

Project Name : Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Trigg Street Reserve - Willison Street, Port Lincoln

Submission Summary
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Project Overview

The City of Port Lincoln sought community feedback on a proposal to revoke the community land classification of Trigg Street Reserve - Willison Street, Port Lincoln. This would enable the potential development of a childcare centre to help address the lack of availability for childcare in the area.

Reasons for Revocation Proposal

Trigg Street Reserve - Willison Street is adjacent to an existing early learning centre and currently functions as open space with no formal recreational facilities. It is primarily used as overflow parking for the neighbouring early learning centre and is otherwise undeveloped. Given its low public use and lack of features of community interest, Council believes the land could be better utilised to meet this important community need.

A recent report by Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula identified a shortfall of approximately 289 childcare places across the lower Eyre Peninsula. Repurposing this site for a new childcare or early learning centre would directly support local families by improving access to these essential services.

The land is not actively used for recreation and is currently maintained by the Council for fire prevention and pest control. Council sees the site as a suitable location for future childcare development, given its proximity to an existing early learning centre and its limited current use.

If the revocation is approved, Council intends to initiate an Expression of Interest process to identify potential developers or operators to establish a childcare or early learning facility on the site.

Other considerations

- There are no registered interests noted on the Certificate of Title (Annexure E). However, SA Power Networks powerlines run across the north-western corner of the site and are subject to a statutory easement.
- There is no record of any assistance having been provided by the Government to the Council at the time the Council acquired this land or otherwise in relation to the land.
- Trigg Street Reserve - Willison Street is subject to a reservation (it is a reserve) that can be lifted through the revocation process pursuant to section 195(1) of the Local Government Act 1999.

Community Impact

If the land is sold, the proceeds would be allocated to Council's Land and Building Reserve for reinvestment into community assets and infrastructure, as approved by the Council.

Council is consulting with the community to help inform its decision. If the proposal proceeds, the land's reserve status would be revoked under Section 195(1) of the Local Government Act 1999, allowing for future development of childcare or early learning facilities.

A detailed Proposal for the Revocation of the Classification of land as Community Land Statutory Report, including Annexures A-E is available to view in the Key Documents section on the right. We've also prepared a reader-friendly version, which includes a Q and A Sheet at the back. Both versions cover all five Council-owned parcels currently under consideration. Hardcopies were also available at the Council Office and Port Lincoln Library during the consultation period.

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Number of Submissions : 56

Respondent	Subject	Description	Attachments
1	Revocation of Community Land	<p>Please record and note my total rejection of the proposal by Council for revocation of community land. This includes all five locations.</p> <p>Open space is a fundamental requirement for the health and wellbeing of residents and once disposed of it is gone forever. For Council to place a greater need to satisfy "market interests" in developing community land for commercial use is unacceptable.</p> <p>The Minister for Local Government will be strongly informed of the need to listen to local residents and reject this proposal.</p>	-
2	Trigg Street Reserve	<p>I support Revocation of this land for the concept of a childcare centre as it has significant strategic benefit to the larger Port Lincoln community; and as the lack of childcare has a significant impact on allowing parents to return to work, I suggest this is a priority for Council.</p>	-
3	Submission - Proposal for Revocation of Community Land	<p>As someone who nearly didn't move to Port Lincoln because of the lack of childcare available and rental home options, I think the re-use of these parcels of land is a fantastic idea.</p>	-
4	Revocation of Community Land	<p>I strongly object to the Council's proposal to revoke Community Land.</p>	-

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		<p>It is not ok to do nothing with this land and then suggest it is of no Community value. All of these community spaces are important to the City and its people. Rather than seeking to sell them off Council should be looking to how their benefit can be maximised. I am no town planner but surely with some native trees, lawns (watered from the waste water system) and recreational facilities such as tables, chairs, bbq, nature play etc they can be extremely valuable to nearby residents.</p> <p>I also find this process of consultation frustrating in the extreme - really you want people to fill in a different form for each space. No doubt few will and you can tick the consultation box and move on. Come on Council - with climate change, increased housing density and an explosion of mental health issues people need places to connect to nature.</p>	
5	Trigg Street Reserve	I oppose the development at Trigg Street.	Refer Attachment 1
6	Concern and opposition to the Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Trigg Street Reserve - Willison Street, Port Lincoln	<p>I write to express my concern and opposition to the proposal for the revocation of community land on the Trigg St Reserve - Willison Street Port Lincoln as communicated to residents recently.</p> <p>██████████ our family home was built by my parents in the 1960's. My mother has lived at this address since that time - about 60 years. Our family opposes this proposal because we are very keen to ensure that the quiet residential nature and excellent views from our front windows at ██████████ remain as they are.</p> <p>We oppose this proposal to ensure Trigg St remains as it is for residents and that Trigg Street is not overtaken by commercial interests and cars at all hours of the day and night - as would be the case if a child care centre was built.</p> <p>- A child care centre should not be built in a quiet residential area such as Trigg Street is and should always be for it's residents.</p>	-

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A child care centre will change irrevocably the quiet residential nature of Trigg Street - Child care centres should not be built on quiet residential streets such as Trigg Street - There is plenty of land surrounding Port Lincoln away from residential streets available. - The land is currently unused because it is excellent green space community land and serving community purposes for which it is legally allocated. - Views will be destroyed - The shortfall of childcare places can be solved by using land and unused buildings in other parts of Port Lincoln located on main streets and thoroughfares - NOT residential streets - Not all Community land needs to be developed or built on - especially in residential areas in country towns - Our home at [REDACTED] overlooks the Trigg Street Reserve and will be significantly and adversely affected should this proposal go ahead. - Views will be lost. Cars will increase. Noise will increase. Light pollution will increase. - The value of our family home will decrease. - Green space, trees, views and peace and quiet will be lost. - A structure with a potential height of up to 9 metres will irrevocably change the atmosphere and quiet residential nature of Trigg Street for the worse. <p>We do not support this proposal and oppose the proposal for the revocation of Community Land - Trigg Street Reserve - Willison Street, Port Lincoln.</p> <p>In summary, our family - the residents of [REDACTED] Port Lincoln, oppose the proposal for the revocation of Community Land - Trigg Street Reserve - Willison Street, Port Lincoln.</p>	

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7	Trigg st reserve	My only concern is that if a child care centre was to be built that they make sure the car park situation is on this site, as to not to make the residential area busy with cars on the roads around...	-
8	Revocation Feedback: Trigg Street	<p>We are local residents living on Willison Street and would like to provide feedback on the proposed revocation of the Trigg Street Reserve.</p> <p>We support the development of a childcare centre in this area and appreciate the need for additional early learning facilities within the community. However, we do have concerns about the condition of the surrounding roads and infrastructure, which we believe should be addressed as part of any proposed development. The road surfaces are currently in poor condition, and the two spoon drains entering onto Willison Street are particularly problematic. These quiet residential streets are not currently equipped to handle the increase in traffic that would come with a commercial facility of this nature.</p> <p>In addition, there is currently insufficient footpaths. The lack of safe pedestrian access, especially for families with prams or young children, is a concern that should be considered during the planning process.</p> <p>If the development proceeds, we strongly encourage Council to undertake substantial upgrades to the surrounding roads and footpaths. We also ask that Council consider maintaining or incorporating some element of community use within the reserve. For example, a small playground and green space accessible to the public outside of childcare hours would help encourage a community feel of the area. Thank you for your consideration.</p>	-
9	Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Trigg Street	<p>Dear Council of Port Lincoln:</p> <p>I understand the need for expansion - I do - and I am sensitive to the requirements of a growing city. However, I am going to make the same two points for all five submissions:</p>	-

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	Reserve - Willison Street, Port Lincoln	<p>1. Once open spaces / green spaces are developed, there is no getting them back. They're gone. Port Lincoln is a lovely and desirable community in *large part* to its layout - a rolling city bordered by the sea with plenty of parks and open areas. Once these areas are developed, it will lose that magic. By all means - improve the green spaces. But if you develop them, they are lost forever and the city will lose much of its charm.</p> <p>2. Port Lincoln is also blessed with space to sprawl. I've lived in many places that have natural borders. The community CAN'T expand and so discussions like these become much more fraught and weighted. However, Port Lincoln doesn't have that problem. There is plenty of space outside of the town centre to add infrastructure and more residential housing. That is where you should be looking first - not to the green spaces.</p> <p>Thank you very much for reading my opinion and I hope you will take it under consideration.</p>	
10	WCYCS Submission on the Proposed Revocation of Community Land From: West Coast Youth and Community Support (WCYCS) Date: 04 June 2025 Affordable Housing – The Need for Equity and Integration The shortage of	See attached submission.	Refer Attachment 2

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	affordable housing is having a significant imp		
11	Revocation of Trigg St Reserve	<p>██████████ Submission Re-Revocation of Community Land at Harbourview Reserve, Seaview Park, Chapman Street, Oswald Drive and Trigg Street Reserve.</p> <p>I am formally objecting to the City of Port Lincoln's Revocation Proposal for the above community land on following grounds.</p> <p>.1 The Proposal for the Revocation lacks probity, as outlined in my Letter to the Editor published on 29th May 2025 in the Port Lincoln Times, does not comply with Council's values as it lacks integrity, including honesty and transparency.</p> <p>.2 The Council Employees who compiled the Proposal have breached Councils Employee Conduct Policy, (of which Councils management were too incompetent to review by February).</p> <p>.3 The Council' CEO's lack of due diligence, by allowing unsubstantiated spin to be relied on in the Proposal, will/has prevented ratepayers from making an informed submissions, plus prevented elected Councillors from making informed decisions.</p> <p>I believe that, in the interim the Revocation Proposal should be advertised as being withdrawn and, subject to being investigated (as per other legislation), all Council managers deemed to have breached councils policies (or failed to document their concerns) should have their employment terminated as they can no longer be seen as being trusted. This includes any employee who continues to breach council policies by failing to immediately terminate the above proposals and advertise their withdrawal.</p>	-

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12	Do not sell our Community Land	<p>This parcel of Community Land is used by residents and helps the council to achieve its stated goals of an inclusive and connected community. There is other land available within the city limits that could be utilised for the development of childcare. It has never been necessary to develop Community Land for this reason. It is possible to have new childcare facilities and Community Land. These two things are not mutually exclusive.</p> <p>Provision of green space is an integral part of town planning. If we have a higher percentage of green space than some other places, we should consider ourselves fortunate. It makes sense that a remote, regional community offers a lifestyle that is more connected to the natural environment than a larger city. Minimally developed Community Land is a community resource that enhances the wellbeing, connectedness and livability of Port Lincoln. Long-term residents are custodians of this land for our own, and future generations. Proposing to develop it is a short-term vision. The decision made about this proposal must take a long-term view as green space can rarely be reinstated once gone. The benchmark when making this final decision could be will this outcome enhance the inclusiveness and connectedness of our community?</p>	-
13	Revocation of Community Land	Trigg Street Reserve	Refer Attachment 3
14	Trigg Street Reserve	<p>To Whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am writing to formally object to the proposed revocation of Trigg Reserve on Willison Street, Port Lincoln.</p> <p>As a previous resident of Port Lincoln for 25 years, I have cherished Trigg Reserve as a vital and well-used green space within the community. Growing up, my family and I regularly used the reserve for activities such as kicking the footy, flying kites, bike riding, family picnics, walking the dog, childhood</p>	-

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		<p>games - tag, hide and seek etc, plus many more activities. The memories formed on this reserve are deeply treasured, not just by my family, but by many others who call Port Lincoln home.</p> <p>While I understand and support the need for expanded childcare services in the region, especially with growing demand, I believe this can be better achieved through an expansion and upgrade of facilities at Bishop Kindergarten, particularly with the introduction of 3-year-old preschool from 2028. This approach would enhance capacity without the need to sacrifice essential public open space. Additionally, designated car parking at Bishop Kindergarten would benefit the preschool and contribute to the safety and accessibility for families and children.</p> <p>Though I am not currently living in Port Lincoln, I visit regularly with my own children and I see firsthand how Trigg Reserve continues to be enjoyed by the next generation. My children engage in the same activities I once did as a child, creating a continuity of connection and community that should be preserved.</p> <p>I respectfully urge the Council to reconsider this proposal and explore alternative avenues to meet the city's childcare needs, without revoking this cherished reserve. Thank you for considering my submission.</p>	
15	Trigg Street Reserve	<p>To Whom it May Concern,</p> <p>I am writing to formally object to the revocation of Trigg Street Reserve, Willison St/George St, Port Lincoln, South Australia.</p> <p>As a regular user of this valuable community space, I am deeply concerned about the potential loss of access to this area that holds both personal and public significance. I have lived nearby Trigg Street Reserve for 38 years, and although you believe the reserve isn't used, as a local I have seen many wonderful things happen there.</p>	-

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		<p>Over the years living here I have seen the Bishop Kindergarten children enjoy visits from our local Fire Brigade, Ambulance and Police parking their cars and trucks on the reserve for the children to view. They are able to enjoy these experiences without the concerns of being on the roads and having plenty room to relax and learn. I have also witnessed the kindergarten children meeting a pony on this reserve.</p> <p>The reserve provides a safe open space for the children to run around. I have seen the children gather with their teachers to practice an emergency evacuation which involves walking across the reserve to walk to their safe spot. I also have concerns regarding the effect the loss of reserve would have on the Bishop Kindergarten. If the kindergarten needs to expand in the future, they wouldn't have the space around them to do so. With the introduction of 3 year old kindergarten in 2028, more children will be able to attend Bishop Kindergarten and other local kindys.</p> <p>My other concern is the traffic, especially around drop off and pick up times at the kindy. The parking cars effect local residents reversing out of their driveways making it hard to reverse out onto the main streets the Willison, Trigg St area. The residents have always been careful and have had a safe approach when doing so but if more buildings are built in the area this could cause issues with a much bigger traffic problem. When my own children were attended Bishop Kindergarten we were told that Trigg Street Reserve was donated by Amy Bishop for the whole community to enjoy. If that is true how can a donated open space be revoked? It may not be enjoyed as much when weather is poor but over the years I have seen children from the neighbourhood practising their cross country skills, cricket, kites and many more activities.</p> <p>As I write this letter a family is kicking a football on the reserve. Children are being children and have space to enjoy without having to play on roads or accidentally kicking a ball through a window on a house. Naturally, the reserve is used more on weekends and school holidays.</p> <p>Please do not sell Trigg Street Reserve. It is a lovely place to live being local to Trigg Street Reserve. We have a family of magpies that bring their young ones over to meet us. They do this every season</p>	

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		<p>and the young ones fly back and forward to the reserve. It is a home to many, with Lincoln Parrots whistling and flying around, blue tongue lizards that hide until the season changes and then are out and about, and lots of willy wag tails, honey eaters and finches etc.</p> <p>Green spaces, reserves and parks are important. If we turn these into cement, then what is next for future generations of children. These spaces are needed for them to run and have fun, not be locked away in a home. I'm frightened for the future of restless children who may become destructive and disobedient.</p> <p>The public open spaces, parks and reserves are an integral part of the city. Once they are gone, or slowly whittled away, they are extremely difficult, if not impossible, to replace. Everybody realises that as the city grows, these areas will become even more valuable. For this reason, moves which would encroach on this invaluable space should be resisted. It would be a tragedy if the city realised too late that these areas can't be replaced, except at great cost. Green space is nature, healthy, mind space and exercising for everyone.</p>	
16	Trigg St Reserve	<p>Dear Council Members,</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed revocation and potential sale or development of Trigg Reserve on Willison Street. I have been a resident of Trigg Street for the past 38 years and have seen generations of children—my own, my grandchildren, and those of my neighbours—enjoy this precious community space. It is also a regular meeting place for local families, kindy children, and dog walkers.</p> <p>Trigg Reserve was donated with the intention that it remain a community reserve. It has served that purpose for decades, offering open space and recreational value to residents of all ages. Selling or repurposing this land would disregard both the original intent of the donation and the needs of the community that relies on it.</p>	-

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		<p>Moreover, with Bishop Kindergarten nearby, this land may offer essential space for future expansion. If the reserve is sold, that opportunity will be lost forever.</p> <p>As long as the reserve remains, my family and many others will continue to use and cherish it as we have done for nearly four decades.</p> <p>I respectfully urge the Council to maintain Trigg Reserve as community land for the benefit of current and future generations. Thank you for your consideration.</p>	
17	Revocation of Community land	<p>Hello Dear Council Members,</p> <p>I don't agree with any of our Green Spaces being taken away from the residents. Once they are gone they are gone forever. Even if it is to simple take in view, is better than always looking at buildings.</p> <p>Im told that some of these spaces were donated to the city to be used as green spaces playgrounds or walking areas, whatever the residents would like to use them as. Please leave them alone.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to have my say. There will be more land for the building your talking about.</p>	-
18	Revocation of Community Land Trigg Street	<p>Dear Port Lincoln City Council,</p> <p>I am emailing, to plead with you not to revoke our Community Land, much of this land was donated to the community including the land I am most concerned about - Trigg street (this is a smaller area, with not many people knowing about it, but those that live around here use it daily). Myself and my family use this land regularly, as does much of the community. This is an extremely quiet street with beautiful views, that is in jeopardy of being ruined.</p>	-

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		<p>I am writing to formally object to the proposed revocation and potential sale of the public reserve located on Trigg street, which is currently under consideration for redevelopment or privatisation. This green space serves as a vital community resource, especially for local children and families. It is one of the few remaining accessible, open spaces where residents can gather, children can play freely, and people of all ages can enjoy the outdoors without barriers or cost. On any given day, you will find families connecting, elderly people walking their dog (many elderly residents live on this street and it's the only flat area for them to connect), children engaging in physical activities, exploring nature, and socialising – activities that are essential to healthy physical, emotional, and social development, particularly in an age increasingly dominated by screen time and indoor living and mental health concerns.</p> <p>My children regularly organise football games with their mates on Trigg street reserve, while families gather at my residence to watch. Please don't take this tradition away from them. This reserve was donated to the community by Mrs Bishop just under 100 years ago, with clear intent that it be owned by the community and serve the public. Repurposing this land for commercial use – such as child care centres or housing would directly contradict that original intention and discredit the community values upon which the donation was made. (Would make one second guess donating land ever again if the council can revoke it when they please).....</p> <p>Furthermore, during the meeting held on Trigg street reserve a few weeks ago, it was brought to our attention that three other applications for child care centres are currently under consideration within the council's jurisdiction. With these proposals already in the pipeline, there appears to be no compelling justification to revoke and redevelop this public reserve. This is particularly relevant given that existing child care centres currently operating in Port Lincoln are unable to operate at full capacity due to ongoing staff shortages. When asked why the 5 public spaces were labelled 'under-used' we were told it was based on observations by council workers – but they don't monitor evenings or weekends when families actually use these spaces, so how accurate is that data?</p>	

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		<p>It was mentioned that this reserve cost's money to maintain (although it has only been mowed twice this year), residents have quickly advised they are happy to maintain the land themselves, Mr & Mrs Flitter have a ride on mower they will happily use). This land is regularly used by Bishop street kindergarten, (located right next door to the reserve) which hosts visitors such as fire engine, police, fisheries personnel for educational activities. They often hold kite flying days, paper plane throwing, small athletic events on the reserve etc. The flexible, safe, and open nature of the reserve provides an irreplaceable environment for these valuable community interactions. It would be unsafe to build housing next to a kindergarten and have it look over the young children, if the child care centre does not go ahead - child safety laws would surely be against this.</p> <p>Equally important is the role this reserve plays in supporting local wildlife. It is home to a variety of native species, including blue tongue lizards, kookaburras, magpies and blue wrens. These animals rely on this habitat for survival, and development would threaten their presence and disrupt the fragile local ecosystem. The protection of biodiversity within our urban spaces is vital not just for the environment, but for the education and enrichment of future generations.</p> <p>Finally, and most importantly any development on this land would likely exacerbate local traffic issues, creating congestion and safety concerns in an already constrained area. Increased vehicle movement would affect residents, kindy access and pedestrian safety, particularly for the elderly and young children. These are small quiet streets surrounding the area, there is not room to add more traffic, this is why many of us purchased in the area. While I recognise that private development can offer economic benefits, such advantages should never come at the cost of irreplaceable public space – especially one that so clearly supports the wellbeing of children, families, elderly and the environment.</p> <p>I urge the council to uphold its responsibility to the community by protecting this vital green space, for the benefit of current and future generations, and for the preservation of the natural and historical heritage it represents.</p>	

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19	Revocation of Trigg Street Community Land	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>My name is [REDACTED] and as a resident of Trigg Street I wish to express my objection to the proposed development on the community land on Trigg Street, and I have two questions related to the proposal that I would like answered by a representative of the council.</p> <p>In 2022 my partner [REDACTED] and I purchased our home in Trigg Street as the primary residence for us and our two sons. We purchased this home in its quiet location when I received compensation from a career ending injury that I received in 2019, combined with the sale of our previous home. As a result of the accident and botched medical care that I received, I developed Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). My partner [REDACTED] has also been diagnosed with PTSD, and these diagnoses were the main factor in us seeking a property that would be on a quieter street with less traffic than our previous home, so much so that we accepted a property that required a lot of work to ensure this quietness. Our time here has been helpful in our journey to improving our well-being, as we wake to the sounds of birds in the trees instead of the hoons driving like clowns as they did at our old property.</p> <p>From a community standpoint, I personally have witnessed the park being used every day since we have lived here. People walking their dogs, kids kicking the footy or learning to ride a bike, and many times the kindy kids have been out in the park including to look at the koalas that visit the gum trees. These foundational memories are so important to a child's development, especially those who live in the less fortunate areas of town that have little or no green spaces. If the council goes ahead with this proposal these experiences and memories will stop being created.</p> <p>We attended the community consultation that was held by the council on Trigg Street and to me it felt as though this proposal will probably go ahead in one way or another, as there are large sums of money being dangled in front of developers to entice them to build on these proposed sites. It feels as if these are seen as easy, quick sales to be made as "they're not really being used anyway". It is incredibly short-sighted to be selling off green spaces when other viable options exist and have</p>	-

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		<p>proven to work, such as at Matthew Flinders Home. The home has in recent years purchased 2 & 4 Stuart Terrace, to turn in to a car park and training centre, respectively. They also added an extra story to their existing building thereby doubling the floor space that they have, and all of this was achieved without the loss of green spaces.</p> <p>So my questions to the council are these:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the council undertaken any feasibility studies in regards to developing other sites around Port Lincoln, including the purchase of existing residences, businesses and government properties, with a view to developing them in the same fashion as Matthew Flinders Home have? If not, why not? And if so where can I access these studies? 2. If the council goes ahead with the sale of this property will we be compensated financially so that we can purchase a property in a similarly quite part of town as our home currently resides in? <p>Thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to hearing from council regarding the concerns and questions I have raised in this letter.</p>	
20	Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Trigg Street Reserve - Willison Street, Port Lincoln	<p>I do not support the proposed revocation of the community land classification for Trigg Street Reserve.</p> <p>While I recognise the need for improved childcare availability, it is concerning that this development would come at the cost of a valued public reserve—especially one located directly next to a kindergarten. My young child goes to Bishop Street Kindy and this green space provides an important buffer, play area, and safe open space for local families and children, particularly those already attending the nearby kindy. Replacing it with further infrastructure may lead to increased traffic in an already congested area, reduced safety, and a diminished community environment.</p> <p>The City should explore alternate sites for a childcare centre that do not involve sacrificing one of the few remaining open spaces in this residential area.</p>	-

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21	Revocation of Community Land Trigg Street	Please find attached my objection to the community land on Trigg street.	Refer Attachment 4
22	Objection to Revoking Community Reserve Status – Trigg Street Reserve	<p>Dear whomever it may concern,</p> <p>I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposal to revoke the community reserve status of five public green spaces in our area – in particular, the reserve on Trigg Street.</p> <p>This space, donated nearly a century ago by Mrs Bishop for community use, has served as a vital green area for local residents. It’s a place where children play, families gather, and the neighbourhood enjoys peace and connection. Describing this space as “under-used” based on limited council staff observations – which exclude evenings and weekends – does not reflect the true value or frequency of community use. Many of us use these areas after work, on weekends, and during school holidays.</p> <p>I understand the proposal includes the potential development of a child care centre on the site. However, it has been confirmed that three other child care applications are already in progress at other locations. Furthermore, the issue in our town isn’t a lack of buildings, but rather a shortage of staff to operate existing centres. Building more facilities won’t solve that core issue.</p> <p>Revoking the reserve status also introduces uncertainty and risk – once the land is no longer protected as public space, it can be used for anything. That irreversible decision would permanently alter the character of our street and remove a community asset that cannot be replaced.</p> <p>Please consider the long-term implications of this proposal. We urge you to maintain the community reserve status of Trigg Street and the other listed public green spaces. These places play a quiet yet powerful role in community wellbeing, mental health, and the livability of our towns. Once they’re gone, they are gone for good.</p>	-

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		<p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>#SaveTriggStreet #ProtectOurReserves #CommunityMatters</p>	
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24	Objection to Revocation of Community Land	<p>Dear Port Lincoln City Mayor and Council Members,</p> <p>I am writing to formally object to the proposed revocation and potential sale of the public reserve located on Trigg street, which is currently under consideration for redevelopment or privatisation.</p> <p>This green space serves as a vital community resource, especially for local children and families. It is one of the few remaining accessible, open spaces where residents can gather, children can play freely, and people of all ages can enjoy the outdoors without barriers or cost. On any given day, you will find families connection, elderly people walking their dog (many elderly residents live on this street and it's the only flat area for them to connect), children engaging in physical activities, exploring nature, and socialising – activities that are essential to healthy physical, emotional, and social development, particularly in an age increasingly dominated by screen time and indoor living and mental health concerns.</p> <p>This reserve was donated to the community by Mrs Bishop approximately 100 years ago, with clear intent that it be owned by the community and serve the public. Repurposing this land for commercial use – such as child care centres or housing would directly contradict that original intention and discredit the community values upon which the donation was made.</p> <p>Furthermore, during the meeting held on Trigg street reserve a few weeks ago, it was brought to our attention that three other applications for child care centres are currently under consideration within the council's jurisdiction. With these proposals already in the pipeline, there appears to be no compelling justification to revoke and redevelop this public reserve. This is particularly relevant given that existing child care centres currently operating in Port Lincoln are unable to operate at full capacity due to ongoing staff shortages.</p>	-

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		<p>When asked why the 5 public spaces were labelled 'under- used' we were told it was based on observations by council workers – but they don't monitor evenings or weekends when families actually use these spaces, so how accurate is that data?</p> <p>This land is regularly used by Bishop street kindergarten, (located right next door to the reserve) which hosts visitors such as fire engine, police, fisheries personnel for educational activities. They often hold kite flying days, paper plane throwing, small athletic events on the reserve etc. The flexible, safe, and open nature of the reserve provides an irreplaceable environment for these valuable community interactions.</p> <p>Equally important is the role this reserve plays in supporting local wildlife. It is home to a variety of native species, including blue tongue lizards, kookaburras and blue wrens. These animals rely on this habitat for survival, and development would threaten their presence and disrupt the fragile local ecosystem. The protection of biodiversity within our urban spaces is vital not just for the environment, but for the education and enrichment of future generations.</p> <p>Finally, any development on this land would likely exacerbate local traffic issues, creating congestion and safety concerns in an already constrained area. Increased vehicle movement would affect residents, hinder access and pedestrian safety, particularly for the elderly and young children.</p> <p>While I recognise that private development can offer economic benefits, such advantages should never come at the cost of irreplaceable public space – especially one that so clearly supports the wellbeing of children, families, elderly and the environment.</p> <p>I urge the council to uphold its responsibility to the community by protecting this vital green space, for the benefit of current and future generations, and for the preservation of the natural and historical heritage it represents.</p>	

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25	Revocation of Community Land	<p>To the Council,</p> <p>I'm writing as a local resident to ask that you please reconsider the proposed revocation of the reserve land on Trigg Street and other areas.</p> <p>I'm a 20-year-old male and have lived in this area most of my life. After work and on weekends, my mates and I regularly walk to the Trigg street reserve to kick the footy around. It's one of the few flat open spaces nearby where we can do that without bothering anyone. It might not seem like much, but for us — and a lot of others — it's a place to clear our heads and stay active. Personally, using outdoor reserves like this one really helps me keep my mental space in check.</p> <p>The reserve isn't just used by people my age either. I often see younger kids with their families there, riding bikes, running around, having picnics, or just playing, a couple of weeks ago a grandad was even there with his grandkids seated in a train he made riding them around. It's a safe, open area where the community can gather and enjoy being outside, and it's become a regular part of many people's routines.</p> <p>I've also seen quite a bit of wildlife on the land. Blue tongue lizards, kookaburras, and a bunch of small colourful birds. It's actually really cool to have a spot like that in town where nature still feels close. If the land is developed, we lose not just a park, but a habitat too.</p> <p>I've heard the council has said the cost of maintaining the reserve is too high. But honestly, it's only been mowed twice this entire year — so I'm not sure how big an expense it really is. On top of that, residents on the street have already said they're happy to help keep it maintained themselves. Jessie and Sue Flitter, who live nearby, have a ride-on mower and have said they'll happily get out there to keep the grass cut and the space looked after. The community is willing to pitch in — that says a lot about how much this place means to people.</p>	-

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		<p>And finally, let's not forget the history here. This land was donated by Mrs. Bishop about 100 years ago for the benefit of the public. Turning it into buildings or a child care centre goes completely against the spirit of that gift.</p> <p>I hope the council listens to the voices of the people who actually live here and use this space. It's more than just a piece of land — it's a place of connection, wellbeing, and shared history.</p> <p>Thanks for taking the time to read this.</p>	
26	Objection to Proposed Revocation of Community Land at Trigg Street	<p>To Whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am writing to formally express my objection to the proposed revocation of community land status for the public reserve on Trigg Street, which is one of five green spaces currently under review by the council.</p> <p>This particular piece of land, donated nearly a century ago by Mrs. Bishop, was given to the community as a reserve. It has served generations of local families as a valuable public space and continues to do so today. Revoking its status poses a serious risk to our neighbourhood and sets a concerning precedent for the future of community-owned land.</p> <p>While I understand the council is considering constructing a childcare centre on the site, I note that three other childcare development applications are already in the pipeline at alternative locations. Furthermore, the current shortage of childcare availability is primarily due to industry-wide staffing issues – not a lack of buildings. Existing centres in our town are already struggling to fill staff positions, which limits their capacity more than space constraints do.</p> <p>Additionally, the justification that the reserve is “under-used” is flawed. The council’s assessment was reportedly based on observations by council workers, who do not monitor usage during evenings or weekends – the very times families, children, and community members typically make</p>	-

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		<p>use of these green spaces. This raises real concerns about the accuracy and fairness of the data informing the proposal.</p> <p>If the land loses its community reserve status, its future use becomes uncertain. The community will have no say in how it is ultimately developed. This uncertainty is deeply troubling, especially for residents who value the peacefulness, character, and green space of our street. Once public land is lost, it is gone forever.</p> <p>I urge the council to reconsider this proposal and to preserve Trigg Street Reserve – and all other public green spaces under review – as vital community assets.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>	
27	Objection to Revoking Community Reserve Status – Trigg Street Reserve	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposal to revoke the community reserve status of five public green spaces in our area – in particular, the reserve on Trigg Street.</p> <p>This space, donated nearly a century ago by Mrs Bishop for community use, has served as a vital green area for local residents. It's a place where children play, families gather, and the neighbourhood enjoys peace and connection. Describing this space as “under-used” based on limited council staff observations – which exclude evenings and weekends – does not reflect the true value or frequency of community use. Many of us use these areas after work, on weekends, and during school holidays.</p> <p>I understand the proposal includes the potential development of a child care centre on the site. However, it has been confirmed that three other child care applications are already in progress at other locations. Furthermore, the issue in our town isn't a lack of buildings, but rather a shortage of staff to operate existing centres. Building more facilities won't solve that core issue.</p>	-

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		<p>Revoking the reserve status also introduces uncertainty and risk – once the land is no longer protected as public space, it can be used for anything. That irreversible decision would permanently alter the character of our street and remove a community asset that cannot be replaced.</p> <p>Please consider the long-term implications of this proposal. We urge you to maintain the community reserve status of Trigg Street and the other listed public green spaces. These places play a quiet yet powerful role in community wellbeing, mental health, and the livability of our towns. Once they're gone, they are gone for good.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>	
28	Submission - Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Trigg Street Reserve - Willison Street	<p>I am 100% against Council selling any of the land that has been suggested.</p> <p>This proposal is trouble in the making, developers will do with it as they please (no doubt through State planning to circumvent Council) to the detriment of local community.</p> <p>NO SALE !</p>	-
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30	Submission - Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Trigg Street Reserve - Willison Street	<p>To the City of Port Lincoln Council,</p> <p>Re: Please Keep Trigg Street Land for the Community</p> <p>Hi there,</p> <p>I'm writing as a local resident because I really don't want to see the community land on Trigg Street taken away.</p>	-

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		<p>This bit of green space means a lot to those of us who live nearby. People walk their dogs there, kids play, and it's just a nice, quiet spot to enjoy nature—birds, lizards, and even the occasional koala. It's one of those places that feels special, and once it's gone, it's gone for good.</p> <p>From what I've heard, this land was donated by Mrs. Bishop about a hundred years ago as a gift to the community. It was always meant to be used and enjoyed by the public, and I think that should still be honoured today.</p> <p>When we bought our home, part of what drew us to it was having this peaceful bit of nature so close by. My partner and I both live with PTSD, and having that calm, open space across the road has been incredibly helpful for our mental health. It's not just nice to have—it's something we genuinely rely on to feel okay and grounded.</p> <p>I've even tried to do my part by putting out bird baths and water for the animals that come through. It's been lovely seeing more native birds and wildlife around lately—small actions really do make a difference, and this space helps support that.</p> <p>Lots of people in the area feel the same way. Some of us would even be happy to help with looking after the land—mowing, general upkeep, that sort of thing—if that would make it easier for the council to keep it going.</p> <p>We've heard the land might be used for a childcare centre, and while we know that's important, it just doesn't seem right to build over one of the last green spots left in the area. There must be other locations around town that would suit better without taking away something the community really values.</p> <p>Losing this place would honestly be heartbreaking. It would change the whole feel of the street and take away something that brings a lot of peace and joy to the people who live here.</p> <p>Please reconsider. Let's keep this land as community space—not just for now, but for the future too.</p>	

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		Thanks so much for reading and for taking the community's thoughts on board.	
31	Trigg Street Reserve, Port Lincoln	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I am writing to formally object to the proposed revocation of Trigg Street Reserve on Willison Street, Port Lincoln.</p> <p>As a former resident of Port Lincoln for 25 years, I have long regarded Trigg Street Reserve as a vital and well-used green space within the community. Growing up, my family and I regularly enjoyed the reserve for activities such as kicking the footy, flying kites, bike riding, family picnics, dog walking, and countless childhood games like tag and hide-and-seek. The memories created at this reserve are deeply cherished, not only by my family, but by many others who call Port Lincoln home.</p> <p>Although I no longer live in Port Lincoln, I visit regularly with my own children, and it's great to see them enjoying the same kinds of activities I did as a child on this reserve. It's a place that connects generations, and I believe it's worth protecting.</p> <p>I absolutely support the need for expanded childcare services in Port Lincoln, which are essential for working families and the community at large. However, I believe this can be achieved through development on other available and under-utilised blocks of land within the town.</p> <p>Willison Street and Trigg Street are already very busy during peak kindy drop-off and pick-up times and this will likely worsen with the introduction of three-year-old kindergarten in 2028 if enrolments and daily attendance increases. Any further development may exacerbate traffic and safety concerns. Instead, Bishop Kindergarten would greatly benefit from designated car parking spaces that would support its operation and improve safety with very minimal impact to the reserve.</p>	-

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		I respectfully urge the Council to reconsider the proposal and explore alternative options to meet the city's growing childcare needs, while preserving Trigg Street Reserve as a valued and irreplaceable community asset. Once a green space is gone, it's gone for good.	
32	Trigg Street Reserve	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposal to revoke the community reserve status of five public green spaces in our area – in particular, the reserve on Trigg Street.</p> <p>This space, donated nearly a century ago by Mrs Bishop for community use, has served as a vital green area for local residents. It's a place where children play, families gather, and the neighbourhood enjoys peace and connection. Describing this space as "under-used" based on limited council staff observations – which exclude evenings and weekends – does not reflect the true value or frequency of community use. Many of us use these areas after work, on weekends, and during school holidays.</p> <p>I understand the proposal includes the potential development of a child care centre on the site. However, it has been confirmed that three other child care applications are already in progress at other locations. Furthermore, the issue in our town isn't a lack of buildings, but rather a shortage of staff to operate existing centres. Building more facilities won't solve that core issue.</p> <p>Revoking the reserve status also introduces uncertainty and risk – once the land is no longer protected as public space, it can be used for anything. That irreversible decision would permanently alter the character of our street and remove a community asset that cannot be replaced.</p> <p>Please consider the long-term implications of this proposal. We urge you to maintain the community reserve status of Trigg Street and the other listed public green spaces. These places play a quiet yet powerful role in community wellbeing, mental health, and the livability of our towns. Once they're gone, they are gone for good.</p>	-

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33	Formal Objection to Proposed Development of Trigg Street Reserve	Good Morning Please see attached formal complaint.	Refer Attachment 5
34	Submission – Trigg Street Reserve	I oppose the proposal to revoke the community land status for the purpose of constructing a new development. If the land were to be further used, it should be for the expansion of the kindergarten, but as much of the reserve should be retained as possible.	-
Submissions received added below relating to all submissions.			
35	Revocation of Community Land, 25 Chapman Street, Port Lincoln	The attached letter applies equally to all of the proposed public reserve revocations.	Refer Attachment 6

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	Revocation of Community Land, Port Lincoln	Please consider the attached letter to Council and Staff when addressing all of the proposed revocations of community land	Refer Attachment 6 as same
36	Disapproval of all land revocation	<p>I would like to formally object to all land revocation in port lincoln especially the allotment of 25 Chapman St.</p> <p>This property [REDACTED] and if full of native trees and wildlife. We bought the adjacent property to ensure there was no neighbouring houses around us. All these parcels of land we given to the council when subdivisions were originally done and the council has no right to PROFIT from this. Once green spaces are gone, they can never be replaced, and for many wildlife species, they are corridors for them to move about.</p> <p>There is an abundance of land around that is on the market and no need to sell these blocks at all. Maybe the council could work with people that actually want to subdivide there land and sell instead of making that process too hard. There is no greater plan in place that the sale of these lands will be used for the "said" purposes. There is no studies in place to look at traffic, sewage, power or water to see if it is even possible to achieve the council's said outcome.</p> <p>This land belongs to the public and you have no right to fill the council bank account from the sale of these properties. You say these parcels of land cost money to maintain well in my 6 years in the council I have never once seen or heard of any monies spent on the parcel at 25 Chapman Street same as the Oswald drive allotment. The other ones are parks and the rates cover what is poorly managed on these sites anyway. This land should never be sold nor is there a need for this. I will strongly oppose any move towards all of the 5 parcels being sold.</p>	-

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37	Revocation Chapman street	<p>The area planned for revocation in chapman street is an area that needs to be preserved...it's an extension of the rustlers gully reserve and home to koalas, kookaburras, bearded dragons and other native species. There is also so much privately owned land on the south side of port Lincoln that has already been cleared that could be subdivided further and zoned or rezoned residential.</p> <p>All other parks up for revocation should also be preserved for similar reasons and we as a community have an obligation to keep our green spaces for future generations.</p>	-
38	Land Revocation and Greyhound Road / old dump	<p>Please see attached my feedback and suggestions regarding the proposal for land revocation within the council area.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity.</p>	Refer Attachment 7
39	Community land revocation submission	<p>I am pleased to provide the attached submission for consideration.</p> <p>I am available for further discussion to clarify my conclusions, and/or for Council to clarify its position. Please note that I am away from home base between 27/5 and 26/6.</p>	Refer Attachment 8
40	Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - 10 Oswald Drive, Port Lincoln	<p>This piece of land, on Oswald drive... along with the 4 other parks that are being threatened to be taken away, were either a gift from former residents for use as a green space, for generations to come. Or a forced "gift" given by owners of the land around, that were subdividing the area for residential purposes. Council asked for this particular green space on Oswald to be left for residents, to have as a green space, for the future, noting how important it was to have such a space!</p> <p>Every piece of research into mental health, shows that the outdoor parks provided to residential areas and green spaces which take us back to nature, are of great importance to help toward building resilience, with mental health and physical health.</p>	-

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		<p>Our space has significant trees that support so much native life, kids go there to climb these trees and the rocks outcrops. The new Holland honey eaters, kookaburras, hunting Kytes and a local wedge-tail eagle couple, have all been sending foraging and hunting, every day!! If you haven't seen this, then you haven't been looking!!</p> <p>Adelaide is in the process of expanding green areas in the northern suburbs, just look at the state premier's Facebook page! A new parkland is being developed because of mental health and community.. and it's going to be huge!! If you let these precious pieces of land go, you will never get them back... and you have no way of knowing what developers will be coming in and what they'll be doing. They are big business and have no care for the surrounding community, they know how to get around council to build whatever they want.</p> <p>It is sad to think you can get rid of these so quickly, just remember that you'll be known for this for generations to come.. the council that took these precious green spaces, when there were other options. Just because of some temporary budget cuts that you couldn't fight or failed to fight. This is written on behalf of myself and my husband [REDACTED] and our 3 children (that you are taking this from).</p>	
41	Nature Reserve	Hello, I, like many other residents of Port Lincoln, disapprove of the council's intent to sell off our reserves to private developers. These reserves serve as important community spaces and wildlife nesting grounds.	-
42	Harbourview Reserve and others	<p>As a Port Lincoln resident since birth, and a Surveyor who has worked in Port Lincoln and Eyre Peninsula for 30 years, I oppose the revocation of any community land in Port Lincoln.</p> <p>I am writing this in relation to Harbourview Reserve, but also regarding the other reserves. As a Surveyor I just shake my head of what is being proposed, it is just bad. This is land that was provided as a requirement for Subdivision. Every resident in Port Lincoln should have been notified by letter</p>	-

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		<p>drop not just residents facing the Reserve. There are residents out there that have no idea about what is being proposed. It is quite disgusting, it is as though the council has done minimum work so there is minimum blowback. The Council should be more engaged with the public if they are concerned about lack of development happening. Not only is there over a hundred houses for sale in Port Lincoln at the moment but there is so much vacant land in Port Lincoln that could be divided up and developed, but for various reason there are roadblocks stopping it from happening. Whether it is because sewer and water cost are too expensive to extend, Native Veg makes things hard or the zoning. There is so much vacant large parcels of land which will stay vacant for ever because of these issues. The development of Community Land should be a last resort, in the future this land will be invaluable, but once it is gone its gone for good. Whoever came up with this idea mustn't live in the council area and or spends their free time sitting inside watching TV. I would much rather have Community land for everybody to enjoy than have the Council own a half empty Civic Centre.</p>	
43	Submission - Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive, Port Lincoln	<p>To the CEO and Councillors,</p> <p>I believe this and all the additional pieces of land subject to Revocation should absolutely not be sold off by Council or otherwise Transferred they are reserves and green space. In some cases the original owners who are still alive were forced to give this land up in order to get development approval. These open spaces are for the community... not to be sold off by Council and its employees and representatives who in most cases will be gone or moved on in the next few years</p>	-
44	PLCC's proposal to revoke Community Recreational Reserves (5) status.	<p>You proposal to revoke Community Recreational Reserves makes two unsubstantiated statements.</p> <p>1. The high cost of maintenance and up keep. SHOW US THE FIGURES TO PROVE YOUR CLAIM!</p>	-

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		<p>PLCC's new trees, seating and paving at Liverpool St pedestrian crossing costs what? Just one of those benches would care for Harbourview Reserve for the year.</p> <p>2. You claim under use of Reserves. NOT ON HARBOURVIEW! People of Lincoln come from across the city to use Harbourview. They are there from 7am to 7pm.</p> <p>Your very expensive upgrade of Waite reserve is an abject failure. Looks good but no one uses it.</p> <p>SHOW US YOUR SURVEY DATA, and EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE TO PROVE UNDER UTILISATION! (for Harbourview specifically)</p> <p>You, our Councillors, your duty to your community is very clear, open your ears and then it is a simple YES or NO. When you vote on this proposal, feel your communities wishes.</p> <p>██████████ On Sat, 24 May 2025, 10:18 am ██████████ wrote:</p> <p>Our members, both state government and local Counsellors are elected to represent their constituents. Fact.</p> <p>The majority of our community of Port Lincoln are clearly against this PLCC proposal. I would expect you Counsellor's to listen to your community and do what you were elected to do.</p> <p>PLCC are burying their heads in the sand if they choose to exclude/ ignore social media. All information is power.</p> <p>We who are also forwarding submissions of objection are very concerned that the PLCC will "summarise or paraphrase submissions" before the Minister receives them. We do not want anyone amending, redacting or otherwise our submissions.</p>	

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	Revoking community reserves	<p>I have serious concerns about the PLCC's proposal to rezone 5 community reserves.</p> <p>Good land use practice recommends 15% allocation to community green, recreational reserves.</p> <p>Many very recent and authoritative articles reinforce the correlation between these spaces and healthy physical and mental outcomes.</p> <p>Please read one or two.</p> <p>I've looked at the "survey monkey" questionnaire and who will understand it?</p> <p>Council should publish that handout information page in it's totality into the Lincoln Times. A very small percentage of our community would be aware of that document.</p>	
45	Harbourview Reserve	<p>To: City of Pt Lincoln Council Mayor & elected members & officials.</p> <p>Re: Having my say regarding the Revocation of Community Land Proposal</p> <p>I am taking time to write to you to convey my strong wish to protect Harbourview Reserve along with other parcels of community land identified by council as surplus to council needs.</p> <p>I acknowledge there is a need for more housing & age & childcare facilities in our city, along with the whole of our state & I believe our nation.</p> <p>There is also a huge need in mental health & drug rehabilitation due to a lack of services & facilities in our city & beyond.</p> <p>I believe very strongly in promoting health & wellbeing, physically, socially & emotionally.</p>	-

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		<p>Having a green & open recreational space for simple, accessible & affordable activities which is available for the whole community of Pt Lincoln is a massive asset in providing adequate space to safely to be active, not just in this short term but the long term.</p> <p>Not all people can afford the cost of competitive sports, gyms etc, therefore making these spaces so important to health & wellbeing to many.</p> <p>It is well researched & documented that our younger generations are impacted with increased health problems & conditions due to a more sedentary lifestyle meaning less activity, increased screen time & social media engagement.</p> <p>These include overweight & obesity, early onset diabetes, depression & anxiety & limited socialisation just to name a few. To replace a community green space with buildings is dismissing the value of the environment in assisting in the wellbeing of a community at grassroots level.</p> <p>After raising my children opposite Harbourview Reserve, I now care for 4 grandchildren most weeks for varying lengths of time.</p> <p>The benefits Harbourview Reserve has offered to my family & others over these years is an open green, space to engage in many activities.</p> <p>These activities include running, bike riding, kicking footballs, soccer balls, exercising the family dog, climbing rocks & trees, playing chasey & hide & seek, looking for lizards & other creatures, observing nature, building structures out of sticks as well as the playground equipment, digging & playing in the sand.</p> <p>Most times I have my neighbours 3 children join us also as they enjoy playing with my grandkids & they all play well together. This not only benefits these kids but their mum as her partner works</p>	

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		<p>away most weeks, she is able take a break from her busy work / home life balance & catchup at home while experiencing some peace & quiet.</p> <p>All aspects are of significant benefit in the development of positive physical, social & emotional well-being.</p> <p>I am able to encourage the kids to observe & discuss the flocks of galahs that feed on the seeds on the ground in the reserve in season, along with other bird life that frequent the area. We have a family of magpies who nest near & frequent the park, bringing their new family each year to visit our deck. We also wake to the sounds of other birds each morning which I taught my kids & grandkids to listen out for. They often say they know it was nearly morning as they can hear the birds chirping.</p> <p>As I am in the reserve each week I meet young families from the area, mums with their babies &/or kids catching up, families with kids, dads with their kids while mum is home catching up with chores at home, kids from other areas who are visiting relatives living in the area, bigger kids who have the space to hang out. Most times I engage with one or two people / families each time I am in the reserve.</p> <p>When not in the reserve I observe individuals, children & families every day doing anything from utilising the playground, riding bikes, exercising dogs, practicing golf shots, running timed sprints, flying kites, hosting birthday parties, the list goes on.</p> <p>Harbourview Reserve in my opinion is a valued & frequently used space in our beautiful city. It provides a space that is easily maintained, offering children / families / individuals the room to ride, run, walk, play, roam, explore, practice, host & hang out safely, significantly enhancing physical, social & mental health. The long-term health benefits of this green space to the community are significant.</p>	

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		<p>Primary Health Care was formally established in the late 1970s. Key aspects being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -It is a holistic approach to health care encompassing both preventative measures to improve health & curative services to treat illnesses. -the importance of community participation in planning & implementing health services. -primary health care should be accessible to all people, regardless of their social or economic status. <p>Promoting improved health & wellbeing (primary health) aims to educate (empower) individuals & communities about healthy behaviours such as physical activity, nutrition & smoking cessation as examples to decrease the long-term burden of health problems. Transforming an accessible, affordable, community reserve that provides a space for relaxation, socialising & being active at a grass roots level into buildings, extra traffic, driving birds & animals away etc is a complete contradiction to this initiative in my opinion.</p> <p>Also mentioning briefly, the detrimental impact developing this reserve will have on safety & congestion on the roads with increased traffic, the bird life, the peace & tranquility & the devaluation of surrounding properties.</p> <p>I implore council to please consider alternative options to developing community green space. It is difficult to offer a solution without knowing what land & how seriously council have explored options for housing, aged & child care previously, but I believe there has to be alternatives. I am also shocked & concerned as to how many people I have spoken to who are unaware of this proposal.</p> <p>Can I please request that council outline the criteria / processes undertaken to measure / conclude that the 5 spaces listed in the proposal are under-utilised.</p> <p>PLEASE, PLEASE don't cash in our city's valued green space for development.</p>	

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		<p>In my opinion it is a cheap, shortsighted fix which is ignoring the long-term benefit of precious spaces that enhance the health & wellbeing of our community.</p> <p>"Once this space is gone it is lost forever."</p> <p>Having my say,</p>	
46	Proposed Community Land Revocation	<p>REVOCATION OF COMMUNITY LAND</p> <p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>I am writing this email to express my opposition the Port Lincoln City Council's proposed revocation of parcels of Community Land, with particular reference to the land known as "Harbourview Reserve".</p> <p>As a resident and ratepayer of this city I am concerned about the impact of redevelopment of these areas and the negative effects it would have on the immediate residents and the broader community as a whole.</p> <p>These public spaces offer –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Open area green space for all to enjoy now, and for future generations. . Recreational areas. . A buffer zone opening up neighbourhoods and reducing housing congestion. . Natural habits and wildlife space. <p>I do appreciate the need for additional aged care infrastructure, but question why the Council has become the provider of land considering that there are large privately owned parcels of land not more than 10 minutes travel from our CBD.</p>	-

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		<p>It is essential that the council continues to listen to the wishes and needs of the community in any decision making process. After all local government is elected by the community to serve the community, and also employed as such.</p> <p>Again please register my opposition to any land revocation.</p>	
47	Revocation of Community Land	<p>The PLCC</p> <p>With respect I am not in favour of your proposal of the revocation of Community land for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Community land once sold cannot be returned and paradoxically with a growing population it might be required for public use. 2) Our water supply even with our Desal plant (when and if that's finished) may be insufficient to supply not only the existing population but an increase! 3) The topography of this town and the corresponding inadequate roads are making driving in this town at times difficult let alone significantly increasing the population. It's made more difficult with the B2, B3 and normal semis cluttering up the roads. Not helped by the rail closure. I have not seen any major street/roads undertaken in the 6 years I have lived here. Improving roads etc would be the first thing looked at before further development? 4) The cost to the city upgrading streets etc will be passed onto the ratepayers? Already rates are going past the CPI. Council needs to live within its means as the ratepayers something that seems to escape the council from the Mayor/down. 	-

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		Port Lincoln is a beautiful city but there is room for improvement/upkeep in existing areas before development community land. Budgets in the present economy, cost of living needs to be well checked before unrealistic development.	
48	HARBOURVIEW RESERVE - RESPONSE TO COUNCIL PROPOSAL TO REVOKE COMMUNITY TITLE	<p>Minister, Mayor, Ceo and Councillors</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed revocation of Community Land classifications and subsequent rezoning of five reserves within the City of Port Lincoln, with a view to selling those reserves to meet current and future needs for aged care, childcare, housing or community services.</p> <p>I am a property owner that would be directly impacted by the sale of land forming Harbourview Reserve. I wish to make some general comments about the broader proposal, then I will focus on Harbourview Reserve.</p> <p>At the outset, I have a general concern about the proposal to sell land currently zoned as Community Land for private developments in Port Lincoln, particularly when there does not appear to be a market failure in the private market at present. A search of residential land currently for sale in Port Lincoln at the time of writing included approximately 50 – 70 listings on each of domain.com and realestate.com, with some of those falling well into the ‘affordable’ bracket (for example 4,900m2 on Tennant Street priced at \$220,000 - \$240,000).</p> <p>Further, I would expect that any land to be sold by Council would be at a ‘going rate’ so as to provide the best possible return to rate-payers, and not disadvantage private land owners that may have land for sale (or be considering the sale of land) – that is, a property developer or aged care provider (for example) should not gain any greater benefit from purchasing land from Council than if they purchased from another landowner. Council’s documentation making the case for the revocation and sale of community land fails to identify or consider privately owned land that would be suitable for the purposes outlined.</p>	-

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		<p>The sale of community land for residential development creates a greater population density, with many new allotments generally being smaller in size, bringing more residents into an area while at the same time reducing publicly available space. Council's Open Space Strategy 2021-2026 notes that South Australian children are spending less time outside than at any other time in the past, and cites research that unstructured outdoor play and immersion in nature is essential to the health and wellbeing of children. Indeed, the South Australian Government's 'Healthy Parks Healthy People SA Framework 2021-26' notes the benefits of spending time outdoors for the physical and mental health of all people by providing opportunities for social connection, physical exercise, connection with nature as well as the positive environmental effects of open space in built up environments.</p> <p>While Port Lincoln may have an 'oversupply' of community land on a population basis, it is also important to consider the accessibility, nature and diversity of that land, coupled with the 12.5% developer contributions required by Section 198 of the Planning Development and Infrastructure Act 1996 (the Act) By my calculation, the amount of accessible Public Open Space (excluding Murray's Point Reserve, Grantham Island Reserve and two-thirds of the Caravan Park Reserve) is 14.4%, which does not greatly exceed the 12.5% threshold. (incidentally, looking at the map in the Open Space Strategy document of what is counted as 'council land' for this calculation some of it includes a large cemetery(?) and Sporting complexes (so not always accessible particularly on weekends) I would have thought at least the cemetery be excluded?</p> <p>As residential allotments continue to decrease in size, the demand for a range of open spaces in the council area will only continue to grow. Disposing of larger, under-developed reserves may limit Council's ability to meet future demands for recreational facilities including – but not limited to – dog parks, adventure playgrounds, nature reserves or sensory gardens. I note that Section 198 of the Act provides that developers may make a contribution prescribed by regulations, rather than contribute up to 12.5% of a land division to Council to be held as open space and – if Council's concern is funding its existing open space assets - I would support that approach in the future.</p>	

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		<p>With respect to Harbourview Reserve, it is my understanding this land was gifted to the Council by the former proprietor of the Port Lincoln Times, Mr M Hill and that it was to be preserved as open space for the community to enjoy. Residents are obtaining legal advice to establish whether the land is 'impressed with a trust' such that any Council action to revoke the Community Land classification is in breach of that Trust. My research also establishes that the approval of the subdivision of land adjacent the Park had an open space requirement that now appears to be being totally disregarded by Council. The Council's information package indicates that the land is 'potentially surplus to community needs', presumably because the facilities on the land are quite limited, but this fails to recognise the informal use of the land that would be lost if only 1000m2 was retained as playground. Harbourview Reserve is a popular spot for dog walking, informal walking groups, kicking footballs, and many families have purchased homes in the area to appreciate these benefits, along with the sense of nature and open space – many of us enjoy the family of magpies and other birdlife that frequent the reserve and give a sense of tranquility to the neighbourhood, we use the reserve most days if not to walk the dog, enjoy the openness – this is a unique and rare open space left and should be preserved for its original intent – to be enjoyed for the local community – once it is gone it is gone forever. Blocks are getting smaller, houses more expensive, families NEED to have access to these open spaces.</p> <p>The unstructured nature of Harbourview Reserve creates opportunities for physical activity and social connections to be made and sustained throughout the week and particularly on weekends when sporting grounds are often being used for organised sport. Council's information package indicates that it has invested in upgrades of other reserves in proximity to Harbourview Reserve, however the closest of these is Heritage Walk (450m approx) which doesn't provide the types of opportunities described above – and other reserves require crossing either Flinders Highway or New West Road which means they aren't as safe and 'walkable' for many nearby residents (especially given the hilly nature of the surrounding area). This would appear contrary to the objective of creating more active communities through the distribution and use of open space in the council area. While Train Reserve doesn't require crossing a main road, it is situated on a main road, making it less safe for kicking footballs, for older children to run around, or for dog exercise.</p>	

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		<p>With respect to the potential use of Harbourview Reserve as a retirement village or aged care facility, I have more specific concerns, mainly around accessibility and traffic management.</p> <p>The streets surrounding the reserves are not wide, and accessing the site with emergency and service vehicles could be problematic and make the surrounding streets less safe for residents. The intersection of Highview Drive, Ocean Avenue and Paringa Avenue has poor visibility and would – presumably – be the fastest access for ambulance and / other emergency service vehicles which we could expect to increase in frequency with the development of retirement or aged care facilities on the site. In the event that the site was turned over to aged care, we would expect to experience higher numbers of service vehicles (eg laundry, cleaners, food services, etc) and staff, while even retirement living would bring with it an increase in services and visitors, creating much higher levels of traffic in the area.</p> <p>Our property has a frontage onto Highview Drive which, as you would probably be aware, is a reasonably narrow curved road, particularly at the Harbourview Reserve end. When there is a vehicle parked on either side of the road it is really only wide enough for one vehicle to get through which – combined with some steep driveways – can make visibility poor along the street. I am concerned that additional traffic would compound this problem.</p> <p>As you would be aware, the area surrounding Harbourview Reserve is quite hilly – even for a person of moderate fitness, some of the roads are quite steep and may limit the ability for older persons who may rely on gophers or other mobility aids to maintain a sense of independence and navigate the surrounding area safely – especially given the matters raised in the previous two paragraphs.</p> <p>Council’s Q&A information sheet indicates that, as part of a planning and assessment process, a traffic management assessment would typically be required to evaluate potential impacts on local roads, intersections and parking availability. I would respectfully suggest that by that time it would be too late, and that a traffic management assessment be undertaken prior to the proposal for</p>	

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		<p>Community Land revocation proceeding, I would further suggest that assessment be made available for community feedback.</p> <p>With regard to aged care facilities, the ability for people to 'age in place' has been noted in the City of Port Lincoln's 'Empowering our Elders' strategy, as a means of maintaining social connections. Just as it is important to consider the spread of recreational facilities across the City of Port Lincoln, I would encourage Council to take the same approach in its planning for aged care. Currently the main locations for assisted living are Pioneer Village on Flinders Highway, Matthew Flinders on Oxford Terrace and Lincoln Grove on Marine Avenue. For those who have lived most of their lives in Lincoln South or Kirton Point and whose ability to move around in the community becomes more difficult as they age, it may be worth considering the opportunities to zone for retirement living/ aged care in those areas to support our elder population to sustain their social connections within those communities. Consideration might also be given to land that is relatively flat, thus encouraging mobility in elder residents. This obviously needs to be part of a broader approach of ensuring that existing aged care facilities are fully utilised, and that we are doing all that we can as a community to attract and retain aged care and ancillary workers to the region.</p> <p>I refer you also to my separate, confidential correspondence that I request not be made publicly available or disclosed as part of any Freedom of Information request. I will email that to the ceo@plcc.sa.gov.au email address only</p>	
49	Revocation of Harbour View Park	<p>To the City of Port Lincoln Council & SA Minister for Local Government</p> <p>As a lifelong resident and local business owner in Port Lincoln, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed revocation of Harbour View Park and other community parklands.</p> <p>These green spaces are not just patches of grass — they are vital to our town's identity, health, and social fabric. To consider selling them off for development is not only short-sighted but deeply</p>	-

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		<p>disappointing. It sends a message that convenience and financial gain are being prioritised over long-term community wellbeing.</p> <p>Council has long upheld an “open space strategy,” a principle echoed by local governments across the country. To abandon this strategy now undermines public trust and suggests a worrying shift towards expediency rather than thoughtful planning. The perception that council is opting for the "easy sell" — sacrificing well-loved public spaces to developers — is growing, and this proposal only reinforces that image.</p> <p>While I understand the need to plan for future growth, including educational and aged care facilities, this should never come at the cost of our community’s green spaces. Once gone, they’re gone forever. Surely, there are alternative sites in town — underutilised or privately/government-owned land — that could be explored with greater creativity and determination.</p> <p>I urge the council to reconsider this proposal and demonstrate leadership that values sustainable, inclusive, and community-focused development. These parks belong to all of us — not just for now, but for generations to come.</p>	
50	Proposed revocation of community land status	<p>To Whom It May Concern</p> <p>I writing to submit my objection to the proposed revocation of community land in Port Lincoln, particularly that of Harbourview Reserve but also other open spaces that have been mentioned in this proposal.</p> <p>The reasons for the proposed revocation are important BUT do not outweigh the absolute importance of open green spaces in our communities. Council would have to change its own bylaws which mention the importance of close proximity to open green spaces to all community members. It is important to acknowledge that some of these open spaces have been donated to the people of Port Lincoln for the use of further generations. It looks to me council is more concerned about</p>	-

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		<p>revenue raising than thinking of realistic solutions to providing future aged care, retirement living or childcare spaces. These issues are not for local government to solve at the expense of the generosity of past residents and/or developers. They are also not 'core business' for council but maintaining our parks is.</p> <p>It is undeniable that the world is warming therefore is it vitally important that we preserve current parks and open space and vehemently protest against this type of dense urban development.</p> <p>This council does not have a mandate to make this change which cannot be reversed once development has occurred. If Council must pursue this issue, make it an election issue for the whole community to vote on. It won't pass 'the pub test'.</p> <p>Thank you for allowing me to express my opinion.</p>	
51	Community Land	<p>I have a young family and work long hours so don't get much time for anything else. I understand that the closing date for passing in a submission was yesterday but I haven't had a chance until now.</p> <p>Having open spaces for people to recreate, exercise, be in nature, walk their dog among many other pursuits is crucial to a healthy population. These five parcels of land should all remain open spaces.</p> <p>I'm disappointed this has even been raised as a potential option. Open spaces and parks should never be developed especially when they have been donated or bequeathed to remain as open space. Similarly where the land has been put aside as open space because there is development happening nearby it needs to remain as open space.</p> <p>Think back very recently to the covid pandemic and how important these spaces were for people's physical and mental health.</p> <p>Please for the sake of the community, people's health, recreation and a vibrant functioning rural city do not develop any of these green spaces.</p>	-

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harbourview Reserve – Highview Drive • 10 Oswald Drive • Seaview Park – Monalena Street • 25 Chapman Street • Trigg Street Reserve - Willison Street <p>I will be watching closely to see council's decision as will many others.</p>	
52	Land Revocation	<p>I am not in support of the proposed land provocation listed on Port Lincoln council website.</p> <p>Green space is vital for urban cooling and mental health.</p> <p>Maintenance cost should not be a reason council wish to sell of this land. Also mention that these areas are not used which is another sad reason to sell them off. Trees and green space provide habitat for us and other life forms to enjoy as needed.</p> <p>Please don't sell of our beautiful green spaces, its makes our Port Lincoln beautiful.</p> <p>And there are lots of areas of land already for sale that the council could buy.</p>	-
53	Harbourview Reserve	Please find attached our written submission regarding the Proposal for Revocation of Community Land.	Refer Attachment 9
54	Selling off council land	<p>Hi, I am concerned about the council selling off land that has been previously donated to them, or land marked as reserves.</p> <p>I personally purchased my home at a significantly higher price than what the actual structure of the home would be worth, one massive factor was that there is a reserve [REDACTED]. I</p>	-

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		<p>would think that this factor would have also been a consideration for all those in residential areas whose homes are near the planned reserves that are being considered to be sold off.</p> <p>How disappointing for these residence whom are presumably long term council rate payers and in some proposed areas they have been high contributors to the community.</p> <p>I sincerely hope the council takes a lot of consideration before proceeding. This beautiful town and culture is slowly turning into just another ordinary place, bring the children up with trees, ocean, parks, wildlife and space, not all needs to be a concrete jungle.</p> <p>Thank you for your time</p>	
55	Revocation of Community Land	<p>We are currently travelling interstate. Before we left i emailed the Mayoress and every single councillor with my views. Only 2 had the decency to respond.</p> <p>My husband and i especially totally against the revocation of community land and want Harbourview Reserve Highview Drive left as is for the community to use. This along with other parks/ land council is trying to sell off for whatever reason. Please find my email- i could list other land around Port Lincoln that lies ugly and dormant which would be quite an enterprise for further planning. I vote NO to this proposal.</p>	-
	Revocation of Community Land	<p>Attention Brad Tolley</p> <p>My husband and myself, as ratepayers of Port Lincoln would like to put forward we are AGAINST councils proposals to revoke the classification of council owned sites - marked as surplus to councils needs. We would like it noted the whole plan is NOT in the interests of our city and its residents. Neither are you allowing enough consultation.</p> <p>We do not want these parks/ reserves turned into housing, ages care or community services as you've stated. Which, i might add there are no proposals, plans or costings for any of these.</p>	-

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		<p>We agree these services are needed but just revoking and changing the classification is not the way, without future plans, budgets etc.</p> <p>There are a number of sites in and around PL -that could be looked into- the rail yards and land along Le Brun Street and Porter Street for one. I don't intend listing more here- but ask your constituents for more ideas.</p> <p>My husband and i cannot attend any public forums as we will be travelling for an extended period of time.</p> <p>I urge you all to take note of the community's response - especially on social media. I have encouraged people to contact you as i am in person.</p> <p>Please think again, or give us some more details.</p>	
56	Revocation of Community Land	Refer Attachment	Refer Attachment 10

To the Port Lincoln City Council,

29/05/2025

I am writing to express my deep concern and strong opposition to the proposed development plans that would see public green spaces near residential areas repurposed for various buildings and the inevitable car parks.

These plans are short-sighted and lack a long-term vision for the wellbeing of our community. As Port Lincoln grows and higher-density housing becomes more common, private front and backyards will inevitably become smaller. In this context, local green spaces will be more essential than ever—providing room for children to play, families to gather, neighbours to connect, and individuals to exercise and find peace in nature.

Instead of seeing these communal areas as convenient sites for infrastructure, we should be investing in their potential. Enhancing them with outdoor exercise equipment, shaded seating, inclusive playgrounds, and thoughtful landscaping would help foster a healthier, more resilient and socially connected community. These kinds of spaces are the bedrock of community wellbeing.

Once built over, these opportunities are lost—permanently.

I urge Council and those involved in this decision to pause and ask: what kind of future are we building, and who is it really for? Let's not trade away long-term liveability for short-term convenience. Instead of taking from what little communal green space we have, explore alternatives. Consider land already for sale, or locations more suited to development without encroaching on residential neighbourhoods.

For example—why not a beautiful aged care facility at the Marina? What about the extensive land holdings near the Bypass, or repurposing one of the disused fish factory sites overlooking Proper Bay? These locations offer more space for gardens, carparking, and thoughtful design—without removing vital public parkland.

I strongly oppose the current plan and respectfully call for a re-evaluation that prioritises sustainability, liveability, and the wellbeing of future generations. Please reconsider—because once these spaces are gone, we don't get them back.

Sincerely,

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Port Lincoln SA 5606

Submission on the Proposed Revocation of Community Land

From: West Coast Youth and Community Support (WCYCS)

Date: 04 June 2025

Affordable Housing – The Need for Equity and Integration

The shortage of affordable housing is having a significant impact on families, young people, and individuals across Port Lincoln. We commend Council for its proactive approach to addressing this issue by identifying land for potential development.

However, we urge Council to avoid concentrating all affordable housing developments within one area, particularly in Lincoln South. While this area is home to a warm, family-oriented primary school with a strong focus on student wellbeing, it carries an entrenched stigma that has resulted in low enrolments.

This school delivers inclusive, culturally responsive education with a clear emphasis on literacy, Aboriginal student engagement, social skilling, and emotional wellbeing in a safe and nurturing environment. It fosters a positive sense of self-worth in students and upholds strong community values. Importantly, its culturally diverse student population enriches the learning environment and builds empathy, cultural understanding, and resilience among all children.

Spreading affordable housing more broadly across Port Lincoln would not only help reduce the stigma attached to certain neighbourhoods but would also allow more families to engage with and benefit from schools like this one. It would promote equity, improve social cohesion, and strengthen community identity.

Childcare – A Barrier to Participation

The lack of accessible childcare services is a major issue for local families. It prevents many parents—particularly mothers, from returning to the workforce, creating economic pressure and reducing workforce participation at a time when NGOs and other employers are already struggling to attract and retain staff. We support the development of additional childcare facilities, including the proposed use of Trigg Street Reserve for this purpose, as a vital investment in our social and economic future.

Aged Care – Keeping Families Connected

With limited aged care availability in Port Lincoln, many older residents are being forced to leave the area to access appropriate care. This disconnection from family and community causes emotional distress and exacerbates isolation. Repurposing land such as Harbourview Reserve to support aged care development is a necessary and compassionate response to a well-documented and urgent need.

Conclusion

WCYCS supports the City of Port Lincoln's proposal to revoke the community land status of selected parcels to enable meaningful development aligned with community needs. We encourage Council to approach this initiative with a strong equity lens—ensuring housing, childcare, and aged care developments are distributed in a way that unites, rather than divides, our community.

Sincerely,
Narelle Biddell
Chief Executive Officer
West Coast Youth and Community Support (WCYCS)

The logo is a light blue speech bubble shape. Inside the bubble, the text "West Coast" is in a light blue script font, "YOUTH AND COMMUNITY" is in a bold white sans-serif font, and "Support" is in a light blue script font.

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Considerations for the revocation of Community Land in Port Lincoln

10 year Strategic Directions Planning may look like long-term thinking. However, it is not truly future proofing our city if the focus is on development and dollars, and not the entire city ecosystem any further than the next few decades.

We have the option to go up or out and we have seen countless councils and developers land grabbing whatever is convenient and destroying parks, reserves, community land, productive agricultural land, and native vegetation without real thought for the future needs of the whole community.

Many cities worldwide including New York, Paris, Hong Kong, and Tokyo are implementing strategies to balance urban growth with livability and sustainability. They are designing multi-use, high density living, repurposing older buildings, and constructing vertical communities with access to multiple green spaces within a close radius to ensure residents have access to the scientifically proven benefits of nature.

This is not a new trend or something the ‘Greenies’ thought up, Colonel William Light designed Adelaide with grid-like structure, including wide streets, terraces, and public squares, all surrounded by parklands in 1837.

1. As a bushfire prone area, the fire mitigation benefits of Port Lincoln community land should be taken into consideration:

Parks and reserves create safe buffer zones in urban areas.

Emergency access routes for firefighting, and escape routes for residents.

Slow burning native vegetation and grassy areas act as fire breaks, slowing the fire front to allow residents time to evacuate and giving firefighters a higher chance of controlling the fire before it gets into compact residential areas causing the loss of property and often the loss of human life.

2. Reduced Urban Heat Island Effect:

Vegetation provides shade and cools the air through evapotranspiration, helping to mitigate higher temperatures generated off roads and buildings.

3. Health Benefits:

Spending time in nature has been proven to lower cortisol, reduce stress and anxiety, and improve overall well-being. Cities with more greenery have lower heat-related health risks and are less reliant on the healthcare systems for mental and physical care.

4. Noise Reduction:

Trees and other vegetation can absorb and redirect noise, helping to reduce noise pollution in urban areas.

5. Flood Mitigation:

Green spaces, particularly wetlands and riparian areas, help to slow down and absorb stormwater runoff, reducing the risk of flooding. Green spaces also filter pollutants and microplastics from stormwater before they can be washed into the bay.

6. Crime:

Well-designed green areas are linked to lower crime rates through increased visibility, public activity, and surveillance by park users.

7. **Social Cohesion:**

Green spaces can create community gathering places, foster social interaction and community groups, creating a shared neighbourhood identity.

8. **Physical Recreation:**

Regular use of green spaces is linked to lower obesity and reduced cardiovascular disease rates. Opportunities for physical exercise improve overall long-term health and wellbeing which lowers the reliance on our aged care systems.

9. **Improved Air Quality:**

Green spaces act as natural filters, absorbing pollutants like carbon dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, and particulate matter, leading to cleaner city air.

10. **Enhanced Biodiversity:**

Green spaces provide ecological corridors and habitats for plants and animals, supporting biodiversity and contributing to the health of the urban ecosystem. They preserve endangered plants, birds, animals, reptiles, and insects and provide places for children to learn.

11. **Economic and Urban Performance of Green Spaces**

Properties near green spaces have higher market values. Studies show increases of 5–20% in value.

Green, livable cities attract skilled workers, investors, business and tourism through enhanced city branding and global reputation.

Reduced health care costs due to improved public health.

Lower energy costs thanks to natural cooling and shading.

Dear Councillors,

I am writing as a young 23 year old local resident, to express my strong opposition to the proposed revocation of community land at Trigg Street Reserve. This reserve is an important part of our neighbourhood, and its loss would be deeply felt by all residents and community groups who use and value this space.

The land was originally donated by Mrs Bishop to the community. It was not gifted to be sold off or developed. To disregard this intention undermines both the spirit of her and her family's contribution and the legacy it was meant to uphold.

The proposal will significantly worsen traffic and parking in the area. Drop off and pick up times for the nearby kindergarten already cause congestion, and adding more facilities or housing will only compound this issue. Our quiet, narrow residential streets are not equipped to handle increased vehicle flow.

Council has claimed that the reserve is underutilised and costly to maintain, however local residents have offered to take responsibility for its upkeep. In fact, it has only been mowed twice this year, suggesting maintenance is minimal.

Contrary to claims of underuse, the space is regularly enjoyed by locals, families, kindergartens and myself. My friends and family play football and bocce on this reserve regularly, walk our dog here, as do many elderly residents (it's the only flat land close by, that allows access for those who are struggling to get around). It may not always be crowded but it is consistently and meaningfully used.

The reserve also serves as an important wildlife habitat. Blue tongue lizards, blue wrens, magpies, galahs and kookaburras frequent this area. Revoking and developing the land would destroy this habitat and negatively impact local biodiversity.

Bishop Kindergarten frequently use the reserve for educational visits, including community service visits from police and fire brigades (there is no other place they can do this as the surrounding streets are so narrow). Additionally, schools from across the Lower Eyre Peninsula use it as a meeting place prior to their cross-country event held at the Pioneer Park every year. Its loss would limit educational and recreational opportunities for children and families.

I understand a childcare centre is being proposed on the site, despite three others already awaiting council approval. Adding another when existing centres are not operating at full capacity (due to ongoing staff shortages) does not seem practical. If instead housing was to go here, would it not be concerning that this would be situated overlooking a kindergarten? There are valid concerns about how such a development would impact surrounding property values, particularly if it blocks views or alters the established nature of our neighbourhood (which it 100% would).

Green spaces like Trigg Street reserve are essential for community and wellbeing, particularly given increasing mental health concerns. Removing green space contradicts efforts to support mental health and resilience.

I urge the council to reconsider this decision and preserve Trigg Street Reserve as the cherished community space it has always been.

Yours sincerely,

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Port Lincoln SA 5606

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11/06/2025

**Port Lincoln City Council
Level One, Civic Centre, 60 Tasman Terrace,
Port Lincoln SA 5606**

Subject: Formal Objection to Proposed Development of Trigg Street Reserve

To whomever it may concern,

I am writing to formally express my objection to the proposed development of Trigg Street Reserve. As a resident of Port Lincoln, I am deeply concerned about the potential consequences this development may have on our community and environment.

Trigg Street Reserve has long served as a vital green space for local residents, offering recreational, environmental, and mental health benefits. The proposed development threatens to compromise these benefits.

Specifically, my concerns include:

1. **Environmental Impact** – The park is home to various native flora and fauna, some of which may be endangered or protected. Development would disrupt this delicate ecosystem.
2. **Loss of Public Amenity** – Trigg Street Reserve is one of the few accessible green spaces in our area, used by families, children, the elderly, and others for leisure and community events.
3. **Increased Congestion and Pollution** – Construction and the resulting usage may increase traffic, noise, and air pollution in an otherwise quiet residential area.
4. **Community Sentiment** – A significant portion of residents, including myself, oppose this development, as it appears to favour commercial interests over the well-being of the local community.

In addition, it is important to recognise the historical significance of Trigg Street Reserve, which was generously donated by Mrs Bishop. It is understood that her gift of this land was made with the intention that it remain a public green space for the enjoyment and benefit of local residents. To develop this park now would not only undermine that legacy, but also disregard the spirit in which the land was entrusted to the community.

I respectfully urge the council to reconsider the proposed development and explore alternative sites that do not compromise valued public space. I also request that the concerns of local residents be seriously considered in any decision-making processes going forward.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to action being made on behalf of the Port Lincoln Community.

Yours faithfully,

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To:

The City Council of Port Lincoln

From:

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Port Lincoln

Date: 29 May 2025

Dear Councillors and Staff

Re: Submission regarding the City Council proposal to revoke public land reserves.

Public reserves are required as a condition of subdivision approvals. At first it seems ridiculous as there is so much surrounding open space but as the subdivided land is built upon, there is more need for the public open space. I have no doubt that this will become the case at each of the reserves proposed for revocation and sale.

It is much more appropriate to increase housing density and make better use of public reserves than to subdivide into sprawling suburbs. We cannot continue to clear native vegetation and overtake farmland indefinitely. Not only is it environmentally destructive, but it also greatly increases the cost of public infrastructure to service these properties, whilst limiting the number of rate payers who pay for that infrastructure.

A 600 square metre block costs approximately 20 percent more to service with roads, stormwater and footpaths (and to a lesser extent, waste management), than a 400 square metre block.

It makes no sense that the owner of a small unit in the town centre, pays similar rates to someone on the outskirts with a one hectare block. Council's cost to service the larger block will be about ten times greater but Council rates will be similar.

Yes, we already have excessively large blocks but in future, there will be more of these large blocks and the cost of supplying Council (and power, water, sewer, highway etc.) services to them will not change our current problem unless we start that change now. A rating matrix which includes a price per area would be much more equitable and reduce the percentage of Council costs per ratepayer, spent on public park reserves.

The price of land or the price of infrastructure built on it, bares little relevance to the cost of supplying Council infrastructure. Council service costs partially relate to the number of people and mostly to the space they live on. Council must market this idea to politicians to allow them to solve the current service cost crisis.

If public reserves are sold now, when Council eventually decides to restrict the size of blocks through rates and/or planning regulations, the cost to buy back reserve land to service the higher population density, will be astronomical.

A large proportion of the space on most housing blocks is excess to requirements. It contributes to public health, weed and fire problems and contributes to unsightly, overgrown and junk filled landscapes.

Larger allotments cost a greater amount of landholder's discretionary spending on property maintenance than small blocks. This spending would be much more appropriate on environmental or community services than on private 'shrines' to 'more is better thinking'. It is much more environmentally, socially, and economically responsible to improve the number and amenity of public reserves and reduce allotment size, than to sell off public reserves and allow larger allotment sizes, which greatly increases Council infrastructure maintenance costs.

The time to limit the ongoing cost of building and maintaining public infrastructure such as roads and stormwater, is now.

It would be far more sensible to charge rates on the area of the allotment than on the sale price of land or infrastructure on it. This would encourage people to have smaller allotments and most people would save time and money on land maintenance and they would make better use of public park reserves. Yes, the cost of running public parks would increase but this would be a much smaller percentage of Council's infrastructure and maintenance costs.

The establishment of public parks at the time of subdivision was the work of forward thinking people. Selling them to save money is illogical and counterproductive thinking.

Please fix the cause of the funding problem, don't exacerbate the problem with short term thinking. The problem is not the cost of maintenance of reserves. The problem is the cost of supplying infrastructure to ridiculously large allotments. We will not easily educate people to have smaller gardens/house-yards because we have become accustomed to space being a status symbol. Payment of proportionate extra Council rates and the tax on the transfer of larger allotments, would be a much more appropriate method of restricting property allotment size. This however comes with a proviso. It must be accompanied by regulation that assists well planned increase in housing density by those who currently own larger allotments.

Kind regards



Port Lincoln.

Port Lincoln 5606

20.05.2025

Dear Port Lincoln City Council,

Re: Revocation of Land and Greyhound Road

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the recent proposal for Land Revocation within Port Lincoln City Council.

I note that there are a number of other matters currently relating to the development of the the City, notably the desalination plant and related infrastructure works and the Master Plan for Regional Development. I think it is best to consider these other plans and proposals in tandem with the proposals for the community land revocation.

My principal suggestion is that the land at Chapman Street, part of the Monalena land (NOT the scrub – retain for birds and amenity) and at Oswald Drive be sold and that the proceeds be put to good use in remediation work of the old dump and trainline/ponds at Greyhound Road. This is because the dump site and ponds at Greyhound Road are a disgrace and an environmental disaster currently and must be fixed as a matter of urgency. The ponds are a haven for birdlife and could be a major tourist attraction and a haven for the birds. They are near the new housing development at the Marina – surely these residents are adversely impacted by this mess?

If the proposal for urban development in the Explorer Drive / Nootina Road area goes ahead, the retention of some of the Monalena land as open space will become more essential.

The Oswald Drive area would fetch a high price and could also be sold IF the money gained was used for the environmental works at Greyhound Road, in my view.

It seems reasonable to me to utilise the Willason Street / Trigg reserve land for childcare, but it is unclear to me whether or not the Council intends to sell or lease the land?

The Harbourview land seems ideally suited for a part and I am pleased to see that the proposal includes retention of a portion of the land for this purpose. I accept the need to build more aged care facilities.

Yours sincerely



SUBMISSION REVOCATION OF COMMUNITY LAND

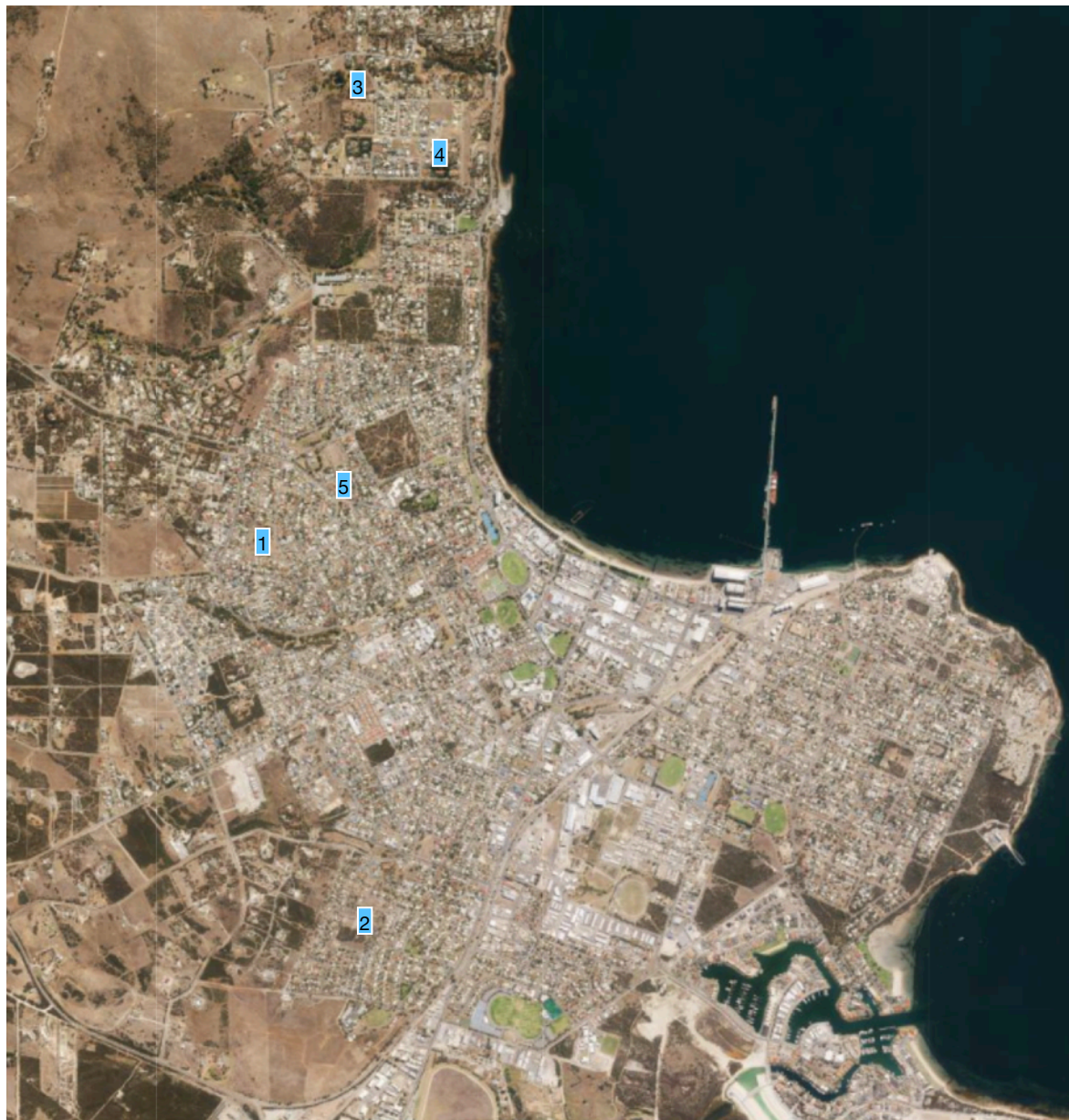


23 May 2025

INTRODUCTION

This submission is provided for Council's consideration and is in response to the public invitation for feedback. Information in the "Proposal" document has been examined and I have undertaken viewings of each of the five sites. To understand the general contextual arrangement of these sites, the following aerial photo of Port Lincoln depicts their locations.

Nature Maps is the reference source.



The "Proposal" report states (pg. 1) that;

- a. "Community land ... is set aside for the benefit of the greater public ... and for use by and the enjoyment of the public ..."
- b. "community expectations and priorities change in regard to how community land should be managed."
- c. In terms of managing community land, factors considered are "cultural and historic relevance of the land, changing population demographics, community needs and shifts in leisure trends."

The "Proposal" report then stated (pg. 2) "the land could be better used to deliver broader community benefits...", and it referred to five Council strategy documents.

What could have been added to the assessment?

- Community expectations also include green space and vegetation, biodiversity plantings and habitat. In this sense, would not there be a greater benefit to the public to provide some focus on ecological restoration?
- It appears that no environmental nor biodiversity analysis has been factored into the individual site assessments. Sites 1, 2, 3, and 4 would have benefited accordingly.
- Council's *Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2025-2034* contains three of five "Actions" (pg. 1) to which Sites 1, 2, and 3 are relevant, and maybe Site 4. The 10-Year Action Plan (pg. 8) attests to the inclusion of "Towards Net Zero", "Climate Resilience", and "Biodiversity" actions.
- Council's *Strategic Directions Plan 2025-2034* Goal 4 - Sustainable Environment provides significant strategic actions directly related to Sites 1, 2, and 3.

The purpose of these areas

Although not clearly stated in the "Proposal" report, it is likely these parcels of land - or at least Sites 1, 2, and 3 - evolved from former residential subdivisions. Accordingly, they have become the responsibility for Council to maintain and manage for the public good in-perpetuity.

The public good also means the quality of the physical environment of a neighbourhood, and that includes the natural environment and one that has evolved as bare space.

"Broader community benefits" could have been produced many years ago if a vision involved a revegetated urban environment context, particularly one that may have replaced vegetation removal for residential development. Each of Sites 1, 2, and 3, and conceivably Site 4 could then have become a significant urban asset.

Summary

- (1) Site 1 should remain as community land but with a very different approach to how it is regenerated and managed. This land is not appropriate for redevelopment for housing, including aged care accommodation.
- (2) Site 2 has merit in substantial, but not whole, revocation for housing development. The caveat is that the existing vegetated area should be retained and combined with the adjoining land that appears to be a reserve.
- (3) The case for revocation of Site 3 has not been fully established given that it was originally created as a public "Reserve". It is likely that the residential allotment yield would not be significant. The risk is that the property would not transform to expectations that would be hoped for. Site constraints (e.g. watercourse) should be registered accordingly.
- (4) Site 4 could be revoked as community land, given that it has low exposure, is a difficult site, has awkward access, and is near other Crown land that also needs attention. That may be the trade-off.
- (5) Site 5 is relatively small and has a strong connection with the adjoining early learning centre, therefore this parcel could be revoked as community land.

My reasonings are now described below.

SITE 1 - Harbourview Reserve

Observations

- Contains 3 titles produced from 1958 and 1965, and subsequently denoted "Reserve"
- Combined area = 2.05 ha
- Generally neglected space, very little investment has been directed to making it an important site for the general community and to support environmental and biodiversity goals.
- Lies in an area surrounded by residential development and is the only public space within a reasonable distance to another - the Heritage Trail.
- Within the context of Port Lincoln, this site has significant value as a revegetated urban space that aligns with Council's *Environmental Sustainability Strategy*.



Conclusions

- The case for revocation has not been comprehensively established, as the environmental benefit has not been included in the "Proposal" report, which also stated that "this land has been identified as potentially surplus to community needs in its current form" (pg. 4). It is submitted that as no alternative has been countenanced, other than for residential development, then the case for revocation has not been established. No other option outside the "current form" has been identified. The land is denoted "Reserve", thus implying a parkland setting.
- Similarly, the "Proposal" report did not identify that the parcel of land receives urban runoff at a point source. Therefore the land could be further assessed for a localised stormwater detention system involving a constructed wetland. This system could perform a vital function in local catchment management, including being a key part of a redesigned park.
- This site would better serve the whole community by being retained as public space, but with a significantly different appearance and role. Viewed as a 'wasteland' space it is waiting for the hand of care based on a landscape design and being suitably revegetated using organised volunteer effort with support from Council. As an example of what can be achieved, consider the Catholic Cemetery revegetation project which is still in progress, and which predominantly contains understorey and groundcover plants that provide much needed habitat. This example provides an example for many other open spaces (larger and small) using

volunteer input. One of the objectives of the proposed Eyre Peninsula Environment Centre at Mark Street is to establish “local” neighbourhood revegetation projects (called “Re-green Port Lincoln”).

- The “Proposal” report indicated the prospects of the parcel of land for aged care accommodation, which is said to be “a critical community need”. I submit that there are other sites available. For example, a better site is at the 3 ha Army Cadet property located on the aerial photo above. This aspect was noted in my brief submission on the *Housing Strategy 2024-2029* and also in my recent submission on the Master Plan, and would require Council’s initiative in finding an alternative location for the Army activity.
Another potential site is at Site 2 below (Seaview Park), which would give this locality a much-needed lift.
- The “Proposal” report stated that a 1000 sq.m. portion would be retained in the event of the land being resumed for development. It is submitted that this pocket size space is a poor trade-off and would not be useful in the context of community use. Such tiny spaces are at risk of becoming neglected spaces that suffer under-investment.

SITE 2 - Seaview Park

Observations

- Contains a single title
- Area 1.99 ha
- Generally has suffered under-investment and has low amenity value and low neighbourhood perceptions (see Image 2)
- Adjoins an existing parcel of open space that contains a tiny remnant of mallee woodland (see Image 2a)
- This woodland has recently suffered a fire and a considerable pile of rubbish is evident.

Conclusions

- The “Proposal” report states that the land would be used for “social and affordable housing”. Although it might initially seem to be acceptable, the concern is the continual aggregation of such accommodation in an existing low-income housing setting.
- In any respect the land is suitable for revocation from community purposes for the common good.
- It is submitted the site should retain the existing remnant native vegetation (see Image 2a and 2b) such that cleared land only is available for residential development.



- This remnant could be combined with the adjoining 1.146ha of land, which presumably is Community Land.

SITE 3 - Chapman Street



Observations

- Single title created in 2000 from a survey plan prepared in 1981
- Denoted "Reserve" on the Title, area = 1.686 ha
- Lies in a locality that contains mixed property sizes, from usual residential size to larger size (0.5 ha to greater than 1 ha)
- A watercourse traverses the north-western corner of the property.
- A bore also lies on the northern side and in the watercourse.
- Acacia vegetation lies over the western portion, redgum lie in the watercourse.



Conclusions

- As a dedicated "Reserve", it is noted that almost no environmental investment has been undertaken on the land for 25 years, and not since the initial survey plan was created in 1981. This should not be the primary reason to abandon the "Reserve" status.
- Purported residential development might occur, but in the event of disposal of the land Council should consider environmental factors, and a density appropriate to the locality.
- Given a range of site constraints, this site would not yield many lots, therefore the reason for revocation on the basis of a "housing shortage" is questionable. Does Council merely wish to offload this land?
- The watercourse should be placed in an appropriate width easement, although other easements exist on the Title.

- The property may well be best to remain as an improved biodiversity site in support of Council's *Environmental Sustainability Strategy*.

SITE 4 - Oswald Drive

Observations

- Almost landlocked area of 0.86 ha, denoted "Reserve" on the title in 1988.
- A difficult site with limited scope for residential development.
- Stony outcrops and steep unusable space over the southern half, which contains a range of planted trees of some value.
- Two property drainage pits and sewer connection points lie adjacent the northern boundary, presumably for future development (that has not happened).
- The southern half is likely to be economically unviable to develop.



Conclusions

- It is agreed that there may not be a tangible community attachment to this land, given its present condition. Therefore revocation could occur, but only if supported with wider community analysis about its potential environmental benefit.
- The reason for revocation in the "Proposal" report on the basis of a "housing shortage" is questionable.
- Practical cost-effective housing yield might be at best two.
- This land lies near Crown land of approximate area 2 ha, as shown in the adjacent image. Council is presumably the custodian, and as is apparent there has been little if any investment in the environmental and amenity values that should be attributed to the land.
- As an alternative action, and on the basis of a tradeoff for better local environmental outcomes, it is submitted that proceeds from revocation and disposal of the subject Site could be directed to the Crown land parcel. As described in Site 1 above, this land could be part of a revegetation project involving community voluntary effort, with Council's support.



SITE 5 - Trigg Street Reserve

Observations

- According to Nature Maps, this site is contained on a single title on which also lies the early learning centre (see adjacent details)
- Area = 0.37 ha
- Located in a residential area.

Conclusions

- Given that the existing early learning centre lies on community land, then revocation of the whole would be appropriate to accommodate the intended purpose to develop a childcare centre.



Cadastral Boundaries

Parcel ID: D4606 A53

Title/Volume/Folio: CT/2058/124

Area (Hectares): 0.3758

FINAL COMMENTS

The “Proposal” report states that the proceeds of sale would be placed in Council’s “Land and Building Reserve”.

In conformity with my assessment and excluding Site 1, an additional approach for consideration is that the loss of community land (Site 2, 3, 4, and 5 - nearly 4.5ha) could be used as a complementary offset elsewhere. In other words, 4.5ha loss of community land shall be allocated to a higher value community land project, so that there is no net loss.

As an example, Council land at Murray’s Point which is presently zoned “Deferred Urban” could be allocated this 4.5ha as a “significant environmental benefit” for the common good. I have presented a case for comprehensive assessment and rezoning of the Murray’s point locality in my recent Master Plan submission.

A tangible risk is presented at Sites 3 and 4 where revocation and subsequent sale could conceivably result in just two additional houses, resulting in a negligible addition to Port Lincoln’s housing stock. New owners could also hold the land without undertaking development. In this scenario, both sites could be better off by retention as community land but with creative design as biodiversity sites. In this way, Council would be upholding the *Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2025-2034* and the *Strategic Directions Plan 2025-2034*.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We OPPOSE the proposal of the PLCC to revoke the dedication of FIVE (5) Community Recreational Reserves to uses as determined by the PLCC. Although the Council has assured us that Port Lincoln has more than the mandated amount of Community Land, we feel that, if at all possible, this is an achievement they should be proud of and encourage rather than reduce it to a lesser standard.

We specifically object to the potential development of Harbourview Reserve, Highview Drive given we live directly opposite that reserve and can add qualified, firsthand comment.

CHALLENGES OF CONSULTATION and COMMUNICATION

Information regarding PLCC's proposal was initially mainly spread through 'word of mouth' and many people were not aware of it. In the days prior to the designated meeting times, some nearby houses received notice in their letterboxes. The community meetings were held on a Saturday morning, which is when young families - the very people who are the heaviest users of many recreational reserves - are at club sports. One landowner whose property actually borders Harbourview Reserve, only wandered over to that Saturday 11am meeting because he saw approximately 80 people gathering. We accept that ensuring information is received by all stakeholders is a difficult task and have since found ourselves that a concerted effort is needed for wider reach and more meaningful consultation.

The meeting at Harbourview Reserve for information giving and individual chats with Councillors or Council employees afforded little opportunity for those attending to respond. Since then, we have been assured that written responses will be considered and PLCC will listen to their community in this process. However, as there are still local residents who are unaware of the Proposal for Revocation of Community Land, it seems that a slightly more generous time frame may have been needed.

PLCC'S CLAIM OF UNDER UTILISATION

We can only make qualified comment regarding Harbourview Reserve that this reserve, being a larger area of comparably flatter open land in a low-traffic area, IS CONSISTENTLY patronised across every day of the week and over many hours of each day. We are retired, so we see the comings and goings.

Dog owners are there each morning and late afternoon/ evening. Throughout the day cars arrive, or people arrive on foot - Mums or Dads with babies in pushers and toddlers toddling. How many Port Lincoln kids had their first ever swing at Harbourview Reserve? School-aged children can safely walk or ride to the park from surrounding streets. At the meeting, we were told by a Council representative that everyone just "might have to drive to another park". Surely this is counterintuitive in today's context, where we are all encouraged to move more and pollute less?

Some weekends see a number of vehicles arrive and people gathered around the shed, table and BBQ facilities to enjoy family and friends' social gatherings and events. The Orienteering group and Emergency Services have also used this particular reserve for gathering and training purposes. The area is big enough to be safely used for ballgames, frisbee throwing and kite-flying without being too close to roads or residences. The suggestion that any development would see the playground retained in a new, smaller position would not cater for these possibilities.

We personally use Harbourview Reserve every day, taking our dog and our son's dog for their daily walk. Being larger than the dedicated Dog Park, it allows them to really run and still remain within the Reserve's boundaries. We see other dog owners with more active breeds who also use this park for the strenuous exercise their pets require.

Recent research papers expound the importance of Community Recreational Reserves in best practice city planning. Mental health continues to be a real and significant issue across our communities and research clearly highlights the correlation between community recreational reserves on both mental and physical health... 'proximity to green spaces and exposure levels were significant determinants of psychological well-being in individuals'.

(<https://www.csu.edu.au/social-impact/environment/greenspaces-and-mental-health>)

Some users of this park simply come to enjoy the space, peace and the views for which it is named. When walking the dogs and gaining valuable physical exercise ourselves, we too appreciate the quiet time to be in a natural environment with so much room to move and opportunity for reflection.

Such amenities as this reserve offer are used by many, many Port Lincoln people and visitors, not just those adjacent to it.

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

As well as the green space and mature native trees, we have recognised at least 10 different species of birds that live in this park. From our observations, the numbers and variety of birds have certainly increased in recent years.

'Green spaces are not only beneficial to people but also vital for the environment. These areas serve as natural filters...They also play a crucial role in biodiversity conservation by providing a habitat for a wide range of plant and animal species.'

(<https://www.detsi.qld.gov.au/our-department/news-media/down-to-earth/why-are-green-spaces-good-for-us>)

PLCC'S CLAIMS MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP COSTS ARE TOO HIGH

Costs to maintain Harbourview Reserve were said to be \$20000/ annum, covering intermittent mowing and more regular raking of the playground sand (by Bedford workers). There is very little other maintenance involved in this park. We do not consider this cost to be significant. As ratepayers, we have a right to these minimal Council services; and the benefits of this open space being easily accessible to such a large number of residents situated between New West Road and Flinders Highway (and beyond) ought to be seriously considered. Other smaller and steeper reserves in the vicinity are not able to be enjoyed in the same way as Harbourview Reserve is.

We see that users of this park also care for it, we and most others make sure they are picking up after their dogs and some of us remove the minimal litter to the Council's or their own bin.

PROPERTY VALUES

The PLCC said at the On Park Gathering “they do not foresee loss of property values” because of the potential of having an Aged Care facility or other development on Harbourview Reserve. Whilst it may not be a ‘right’ of residents to have a view, the views and proximity to a reserve certainly enhanced the amenity and increased the purchase price of nearby properties. Advice sought and gained from local real estate agents is that these properties would indeed decrease in value in the event that this Revocation of Community Land were to proceed.

Being adjacent to this open space was a major factor in our decision to purchase our house (from a past Mayor, Mr Tom Secker) in the early 1990s. Over this time, we have seen continued development and increased population within the area and countless families making the most of the open space that they specifically chose to be near. Undoubtedly, the privilege of easily accessing Harbourview Reserve was also a factor in the prices paid for land and properties, as well as the Council rates based on these values.

CONCLUSION

We also have firsthand experience of the need for Aged Care, having recently been unable to secure ‘a bed’ in either Matthew Flinders Home or Pioneer Village for a family member. The reasons given for their extensive waiting lists were a severe shortage of qualified staff. We were explicitly told that there were physical beds available within these facilities but nurses and Aged Care workers were not available to meet the ratios needed to operate at capacity. The Council CEO denied this but a nurse attending the meeting (and a number of others since then) informed us that there are currently agency nurses being accommodated within these facilities in place of those who so desperately need the service.

IF such staffing issues were able to be resolved, allowing an additional Aged Care home to be opened and effectively administered, there are surely other suitable locations without the need to destroy an established park?

The Council ‘is aware of market interest in Harbourview Reserve as a site for a retirement village or aged care facility’ (City of Port Lincoln Proposal document) but, once sold to developers, this land could well be used for other purposes with no guarantee of any such benefit to the broader community.

We and others have attempted to suggest alternative sites that have been spoken about in the community as being preferable for the development of housing or other facility/ies but we are not aware of all factors involved with various parcels of land. Discussion at the meeting indicated that private landholders have attempted to work with PLCC, over a number of years, regarding sale of their land for development and we sincerely hope that other possibilities are successful rather than the loss of Community Land.

Green spaces have been shown to foster happiness and wellbeing and spending time outdoors encourages physical activity, benefiting both physical and mental health. As well as improving the comfort, health and wellbeing of people living in towns and cities, open areas also enhance biodiversity and wildlife in urban areas

(<https://www.climatechange.environment.nsw.gov.au/impacts-climate-change/built-environment/green-cover-and-open-spaces>)

If PLCC proceeds with their plan to sell our Community Land for development, this loss becomes irreversible, with permanent impact on the people and the environment which make Port Lincoln a strong community in liveable, well-balanced surroundings. We strongly urge PLCC to retain Harbourview Reserve as an accessible open space for residents of our city to enjoy and continue to utilise for exercise, play, socialising and wellbeing.

We submit our feedback in good faith, and appreciate the Council and the responsible Minister giving their time and careful consideration to our concerns. Thank you





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2 June 2025

Dear CEO

Revocation of Community Land

I hereby provide feedback on Council's proposal to revoke the community land classification at five Council-owned parcels of land at the following sites:

- Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive
- Seaview Park- Monalena Street
- Trigg Street Reserve - Willison Street
- 10 Oswald Drive
- 25 Chapman Street

As the key regional economic development agency on the Eyre Peninsula, Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula (RDAEP) is committed to strengthening the region's economy through supporting economic growth and strong communities by investment in infrastructure across the region.

RDAEP commends the leadership being shown by Council to strategically address critical shortages facing the community in respect to housing, childcare and aged care. These are all issues that will be further exacerbated in coming years. As a result, RDAEP supports Council's proposal to commence a process to engage with the broader community about revoking the community land status for these parcels of land for the purpose of encouraging the private and/or not-for-profit sectors to specifically develop retirement villages/aged care facilities, affordable and social housing/standard residential housing and early learning/childcare centres.

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As Council is aware, RDAEP has been proactive in identifying the challenges and options in the provision of infrastructure relating to housing development across the Eyre Peninsula and in July 2024 commissioned a report from URPS defining the problem and outlining a proactive approach to possible solutions.

<https://www.rdaep.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Infrastructure-Challenges-and-Options-Paper-Final.pdf>

RDAEP with support from the South Australian Government also commissioned a report to address the lack of available places for long day care, occasional care, and early childhood education on Eyre Peninsula to create a comprehensive business case to advocate for investment in early childhood education and care and to meet parent's capacity to work, industry needs and to address children's developmental needs.

<https://www.rdaep.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Eyre-Peninsula-Early-Education-and-Care-November-2023-3.pdf>

In the new financial year, we also intend to commission a report on aged care demand across the Eyre Peninsula and have held initial discussions with providers and been receiving the common message that waiting lists and demand in Port Lincoln and surrounding region far outstrips available places. Aged accommodation and care, like childcare, operate on slim financial markets and any in-kind assistance that can get a project off the ground should be encouraged.

These proposed projects align with the goals of the Eyre Peninsula Strategic Regional Plan 2023-26:

Priority Area 1: Housing and Accommodation

Strategy: Increase housing supply, mix and choice to support population growth.

Action: Investigate opportunities to establish private and public partnerships for the delivery of regional housing developments.

Priority Area 3: Aged, Disability and Child Care

Strategy: Facilitate greater access to aged and childcare services to drive workforce participation in the region

Action: Work with State Government, Local Government, Schools and independent childcare operators to identify and remove barriers to facilitate investment in childcare centres.

Once again, I congratulate Council on this initiative to address the shortage of housing, aged care and child care facilities.

Yours sincerely



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