the new adventure playground. Funding for Nelson Square should provide separate new equipment, not moving the existing playground. Thankyou [REDACTED]	-
14	Nelson square feedback	I think the Nelson square concept plan is a waste of time and money. We already have several playgrounds in town and potentially a dog park. Not to mention it can be an unsafe area at times and may welcome crime and/or homeless people as it is not well lit and patrolled like the foreshore is. Would love to see this money instead of towards fixing the wharf stairs and/or something adults can enjoy in this town	-

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15	Nelson Square	Please leave the playground equipment at the current fenced location on Tasman Terrace, by all means install some new equipment at Nelson Square but leave the front beach playground as it is.	-
16	Nelson Square	i am glad to see nelson square get some much needed attention. i would like to say that I would like to see the tennis courts repaired and become usable for basketball, young kids learning to ride bikes, roller blading , skating or skate boarding. also consider keeping the cricket pitch but just repairing it so it can be used. some good bbq areas with shelters and a bike track through the bush. and a toilet block big enough for a good amount of people,	-
17	Nelson Square	We live at the end of Monash Road which is just around the corner from Nelson Square. It is currently an area which is under utilised due to the poor condition of everything there. It will be fantastic for the improvements to go ahead. It will make it a much more welcoming place to take our Grand Children when they come and visit. It will need security cameras to avoid the toilets being vandalised. Will it still allow dogs to be walked there?	-
18	Nelson Square	Court Area: Project Overview mentions multi-functional sports space for tennis, as well as the inclusion of netball and basketball rings. However on the Concept Plan, only one of the existing tennis courts duo's will remain (1) with (2) being an irrigated grass area and (3) Re-vegetation Area. How will area (1) be set up to refurbish tennis courts (note the plural in courts as listed on the concept plan,	-

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		<p>indicating both tennis courts will remain), plus including netball and basketball rings - so that they will no interfere with the tennis courts (i.e. the ring posts cannot be at the baseline of the tennis courts). I think the suggestion for the Irrigated grass area is fantastic, however there is already a lot of existing vegetation in the Nelson Square Area. My suggestion: (1) Refurbish Tennis Courts (2) Irrigated Grass Area (3) Basketball / Netball court In addition to this, one court area (3) could be made to netball/basketball, whilst the second half of court area (3) could have some small ramps that 4-7 year old children could manage on their bikes. Having children in this age bracket (as well as nieces/nephews and many friends), children seek this next skill level on their bikes/scooters - yet are too young to be the main target group of the skate park. Plus we want to allow the youth the independence to access the skate park without sharing the space with under school or junior primary aged children. Or manage the risk of older children on bikes/scooters with younger children moving about the space more slowly.</p> <p>Playground: I hope someone at council is aware of the facebook posts around Port Lincoln playgrounds. There is a recent post from Boston Bay Family Health Practice that has a lot of traction and comments which would be extremely beneficial to review to gauge the local perception and opinions on playground access. One of the main points is that the playgrounds should predominately be targeted at under school aged children, as this is the age group that will access the playgrounds Monday-Friday. Having 'older' playgrounds like London Street is important, however the main focus should be pre-school age. It is also important to consider that many (not all), but majority of parents at the playground will have more than one children with them. This means that they cannot be in 2 places at once, there</p>	

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		<p>will always be a child wanting to be pushed on the swings while another wants to use the slide, a baby needing a feed, getting out bandaids/water bottles/snacks. Parents CANNOT be right beside their children at all times. Fenced playgrounds are essential. And not a small fence that isolates just the playground! A larger fenced area that ideally includes some grass area around the play space to park the pram and a picnic blanket, kick a ball around etc. whilst knowing a child won't run into the bush, onto a road or away from the playground whilst a parent is tending to another child. In addition to this, most pre-school aged children want to climb they are developing independence and autonomy - whilst parents want to ensure safety. Port Lincoln has very few playgrounds where pre-school aged children can independently access stairs to slide. The flinders park 'upgrade' took away this basic expectation from a pre-school playground. The 'small' slide at London Street playground still has wobbly steps or a ladder to access the 'baby/toddler' slide. This should be a basic expectation for all pre-school targeted playgrounds. The foreshore playground currently has this on 2 separate slides, and is one of the main reasons it is so utilised. Finally, I strongly suggest the playground also include a decent monkey bars and a large 'spider web' type climbing net/frame. Monkey bars and climbing are amazing for child development with many left-right brain connections forming, as well as shoulder strength and stability needed for writing. These items area lacking for the primary aged group in Port Lincoln. Funky Monkey Bars do have a commercial range and I STRONGLY recommend these be considered. <a href="https://www.funkymonkeybars.com/pages/schools-and-community">https://www.funkymonkeybars.com/pages/schools-and-community</a> Mosquitoes: I know little can be done in regards to this. However just pointing out that there area A LOT of mosquitoes in the bush area in Nelson Square. My children</p>	

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		<p>enjoy climbing the tree near the tennis court entrance, and when sitting on the pine log fence to watch them - I will see (and be bitten by) many, many mosquitoes each time. For a children's play space, it is important to be aware of - as \$250,000 may be spent and not utilised if children and parents are constantly bitten when using the area. Possibly consideration of the vegetation to deter from food sources or research into this may help? Removal of Oleander &amp; Apello Pines: It is great this is being considered in the planning to promote native flora, and will open out the vegetation areas. Amenities Area: Good suggestions for upgrade, toilets, BBQ area, picnic tables BMX Track: There is an existing BMX track around the Nelson Square area, I have not accessed it in recent years - however it was there when I was a child and I have had extended family mention it more recently. I would love this to be considered within the planning. For the BMX track to be reviewed and upgraded (if needed) and ensured it is not blocked. Overall, I think the plan for Nelson Square upgrade is really positive, and it being such a big area - there is the potential to make it a whole family area; where children of different age groups can all engage with developmentally appropriate activities with the level of independence and safety they need. - Playground - to include pre-school access as well as Primary school aged climbing/monkey bar opportunities - Bike riding - with BMX track consideration, plus some small ramps on the court (3) area - separating the netball/basketball rings to the other area in court (3) whilst keeping tennis at court (1) - grass area - to remain at court area (2), plus also near the playground. I specialise in child development, particularly regarding the link between early motor skills in early childhood and higher level learning (schooling plus executive functioning) later in childhood. I feel very strongly about the need for</p>	

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		developmentally appropriate play spaces for families to access. I also have 3 young children in Port Lincoln, and have lived experience of the current play spaces. I would be more than happy to discuss this further, or be a contact for ongoing discussions regarding playgrounds in Port Lincoln if that would be beneficial? Many thanks, [REDACTED]	
19	Nelson square	Hi Council, please reconsider your decision to remove the playground on the foreshore and relocating it to Nelson Square. Nelson square would be much better suited to have the proposed half court area from the development plan on the foreshore, being purpose built at Nelson square, and leaving the existing playground where it is. The youth already have the new play space, and the jetty and swimming enclosure at the foreshore, where as the families with young children who INUNDATE the front street daily, would now be left with no secure and age appropriate play space. The recent changes at other playgrounds in town (eg Flinders Park playgrounds) are totally unacceptable for toddlers. And why move the current playground when it is such a high traffic area spot, central to most families residing in our beautiful coastal town. Please consider leaving the current foreshore playground as is, and what was designed for there to instead be incorporated at Nelson Square. With thanks, [REDACTED]	-
20	Nelson Square plans	I applaud the Port Lincoln Council for the proposed plan of the update of Nelson Square. Obviously the Council have listened to the wishes of the local community	-

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		and their suggestions. I look forward to a lovely area that can be enjoyed by all ages of our residents.	
21	Foreshore/nelson st playground	I dont think we should take the foreshore playground away until suitable fencing is located around the new foreshore complex (i think playground is not an appropriate word for what is being built there) Nelson playground is a stones throw away from london street playground which is HUGE and fenced! So seems silly to have the two biggest playgrounds in town on the same place.. would prefer the foreshore playground stay where it is.	-
22	Nelson square upgrade	Please don't put carparks inside the park grounds. Please maximise green space within the park. People can access facilities within the park by walking. Please only have car parking on the outsides of the park. Perhaps just paint some white lines on our very wide and quiet roads surrounding the park. Thanks.	-
23	Submission - Draft Nelson Square Upgrade Concept	The overall result of this upgrade would, no doubt be a welcome and accepted improvement for this, Nelson Square Parkland Reserve, by our community. My personal considerations, viewing long term repeated costs, "Tall Trees versus Power Lines, Entire removal of all trees sited directly under or near to overhead power lines ? or heavily reduce their size. And or replant selected suitable trees in a well clear new line. Ultimately, underground power lines. In general clean up tasks, In the scrub areas there are dark green, very prickly bushes, hopefully will be removed. Congratulations, and Thanking you for your perseverance with this issue.	-

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24	Nelson Square concept plan	<p>1. Do not remove existing playground equipment. It has historic value and is used daily. 2. Do not fence playground area. On Tasman Terrace it would be imperative because of the traffic. The current playground is not fenced and no person since the Park was established has had an altercation with vehicles or other dangerous objects. 3. Maintain bollards on Volante Street and up-grade this barrier between the playground and street, if necessary. 4. Do not remove old Nelson Square playground sign – historic value. 5. Do not put the playground equipment from Tasman Terrace in Nelson Square. There is overwhelming evidence that ratepayers want that playground retained on Tasman Terrace. If it needs re-furbishing, re-furbish and leave it on Tasman Terrace. 6. Do not remove cement border of existing playground area. It has a role in preventing erosion as evidenced by the difference in soil levels on either side of it 7. Do not remove concrete installation that was the practice cricket pitch. Repair the minor cracks and paint with, for example, a hopscotch outline. 8. Do not remove large old Aleppo pine adjacent to amenities block. Important shade and is used by children currently. Considering the age of the tree, probably in excess of 50 years, there are very few seedling trees that have grown from this source. All are sufficiently small, contained in a small space and few in number such that they could be removed by a lay person. The smaller tree to the south is less valuable but there is probably no reason to remove it. 9. Do not put paving as proposed. Use path surface similar to that on Parnkalla trail. The character of the Square should be retained, not make into a sterile site like in an Adelaide suburb where, presumably, the designers of the concept reside. 10. Ensure that ‘feature trees’ chosen will grow easily in this climate and the soil type at Nelson Square. If</p>	<p>Refer Attachment 1 I238302</p>



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		they are not native, they need to be sterile hybrids so that seed will not be dispersed into the surrounding native vegetation patches. 11. Consider having some surface other than irrigated lawn. This will attract a large water bill and water is already in short supply. 12. Do not remove the oleanders. They have been there for years, provide an important windbreak. Nobody, in the history of Nelson Square has become sick or died from oleander poisoning. If they are to be removed because of their toxicity, please send me the details of every case where a person has become sick or died from oleander poisoning. 13. Do remove young Aleppo pines, Rhamnus and Polygala. 14. Do prevent cars from driving into the square beyond the proposed car park. 15. Do install playground equipment than would be suitable for children from about 3 to 16 years. 16. Do establish a Friends group that can regularly inspect and remove declared weeds such as regenerating Aleppo pines, Rhamnus and Polygala. 17. Do refurbish the toilets in the existing building and install picnic tables, barbecue and some sort of shelter.	
25	Nelson square	Great to see this lovely space getting some much needed love. Love the basketball netball and tennis space. Bbq area is fantastic, however the playground is a fair way away from the bbqs. Parents will find it difficult to watch their young children on the playground and cook a bbq at the same time. I suggest swapping the lawn area and playground space. This would be a double win as parents could also play tennis/netball/basketball while their kids play on the playground. If the lawn space was at the top of the park (where the playground currently is) there would be room to kick a footy or throw a frisbee. Cricket nets could also be incorporated making a	-

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		family friendly space for active families. If you really want to make it super fantastic put a box track for ages 7 to 13 with a few small jumps around the whole park.	
26	Nelson Square feedback	<p>My family and I commend Council on the revised concept plan for Nelson Square, and for its re-consideration of resident and community concerns about locating a dog park at Nelson Square – Puckridge Place is a much more suitable location for the dog park, the concept plan looks good, and the potential future refurbishment of the existing building for public toilet facilities and re-purposed multi-sport courts will further enhance the area and benefit the community. We are really pleased to see Nelson Square finally receiving receive some TLC and having some funds invested in the site. The Nelson Square concept plan is also a credit to Council planning and community consultation – we are very happy to see that the majority of the scrub area will be retained – an open space park such as Nelson Square will allow for a different user group to enjoy, with the bike trails regularly used by kids and adults alike. Already the refurbished tennis courts (with decent nets!!) are seeing more public use, and the playground will see increased patronage now that there will be equipment to play on! The basketball ring should see a lot of use, and having public toilets will be a huge asset for families (the existing building is becoming more and more derelict, so will be good to see it put to use). A few suggestions I would make:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future consideration of a shade structure for the playground</li> <li>• Basketball ring separately located to tennis court (so there is not a clash of users at any one time)</li> <li>• Leaving the third tennis court as a hard surface, so kids can use it to ride scooters on</li> <li>• Consideration of upgrading the existing cricket nets back to a usable structure, as this would add another activity</li> </ul>	-

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		for families and kids of all ages to use • Seating / table at the playground A re-invigorated Nelson Square will be a great asset for local and community members to connect and enjoy. Well done City of Port Lincoln.	
27	nelson square	see attached	Refer Attachment 2 I238306
28	Nelson Square Upgrade	I think the proposed plans are a great idea as the playground has been neglected for some time. My only concern is that there is adequate lighting/security cameras around the amenities area to reduce the chance of vandalism like there currently is there now with the existing building. But I think the proposed plans will be a welcome change	-
29	Nelson Square	The Aleppo pines have taken many many years to grow this big and provide shade, wind break, habitats for birds and animals And the area will look denuded with their removal. We are always chopping down trees and not replacing them. Why destroy something that is serving a purpose.	-
30	Submission - Nelson Square Upgrade Concept	The plan looks mainly good, however I have a couple of points I'd like to raise! 1/ The new internal all weather paths need to be neutral to fit in with the natural environment. Concrete is low maintenance I know but not a natural surface. 2/ The Aleppo Pines provide great shade for the native birds, reptiles and humans	-

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		with or without their dog or children also a natural wind break. Please don't remove all the Aleppo Pines as they also have taken many many year's to grow to their current height. I understand some will need to be replaced by another suitable native species! 3/ Could an upgrade to the cricket pitch be considered and a basketball court added and not just the tennis courts upgraded making it a multi-use sporting/exercise experience. This could encourage more activity for all concerned which is a definite bonus for the health and well being for our community. 4/ Lastly, why move the front playground to Nelson Square and just leave it there, its utilised by a lot of families and once the new front upgrade is open that may get very congested with families needing a quieter play experience being able to utilise that/move to that. Why not provide a new playground to Nelson Square, it can only enhance the experience/concept plan for our future generations.	
31	Submission - Nelson Square Concept Plan	Please don't remove large trees which provide valuable shade. Retain the character of this park, including the existing playground equipment. Refurbish as necessary but don't rob other valued and regularly used playgrounds of their equipment.	-
32	Submission - Nelson Square Concept Plan	Do not remove existing playground equipment. It has historic value and is used daily.	-

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33	Submission - Nelson Square Concept Plan	I wish to support [REDACTED] points.	-
34	Submission - Draft Nelson Square Upgrade Concept	The overall result of this upgrade would, no doubt be a welcome and accepted improvement for this, Nelson Square Parkland Reserve, by our community. My personal considerations, viewing long term repeated costs, "Tall Trees versus Power Lines, Entire removal of all trees sited directly under or near to overhead power lines ? or heavily reduce their size. And or replant selected suitable trees in a well clear new line. Ultimately, underground power lines. In general clean up tasks, In the scrub areas there are dark green, very prickly bushes, hopefully will be removed. Congratulations, and Thanking you for your perseverance with this issue.	-
35	Submission - Nelson Square Upgrade	Hello Team, Further to my previous submission, In view of a strong support for the Andrew Small Foreshore Playground to remain where it is, and continue its high usage. And, Nelson Square Playground not needing as as elaborate equipment, considering lower volume usage, I suggest low maintenance basic swings, slippery dip, table and seating style would suffice at Nelson Square Playground. * Also bring a lower overall cost into view.	-
36	Submission - Nelson Sq Project	Overall, I am very happy with this plan. I was opposed to the dog park concept for Nelson Square and this is a much better outcome. The proposed location for the dog part is far more appropriate, and will improve the look of that area immensely.	-

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		I am most pleased that most of the scrub/vegetation is being left alone. I am fine with the pine trees being removed and replaced with natives but hopefully this excludes the trees below the tennis courts on Barnard St. It appears so. The improvement to the end tennis court is already noticeable, and the introduction of netball/basketball rings will be popular. The only issue is that my understanding is that these will be on the same courts as tennis, which will be a problem as both will be popular and in demand. Perhaps an extra court could be improved to be used for basketball/netball?? There seems to be plenty of space available. I look forward to seeing it all completed!	
37	Submission - Draft Nelson Square Concept Plan	I have looked at the proposal and would like to say that I think the removal of the large Aleppo pine should not take place. It could be cared for and the smaller ones removed if necessary. I also would like to say I believe the playground should not be taken from the foreshore to be used in Nelson Square. It is so popular and safe for little ones and a gathering place for the parents to enjoy the gorgeous water and relax with each other and know their little children are happy and safe and playing outdoors. Maybe Nelson square cricket pitch could be repurposed instead of wasting huge amounts of money. A suggestion was a fabulous hopscotch game painted on the repaired pitch. It does appear to be a huge amount of money being spent unnecessarily.	-

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38	Submission - Nelson Square Upgrade	<p>We regularly use nelson square with our family. The current layout is old and outdated looking forward to refreshing it. 1: Toilet's need to have multiple unisex ones not just one. We want more people to visit the square they need toilets.</p> <p>2:The two tennis courts on the Sea side are awesome for our kids to ride bikes, scooters and skate boards on removing them is going to reduce the area need for those activities. A Pump track there would be a better option then removal and reveg. 3: the middle courts are great again for a flat area for kids an options to make that into basket and netball courts without losing the area to just a grass area. (make one up top of park) 4: refurb the LH side is great for tennis. 5: removing the pines and poisonous tree is great. Where the pine trees are will need a shade replacement if removed, they aren't native but do supply great shade. 6: removing the front playground we don't agree with we often use that play ground with our kids to. That front street playground is great for little kids(1-5) as is fenced and close to the front so we buy coffees and walk along the foreshore spending money in our economy. Would prefer a new one in nelson and keep the front street one there to. Again we want people to visit our town the more playgrounds for kids the better. 7: when replacing the playground at nelson square a irrigated grass spot up at the play ground end is a better option then taking away tennis court. 8: making the entry and carparking better will be heaps better it defiantly needs a make over. 9: removing the old cricket pitch ?? why not refresh it and get people using it. Make nelson square a place that includes everyone and all current sports just renewed. We have all these little towns with better spots for kids and youth to use. Pump tracks, water parks, skate parks and more why can't we budget increasing our parks we have not removing and reducing size. ( even if it means</p>	-

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		having to save and wait a few years better then wasting what we have now) There is heaps of room to improve nelson square room to grow playground and play spaces and keep the native trees. I hope you can reconsider the layout.	
39	Submission - Nelson Square Concept Plan	Open Letter to Council Port Lincoln. There are many people like me who are mystified as to how you seem to get it wrong when it comes to developments of Nelson Square and Foreshore Development. We cannot understand why you are so determined to destroy one of the most if not the Best foreshores in SA maybe Australia. Why would you want to remove the best Play ground in Town that is patronised by all who have children and Grand Children. You seem to be professionals at ignoring the wishes of the community this Play Ground I centrally located you can watch children swim and play at the same time it is sheltered and enjoys the shade of the trees in the Area and is still in very good condition. Most of us cannot understand why you want to replace it with a pile of rocks and an unfriendly atmosphere if the slippery dip you have in place is for real think about the heat in summer . We consider this development socially and astatically unacceptable and a poor use of funds. It is very important to restore the Jetty as it is the Centre piece of our town. The Nelson square concept is close the wishes of those who frequent the Area we will fight to preserve the Native Vegetation and its biodiversity my family has used this Park for 50 years and want to enjoy it in the future as a low key open space. We are glad there is no dog park in the square we all walk our dogs on leads over many streets . Think about seats close to Playground in the protection of the Tree line. WE would like to retain Area 3 for small children to learn to ride a bikes or other activities. Barbecue Area to be	Refer Attachment 3 I23314



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		enclosed on back and one side and Roofed from winter winds London Street too sterile and not user friendly in Bad weather the rest seems to be what we ask for. We cannot understand why more streets do not have more foot paths I have lived in this Area for 55 years and we seem to have been ignored. I have just sold my property in Port Augusta having served the Public for with fuel and eats for 30 years I have conducted my own research and also carried out Commercial development in several places and want only the best for Port Lincoln. Money is valuable you seem to have difficulty managing it wisely check out Cowell Development	
40	Nelson Square Upgrade	**Written Feedback – refer to attachment	Refer Attachment 4 I238142

### **Issues: Nelson Square compared with Parnkalla Trail**

1. Please note that I do support up-grading facilities at Nelson Square but it seems unethical (immoral) to be spending \$200,000 (or thereabouts) on Nelson Square that is under-utilised (and will continue to be under-utilised) compared with Parnkalla Trail that has had almost no money spent on it except for the grant obtained by [REDACTED] and the chair funded by [REDACTED]. There is a committed Friends of Parkalla Walking Trail but there is no equivalent group who care for and help to maintain Nelson Square hence the feeling shared by many that Parnkalla Walking Trail is being ignored by Port Lincoln City Council. Savings can easily be made to the proposed concept and are outlined below.
2. Related to the above, rate payers may find it unacceptable to have the refurbished playground equipment from Tasman Terrace re-located to Nelson Square given:
  - i) in the Survey Monkey 'Have your say' about the foreshore development proposal. 69% objected to aspects of the redevelopment proposal. Of these, 13% (= second highest objection) did not want the playground removed; and,
  - ii) a total of 1339 signatures were submitted to Council (24 June, 2021) in an objection to the proposed removal of the Tasman Terrace playground. This is a significant proportion of rate payers in Port Lincoln.

### **Nelson Square Upgrade savings that could be channelled to Parnkalla Trail**

1. Do not remove existing playground equipment in the Square. It has historic value and is used daily.
2. Do not fence playground area. On Tasman Terrace it would be imperative because of the traffic but this is unnecessary in Nelson Square and has never been considered necessary. Maintain bollards and improve this barrier if it is deemed necessary.
3. Do not remove old Nelson Square playground sign – historic value.
4. Do not remove cement border of existing playground area. They assist in erosion control as is evidenced by the differing soil levels on each side of the border.
5. Do not remove concrete installations where surface is still intact. Repair the cracks and paint with, for example, a hopscotch grid.
6. Do not remove old Aleppo pine adjacent to amenities block. It provides important and natural shade and is used by children currently.

7. Do not put paving as proposed. Use path surface similar to that on Parnkalla Trail. The path needs to be in-keeping with the 'bush' feel of the square not reflect a sterile suburban environment.
8. Ensure that 'feature trees' chosen will grow easily in this climate and the soil type at Nelson Square and will not require watering beyond the first two summers. Preferable plant natives in keeping with the natural vegetation already covering the majority of the Square.
9. Consider having some surface other than irrigated lawn. This will attract a large on-going bill, water is in short supply and savings could be channelled to the Trail.
10. **Friends of Parnkalla Walking Trail are prepared to undertake to remove young Aleppo Pines, *Rhamnus* and *Polygala* all of which need to be removed. They are also prepared to repair the 2 cracks in the cricket 'slab' and paint a hop-sotch (or other) outline there.**

## Nelson Square

Please retain all existing native vegetation, do not prune or open up understorey as this makes trees prone to insect attack and premature death. This park has some great remnant vegetation that is perfect habitat to the small insect eating birds.

Please encourage a “friends group” to help with management of freesia’s and invasive species and garden escapes.

The tennis court and barbeque area refurbishment will make it more appealing for families, and making it multipurpose with basket ball rings etc will give it wider function. While I am in favour of a grass play space, I hope this can be irrigated by storm water captured on-site or reclaimed from the on-site toilet facilities. Installation of a bio-cycle type system could be a great education and demonstration opportunity to encourage better appreciation of water as a valuable resource and show Council is willing to lead by example. Area 3 – the revegetation area could include some ‘nature play’ logs and paths through raised or mounded beds with local wildflower and different textured plantings. Kings Park in Perth has some amazing examples of dry creek beds, log stepping stones, borders and natural seating. Maybe made from some of the felled pines?

Agree the oleanders should go, but please ensure the replacement native hedge type of species has established to act as a functional windbreak, like the existing trees do.

The slopes across the site mean that hard surfaces need to be very carefully planned so they do not increase the erosion problems. Beds of vegetation regularly across slopes may help to slow water flow and encourage it to soak in rather than run over it.

The pine trees currently provide great shade because so tall – maybe retain some strategic ones for now until some very tall gums are able to replace the quality of shade that is presently provided.

Retain existing play equipment (and sand) and supplement with items relocated from the foreshore – please do not fence everything though. The traffic risk in this area is minimal and fencing stifles imaginative play.

Improvements to car parks is welcome, but once again try to retain as gravel or dirt that allows rain to penetrate – the concept of utilizing thick rope to delineate individual parking is favoured over hard-sealing and painted lines. Careful attention to run-off and erosion are needed for the internal parking area, whether this is using subtle contour banks to slow water flow and direct run-off gently to deep-rooted mallee and sheoak areas.

# NELSON SQUARE UPGRADE CONCEPT

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## LEGEND

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| <p>① TENNIS COURTS<br/>Refurbish tennis courts and also provide netball and basketball rings.</p> <p>② IRRIGATED GRASS AREA<br/>Remove old tennis courts and replace with irrigated grassy knoll.</p> <p>③ REVEGETATION AREA<br/>Remove old tennis courts and replace with a revegetated area.</p> <p>④ AMENITIES AREA<br/>Refurbish building to create public toilets, install new shelter and BBQ / picnic tables.</p> | <p>⑤ PLAYGROUND<br/>Remove existing playground and replace with a new playground which will feature fully refurbished equipment from the foreshore playground.</p> <p>⑥ INTERNAL PAVING<br/>New internal all weather paths to link the sections of the park including feature trees adjacent to pathway.</p> <p>⑦ CARPARKING<br/>Formalise carparking on Volante Street and resurface compacted internal access track and carpark.</p> <p>⑧ REMOVE OLEANDER<br/>Removal of Oleander shrubs which is poisonous to humans and animals.</p> | <p>⑨ REMOVE ALEPPO PINES<br/>Removal of Aleppo Pines and replace with suitable native species.</p> <p>⑩ REMOVE OLD DISUSED INFRASTRUCTURE<br/>Removal of old cricket net and pitch, various concrete installations.</p> |
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- OK ACCEPT.  
PREFER BIKE LEARNING AREA  
FAMILY FRIENDLY.  
OK  
GOOD. NOT NATIVE



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Dear Councillors

The new plans to Nelson Squ is mostly good, but why would anyone want to remove healthy well established trees and shrubs, when they are so valuable in the fight against global warming. I think most people would be only too aware of the terrible things that are happening to our environment. Its not enough to wait for governments to implement various plans, its also has to happen at a grass root level, so the future will look less bleak for our children and grandchildren. The aleppos are healthy well established trees. As well as being beautiful shady trees, they are a place of shelter for many birds, especially during the nesting period. A resident of Volente St, who is a keen birdwatcher, has observed throughout the year at least fifty species of birds taking shelter in Nelson Squ, making use of the big trees, esp the giant aleppo. How long will take new saplings to reach maturity, assuming they are not vandalized along the way, as unfortunately many young trees are. Does the council seek advice before planting new trees? I am thinking of the ill-fated jacarandas on London St bridge. I wonder how much they cost the ratepayer? The existing aleppos and celanderos - planted during the baby-boomer era, will cost nothing, not even the price of their removal. Perhaps the money saved be used to make a more generous playground than planned - that will be very appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



P.S. Aleppos are used in towns throughout Australia to commemorate the Lone Pine at war memorials.