

Project Name : Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive

Submission Summary

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Project Overview

The City of Port Lincoln sought community feedback on a proposal to revoke the community land status of Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive, Port Lincoln. This would enable potential future development of aged care or retirement living facilities. This proposal supports the growing demand for aged care services identified in the city's Empowering Our Elders Strategy 2025-2029.

Reasons for Revocation Proposal

Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive currently zoned Suburban Neighbourhood, is considered suitable for residential or aged care/retirement living development. While it is presently used as open space and includes a small playground, BBQ, seating, and shade structure, the Council does not have plans to utilise the broader lot for community purposes beyond the existing nature of being a reserve.

There is demonstrated market interest in the site from aged care providers, and the Council believes development of this land would provide much-needed aged care services, generate local jobs, and drive economic growth.

In all of the circumstances, this land has been identified as potentially surplus to community needs in its current form, and by way of revocation could be utilised to assist the local vulnerable population in need of aged care facilities.

Should the revocation proceed, the Council proposes to retain approximately 1,000m² of the site as open space, that will include a new playground to mitigate the loss of the existing playground, and will seek expressions of interest from reputable aged care providers to develop the remainder of the site for a retirement village, aged care facility or combination of both. Other nearby reserves including Puckridge Park (at 1.2km distance), Whait Reserve (at 1.6km), and the Port Lincoln Foreshore Playground (at 1.5km), also provides accessible recreational spaces within 1.5km of the site. Additionally, Mena Place Reserve (580m), Pioneer Park (650m), Flinders Park (700m), the Train Park (700m) and the heritage trail walk (450m) are all in close proximity and meet a similar need.

Other considerations

- The land is subject to an easement which is a SA Water wastewater gravity main across the very northern end of Harbourview Reserve noted on the Certificates of Title (Annexure A).
- 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 this land.
- All parcels comprising Harbourview Reserve are designated as a reserve.

Community Impact

If the land is sold, the proceeds from any future sale of the land 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 residential or aged care/retirement living.

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 public consultation period.

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Number of Submissions : 185

Respondent	Subject	Description	Attachments
1	Harbour View Reserve	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>Re: Objection to Proposed Redevelopment of Harbour View Reserve into Aged Care Facility</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong objection to the council's proposal to redevelop Harbour View Reserve into an aged care facility. This decision is both disappointing and deeply concerning for many members of our community. Harbour View Reserve is one of the few open green spaces available to residents in this part of Port Lincoln. It provides essential outdoor space for families, children, and community groups. With a playground, BBQ facilities, and open grass areas, the park is a well-used and much-loved part of our neighbourhood — a place for exercise, social connection, and simple enjoyment of the outdoors. The importance of accessible green space in urban environments cannot be overstated. It plays a crucial role in the physical and mental wellbeing of all residents — particularly children, young families, and those without private outdoor areas. To remove such a vital community asset would be a serious misstep.</p> <p>While I fully recognise the need for additional aged care infrastructure, this should not come at the cost of recreational public land. There are more suitable sites for development that would not diminish quality of life for the broader community.</p> <p>I urge the council to reconsider this plan and seek alternative locations that do not require sacrificing this well-used and irreplaceable public space. Please register this letter as a formal objection to the proposal.</p>	-

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2	Revocation of Community Land, Harbourview Reserve, Highview Drive	<p>I do not agree with the revocation of this land.</p> <p>I feel that we need more open spaces not less. For mental well being and health it is a great space for everyone in the neighbourhood and those in the greater area of Port Lincoln, to go and spend time with their children or family or in my case grandchildren. I am sure there are other spaces on the edge of town that would be suitable for any of the proposed sites.</p>	-
3	harbourview reserve	<p>To the council,</p> <p>I write not with anger but with deep sadness and concern about the proposed changes to the local reserve near our home. For over 35 years this patch of land has been more than just a reserve it has been a place we go to take the children, grandchildren and our dogs to play. They kick footies, ride bikes down the slope and play in the playground. A place to escape the house for a while and let the kids run free. The grandies would gather daisy flowers and made necklaces and bracelets and come home all adorned and the dogs could run for it seems like miles and you can throw a ball and know its not going to reach the road. I have flown kites as no electrical wires to interfere and taken wonderful photos of the kids playing in the pussy willows that come up each year. I watch the seasons come and go there from green grass to barren land to patches of wild flowers.</p> <p>Lately its been the magpies and the cockatoos catching my attention in the trees. I sometimes on balmy nights at dusk I walk over there and catch the moon rising over Port Lincoln. What a sight that is. The view is amazing and peaceful. We as residents in this area are urging the council and decision makers to reconsider any plans that would see the reserve developed. We ask that our voices be heard and that our memories and our view be protected. Dont make it a concrete jungle.</p>	-
4	Harbourview Reserve Highview Drive	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am writing in regards to the proposal for Harbourview Reserve.</p>	-

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		<p>Firstly, I would like to say as a mum of 3 kids, we frequent the reserve often. We love the space, views and accessibility from our house. It's the only big park in our area, which comes in handy when it's too hard to get the gets out and drive to the front foreshore or other big playgrounds.</p> <p>Secondly, I was only thinking Harbourview needed some TLC, but not for property development, but for children and families. Something that has a sense of community, maybe a nature play, community garden, basketball hoop. I believe there are other areas in Port Lincoln yeah property development can go.</p> <p>Please keep this space for families and community. Many people live near there for the park and enjoy the space to take their families/pets, which could be capitalised on. The land is actually protected from being developed on, so why push that agenda?</p> <p>Please consider the space for kids and the locals to continue to enjoy. It would be such a shame to lose and then have to constantly drive elsewhere into town to take the kids and pets.</p>	
5	Opposed to revocation	<p>I live a short 2 minute from this reserve and we walk there 2-3 times per week. My daughter uses the playground there and meets with friends to play and run around and just have fun.</p> <p>You cannot just remove all the reserves in town. Where will the kids have to go and run around in open spaces! We live on top of each other in Town as it is. Yards are smaller and this is all allowed by council. Absolutely ridiculous that you would want to remove nature for more buildings. Find somewhere else that isn't going to ruin what families live in this area for!</p>	-
6	Harbour View Reserve	<p>I support the concept of an aged care facility on this land as it has significant strategic benefit to the larger Port Lincoln community; and as the ageing population will continue to grow until 2054; we should be addressing the matter now.</p>	-

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7	Harbourview reserve Highview Drive	I am strongly against the proposal to build on this reserve. It is still well used by residents, dog walkers and children. There are alternative locations more appropriate for aged care than right in the middle of an established family residential area.	-
8	Save Harbourview Reserve	We have children and pets that enjoy that park, there is no other park or playground close enough walking distance in this area for kids, if anything upgrade the park and bbq facilities and have an enclosed area for pets.	-
9	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.	-
10	Leave harbour reserves	I don't agree with building on the reserve. We go there all the time to build as there is not a lot of places that have a lot of space for kids to run around. The reserve needs to be update with toilet and more play ground equipment. Soccer goals and other things for kids to use.	-
11	Harbourview Reserve Highview Drive	Please leave reserves around Port Lincoln as reserves, we need these spaces for children to play and to break up all the housing in the areas. Have lived in Port Lincoln for over 50 years and once these spaces are gone they are gone forever.	-
12	Harbourview Reserve, the importance of this space	Dear Port Lincoln Council and Mr Szakacs, I am really worried about the future of Harbourview Reserve, to the point it is keeping me up at night.	-

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		<p>This reserve means so much to my family and so many others who live nearby. I have spoken to over 25 neighbours today door knocking and it has made me realise just how important this reserve is for so many!!</p> <p>It's one of the only open spaces out this way, and it plays such an important role in our lives. My children love riding their bikes down the hill, climbing the trees, playing chase, watching the birds, climbing on the limestone boulder, kicking the football, and meeting up with other neighbourhood kids and dogs.</p> <p>With young kids, even small outings can feel like a big mission—getting them in and out of the car, packing up everything, and managing everyone's moods. Being able to just walk two minutes around the corner to the reserve means we can go for quick plays after work, or even after dinner in daylight savings...where we would have otherwise stayed home. It's convenient, safe, and part of our routine. I couldn't imagine life, or school holidays without it!</p> <p>I often call my friends who live nearby and we walk to the park together, often with barely any notice, because we all live so close.</p> <p>The closest other park, Flinders Park, is a good 15-minute walk down Ocean Avenue, and coming back up with little kids can take 25 minutes... or more...with lots of complaints along the way (I can honestly say I am frayed by the end).</p> <p>Please, please keep Harbourview Reserve as it is. It might look like a piece of unused land on paper, but to us it's a big part of our lives. It's where our kids are growing up, and where we catch our breath as parents. I would never have bought our current home if it was not for this reserve and the open space it provided.</p> <p>'As noted above, the land was acquired under "reserve" status as a result of open space requirements on nearby subdivisions over the years' was the response provided to my fellow neighbour.</p>	

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	Submission - Proposal for Revocation of	<p>Dear Council Team,</p> <p>I am writing to provide my feedback on the proposal to revoke the community land status of Harbourview Reserve, Highview Drive.</p>	

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	Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive, Port Lincoln	<p>I oppose the proposed revocation for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The land was gifted in the 1950s specifically for community use, and this intent should be respected. The proposed 1,000m² open space retention is insufficient and does not reflect the scale or value of the existing reserve. There is no guarantee that the retained land will remain classified as community land, risking future development without consultation. The steep terrain raises concerns about the site's suitability for aged care, particularly for residents with mobility issues. Once public spaces are lost, they are gone forever—Harbourview Reserve is a valuable community asset that should be protected. <p>I urge Council to retain a larger portion of the site as open space, commit to keeping it under community land classification, and ensure full transparency and genuine community consultation.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this important matter.</p>	
	Concerns Regarding Proposed Revocation of Community Land – Harbourview Reserve	<p>Dear Mayor and Elected Members,</p> <p>I hope this message finds you well.</p> <p>I am writing to raise concerns regarding the proposal to revoke the community land status of Harbourview Reserve (formerly known as the Devonport Estate) on Highview Drive.</p> <p>It is my understanding that this land was gifted to the City of Port Lincoln in the 1950s for the specific purpose of community use. In light of this, I am struggling to understand how it is now under consideration for reclassification and potential development. The proposal to retain only 1,000m² for open space—roughly the size of a typical residential block—does not appear to reflect</p>	

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		<p>the original intent of the land's donation, nor does it seem to offer a comparable community benefit to what currently exists.</p> <p>While I understand and support the need to increase aged care capacity within our community, I have concerns about the suitability of this particular site for elderly residents. The land at Harbourview Reserve is notably steep in sections, which poses a significant challenge for people with mobility issues, including those who rely on walkers or wheelchairs. It is important that any development aimed at aged care or retirement living takes into account not just zoning but the practical safety and accessibility of the site for its intended users to avoid confining residents to their homes.</p> <p>Additionally, I am concerned that the proposed 1,000m² open space retention is insufficient to meet the needs of local families and residents who currently enjoy the reserve. Given the significance of the site and its long-standing role as a community space, I would respectfully request that Council consider retaining a larger portion of the site for continued community use. A broader open space would help preserve the amenity, accessibility, and original community value of the land. As a mother of two young boys, I would not have bought our home if it was not for Harbourview Reserve being around the corner.</p> <p>Furthermore, I have been unable to find any clear commitment from Council that the 'retained land for open space' will remain under community land status. Without such a guarantee, there is a very real concern that this portion too could be subject to future development, potentially without meaningful community consultation.</p> <p>I would be grateful if the Council could provide the following clarifications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are there historical records confirming the original intent or conditions of the land's gifting to Council? 2. How does the current proposal align with or honour those conditions? 	

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		<p>3. As mentioned earlier the reserve is notably steep in sections. Which portion of the Reserve is to remain as open space (and will it be flat enough to kick a soccer ball?)?</p> <p>4. Will Council formally commit <u>to keeping the retained land for open space as community land in perpetuity</u>, protected under current classification laws?</p> <p>5. Is Council open to reconsidering the size of the retained community portion, to better reflect the community's needs and the spirit of the original land donation?</p> <p>I believe the greater long-term benefit to the community lies in preserving Harbourview Reserve as a dedicated public space, especially considering it was gifted for community use. Once these spaces are lost, they are gone forever. I respectfully request that Council approach this decision with full transparency and a strong commitment to protecting community space for future generations.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>	
	Please help protect Harbourview Reserve	<p>Dear Diana,</p> <p>I am really worried about the future of Harbourview Reserve, to the point it is keeping me up at night.</p> <p>This reserve means so much to my family and so many others who live nearby. It's one of the only open spaces out this way, and it plays such an important role in our lives. My children love riding their bikes down the hill, climbing the trees, playing chase, watching the birds, climbing on the limestone boulder, kicking the football, and meeting up with other neighbourhood kids and dogs.</p> <p>With young kids, even small outings can feel like a big mission—getting them in and out of the car, packing up everything, and managing everyone's moods. Being able to just walk two minutes around the corner to the reserve means we can go for quick plays after work, or even after dinner in daylight savings...where we would have otherwise stayed home. It's convenient, safe, and part of our routine. I couldn't imagine life, or school holidays without it!</p>	

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13	Harbourview Reserve feedback	<p>We are the owners of [REDACTED]. We bought Walkley as an ideal retirement property with the spectacular view and quiet area. My parents are currently enjoying their retirement in this property. Both the view and the quietness we assumed would be permanent given it is located on the top side of a large Reserve. We have been very disappointed to find that the Reserve land use can be changed and had we known this in advance we would not have purchased this property. We absolutely understand the need to provide more housing and services in Pt Lincoln. We have both spent our long working careers supporting and helping others in regional and remote areas. It seems ironical then that after this life of service it then needs to be our asset that will lose a large portion of its value in order to help yet more people. It's not in our nature to be selfish, whinge or sulk, however on this occasion we are going to stand up for ourselves! We also don't support the general concept of converting Reserves into housing. We understand that Pt Lincoln has a higher % of Parks and Reserves than other cities and to us that is a wonderful advantage that other cities don't have. Once they are gone there is no getting them back.</p>	-

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		Before we start developing Reserves we would want to be assured that all of the land in Pt Lincoln that is currently zoned for development is actually being used to its best capacity. We ask Council to consider leaving Harbourview Reserve in its current form. However, if the balance of the feedback is in support of changing the Reserve into Aged Care accommodation then we ask Council to meet with all of the property owners and workshop specific strategies to minimise loss of asset values and the loss of open space and peace and quiet in this area.	
14	Appeal to preserve Harbourview	Please see attached letter stating our position in regard to the proposal for Harbourview Drive.	Refer Attachment 1
	Keep Harbourview Drive for Our Community	Dear Port Lincoln City Council Members, Please see the attached letter regarding Harbourview Drive.	Refer Attachment 1 Same as above
15	Save Our Park	Please see the letter written by our 3 boys pleading to save our park at Harbourview Drive.	Refer Attachment 2
	Save Our Park!	Dear Port Lincoln City Council Members, Please see letter written by Flynn, Tommy and Paddy regarding Harbourview Reserve.	Refer Attachment 2 Same as above
16	Harbour View reserve	The proposal to only retain 1,000m2 of reserve out of an existing ~20,000m2 is a slap in the face to all ratepayers. One major reason people choose to live in Port Lincoln over Adelaide is the lifestyle and amenity of our region and town. This reserve plays a key part in the local neighbourhood and is	-

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		<p>highly valued and used. The effect this will have on the house values of the adjacent houses should also be addressed.</p> <p>IF council forge ahead without any kind of reparation costs provided to those adjacent property owner's I would think court action would be highly likely. Forging ahead without any of this would be wrong and display bad faith to your own ratepayers. At best, two residential allotments could be created at the Northern end, one facing Walkey Rd and one facing Highview dr. The large majority of this land must be retained for community reserve.</p>	
17	High view drive	<p>Would be disappointing to lose this piece of land. It's nice to have a playground we can walk to and walk back. The train park isn't far but try getting a pram two kids and a dog back home up that hill. We have used the park a lot and would be sad to see it go. Nice to have a big open space for the dog to run. It is a major assets for property owners in the area</p>	-
18	harbour view reserve revocation	<p>Hi there, please see my attached file containing my written submission raising concerns for the revocation of land title for Harbourview reserve</p>	Refer Attachment 3
19	Harbour View	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am extremely against the proposed sale and development of the reserve known as Harbour View. This land is a green space that has been used for decades by the people of Pt Lincoln and should remain open and a green space. For decades the council have done nothing at this park, only spending the minimal amount on upkeep and maintenance, now instead of improving it for the use of the public, you want to sell it and make it a built up aged care facility! I grew up across the road from the park and have played on it my the most, my kids now play and ride their bikes there.</p>	-

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		DO THE RIGHT THING AND LEAVE IT AS A PARK. I'm not opposed to the other proposed redevelopments and believe the council need to keep up with modern demands, but you have missed the mark with this one. PLEASE DON'T REDEVELOP HARBOUR VIEW PARK. Thanks	
20	Community Spaces	<p>I strongly object to the Council's proposal to revoke Community Land.</p> <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>	-
21	Revocation of Highview Drive land	I am absolutely opposed to this development. Please see attached letter.	Refer Attachment 4
22	Harbourview reserve	My family and I use the reserve regularly 2-3 times per week. Our 5 year old daughter uses the playground and we use the open space to walk our dog. It would be a shame to have this park taken away from the community for development. Save the park!!	-
23	Harbourview Park	Thank you for taking the time to read this message. I am writing in the hope that the value of Harbourview park can be fully realised and that it will not be revoked as community land.	-

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		<p>My wife and I, as a young couple in our mid twenties, often spend many an evening wandering through the open space, admiring Port Lincoln and our neighbourhood. We often visit at night when the stars are out, and the large dark open space is very special to us, plus we occasionally use the playground in secret when there are no adults to make fun of us using the swing set or the slide. In any case it would be a tragic loss to the area if that space was lost. I can assure you that this park is used frequently by a variety of people from the crack of dawn, until late at night.</p> <p>On a more practical note, I am concerned that the removal of this space would impact the mental wellbeing of the residents around Harbourview park. As Port Lincoln continues to grow and the housing becomes ever denser, it remains crucial that some areas of greenery are easily visible and accessible to as much of the population as possible. Harbourview park caters wonderfully to hundreds of people and is uniquely suitable to those who are elderly, those who are pregnant, or have young children, and to those who have mobility issues. Situated relatively close to the top of the hill, the alternative parks listed in the proposal are much further and require a steep climb back on the return journey. It's certainly not impossible, but it will become significantly more difficult for those people.</p> <p>On an even more practical note, I would advise the council to consider areas where the risk of fire is greater, in order to reduce the number of fires that threaten the town. Harbourview park with its lack of dense bush presents no such danger.</p> <p>Finally, I work as a teacher in Port Lincoln, and I know how important it is for kids to have a space to be physically active, and away from their screens. Having this park and playground available will be fundamental to them having a healthy childhood. I regularly see children playing after school on my way home, which gives me hope for their future and development. I hope in time that my own children will be able to use this space, to climb the rocks, to run on the grass, to play frisbee and catch. But that future depends on the decision made today.</p> <p>I urge you to protect this space—not just for those of us who use it now, but for the generations who will grow up with it at the heart of their community.</p>	

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24	Harbourview Reserve	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I was devastated to learn that the council is considering selling Harbourview Park for residential or aged care/retirement living development. One of the reasons we chose to live in this part of Port Lincoln is because of this beautiful park right next to our home. Harbourview Reserve has been a sanctuary for my family and me—a place that has supported our mental and emotional well-being. Everyone needs a space to run, dance, breathe, and feel free. For us, this park is that space. It's not just about the playground—although that is important too. It's about having a piece of nature within walking distance, a place to enjoy fresh air, quiet reflection, and connection to the outdoors. Let's be honest: most people want to live near a park. Proximity to green spaces is a key factor when choosing a home, and Harbourview Park is a vital part of our neighbourhood's appeal.</p> <p>My husband and I are in our mid-twenties, and we've long dreamed of starting a family—something we're finally planning for. Parenthood is a profound joy, especially when it's long-awaited, but it also comes with its challenges. Parks provide an essential, accessible space for young families. Fresh air and physical activity are vital for both parents and children, and these simple pleasures should be part of everyday life—not something that requires packing into a car for a long trip. Convenience matters. A park should be close enough for spontaneous walks, not a chore to reach. Especially for pregnant women or parents with prams, suggesting alternative parks 580 to 700 metres away—like Mena Place Reserve, Pioneer Park, Flinders Park, or the Train Park—doesn't reflect the reality. Those distances may not sound far on paper, but for an expecting mother or someone caring for a newborn, such journeys are not only exhausting but potentially unsafe.</p> <p>Please reconsider the value that Harbourview Park brings—not just as land, but as a living, breathing part of our community.</p>	-
25	Revocation of Harbourview Reserve	I have written to the CEO and I attach the letter here to ensure my concerns are presented. I also add that when in our house at Easton Road I walk during the week through the park. I encounter	Refer Attachment 5

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		five to 10 people, especially in summer exercising dogs with a ball and on lead. Rest of my commentary is attached.	
26	revocation of community land	Submitting my letter of opposition to the proposed revocation of the community land status of harbourview reserve.	Refer Attachment 6
	Community land Revocation Harborview Reserve.	<p>Port Lincoln City Council Re: Please Don't Revoke the Community Land Status of Harborview Reserve Dear Council Members,</p> <p>I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal to revoke the community land status of Harborview Reserve and potentially sell it for development.</p> <p>Harborview Reserve is a vital green space for our neighborhood. Many families live nearby, including my niece and nephew, who regularly use the reserve to play and enjoy the outdoors. It's one of the few safe, open spaces left for many children in this area. If it's lost, they and others will be left with nowhere to go but the surrounding streets, which are already quite busy and not suitable for kids to play safely.</p> <p>I understand the proposal mentions the possibility of using the land for residential aged care. While I absolutely support the need for quality aged care in our community, I'm concerned that this suggestion is just that—a possibility, with no guarantees. It could just as easily end up being sold for private development that doesn't serve local needs. I also feel there are other, more appropriate locations within the town that would be better suited to aged care facilities—places that don't require sacrificing a well-used and much-loved community reserve.</p> <p>Harborview Reserve provides essential space for recreation, mental and physical well-being, and environmental benefits like shade and habitat for local wildlife. It's also one of the few shared places that brings people of all ages and backgrounds together. Once it's gone, we can't get it back.</p>	-

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		I urge the council to keep Harborview Reserve protected as community land, for the sake of current residents and future generations. Please consider the voices of those who live here and use this space.	
27	Keep green spaces!	Opposed to this plan. Keep green spaces free for residents to enjoy!	-
28	Harborview reserves	There are plenty of other parcels of land area in Port Lincoln for someone to purchase and build an aged care facility, without selling a reserve of which I'm thinking has been donated to the community of Port Lincoln. Yes I'm in agreeable with yes we do need another aged care facility but not by selling off community land.	-
29	Harbourview reserve	Hi live in Mena place and we often walk from home around the area and end up walking throu the park, and when we have the grandchildren we often go to this park with the variety of things to do at the park. And to enjoy the beautiful view.	-
30	Council resolution CO 25/072	Please see my submission regarding harbourview reserve	Refer Attachment 7
31	Harbourview reserve	This park is in close proximity to our home, proving a nice open space for us to go for walks and take in the view. We often walk our dog up here and it's the perfect place to take our young son for a stroll. Losing this park would be horrible and sad to see it built out, spaces like these are very important for the surrounding homes proving space for people to enjoy the outdoors.	-

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	Harbourview Reserve	<p>This reserve is loved and cherished by all surrounding homes. It would be a shame to see it go. It provides a great area for us to often take our dog for walks giving her plenty of room to run, as we don't have a big yard. It's in close proximity to our home proving a great place to take our young son for a stroll to help him get to sleep. It holds beautiful sheoak trees that once surrounded the area before we flattened the place it would be very sad to see them go. We use it often and so do many other surrounding people and families. The perfect area for kids to get out the house, kick the footy, practice golf, use the playground or families to have a bbq or birthday. We all love this park and spaces like these that are large, easily accessible and in town, need to be protected. There are plenty other parcels of land bordering the township that would be suitable for what you need.</p> <p>Please save this one.</p> <p>Once it's gone, it's gone.</p>	-
32	Harbourview Reserve Revocation	<p>Hi my name is [REDACTED]. I was the 2012 young Citizen of the year recipient. I am 38 years of age now and I own and live in a house on [REDACTED] Port Lincoln. With my wife and 4 year old daughter. Which we have been paying council rates on since 2012. I grew up one street over on Wandana Avenue Port Lincoln. Growing up myself, my brother and sister would regularly use Harbourview reserve with its various play grounds over the years and clear open spaces to kick the footy. Throw a baseball, and many other activities. Now I have a child of my own we also use the reserve and facilities once again. So I strongly oppose the revocation of community land as these spaces are vital for health and well-being (Mental and Physical) of a community.</p>	-
33	View All ProjectsBack Proposal for Revocation of Community Land -	<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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	Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive	<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>	
34	Harbourview Reserve Revocation	<p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>I [REDACTED] Port Lincoln am writing in to voice my objection to the revocation of Harbourview Reserve. I feel the revocation proposal is a very short sighted money grab at the expense of Port Lincoln rate payers. This Reserve is owned by the rate payers and not for council to sell either now or in the future to appease developers, if developers wish to make money the council should not be bowing to them at the expense of our open green spaces.</p> <p>Harbourview Reserve is utilised with family bbq's, children's play ground, pet walking, family gatherings and untold other activities, council should be concentrating on upgrading this Reserve not selling it. City's all over the country are trying to enhance and increase open green spaces yet here we have our council trying to sell them off, how short sighted is that.</p> <p>Once again I wish to stress my objection to the revocation of Harbourview Reserve and remind council they have been elected to represent the wishes of their electorate.</p>	-

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35	Aged care	We are in desperate need of extra aged care/ nursing homes or housing for the elderly this is a great idea, is it big enough area? If it's to be a nursing home I think that you need to be looking at & allowing room for outside garden areas also.	-
36	High view Dve Parkland	<p>Hi Brad , As a concerned local I would appreciate if the Park could be left as a park forever. I have visited this park as a kid, probably on weekly walks!</p> <p>AsI born a breed local. I would love to see my now new Grand daughter 🧒 enjoy this green space too. Development doesn't need to go ahead in this space. Maybe even construct toilets for use to flush this BS down. We value the park & space a never want to see it change. Plant more trees 🌳 & families can enjoy it for many years to come. Say No to developing anything but Parklands.</p>	Refer Attachment 8
37	Harbourview Reserve	<p>Hi, I write in to lodge an objection to the changing of Harbourview Reserve from open space to development.</p> <p>It is a great park which my family and I use. It is the only open park/playspace within walking distance of my home and I frequently walk there and intend to do so more often now that we have got a new dog. I was disappointed when the council removed the exercise equipment from this space and didn't replace it. I had hoped to see updated exercise equipment installed in the area which I would have used regularly, similar to the group on the foreshore at Tumby Bay. The space is noted as "under-utilised" however I don't think this is the case with the residents of the surrounding areas at all.</p> <p>The council has largely left this reserve and done nothing with it to improve the amenities or pay equipment, only removed equipment and failed to replace it. This park stands different to others as it is a large grassy open space which can be used for ball sports. The next nearby reserves are bushland which are not able to be used in the same way. Also, in summer, this park is great as</p>	-

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		<p>there is less risk of snakes, so kids can play safely. I would be very disappointed to lose this park to the area.</p> <p>Additionally, when new developments are opened (Lincoln Heights, Lincoln Cove East etc) developers are required to set aside areas for reserves and open space - why, if the council plans to leave it unimproved, or just sell it off. perhaps we could get more areas developed if there were more parcels of land for the developers to sell. For the council to meet the goals of its own Open Space Strategy, parts of the reserve might be considered for community garden in a nice central location. As homes and blocks are developed on smaller blocks, the retention of these open spaces become more important. For the development of extra aged care facilities etc, there are spaces such as that on Mitton Avenue that could be used without removing space from the community and while adding extra aged care is needed, current facilities are unable to staff the beds they have. Some of developments such as Pioneer Park are lovely and have added cool features like the flying fox, but have removed the rest of the play equipment for younger kids, leaving parks like Harbourview as important play spaces suitable for the whole community to access.</p>	
38	Harbourview Reserve	I've never been involved with council business before but this strikes a nerve. I attended the public protest meeting on Sunday 1st June while out on a regular morning walk where I always traverse this reserve. (sometimes on mountain bike). I link up the other reserves you mention, providing alternative routes also. There was a lot of disgruntled people at that meeting, including myself.	-
39	Harbour view reserve	I grew up on highview drive and even though I don't live close by I still bring my children and dog to play, enjoy and explore the park. We would be devastated is this open space was taken from the community.	-

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40	Revocation harbourview reserve	Harbourview reserve holds very fond memories to me and my family, some of my best memories were made at this reserve, such a beautiful open space suitable for football, cricket, chasey etc. Whilst I am not located near this reserve I travel across town every weekend with my daughter to utilize this space not only because of how beautiful and open it is but because this area is safe and clean. I feel there is limited play spaces within port lincoln that feel as safe as this space does. It would be an absolute shame to lose this beautiful space.	-
41	Harbourview Reserve	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I am writing to formally express my strong opposition to the proposed revocation of community land status for Harbourview Reserve.</p> <p>As a child, I grew up on Ocean Avenue, just down the road from Harbourview Reserve. My childhood memories are deeply connected to this wonderful open space. I vividly remember playing in the sandpit, especially enjoying the mechanical digger that once stood there. It was a place of simple joys—where we walked our dog, played with friends, and flew kites. The reserve was an integral part of my childhood and provided a safe and enjoyable environment for outdoor activities.</p> <p>Now, as a parent myself, Harbourview Reserve continues to be a significant part of my family's life. My children frequently visit the park, and it remains consistently utilized by the local community. This park is especially important as my children learned to ride their bikes here. Given Port Lincoln's challenging topography, large and flat open spaces suitable for learning such activities are scarce.</p> <p>Moreover, from conversations within the community, there is clear and widespread agreement that this land is invaluable in its current state and should not be repurposed for development. Turning this beloved and actively utilized community space into aged care or retirement facilities would not only deprive current and future generations of its recreational benefits but also diminish the community spirit that thrives in these shared open spaces.</p>	-

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		I strongly urge the Council to reconsider this proposal and preserve Harbourview Reserve as the cherished community space it has always been. Thank you for your consideration.	
42	Harbour view reserve	<p>So I'm completely against the use of our lovely green spaces anywhere to make childcare or age care facilities. I grew up on harbour view reserve and I am bringing my own kid/kids up on that park. We have used the reserve weekly for as long as I can remember and it will be an extremely great loss for the whole port Lincoln community to lose. We need as much green space for kids and elderly alike for mental health, fitness and just overall a great family area.</p> <p>I hope you guys actually take not and listen to the towns peoples voice and do what's right and NOT sell the parks to a developer for a quick cash top up and even no doubt money in your own pocket.</p>	-
43	Revocation of Harbourview Reserve. Port Lincoln.	<p>I object the revocation of Harbourview Reserve Port Lincoln.</p> <p>This land, as it has always been is the property of the people of Port Lincoln. The Reserve is used to play, run and enjoy family time. This is a quiet suburban area and will not enjoy extra traffic and busyness associated with building potential old folks homes or the like. Children and their families enjoy being able to walk a short distance along quiet streets to access this park. Rather than sell it let's add to the Reserve and make it a feature. Let's put in a bike trail. More trees and seating. Let's add to the playground and make it more a feature.</p> <p>There is plenty of land surrounding Port Lincoln to create future development... use that! This space was developed in the 60's as an enticement to build in the area. So now the area is built up.... we lose it? I don't think so. As a retired play therapist I see that our young generation are addicted to their devices. I see that sport can only be afforded by those with money. Harbourview Reserve gives local children a free space to kick the footy, ride their bikes and play close to their homes. Let's not add to the problem by selling off vital land that provides safe play, free play and family engagement in our community. DO NOT SELL HARBOURVIEW RESERVE and then have this land dedicated to just one secure of our community.</p>	-

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44	Proposed revocation of Harbour view Reserve	Please do not upset the tranquility of this green space that the neighborhood justly deserves to keep	-
45	Concerning Harbourview Reserve	<p>Hello Council Members,</p> <p>I am writing to state my opposition to Harbourview Reserve being revoked for any purpose.</p> <p>This land is and has been a meeting place, a child and pet friendly play space, and a home for local wildlife; Harbourview is central (both physically and emotionally) to our local community. It is sad to hear that the council has no intent to improve the space for our community as it would significantly benefit from having shelter over the play equipment, an enclosed dog park, a skate park, a bike track, an increase in native plants and shrubs to provide more shelter and living space for animals.</p> <p>Harbourview is oozing with potential as a central leisure hub for Port Lincoln residents. Harbourview is not and should not be viewed as a block of land with no current value to the community. As a mother, I am currently able to let my children walk to that park independently, and know they are safe to play as I am able to watch them from my kitchen window. Every morning I have my coffee on the balcony and watch over the reserve and watch the local birds.</p> <p>As housing blocks decrease in size, with little to no back yard, where are our children to play? Obesity and screen addiction are significant concerns for modern day childrens health and yet pockets of land like Harbourview are not seen as valuable. For context I am a full time working Registered Nurse with a post graduate in health and ageing; I spend a large portion of my job having to turn away older people or find them aged care in other towns due to a shortage of beds. Because of this, I understand and whole heartedly ache for a large aged care development - I know the need is there and everyday I deal with the tears and frustration of older people and their families. In saying this, Harbourview has so much more potential to be a space of activity for our</p>	-

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		<p>young people - the very people who will need to remain healthy, fit and capable well into their late adult lives as aging in home will become the norm. I understand their are complexities to every site and I do not have full knowledge of legalities and zoning allowances, however, I suggest that there are significant pockets of land not being utilised around the railways; it seems highly unlikely that any of this land will be put back into use. The land all the way from viterra to Mortlock has potential for use in aged care development, child care centres, car parking facilities, truly the list goes on.</p> <p>Additionally, redeveloping the railway land would have a reduced impact on local wildlife, ocean views from houses etc as it would not be taking away precious reserve space but repurposing inactive industrial land.</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to read my response, I hope the council truly does take into account the future health of our children and our wildlife. If we do not continue to preserve these pockets of land, how can we expect to preserve life within our communities for generations to come?</p>	
46	Harbour view	<p>Harbourview is the only park in this part of town which is suitable for dogs and family alike. To take away a lovely place to hang out as a family and take pets as well would be impractical. Being a age where its harder to keep kids fit and off the screen, having a park that's close is a big help; not to mention in a time where everyone is obsessed with going green less - having less reasons to get in the car and drive around is a huge bonus!</p>	-
47	Revocation of Harbourview Reserve	<p>██████████'s 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>	-

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		<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>	
	Council's Proposal for Revocation of Community Land	Refer Attached.	Refer Attachment 9
48	Harbourview Reserve- a dedicated public space	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>Harbourview Reserve is the only dedicated nature reserve in this area of Port Lincoln and is instrumental to young families, individuals, and the elderly in the community to have a dedicated outdoor space. Particularly for young children, there are literally thousands (and this is no exaggeration) of research articles delineating the need for children to engage in outdoor play and play in nature. It is absolutely crucial for childhood development. It is non-negotiable. In this day of technology, the Port Lincoln Council should be doing everything in its power to encourage kids to</p>	-

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		<p>get outside and away from screens, ensuring proper cognitive development, motor development, mental health, reduced behavioural problems, the list goes on. Outdoor play is proactively encouraged by the state and federal governments, and health departments, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Universities... again, the list goes on. I cannot think of one benefit to the community that revoking the status of community land poses.</p> <p>(For interest, here is a great concise article from the AIFS Gov department summarising why too much time indoors is bad for childhood development https://aifs.gov.au/resources/short-articles/too-much-time-screens. And an article (again with sources and references in the article) about why outdoor play is crucial for childhood development https://aifs.gov.au/resources/policy-and-practice-papers/nature-play-and-child-wellbeing.</p> <p>And finally, the benefits of nature play https://aifs.gov.au/resources/policy-and-practice-papers/nature-play-and-child-wellbeing.)</p> <p>I cannot fathom why the Port Lincoln Council believes that reducing this beautiful area to a concrete jungle is more important.</p> <p>Furthermore, the reasonings I have provided only touch on childhood development, let alone Harbourview Reserve being a space for dogs, throwing frisbees, bike riding, mental health walks for the elderly, and a meeting place for BBQ's. Once again, the list goes on. We beg for the Port Lincoln Council to save the future of this beautiful reserve. It is baffling that despite all the research, and the official government stance that nature place is to be encouraged at all times, we need to fight this fight. Please let us keep this beautiful nature reserve.</p>	
49	Save Harbourview reserve	<p>I am now 45 years old, born and raised and grown up on Wandana Ave, and visited the park many times over the Journey and now live on Spilsby Ct and go to this park with my 3 children, so valuable multiple times a week for 1hr or so each time. It is so valuable for open space near our homes for all our well being and lifestyles. Develop the further outskirts of PL, not far to go to find</p>	-

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		vacant blocks in non built up areas to develop. Leave the existing park lands and open areas alone in the built up areas.	
50	Do not take our Community Land	<p>This Community Land is utilised by many local residents, adults and children alike. Dog owners also utilise the park for exercising their pets. Residents who don't live near specific parks regularly drive to other areas to take their children to different playgrounds and meet friends for a BBQ.</p> <p>It is widely understood that green space is important for community health and wellbeing and decades of research supports this. New housing developments continue to plan for it in the same way that previous developments did. It is allocated before development is undertaken as it would be extremely costly, and almost impossible, to reclaim open space post development. Good town planning practice recognises that green spaces residents can walk to within 500 meters of where they live provides enormous benefits in terms of community wellbeing and connectedness.</p> <p>Port Lincoln City Council aims to have an inclusive and connected community; very worthy goals that the existing Community Land helps them to achieve. I have seen an article quoting the CEO as saying community consultation has found that a need for more aged care facilities is recognised by the broader community and this is true. However, did that consultation specifically ask residents if they were prepared to give up Community Land to provide said facilities? There is other land available within the city limits that can be utilised for aged care. Development that meets the needs of residents has always happened without the need to impinge on Community Land. We live in a fairly remote, regional city that is widely recognised for its natural beauty, family-friendly lifestyle and wide open spaces. We do not wish to live in an environment that is developed from boundary to boundary. Has the PLCC called upon interested land owners who have parcels of vacant land that could be developed for the purpose of aged care?</p> <p>Councils role could be to facilitate connections between existing land owners and aged care providers, consult on relevant development rules and expedite approvals. If planning for services is</p>	-

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		<p>required, surely this is also part of councils remit. As residents of the City of Port Lincoln, we are the custodians of Community Land for our, and future, generations.</p> <p>Developed land is almost never returned to its original state. Community Land is a legacy we honour to facilitate an inclusive, healthy and connected community now and into the future.</p>	
51	Harbourview	While this is a very large block of land, the impact to those who reside around it would be enormous with the vastly increase in traffic plus emergency vehicles coming 24 hrs. It does not have an easy access to main roads leading to Hospital etc. Leave it as a reserve.	-
	Land for Aged care	There is a huge parcel of land at the top of New West Road & Laidlaw Road, it would be ideal for an Aged Care Facility. There is direct access to New West Road as well as two other roads frontages and would have minimal impact to nearby land holders as they have large allotments. Much better than selling off community reserves.	-
52	Revocation of Community Land - Highview Drive	<p>Hi Brad</p> <p>I am having trouble uploading the .doc for the Community Land revocations. Could you please note this message applies to all of the revocation proposals. Thank you.</p> <p>Considerations for the proposed sale of Community Land in Port Lincoln 10 year Strategic Directions Planning may look like long-term thinking. However, it may be confused with future-proofing our city if we focus on development and dollars, and not the entire city ecosystem past the next decade or so. 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. 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. Many cities worldwide including New York, Paris, Hong Kong, and</p>	Refer Attachment 10

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		<p>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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As a bushfire prone area, the fire mitigation benefits of Port Lincoln community land should be taken into consideration: Creates 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. Social Cohesion: Green spaces can create community gathering places, foster social interaction and community groups, creating a shared neighbourhood identity. 7. Crime: Well-designed green areas are linked to lower crime rates through increased visibility, public activity, and surveillance by park users. 	

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		<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>10. 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.</p> <p>11. 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.</p>	
53	Harbourview revocation objection	<p>I am writing in objection to your proposal to the revocation of Harbour view reserve</p> <p>This park is utilised daily by many residents ranging from children’s playground activities, picnics, families flying kites, kicking soccer & footballs, kids riding bikes, and imaginative free play, the large open reserve is an ideal space for it and well utilised.</p> <p>Being a long term resident of Port Lincoln, as a child I grew up playing in this park and I bought my children here to do the same and I hope they will be able to have the same opportunity with their children. It’s important to encourage children to have technology free time and be able to get some sunshine, exercise and room to run. It is the only easily safe accessible open green space for people in the nearby area that parents feel safe to allow their children visit. It has been an established</p>	-

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		<p>reserve for decades and has wildlife which lives there, many returning protected bird species nest there every year.</p> <p>I visit elderly family who live near by and we often walk into the park as a form of healthy exercise, mental clarity and so do many other residents. It is an important place for people walking dogs, as the large open space is big enough to allow this without interfering with other activities at the same time and it's a long way across town to the Windsor ave dog park. No body wants the proposed tiny playground in the corner, the attraction to this reserve is it's size and openness. Kids can't ride bikes on our next nearest open space football oval (Centenary Oval), people can walk their dogs there, the oval is heavily utilized by sporting groups on weekends and after school so can't be used then either, not to mention the inaccessibility for some families.</p> <p>Port Lincoln doesn't have a free bus system in town for pensions, so any elderly or others who don't drive in this area need this space they can't easily or cheaply access it elsewhere.</p> <p>The heritage trail is some distance away from residences near Harbour view reserve, there is no flat level ground or suitable foot paths to walk there, it is just a natural water course drain which can't be used for much else and has a walking trail. It crosses over many dangerous roads and it's vegetation isn't play friendly for children, it's not a suitable alternative offered up by the council.</p> <p>There is also a concern with the increase in traffic any proposed development will cause, the intersections back to our major roads are already busy & dangerous, with 3 blind crossings leading away from the reserve. This park is important open green space for people's wellbeing, mental health and greening of our town maybe even a community garden project. Find another site for aged care facilities/housing, there is ample other land around which could be utilised / developed, save our Harbourview reserve for future, as once it's gone you can't get it back, it's not the councils to sell it belongs to the community.</p>	

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54	Hardly gets used	Harbour view reserve doesn't get used much. I used to go there but only used 5% of the whole thing. Pretty much never saw anyone else there. Other parks nearby offer better amenities. The location would be better used for another purpose in my opinion.	-
55	Harbourview Reserve	<p>Dear council,</p> <p>I wish to register my opposition to the proposed revocation of community land status for Harbourview Reserve.</p> <p>We have lived near this reserve for 35 years. This is my closest park & my husband & I walk there daily, we enjoy throwing the ball to our dog there while enjoying the views. On our daily visits we see the park is enjoyed by many others.</p> <p>Please do not change this status of the land as it helps us with our physical, mental & social lives. I think we are so fortunate to have such a large green space amongst our homes and once gone, it cannot be replaced. Thank you for hearing me.</p>	-
	Harbourview Reserve Port Lincoln	<p>Dear Mr Ritchie,</p> <p>Re proposed revocation of Community Land status of Harbourview Reserve</p> <p>I wish to voice my strong opposition of the revocation of the land status of Harbourview Reserve from community land.</p> <p>This has been my closest park for 35 years. My husband and I walk there daily and we enjoy throwing the ball to our dog there. We also visit regularly with our grandchildren, at least fortnightly.</p>	

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		<p>During our visits, we often see other families enjoying the space and when exercising our dog, she is never bothered by other dogs as there is plenty of room for all. It is a great park for kicking a football or soccer ball as there is just grass and no gardens which can be damaged & we used to take our children there for that use & now take our grandchildren.</p> <p>I ask that you vote no to this change as this area is very important for the many families in this area for our mental, physical & social well being.</p> <p>Thank you for hearing my request.</p>	
56	Harbourview Reserve	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am writing to express my feelings on the Harbourview Reserve revocation proposal. It would be extremely disappointing and sad to see this beautiful reserve gone. We have multiple family members who live on Highview Drive and surrounding streets who will be devastated if the reserve is no longer. Many young families have purchased properties in this area with the reserve being a big appeal and reason for choosing this location.</p> <p>Please rethink this decision - once these reserves are gone, we can't get them back.</p>	-
57	Revocation of Harbour View Reserve	<p>I do not want the revocation of this land to proceed. Open space is critical for the well being of the neighbourhood. We have lived at [REDACTED] for many years and used the park often when our children were growing up. We exercised our dog there and on many occasions flew kites. When walking through then park now I have noticed young families using the area.</p> <p>Generational change is occurring in this neighbourhood as older people downsize and young families buy their houses. We need to protect the park for our younger generations.</p>	-
58	Harbourview park	I object to the revocation of Harbour view park, that park has been and will be used in the future by many families and kids for all kinds of activities, bike riding, footy, baseball throwing, mini golf,	-

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		soccer and more. The kids play ground is popular with smaller kids and the town needs green space as it's good for mental health and the environment. I've used it many times over the years and want it to be available for my future family one day, build you aged care some where else, there is other land that can be developed the easiest option for using this land is not the best option for the community	
59	HarbourView Reserve	Revocation not wanted, save our reserve, I take my dog for walks and play time, it's too far to travel across town to the other dog park, the open space is perfect and there's still plenty of room for kids to have fun playing, they need room to run, play grounds are for younger kids, but it's the youth that need space, time away from technology climbing trees , kicking balls to each other, this is what this reserve is for. Your not welcome to sell our reserve as a cash grab, hands off!!	-
60	Save Harbour view park	<p>City of Port Lincoln Council,</p> <p>Subject: Objection to Proposed Land Development at Harbour View Park</p> <p>I am writing to formally express my objection to the proposed development on the land adjacent to Harbour View Park. As a member of the Port Lincoln community, I believe that this area holds significant value for our residents and should be preserved for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. **Community Space Harbour View Park serves as a vital gathering place for families and individuals alike. It is a space where community members come together to enjoy the outdoors, fostering a sense of belonging and connection. 2. **Dog Walking: The park is a popular destination for dog owners. The open green space provides a safe and enjoyable environment for pets to exercise and socialize, which is essential for their well-being. 	-

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		<p>3. **Mental Health Benefits: Access to green spaces like Harbour View Park contributes positively to mental health. Many residents utilize the park for leisurely walks, relaxation, and reflection, which are crucial for maintaining mental well-being.</p> <p>4. **Playground Facilities: The existing playground is a cherished feature of the park, offering children a safe place to play and explore. This is particularly important for families in our community, and any development could jeopardize this resource.</p> <p>5. **Open Green Space The park's open green space is invaluable for recreational activities, community events, and simply enjoying nature. It enhances the quality of life for residents and should be preserved for future generations.</p> <p>You only have to look at the community who came together on short notice to show there support for saving the park at such short notice. In light of these points, I urge the council to reconsider any plans for development that would encroach upon Harbour View Park. It is essential to prioritize the needs and well-being of our community over potential short-term gains. Thank you for considering my objection. I hope the council will take the necessary steps to protect this vital community asset.</p>	
61	Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive	<p>I strongly oppose the proposal to revoke the community land status of Harbourview Reserve. This green space is a valuable community asset that was built into the town plan of Port Lincoln to support the mental and physical wellbeing of our residents, and it provides a habitat for local wildlife, as well as contributing to the overall liveability of our neighbourhood. It is a space that I regularly take my children to go walking, bike riding and to play on the playground.</p> <p>While I acknowledge the importance of aged care services, removing public open space is not the solution. Once lost, community land cannot be replaced. Alternative locations for development should be prioritised that do not come at the cost of vital public amenities.</p>	-

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62	Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive	<p>We moved into town early last year and purchased a property on Highview Drive. One of the main selling points was that we would have a park, with large open spaces, so close by. We have three children who frequently use the open space at Harbourview Reserve for bike riding, playing soccer and football, walking the dog, and playing on the equipment. We also have many family friends in the area, and our children use the reserve as a meeting point and base for catching up over the weekend and during school holidays. On any given day, dozens of people use the reserve, with numbers increasing significantly during school holiday periods. Therefore, how can the council deem this particular reserve as unused and minimally used?</p> <p>I understand the need for more aged care beds within our town; however, I am also aware that the two current facilities located just down the road have vacant beds, with minimal nursing and care staff to fill to allow the facilities to be able to fill them. I have grave concerns for our area if the reclassification goes ahead, as currently our street is safe enough for our older children to walk to the park independently; however, if an aged care or retirement facility is built on the reserve, the traffic will increase significantly, and the area will become unsafe - much like the area around Matthew Flinders Nursing Home since that was expanded. We no longer use the train park, as the area is too congested and finding a parking spot near the park itself is often impossible, due to the facility's insufficient allocation of parking for staff and visitors.</p> <p>Parking is also a significant concern and foreseeable issue, as is the case at Matthew Flinders Nursing Home, there will more than likely not be anywhere near enough parking spaces allocated for all the nursing, kitchen, cleaning, maintenance, and administration staff, as well as visitors, meaning the cars will likely end up parking along all the surrounding streets, creating more traffic congestion and contributing to the risk of injury to pedestrians (mainly children) walking to the smaller, proposed park. The closest park with open spaces for our family would likely become Flinders Park; however, I would not allow my children to freely walk to that park to play and kick the ball around, as it is simply too far and they would be required to cross Flinders Highway, often a very busy road.</p>	-

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		<p>Ultimately, the decision to revoke the Harbourview Reserve land is up to the council; however, I sincerely hope that all submissions are carefully considered and that all concerns from residents who live in the area are taken into account. I hope each member asks themselves how they would feel if they were a resident surrounding the Harbourview Reserve area, would you want that open space that your family uses taken away and replaced with a small, enclosed play structure (also located on a double corner, may I add) and a large facility built in its place? Knowing that it will bring hundreds more cars and even trucks with freight driving past your house and parking along the already narrow streets each and every day? It doesn't sound real peaceful, does it? And it would certainly ruin a quiet and serene neighbourhood that currently allows children to play freely in a nice, open, flat space, people to walk dogs, and let those who are well-trained to run off-leash. Not to mention that impact that will be had on everyone's greatest asset - our houses.</p> <p>If this revocation proceeds, every resident around the reserve will face a drop in property value, which, in the current economic climate, is not something people will take lightly. Once an open, green space is gone, it will never return. I hope that the council consider this before making their final decision.</p>	
63	Harbour view Reserve	<p>This park is one of the most popular recreation park in Port Lincoln. Family's, dog owners, grandparents with grandkids, older children, joggers, mums and dads all adore this space. The BBQ is used frequently for family outings with kids playing in the playground. The people who have invested in housing around this park have done so for its harbor views and somewhere safe to raise their families. Any buildings within this area will devalue their property. If this park is built on, this space is gone forever. As time goes by we will need parks for future generations. It cannot be reclaimed. As seen on two occasion the people have shown the council how important this park is to them. The opposition to any building on this land was shown by the crowds of people that attended each time</p>	-

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64	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, aged care or community services as you've stated. Which, i might add there are no proposals, plans or costings for any of these.</p> <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>	-

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		Please think again, or give us some more details.	
65	Harbourview Park Revocation	I am against the revocation of Harbourview Park. I do not believe it is in the best interests of the Pt Lincoln community in the long term	-
66	Harbourview reserve proposal	<p>I'm writing to say my family and I are against the proposal put forward. The park is a constant part of our life when needing to get out and stretch the kids legs, take the dog for a walk, kick the footy with my son. Play in the sand, throw a Frisbee, fly a kite. It has it all. Our street is busy enough and not safe for the kids to play in the front yard so having a wonderful space so close to home to cater for all our activities gives us piece of mind and our sanity when trying to burn some of our children's abundance of energy. I'm not sure why the parks that are becoming fewer and fewer are all that the council believes is available without having to expand beyond the main town... If the railways are truly done for (and even if not) there is more than enough prime real estate that can be better used than being left alone with decaying buildings on them. There is also a giant block on porter st near the mortlock tce end that would be ideal for aged care or any other proposal. I don't believe the council is being honest with the proposals put forth and there is more to the story and will assume these are easy options for the council with minimal effort.</p> <p>Please leave our parks alone as there is plenty of available land without having to destroy these places for the councils own personal gain and NOT the communities. Especially when there are plenty of other options available if you just look. Stop trying to take the easy street and do right by your community.</p>	-
67	Proposed Rezoning of Community Land	Objection to rezoning of Community land	Refer Attachment 11

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68	Save the park	Don't ruin our park, I ride my bike there and throw the ball for my dog	-
69	Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive	<p>I strongly oppose the proposal for revocation of Harbourview Reserve.</p> <p>I live in close proximity to this reserve and use it for recreational activities for my young family. Not only will this affect our physical and mental health but I believe it could have a negative effect on our house value by decreasing the amount of green space in our neighbourhood. I also believe it will create more traffic/congestion, which in turn creates a greater risk of collision with cars and pedestrians as it is a suburban neighbourhood. These green spaces are vital for neighbourhoods and create/maintain strong communities. Let's not risk this but rather find more suitable land that isn't currently being utilised by the surrounding neighbourhood as their local outdoor area.</p>	-
70	Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive	<p>I strongly oppose the proposal for revocation of Harbourview Reserve.</p> <p>I live in close proximity to this reserve and use it for recreational activities for my young family. Not only will this affect our physical and mental health but I believe it could have a negative effect on our house value by decreasing the amount of green space in our neighbourhood. I also believe it will create more traffic/congestion, which in turn creates a greater risk of collision with cars and pedestrians as it is a suburban neighbourhood. These green spaces are vital for neighbourhoods and create/maintain strong communities. Let's not risk this but rather find more suitable land that isn't currently being utilised by the surrounding neighbourhood as their local outdoor area.</p>	-
71	Harbourview Reserve Proposal	Please see attached letter opposing to this proposal. I would appreciate a response on receiving this submission.	Refer Attachment 12
72	Revocation of Land-	I do not support the proposal to revoke harbour view reserve.	-

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	Harbourview reserve	<p>This is a well used community asset, with families, pet owners and walkers using the land regularly. Raising children in the neighbourhood, it was the only park close enough for the kids to practice walking to on their own. I would be concerned about the increased traffic should this be an aged care facility or high density residential facility, and do not think a location high up several steep hills, would be the best place for a retirement community, as it does not support independent mobility to access shops and community services unless residents remain able to drive. Flat parcels of land closer to community services supporting independence would be better suited for these purposes. It is important to have open green spaces in the middle of neighbourhoods. We have found koalas using various trees for shelter at random times over the years, and I hate to think of their travel corridor being further eroded for buildings to be put in the place of trees. Please reconsider this proposal.</p>	
73	Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive	<p>As a local resident & rate payer, I am totally opposed to any change in the land use at Harbourview Reserve. Open space for recreation is essential for all residents in the area, not just a tiny 1000m square park as proposed. It is somewhere for children and family's to recreate, riding bikes, flying a kite, kicking footballs, walking the dog. This park is very important and valued by the surround residents, and part of the reason many would have choose to buy a house in the area. To suggest that other large parks are in the vicinity of the area is laughable, for example, would you expect that a 10 year old child living on Walkley road would walk all the way to Flinders Park to kick a football with his other young mates? Large open space such as this is very valuable to the community, and once it's taken away and sold it's never coming back.</p> <p>I suggest the plcc and developers looking for aged care facilities look at finding land in other areas around port lincoln and surrounding areas.</p>	-

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74	Saving Harbourview Reserve	<p>This letter is to strongly oppose the idea of Councils decision to revoke reserves around the Port Lincoln area – in this instance – particularly HarbourView Reserve surrounded by Walkley Road/Heather Road/Highview Drive in Port Lincoln.</p> <p>We also wish to note our disappointment about the consultation process for this issue. Many residents around Harbourview Reserve, were unaware of the initial “consultation process” that was to take place at the Harbourview Reserve. We never received any information by either mail or email – rather, word of mouth by other community members in our area, who were fortunate to have received documentation. We purchased our home on Hilltop Drive over 45 years ago, in this residential area and this reserve has always been well utilized by my family, children, grandchild, friends, pets and many other residents surrounding this area and further. These reserves– legislated as green space, are for the benefit of the community and never for Council to sell off, and while we can only speak for the space that directly affects us – HarbourView Reserve – it is the only space closest to us that we have ease of access for our personal, mental and physical wellbeing, and the only space within 0.5 kms accessible to our surrounding areas.</p> <p>We as ratepayers pay our rates (& soon to be increased once again), in the faith these reserves are maintained. Revoking this reserve for buildings will severely impact property values in a negative manner, increase traffic, and residents’ wellbeing as mentioned.</p> <p>We acknowledge there is a shortage of aged care/childcare facilities in Port Lincoln; however, when units at a particular aged facility are taken by workers renting the units, making it difficult/impossible for aged care residents to acquire much needed accommodation, we fail to understand why Council are looking to revoke much utilized and needed reserves vital to the community. A perfect space for aged care units/facilities, would have been on Bowling Avenue, (the “old bowling green”). This area is already surrounded by units that are housed by aged care residents on New West Road, Bowling Avenue, and close to shopping, hospital, doctors and other facilities essential to aged residents with power, water, sewerage already in existence. We cannot understand why Council have made the decision to place the Lincoln South Football Club of which</p>	Refer Attachment 13

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		<p>residents were against-going ahead in the middle of this space? When raised at the first awareness meeting about Council revoking the reserve, a Council staff stated when questioned, it was done this way, to enable further expansion of sporting in this area-a decision making idea that really does not make sense having a sporting club such as a football club, in the middle of an aging area of residents/city centre.</p> <p>There are multiple areas in Port Lincoln that could be suitable for aged care facilities – Passat Street, Mitton Avenue, the land below the Army Reserve, Pioneer Park (this must be a huge cost to Council to maintain)-in all the times we drive past, we have never seen anyone near or in the park – this would also be a perfect parcel of land for aged care facilities, already in close proximity to the Eyre Peninsula Old Folks Home. Selling HarbourView Reserve would only be a huge financial win to Council and it is not considering the needs of its residents in and around this area. There would be much more suitable areas in Port Lincoln that could be utilized – as already mentioned – the land off Bowling Avenue, and many others, that will result in the HarbourView Reserve remaining for our community/residents to benefit from.</p> <p>At the Council meeting held at the park, there were even residents that don't live in surrounding streets, that said they frequent the reserve as well so it's not just residents directly living in this area. The area around HarbourView Reserve, is a residential area – of several concerns, is the increased traffic and more that is not conducive to a residential area. These areas have already become more dangerous since the upgrades to Whillas Road were done – road closures at that time, saw a dramatically increased flow of traffic along Hilltop Drive, Walkley Road and Highview Drive – something that has not changed since the road upgrades – traffic in these areas have dramatically increased and adding a business in amongst a residential space, will only increase the dangers to the residents in these areas. In the document concerning the Revocation of Community Land, it was printed that Council see HarbourView Reserve as “surplus to Community Needs”. This certainly shows Council don't have a connection or understanding with their community, to understand our need to keep this space as a reserve. How was this deemed to be “surplus to community needs”?</p>	

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		<p>Councils upgrades to reserves listed in Council documentation including Puckridge Park, Whait Reserve, Foreshore Playground, Pioneer Park, Train Park, Flinders Park and the heritage walk, have never been utilized by my family as they are not in close proximity. HarbourView Reserve is the only one suitable for our needs including mental and physical well being and is also used by wildlife and bird habitats. Council have spent a lot of money on very unnecessary upgrades to the front street area – Tasman Terrace – which many in the community were not happy with – such as the “fort knox” installation around the public toilets and other expenses, that don’t serve as safety/loss of car parking and other issues raised. We also know Councils long term plans according to the Draft Open Space Strategy 2021-2026, are to dispose of existing surplus land – this is surplus land as considered by Council only – not by residents. Council in this document have also themselves acknowledged in writing that: “open space plays an important role in meeting the recreational needs of the community, both structured and unstructured. It is, in turn, an important determinant of people’s quality of life, providing opportunities for relaxation, community interaction, health and fitness, children’s play and social development. Open space also plays more than just a recreation function, providing opportunities for: Conservation and biodiversity; Amenity; Utility; Transport and Access; Tourism. The quality and useability of open space are becoming important planning considerations, and there is an increasing recognition of the need to provide a range and mix of recreational opportunities, settings and experiences.....”</p> <p>We believe Council wishing to revoke this parcel of land, are going totally against even their own agenda. In a letter shared, the Senior Property Officer, made reference that this parcel of land was acquired under “reserve” status as a result of “open space requirements”. We also understand this parcel of land – HarbourView Reserve, was in existence back in the late 1960s when the Davenport Hill Estate was first developed. It was Councils planning to provide accessible green spaces for residents. This space was set aside for this purpose. In 2025, this reserve still serves as this purpose -again in line with Councils Open Space Strategy 2021-2026. Our HarbourView Reserve isn’t a luxury space for our area and surrounds – it is essential for our emotional, mental, health and wellbeing.</p>	

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75	Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive	<p>I am against the proposal for revocation.</p> <p>As a nearby resident about 5 minutes walk away, I use this park a couple times a week. As a family with young children having a park within short walking distance is of high value to myself. We walk together to the park to use the playground, to fly kites, to watch the local birds and to exercise our dog. Once they are older I also plan to bring them here to kick the footy and ride bikes. Having this park nearby allows myself and my children to spend more time outdoors in nature as I don't have to lose minimum 20 minutes getting them in and out of a car. This benefits all of our mental health.</p> <p>I believe it is also important that if our towns population is set to increase that it is important to preserve these green spaces for future outdoor use. Greater population will mean that current outdoor spaces with full facilities will become overcrowded and these undeveloped spaces will then be on the table to meet these needs. Whilst I do agree aged care is also an important future need, these facilities should be spread across the town rather than cramming them all in the same area. Revocation is also going against Councils own current Open Spaces strategy. It is also going against the original developers intention of being an open reserve. Please do not take away our open spaces. It is not surplus and is well utilised for the minimal facilities that are on-site.</p>	-
76	Harbourview Reserve	I VOTE AGAINST THE REVOCATION OF COMMUNITY LAND!	Refer Attachment 14
77	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 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</p>	-

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		<p>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>	
78	Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive	<p>I am against the proposal.</p> <p>I live nearby and walk to this park with my grandchildren. I enjoy the open space and seeing the native birds.</p>	-
79	Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive	<p>I am against the proposal.</p> <p>As a nearby resident for over 30 years it was a planned part of the original development and part of the attraction of the general area. My wife and daughter use this park for my grandchildren and my own children played there when kids. It deserves to stay for future generations.</p>	-

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80	Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive	<p>I am against the proposal.</p> <p>I walk to the park with my young children and use the park to exercise our dog. It is important to our daily lives.</p>	-
81	Harbourview Reserve	<p>To change this Beautiful reserve in to an oversized eye saw aged care building is a bad decision. This green space provides the people not just in the neighbourhood but from all around Port Lincoln place to come and play on the playground. Kick a footy, a soccer ball, play a game of cricket. Hit a golf ball, fly a kite. So many activities. Even just to sit and take in the views of the bay. It would also disturb the streets with all the extra traffic. I really think that the council should NOT go ahead with this project. There are other options, keep the reserve as what it is.</p>	-
82	Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive	<p>Hello As a ratepayer in the area, I do not support the loss of Harbourview Reserve on Highview Drive.</p> <p>Green spaces play a vital role in supporting families, community wellbeing, and mental health. Once lost, these spaces cannot be reclaimed. I believe there are other vacant land options in Port Lincoln that could be considered instead.</p>	-
83	Harbourview Reserve	<p>I live at [REDACTED], Port Lincoln. When I purchased my house the park across the road was a significant factor in my decision. I use the park daily, my dog enjoys the large open space, and I frequently look after my niece, who enjoys the playground and climbing on the rocks whenever she visits. Do not allow the rezoning of this area, it means too much to my family and others surrounding this area.</p>	-

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84	Submission - Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive, Port Lincoln	<p>This area was zoned as parkland when my parents purchased their block of land on Walkley road to build more than 50 years ago, specifically choosing this particular block due to the park. I grew up on that property, my parents still live there. I, and my children have enjoyed the use of the park over the years, and I plan for my grandchildren and their children to do the same.</p> <p>This park also ensures their beautiful outlook and views over Port Lincoln which also ensures the high value of their property.</p> <p>Don't think for 1 second, you are going to change this zone without a massive fight from not only residents on that street, but every single member of their family! I will personally take you to court and sue you for reducing the value of a property I am set to inherit, as well as stress extreme caused to my parents in their late retirement years. Your name as Mayor will be dragged through the mud, which will follow you for the rest of your years.</p> <p>What you are proposing to do is a dog act, and you will be called out for it, and if you try to proceed, know you will be dragged through the courts, all the way to the District then Supreme Court if need be. And I won't be alone, this will be a class action. We would then push for a vote of no confidence on yourself.</p> <p>If you are trying to re-zone this land to save money - just know it WILL cost you MORE than you bargained for if you try to proceed!!!</p> <p>ANGRY RESIDENT!</p>	-
85	Revocation of Community Land	<p>Re Proposal for Revocation of Community Land.</p> <p>I am totally against changing the Harbourview Reserve to be used for aged care etc.</p> <p>When I bought the house in 1997, the value was more due to the view, I had to pay tens of thousands more. Over the past 28 years I have saved money and then renovated the house. When</p>	-

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		<p>I'm too old to live there and I sell the house, if there is no view, I will lose at least \$50,000 according to the land agents. IS THIS FAIR?</p> <p>TOTALLY UNFAIR.</p> <p>By building aged care or units, there will be an increase in traffic in a residential area. Aged care accommodation has lighting on during the night, air conditioning on constantly, which again decreases the value of the area.</p> <p>The area above Mitton Ave or the parkland on the corner of Volante Street / Cardiff Road does not affect the view of anyone. The parkland of Volante Street / Cardiff Road is large, so you can construct aged care accommodation there and it does not affect anyone's view.</p> <p>The houses on Heather Street, Highview Drive and Walkley Road which border the parkland will lose their view, hence the value of their houses will decrease by tens of thousands of dollars.</p> <p>If the aged care units are built, the houses around the area will be greatly affected by increase in traffic, by staff, visitors, visiting specialists etc. This in turn will affect the value of their houses, plus their lifestyle.</p> <p>I understand that we need more aged care accommodation, but Harbourview Reserve is not the place to build them.</p> <p>WOULD YOU WANT TO LOSE \$50, 000 plus YOUR MONEY, and a decrease in your lifestyle, DUE TO A COUNCIL'S DECISION?</p> <p>PEOPLE'S WELL BEING AND HEALTH WILL BE AFFECTED GREATLY IF THIS PARK IS CHANGED TO aged care accommodation or anything else.</p> <p>I'm sure you are all aware if people's well being is not good, what the results can be. Do you want to be responsible for that?</p>	

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		Everyone in this area bought their home in this area, due to the park, so we could all enjoy the views. We had to pay more, but by paying more, we had a lifestyle we had all worked hard for all our lives.	
	Revocation of community land. Harbourview Reserve.	<p>Hi. (Elected Members)</p> <p>I understand that many, many towns require more aged care facilities.</p> <p>BUT.</p> <p>Why should the residents around Harbourview Reserve lose their lifestyle and views due to local, state and federal government lack of planning and foresight over the past 30 plus years.</p> <p>All forms of government knew decades ago about the aged demographics of the population of Australia and what would be required in the future.</p> <p>But no local, state or federal government planned for the future.</p> <p>So if the revocation of land goes ahead at Harbourview Reserve the residents around the park lose all views whether it is a one storey or two storey construction.</p> <p>We should not be disadvantaged due to the lack of foresight by all forms of government.</p> <p>As soon as we lose our views, our homes are worth at least \$50000 less.</p> <p>Totally UNFAIR.</p>	Refer Attachment 15
	Save Harbourview Reserve	<p>There are many reasons why the green space at Harbourview Drive should remain green space for community use.</p> <p>Green spaces have environmental benefits, human health benefits, aesthetic values, property values, educational values and many other benefits.</p>	-

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		<p>You only need to type the value of green spaces on your computer to find the real value of green spaces.</p> <p>MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL BEING is a top priority for all businesses, corporations and communities in this decade.</p> <p>The green space at Harbourview Drive provides the residents around the area with the benefits of well being and improving the mental health of all.</p> <p>The residents around the park paid tens of thousands of dollars more for their homes when they bought them, due to the view.</p> <p>Many residents have carried out numerous renovations for decades which has assisted the tradies and other businesses of Port Lincoln. If aged care facilities or anything else is built on the park, THE VALUE OF THE HOMES AROUND THE PARK WILL DECREASE BY AT LEAST \$50, 000 ACCORDING TO THE LAND AGENTS.</p> <p>The residents bought the homes in this area due to the view, and when they retire they can enjoy the views, which will aid their mental health and well being.</p> <p>All levels of government, local, state and federal have known for over 30 years that aged care, hospitals, etc etc will continually need to be built to cater for the increasing population of Australia.</p> <p>If aged care facilities are built on the park, the residents bordering the park will lose their views costing them tens of thousands of dollars when / if they decide to sell the house.</p> <p>Why should we lose the views and tens of thousands of dollars due to the governments' lack of long term planning for over 30 years. We should not be punished for the lack of foresight of all forms of governments.</p> <p>Last Sunday over 200 residents met at the park to protest against changing the park to aged care facilities or any other form of buildings.</p>	

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		It is very clear the residents want to keep the park as green space forever.	
86	Formal Objection – Proposed Revocation of Community Land (Harbourview Reserve)	<p>Dear Mayor Mislov and Councillors,</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong and formal objection to the proposed revocation of the community land classification for Harbourview Reserve on Highview Drive.</p> <p>I attended the recent on-site community meeting, where it was made absolutely clear that every single resident present raised their hand in opposition to this proposal. This was not a divided room. It was a community speaking with one voice: Harbourview Reserve should remain protected public land. During the session, the CEO referenced Council’s Open Space Strategy, claiming that Port Lincoln has “four times the amount of open space it needs” according to State Government benchmarks. With all due respect, this line of reasoning is deeply flawed and disconnected from the lived experience of local residents. Planning benchmarks may be useful for bureaucratic purposes, but they do not capture the cultural, environmental, or social value of accessible, well-located green space, particularly in a coastal regional town like ours.</p> <p>Even more concerning is the suggestion that Harbourview Reserve could be used for aged care or retirement housing. While I support the need for thoughtful aged care planning, I must point out that existing facilities in Port Lincoln are already under serious staffing strain. Building more infrastructure without the workforce to support it does nothing to address the root of the problem. We should be investing in the aged care system — not clearing community land under the illusion that more buildings equal more care.</p> <p>As a resident of Highview Drive, I must also raise concerns around traffic and safety. Our street has already experienced a significant increase in traffic, and further development would only make this worse. Speeding is already a problem, and it is becoming unsafe for children to even play in their front yards. The cumulative impact on local amenity, noise, and neighbourhood safety has not been properly considered in this proposal.</p>	-

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		<p>Additionally, I find it troubling that this entire process has been rushed, with limited notice and minimal community engagement. Decisions of this magnitude deserve transparency, adequate time for public consultation, and respectful collaboration — not haste.</p> <p>And finally, I must ask: how does this proposal align with Council’s own Open Space Strategy (2021–2026)? That document — adopted by Council — outlines a commitment to enhancing open spaces, recognising their vital role in supporting environmental sustainability, health, recreation, and community connection. Harbourview Reserve fits these criteria exactly. To now turn around and propose its sale or development undermines the spirit of that strategy entirely. It sends a contradictory message about how Council values its green spaces and its constituents.</p> <p>I therefore urge the Council to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Withdraw the proposal to revoke community land status from Harbourview Reserve; • Uphold the intent and integrity of the Open Space Strategy; • Acknowledge the near-unanimous community opposition to this plan; • And protect Harbourview Reserve for current and future generations. <p>This is not just about planning frameworks or land classifications. This is about the identity, wellbeing, and liveability of our community and once community land is lost, it cannot be reclaimed.</p>	
87	Submission - Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve -	<p>Dear Council Members,</p> <p>I am writing to formally oppose the proposed reclassification and potential redevelopment of Harbour View Reserve on Highview Drive. As a long-term resident of Port Lincoln, I have witnessed first-hand how important this space is to the community’s health, wellbeing, and neighbourhood identity.</p>	-

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	Highview Drive, Port Lincoln	<p>This reserve provides much more than green space — it supports social connection, recreational activity, environmental sustainability, and mental wellbeing. Its open nature, coastal views, and accessible location make it one of the few remaining neighbourhood-level parks serving families, children, dog owners, and residents of all ages. Once lost, this amenity cannot be recovered.</p> <p>The proposal appears to be in direct conflict with several commitments the City of Port Lincoln has made to its residents through published strategies, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Directions Plan 2025–2034: This Plan sets a vision for a “liveable and active community” and places a renewed focus on environmental sustainability. It speaks to enhancing community assets and improving lifestyle through accessible, open public spaces. Reclassifying and removing a key reserve like Harbour View undermines this vision and signals a departure from the principles the community was promised. • Open Space Strategy 2021–2026: This Strategy acknowledges the importance of maintaining a network of local, accessible parks and reserves within walking distance of residents. Harbour View Reserve fulfils this role perfectly for our area. The Strategy also commits to maintaining the existing range of public open space, not reducing it. To remove this reserve would directly contradict this stated goal. • Community Land Management Plan 2 – Parks, Gardens and Reserves: This Plan states that such spaces are held for “passive and active recreational facilities for the community and visitors to the area.” Harbour View Reserve is delivering exactly that purpose today. There is no justification for removing land that is already serving its intended community function. <p>Selling or developing this land for housing or private use may generate short-term revenue or address other priorities, but it comes at the irreversible cost of community green space. Such a decision would prioritise convenience and short-term financial return over the long-term wellbeing and liveability of our community.</p> <p>Therefore, I respectfully request that Council:</p>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Withdraw this proposal and retain Harbour View Reserve as community land in line with your own adopted strategies and plans; Publicly confirm your commitment to protecting the network of neighbourhood-level parks that serve the community's recreational and wellbeing needs. <p>This space is part of what makes our community liveable and connected. I urge Council to uphold its responsibilities to future-proof our city, not reduce it for the generations to come.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide this feedback. I trust that Council will act in the long-term interests of all Port Lincoln residents.</p>	
	Harbourview Reserve – Strong Community Backing and Funding Commitment	<p>Dear City of Port Lincoln Consultation Team,</p> <p>Please accept the below as a formal submission to the Harbourview Reserve community land revocation consultation process.</p> <p>This message outlines strong local support for retaining the reserve, including a signed \$50,000 donation pledge, additional funding commitments, and volunteer support for future park rejuvenation.</p> <p>Thank you for considering this submission as part of the community feedback process.</p>	Refer Attachment 16
88	Revocation of Community Land	Refer attachment	Refer Attachment 17
89	██████'s letter your say	Refer attachment	Refer Attachment 18

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90	Don't sell off our Green Spaces	Refer Attachment	Refer Attachment 19
	Screenshot	Refer Attachment	Refer Attachment 20
91	Submission – Harbourview Reserve	Refer Attachment	Refer Attachment 21
92	Objection to Proposed Reclassification and Sale of Harbourview Reserve	<p>Dear Port Lincoln City Council,</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed revocation of the Community Land classification and potential sale of Harbourview Reserve on Highview Drive, Port Lincoln.</p> <p>This parcel of land plays an important role in the long-term urban planning and environmental sustainability of our city. Open spaces like Harbourview Reserve act as natural buffers that help manage stormwater, reduce urban heat, and support local biodiversity. Replacing this green area with development not only disrupts these functions, but it also adds further pressure to existing infrastructure, traffic, and services that are already under strain in the area.</p> <p>Moreover, this proposal raises serious concerns around transparency and public interest. Community land is designated to serve the public good—not private profit—and decisions affecting such assets should involve thorough and inclusive consultation. The community deserves to be meaningfully involved in shaping the future of public spaces.</p>	-

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		<p>Council has an opportunity to lead with foresight by protecting this reserve, rather than short-term financial gain. Once sold, the land is gone forever and so is the chance to use it for future community benefit, such as a revitalised park, community garden, or other civic use.</p> <p>I urge council to abandon the proposed reclassification and safeguard this land for the future of Port Lincoln residents.</p>	
93	Land Revocation and Greyhound Road / old dump	<p>Dear Port Lincoln City Council,</p> <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 22
94	Objection to Proposed Sale of Harbourview Reserve – Highview Drive, Port Lincoln	<p>Dear Port Lincoln City Council,</p> <p>I am writing to formally object to the proposal to revoke the Community Land classification and sell the land known as Harbourview Reserve, located on Highview Drive, Port Lincoln.</p> <p>As a concerned resident and stakeholder in the local community, I believe the sale of this land would have a detrimental impact on the neighbourhood. Harbourview Reserve is one of the few remaining open spaces in this area, offering essential green space for families, children, and the broader community. These types of reserves are vital for promoting physical activity, mental well-being, and community connection—particularly in a growing area where development continues to increase population density.</p> <p>Selling this land for private development would significantly reduce public access to green space and negatively affect the character and liveability of our neighbourhood. Once community land is lost, it is rarely recovered.</p>	-

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		<p>I strongly urge council to retain Harbourview Reserve as community land for current and future generations to enjoy.</p> <p>Please confirm receipt of this submission and advise of any upcoming meetings or further opportunities for public consultation on this matter.</p>	
95	Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive	<p>Hi Council,</p> <p>I'm writing to be another voice AGAINST the development of the land on Highview Drive.</p> <p>For one, my late grandfather and his family "the Hills", gifted this land to the council many decades ago on the proviso that the land would ALWAYS remain as a nature space and that it was to NEVER be developed.</p> <p>Secondly, as a small business owner in our amazing city, I have close contact with our broader community. I personally know a number of families who have purchased their properties in the vicinity of Harbourview Reserve, BECAUSE there was a park there. A park for their children, a park for their dogs. After doing home visits for many years to homes and families within the area, I have always seen it to be a valued space within the community, and a place that I myself have happily taken our children over the years.</p> <p>I hope that from undertaking this consultation process, you hear and see how loudly this space is valued to the community. I hope that instead of developing this space and creating absolute community out roar, that you actually consider in investing in the space, which often is dry and weed ridden, as Nelson Square was, and enhance the facilities at this beautiful community. Take care of the gift that has been provided.</p> <p>Please remove Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive from your list of contending development spaces.</p>	-

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96	Revocation of Harbourview Reserve	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed revocation of Harbourview reserve. As a local resident, I frequently use this area for dog walking and to allow my children to play in the playground. I hope to do this for many more years. It is the only playground walking distance from my home.</p> <p>The reserve provides essential recreational space for many families and pet owners in our community. Its revocation would negatively impact our collective quality of life and limit opportunities for outdoor activities. I urge you to reconsider this decision and preserve this valuable public green space for current and future generations. Once developed, green space will never be reclaimed, a huge loss for so many reasons. It's so disappointing that our council are considering this, instead of seeking to further enhance our green spaces to embrace the plethora of benefits green and nature based community areas provide.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>	-
97	Save Harbourview Reserve	<p>I am writing this email to vote against the revoking of Harbourview reserve on Highview drive, it is a terrible idea.</p> <p>As a local member of Port Lincoln and a resident on Highview drive, my kids, and a lot of other families use the reserve for playing together and letting their animals run around.</p> <p>It would be wrong for the council to set it up for redevelopment,</p> <p>Find somewhere else!!!</p> <p>What about the skatepark on Monalena St</p>	-

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98	Submission - Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive, Port Lincoln	<p>To the Port Lincoln Council,</p> <p>I am writing as a concerned resident regarding the proposed sale and development of local Crown land currently designated as public park space.</p> <p>This park is one of the few remaining green spaces in our community. It provides a safe and accessible area for our children to play, for families to gather, and for residents of all ages to enjoy nature and outdoor recreation. In a time when urban development continues to encroach on open space, preserving this park is more important than ever.</p> <p>Selling off this land for development would not only deprive current residents of a vital community asset but also shortchange future generations. Our children deserve to grow up with access to green areas where they can explore, be active, and connect with their community.</p> <p>Rather than selling the land, I urge the council to consider investing in improving and maintaining the park. Enhancements such as new play equipment, shaded areas, walking paths, and community gardens would enrich the space and make it an even more valuable resource for local families.</p> <p>Please keep this land in public hands and protect it as a space for recreation, connection, and well-being. Once it is gone, we cannot get it back.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>	-
99	Save Harbourview reserve	<p>I have been a resident on Walkley Road for 28yrs. I object to the Harbourview Reserve being used for future development. I often take my grandchildren to the playground and we take their dog for a run and to catch ball as it is a great area. It is used very often for these purposes, not only for residents on Highview and Walkley Roads, but the surrounding streets as well.</p> <p>Walkley Road is a quite road with very limited traffic and with any future developments, the traffic is going to be a major problem. Not only with visitors, staff cars and delivery trucks, ambulances etc</p>	-

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		This area must be saved for future generations and for the well being of many residents that use this park daily	
100	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>	-
101	Objection to Proposed Revocation of Community Land Status for Harbourview Reserve	<p>Dear Chief Executive Officer,</p> <p>I am writing to formally object to the City of Port Lincoln's proposal to revoke the community land classification of Harbourview Reserve on Highview Drive, as outlined on your public consultation page.</p> <p>Harbourview Reserve holds significant communal value. My two daughters eagerly anticipate visiting this park during every trip to Port Lincoln, as it is conveniently located near their grandmother's home. Its accessibility and amenities make it an integral part of our family traditions and community interactions.</p> <p>While I acknowledge the growing need for aged care facilities in our community, I believe that repurposing existing green spaces like Harbourview Reserve is not the optimal solution. The loss of such a valuable recreational area would diminish the quality of life for residents, especially young families who rely on these spaces for leisure and socialisation.</p>	-

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		<p>I urge the Council to consider alternative locations for the development of aged care facilities that do not compromise existing community assets. Preserving Harbourview Reserve aligns with the broader goals of promoting community well-being and maintaining the character of our neighborhoods.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my submission.</p>	
102	letter of rejection to councils proposal.	<p>Good morning all</p> <p>Submitting a letter for your consideration</p>	Refer Attachment 23
103	Submission - Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive, Port Lincoln	<p>Good afternoon, to whom it may concern.</p> <p>I think a retirement home on Harbourview Reserve is a good thing for Port Lincoln, and a good thing for the reserve. Living near, but not adjacent to the land, it's nice space for the area. It's a very large piece of land with little use.</p> <p>I agree that Port Lincoln has to progress and I'm sure almost everybody would agree with the growing needs of a retirement village, child care and health facilities. Believing that to develop a park of that size wouldn't be practical with high maintenance, particular with water. I believe a retirement village, along with upgrading the remaining park would still benefit the community, even more so, perhaps with a garden walk (roses or other attractive plants), a lookout, perhaps a statue and a playground, bbq area. I think it's a huge opportunity to enhance our area, which, like everybody living in the area are very proud of. I see it as a win win.</p> <p>Of course there are many genuine concerns by other residents in the area concerning the high density housing, very narrow roads, noise and quite heavy traffic including trucks. View obstruction should be minimised which can be easily done by only single story constructions.</p>	-

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104	Harbourview Reserve	Please find attached item	Refer Attachment 24
105	Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive	<p>I am writing to give my say for the proposed revocation of the community land located on Harbour View Drive - a very strong NO and we do not accept the proposal.</p> <p>This parcel of land is a location that holds fond memories for me having played there extensively as a child. My self, and my husband, now take great pleasure in walking around the corner from our home to bring our children and dogs there for a run and play often. It's the perfect location for kite flying, kicking the footy, playing soccer - you name it!</p> <p>To lose this piece of land to development would be a huge loss to not only the locals who live in the area but I am sure many others who come to enjoy it.</p> <p>I write imploring you to halt this plan and leave the reserve free for community use.</p>	-
106	Harbour View Reserve – Highview Drive	Refer Attachment – Written letter	Refer Attachment 25
107	Revocation of Community Land- Harbourview Reserve	<p>Attention Councilors, City of Port Lincoln:-</p> <p>After considering the Revocation Of Community Land Options paper, I particularly want to comment on the Harbourview Reserve proposal for future usage.</p> <p>I think this is totally unsuitable for an aged care/ Retirement Living development. I believe this is especially due to existing “encumbrances” presented by the site:- namely a sloping site, the water runoff easement from Highview Drive , lack of infrastructure for services(water/sewerage, power)and the visible granite outcrops within the area.</p>	-

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		<p>The structure of the proposed building would need to be a minimum of 2 stories high to be economically viable. In turn there would be insufficient space for staff, resident, visitor and specialist services car parking and access. Such a building within this residential area would have a negative visual impact, totally changing the sense of community for nearby residents, as well as increase the traffic flow and noise levels significantly.</p> <p>Currently the playground is well utilized by children of nearby residents who consider it a safe playing space, particularly as it is sited away from intersecting roads. Upgrading the existing playground in situ would also appeal to families who can also continue to use the established BBQ facilities</p> <p>My Proposal is that council should retain this site as a community reserve which will cater for Port Lincoln residents of all ages. It is, and could continue to be, with some additional inclusions, particularly suitable for older persons including people living with dementia and well as local families/children. The space is such all can enjoy the reserve simultaneously with enough space to do so safely, especially as the reserve is accessible from 3 roadsides.</p> <p>Some of the trees need to be replaced as many are in excess of 50 years old and are dying. With the addition of thoughtfully planned cluster planting of native trees and shrubs this could be developed with a section designated as an inclusive sensory trail for adults and children alike (to see, touch and smell). This will also provide shade and protection for strategically placed bench seating. Construction of wider cement pathways/trails where people can safely walk side by side with wheelchairs, walkers, prams connected to this section of the reserve- would further enhance the site for residents and visitors of all ages. Such planting would also reduce the effects of soil erosion, water runoff from the site into nearby street drainage systems and in turn alleviate flooding into the street and residences on the downhill side of the reserve.</p> <p>As for siting of an aged care/ retirement living development, I believe there at least several other more viable options within the city:- namely</p>	

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		<p>1) the parcel of land at Kirton Point bordered by St Andrews Terrace and Wingard Terrace; or</p> <p>2) The parcel of land adjacent the Billy Lights Road section of St Andrews Terrace.</p> <p>These have sufficient area for access/car parking.</p> <p>I request a meeting to discuss and further expand on my proposal with the relevant Council personnel involved in the future decision making regarding Harbourview Reserve.</p> <p>Your prompt response would be appreciated</p>	
	Harbour View Reserve My say comments	Submitted on Behalf of [REDACTED]	Refer Attachment 26
108	Objection to Proposed Revocation of Community Land Status – Harbourview Reserve	<p>Dear Chief Executive Officer,</p> <p>I am writing to formally object to the City of Port Lincoln’s proposal to revoke the community land classification of Harbourview Reserve on Highview Drive, as outlined in your public consultation documents.</p> <p>Harbourview Reserve serves as a vital green space for our community, offering a playground, BBQ facilities, seating, and shaded areas. It provides a safe and accessible environment for families, children, and residents to engage in outdoor activities, fostering community well-being and social interaction. The loss of this space would significantly impact the quality of life for local residents who rely on it for recreation and relaxation.</p>	-

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		<p>Importantly, Harbourview Reserve is also a natural haven for local wildlife. The area is frequently visited by koalas roaming in from the outskirts of town and supports a wide range of native birdlife. These natural features not only enrich the biodiversity of the area but also provide educational and environmental value to the community, particularly for younger generations.</p> <p>While I acknowledge the growing need for aged care facilities in our region, I believe that repurposing existing community land is not the appropriate solution. Alternative sites that do not compromise public open spaces should be considered for such developments. Preserving our green spaces is essential for maintaining the environmental health and social fabric of our community.</p> <p>I urge the Council to reconsider this proposal and explore other avenues to address the need for aged care facilities without sacrificing valuable community land. Particularly with the situation being that, in some cases the original owners were forced to give this land up in order to gain development approval. Retaining Harbourview Reserve in its current form is crucial for the continued well-being and cohesion of our community.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my submission.</p>	
109	SAVE HARBOURVIEW RESERVE	<p>TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN</p> <p>Regarding the proposal by council to only keep 1000Sq Mtrs of the above park as a play ground is hard to fathom. I being bought up on a farm and having lots of space around me to roam and do as I liked, also my children had the same opportunity. My grandchildren did not have this luxury and whenever they stayed with us the first thing they asked was can we go to the park. It has plenty of space to kick the footy and not be worried about kicking the ball over the grumpy neighbours fence etc. By closing off open areas like this kids will tend to want to just stay inside and play on their electronic equipment when health experts are telling kids to get out and play. Where????? Either walk down town (how safe is this now days) or get mum or dad to take them. No sense in this at all.</p>	-

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		Leave the open areas for the kids to roam and have fun don't enclose it and we end up with another cement jungle. Once its gone its gone forever!!!!	
110	SAVE HARBOUR VIEW RESERVE	<p>TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN</p> <p>I am writing today in support of those wishing to preserve Harbour View Reserve as is for future generations.</p> <p>This is not a new problem in 1966 Verdelle Smith made popular a song called Tar and Cement and in part some words as follows "Where are the meadows? Where are the lilacs? and Where is the tall grass? The laughter of Children? Nothing but acres, acres and acres of tar and cement." Also in 1970 Cat Stevens asked in his song (Where do the children play)</p> <p>Again in part it goes (I know we've come a long way we are changing day by day but tell me where do the children play).</p> <p>Sorry I'm just old and remembering good old days, where children and families, family pets had somewhere to roam and just be kids. Maybe its better to just carve it up into as many rateable lots as possible and just say buggar the kids!!!!!!!!!! Governments of all levels seem to just have an insatiable thirst for public money. Its time to show some restraint. Leave our open spaces open, as once they are gone they are gone for good!!!!!!!!!!</p>	-
111	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! 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>	-

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		<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>	
	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>	

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		<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>	
112	Submission - Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive, Port Lincoln	<p>I am apposed to the revocation of harbour view Reserve.</p> <p>I believe it is an unsuitable area.</p> <p>There is no good reason to integrate aged care into a community area if there is a good transport system. Most aged persons are looking for ageing in place which would require nursing home beds. This would require much bigger area. As Aged care is grossly underfunded economies of scale are vital. Lincoln Grove is a fine example of bad planning with no ageing in place.</p> <p>Port Lincoln does need Aged Care accommodation and Council should have a role in this so I am pleased to see this on the agenda.</p>	-
113	Harbour view reserve	<p>Dear Port Lincoln Council,</p> <p>I am writing to formally object to the proposed revocation of the community land status of Harbourview Reserve, located on Highview Drive.</p> <p>Harbourview Reserve is a valuable and much-loved green space that provides critical recreational, environmental, and social benefits to the local community. Open spaces like this contribute to community wellbeing, mental health, and social connection—particularly in a time when such resources are increasingly under pressure.</p>	-

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		<p>Transforming this land for development, even for aged care or retirement living, would come at a significant cost to the broader community. There are other more appropriate locations for such developments that do not involve sacrificing cherished public open space.</p> <p>I urge Council to retain Harbourview Reserve as community land and to explore alternative development options that do not compromise existing community assets.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my feedback.</p>	
114	Rejection letter	Refer Attached.	Refer Attachment 27
115	Opposition to the Proposed Revocation of Harbour View Park	<p>Dear Council,</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed revocation of Harbour View Park.</p> <p>As a parent of a young child, this green space is vital for ours and community well-being. My two-year-old son and his friends play there every week, and my in-laws frequently take him to the playground. It's a safe, welcoming environment that fosters community connections and provides a much-needed respite from urban life.</p> <p>Revocating this park would not only deprive our children of a cherished play area but also diminish the sense of community that makes our neighborhood special. Green spaces like Harbour View Park are essential for mental and physical health, and their loss would be deeply felt by families and residents alike.</p> <p>I urge the council to reconsider this decision and prioritize the preservation of public spaces that serve the community's needs.</p>	-

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		<p>Additionally, the currently proposed location at Harbour View Park is not suitable for development. The surrounding streets are too narrow to accommodate the increased traffic and congestion that such a facility would generate. This site is simply not appropriate for this type of development. There are several other underutilized areas in Lincoln that would be far more suitable and have less impact on local families. Council should carefully consider these alternative locations and leave green spaces for communities.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this matter.</p>	
116	Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve	<p>RE the future development of aged care or retirement living facilities on the Harbourview Reserve. I understand that there is a growing demand for aged care services and child care centres in Port Lincoln, BUT NOT on our beautiful reserve which caters for so many people's needs of Mental Health, children at play, people with their dogs, the bird life, BBQ facilities and our view. We purchased our home with happy visions of taking our grandchildren to the park for many years. Harbourview was "gifted" to the Council by a family that wanted it to be a community reserve.</p> <p>Harbourview Reserve is within a good walking distance for people in the area who walk their children and their dogs. Kids ride their bikes to the reserve. As mentioned on your website, other nearby reserves including Puckridge Park (at 1.2km distance), Whait Reserve (at 1.6km), and the Port Lincoln Foreshore Playground (at 1.5km), Mena Place Reserve (580m), are not walking distances for Mums and Dads with their children, it is a drive in the car.</p> <p>I am not in favour of this proposal</p>	-
117	Submission - Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve -	<p>Please do not get rid of this beautiful reserve!</p> <p>My family come out here all the time and enjoy the playground and open space. My daughter who is a keen soccer player just loves running around and kicking the ball. With no way of transportation other than walking, this is close to us. And no, we so do not have enough play areas here in Port Lincoln. Or areas where our children can run free. Please, do not replace this beautiful area, leave it as it is. So many locals also enjoy the open space with their pet dogs.</p>	-

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	Highview Drive, Port	This is not just a reserve, but a place families can come together and enjoy. It brings people together. Leave as it is 🙏	
118	Harbour view Community Reserve	To whom it may concern, I am writing to express my strong support for keeping the Harbour View Community Reserve in its current state and not selling it for development. Preserving these greenspaces is essential for future generations. I recommend looking further out of town for your facilities. While we do require these facilities, it's important to address the staffing issues that currently affect other facilities in town.	-
119	Revocation of Harbour View Park	<p>Dear Diana</p> <p>I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed revocation of Harbour View Park. This green space plays a vital role in the life of our community and should be preserved for current and future generations.</p> <p>Harbour View Park is more than just a stretch of land—it is a cherished place for recreation, reflection, and connection with nature. Families, individuals, and community groups regularly use this park to walk, exercise, picnic, and simply unwind. My own son spends time there playing and exploring, which not only brings him joy but also fosters a valuable connection with the outdoors in an increasingly urban environment.</p> <p>The removal of this space would not only impact the day-to-day wellbeing of local residents, but would also represent a significant loss of heritage. It is my understanding that the land was originally gifted to the council by generous landowners who intended it to be used by the community. For the council to consider selling it now is deeply disappointing and, frankly, appalling. It contradicts the very spirit in which the land was entrusted to public care.</p> <p>Green spaces like Harbour View Park are irreplaceable. Once gone, they cannot be recovered. There are surely alternative sites more suitable for development that do not involve sacrificing such a</p>	-

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		meaningful and historic piece of our community. I urge you to reconsider and protect this land as a lasting legacy for those who live here today and for generations yet to come.	
120	Harbourview reserve	<p>Dear Diana,</p> <p>I am writing to oppose the selling off of several parks and reserves around our beautiful town. We need open spaces. I frequently walk past Harbourview Reserve and there are nearly always people using this park. Children playing on the playground, people exercising their dogs or others kicking a ball or throwing frisbees.</p> <p>Are all beds in our aged care facilities filled or are quite a few empty due to the staffing crisis?</p>	-
	Submission - Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive, Port Lincoln	<p>Dear Council,</p> <p>Please leave this reserve as it is, we need open spaces and every time I walk past this reserve there is usually people there, either children on the playground or people enjoying time with their dogs while exercising. It is very rare for it not being used every day.</p>	
121	Revocation of community land status of harbourview reserve	I, my wife and her two sisters would like to protest vigourously against taking this reserve from the community by changing its status from that which it was granted at inception. It would be very short sighted of council to squander this and the other green areas that are being targeted in order to make the budget look better for at most a few years. Green spaces in cities have proven value for the health and well being of residents. This fact is well known by the medical community - in which capacity i served this community for over forty years.	-

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		Councillors should hold the well being of their constituents in much higher regard than a few dollars. It would be a sad day for Port Lincoln when council preferred the interests of private investors over the well being of the community they were elected to serve.	
122	Harbour view park reserve	<p>Good afternoon to whom this may reach.</p> <p>My name is lochie Paech and I am a resident of Walkley road. I'm writing this email as I do not want to see the harbour view park be taken away from us and people around the community. We were recommend by the mayor to write our say and what the park means to us at our gathering today.</p> <p>I personally use this park on a daily basis. I use it to exercise my dog and it is the perfect area for it. There's not too many days or even driving past where there aren't people using the playground for their kids or elderly people with their grandchildren or people walking their dogs. It would be a shame to see it go!</p> <p>Seeing all the people there today rallying around this and how much the park means to the community was a real eye opener and I really hope this doesn't go through.</p>	-
123	Submission - Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive, Port Lincoln	<p>I am writing to express my concern and objection relating to proposed development of Harbourview Reserve.</p> <p>I often utilise the reserve with my dog, a space close to home for her to run and for both of us to socialise with others who use the park. I have also recently become a mother, making the park an even more valuable and vital space in my life. Having a space within walking distance from home allows me to continue to provide my dog with the exercise she desperately needs as an active breed. The added mental health benefits for me to get out of the home with baby, as well as the health benefits for me and for my baby, are also immeasurable. I fondly look forward to a time that we can walk up to the park as a family, play at the playground, and utilise the bbq area for gatherings, as our unit has limited space to host. As our population grows, and backyard sizes reduce, spaces such as these become increasingly important for residents.</p>	-

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		I respectfully ask that you take my submission into consideration when making your decisions regarding the reserve.	
124	Submission - Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive, Port Lincoln	<p>I am writing to strongly oppose the proposal for Revocation of Community Land at Harbourview Reserve.</p> <p>We visit and walk our dog here regularly, and have for 15 years, as nearby residents on Wandana Avenue.</p> <p>Our kids are 15 and 13 and we have been going here since they were babies old enough to use the playground.</p> <p>My son still uses it to fly model planes and my kids take the dog here and visit with their young cousins.</p> <p>We have visited the Koala that has been in the park previously, and had laser tag birthday parties here, it holds great memories.</p> <p>As such it means a great deal to us to be able to visit an open green space close to home, and to see so many young families continue to do the same.</p> <p>As well as the memories, we see now how popular it is with local families who continue to use as we did with our young family.</p> <p>This park attracts people from all around our area. Virtually everyone walks there, it is rare to see people come by car, hence the value that it offers residents in our area of town. The 'Train Park' or Flinders Park is a bit far away when people wish to go for a walk and visit a playground with their young families.</p> <p>Open green spaces are vitally important to break up the urban area and provide needed corridors for wildlife. Harbourview Reserve has such great potential for increased native tree and shrub/grass</p>	-

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		<p>planting to further provide for the native birdlife, as well as more development for families such as grassed picnic areas, seating, fencing around the playground, and bringing back exercise equipment. I think the reserve has much more potential as an open community space.</p> <p>In a time where we should be looking to green and soften our urban spaces and reduce our impact on the environment, a reserve such as this is important for environmental reasons, community engagement, and exercise/mental health benefits. Once this reserve is gone and lost to development, we will never get it back. I note the Council proposes to retain approximately 1,000m² of the site as open space, that will include a new playground. However who is to say that wont eventually disappear and be replaced with an Aged Care extension to the development - \$\$ money talks.....</p> <p>I understand the needs of an ageing population and pressure to provide aged care accommodation. However, this is not the location for a development such as that. It is not on a main feeder/arterial road and as such will bring an unsuitable mix of traffic and traffic volumes to this quiet residential area.</p> <p>Ambulances, delivery trucks, health care providers etc will all contribute to increased traffic movements will all impact on the area.</p> <p>Additionally, I don't think it is a suitable location for elderly residents who are not within easy access of services and the town centre. It wouldn't be very easy at all for the elderly to be independent and move about the community as they wish – ie walk into town.</p> <p>A site for a retirement village, aged care facility or combination of both needs to be near the town centre and nearer Health services. Sites that come to mind are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The parcel of land that has recently been given to the Lincoln South Football Club behind centenary oval, this is an ideal location near a similar land use. 2. The vacant land directly behind the hospital that has access to Marine Avenue. 	

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		<p>3. The vacant land on the northern side of Porter Street between Mortlock Terrace roundabout and Blackman Place.</p> <p>In closing, I object to the revocation of Community Land at Harbourview reserve for the above reasons. Far from being surplus to community needs, we need spaces like this more than ever to enhance our residential areas, grow more trees and vegetation cover, provide for our native wildlife, and give our residents a local and easily accessible open space.</p>	
125	Save Harbourview Reserve	<p>Dear Members of the Port Lincoln City Council,</p> <p>I am writing to you as a concerned member of the community regarding the proposed re-zoning of Harbourview Reserve. As you are aware, this green space is a cherished natural area that plays a vital role in our local environment, community well-being, and overall quality of life.</p> <p>It has come to my attention that there is a proposal to revoke the reserve's current zoning and re-zone it for potential development. I strongly oppose this proposal, and I urge you to consider the long-term environmental, social, and health impacts of such a decision.</p> <p>Harbourview Reserve is more than just an open space—it serves as a vital green lung for the area, providing a refuge for local wildlife and offering recreational opportunities for residents. One of the key aspects of the reserve that has greatly impacted my family and many others is the playground. This playground has been heavily utilized by families, offering children a safe, accessible space to play and socialize. It has become a central gathering place for the community, bringing joy to many, and serving as a much-needed resource for local families.</p> <p>When my family purchased our home in this area, one of the key appeals was the proximity to Harbourview Reserve and the playground. The convenience and accessibility of this space, along with its natural beauty, played a significant role in our decision to settle here. Losing this space</p>	-

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		<p>would not only be a blow to my family, but also to many other families who rely on it for daily recreation and leisure.</p> <p>In addition to the playground, another major draw of Harbourview Reserve is the free BBQ space available to the public. This facility provides a fantastic opportunity for residents to gather, connect, and enjoy meals in a beautiful, relaxed outdoor setting. Many community events, family barbecues, and casual gatherings are held here, creating a sense of belonging and shared experience. The BBQ space is a vital resource for the community, and its loss would be deeply felt by many who use it regularly.</p> <p>Rather than losing this valuable green space, I propose that we look for ways to update and improve Harbourview Reserve. A potential enhancement could be the inclusion of a fenced dog park. As the community continues to grow, the need for safe and accessible spaces for our pets to play is becoming more evident. A designated dog park would serve both the needs of pet owners and non-pet owners alike, fostering a sense of community while maintaining the integrity of the reserve.</p> <p>In addition to its recreational and social value, green spaces like Harbourview Reserve contribute significantly to mental and physical health. With urban areas increasingly becoming more built-up, the importance of maintaining and protecting such spaces cannot be overstated. The Reserve helps to mitigate the effects of climate change, offering a habitat for native plants and animals while absorbing carbon dioxide and reducing urban heat islands.</p> <p>I also understand that the local government may have growth and housing development objectives, but these goals should not come at the expense of irreplaceable public green space. There are alternative ways to meet housing needs without sacrificing the environmental, social, and recreational benefits that Harbourview Reserve provides to the community.</p>	

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		<p>I respectfully request that you reconsider this proposal and work to preserve and enhance Harbourview Reserve for current and future generations. The community is united in its desire to protect this space, and I ask that you take this into account when making your decision.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. I trust that you will consider the many voices of your constituents who wish to see Harbourview Reserve remain a protected and treasured part of our community.</p> <p>I look forward to your response and hope for a positive outcome.</p>	
126	Submission - Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive, Port Lincoln	<p>I am commenting on the proposed revocation of Harbourview Reserve (Highview Drive) and the plans for future development. I do not want to see this lovely green space lost forever by being calved up for housing.</p> <p>I use this park for walking through with family and would like my granddaughter to play at the playground. Parks such as these are precious green spaces that should be protected for future generations. Once lost, they are never replaced.</p>	-
127	Revocation of Community Land	<p>Dear Port Lincoln City Council,</p> <p>As a life long resident of Port Lincoln, I write with deep concern regarding the council's proposal to revoke the Community Land classification of Harbourview Reserve and sell it for potential development.</p> <p>This reserve is not just vacant land—it's a living part of the community's history and character. I've seen generations of local families enjoy this space for walking, gathering, playing, and simply being outdoors. It has been part of our shared story for decades. In a world where so much changes, green public spaces like this offer continuity, peace, and a sense of place that cannot be replicated.</p>	-

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		<p>To those of us who have lived here for many years, this proposal feels like the erasure of community values in favour of short-term revenue. Once the land is gone, so is the opportunity for future generations to enjoy what we were fortunate enough to grow up with. Council has a responsibility not only to manage land—but to steward community assets with wisdom and legacy in mind.</p> <p>Furthermore, the environmental and urban implications are deeply concerning. The reserve supports native flora, helps manage runoff in heavy rains, and provides a cooling effect in summer months. Selling this land would put further pressure on roads, services, and residents in an already growing neighbourhood.</p> <p>There are fewer and fewer places left where children can play without fences, and where neighbours can connect without commercial influence. Please do not take that away.</p> <p>I respectfully urge the council to listen to its residents—past, present, and future—and preserve Harbourview Reserve as community land.</p>	
128	Revocation of Community Classifications	Refer Attachment Letter	Refer Attachment 28
129	Proposal to revoke the Community Land Classification of Harbourview Reserve	Refer Attachment Letter	Refer Attachment 29

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130	Submission of Support for the Development of New Community Aged Care Home Care Facilities in Port Lincoln	Refer Attachment Letter	Refer Attachment 30
131	City of Port Lincoln Proposed Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve	<p>Dear Councillors,</p> <p>We write in response to the City of Port Lincoln's proposed revocation of community land, in particular Harbourview Reserve on Highview Drive.</p> <p>We strongly oppose the idea of revoking this land for development, and see no legitimate reason for doing so. To suggest that these areas can be 'better utilised to benefit the community' doesn't sit well with us.</p> <p>Upon moving to Port Lincoln 16 years ago, we chose to live on Heather Road, directly opposite the Harbourview Reserve. Not only does the reserve provide a pleasant outlook for all neighbouring properties, it is the perfect space for throwing a ball with your dog, which we did every day. When we had children, the reserve was a much needed area to get them out of the house. Having the option of walking to a park with a toddler and a baby as opposed to the dreaded loading of everything into the car just to get out of the house cannot be undervalued for the benefits to mental health. Everyone should have this option available to them, living in a lovely regional city like Port Lincoln.</p> <p>In our opinion there is no such thing as 'too much' open space in city planning. It is vital for the health and wellbeing of all residents and should be protected at all costs. With the population of</p>	-

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		<p>Port Lincoln growing, this is even more reason to preserve and invest in our green space areas, not reduce them.</p> <p>We don't believe this site is suitable for the proposed aged care facility due to the lack of space for expansion, sloping ground, potential traffic congestion at surrounding intersections etc.</p> <p>Surely there are other options for the council's proposed developments that don't include removing open spaces that are used daily by the residents in the area. We used to sit with our young children and watch out the window as people brought their dogs to the park for a play every day. We don't think deeming the area 'underutilised' is a fair assessment.</p> <p>It is our understanding that the land was gifted to Council in the 1950s for community use. It should remain community land for future families to enjoy.</p> <p>We trust that the voice of the community will be listened to.</p>	
132	Harbourview Reserve	<p>As a regular user of the park eg. walking the dog and taking the grandchildren to utilise the playground, I find it unbelievable that the council want to convert it to something else other than a community park. As for a development for a nursing home, childcare centre or what ever else you have in mind, why not use land outside the housing area. You are only going to encourage the children to go out onto the roads and try and play which is not ideal. I have seen many councillors make unwelcome decisions over the years and then vacate their position after their term is up, leaving the problem for the incoming people holding the baby, so to speak.</p>	-
133	Revocation of Community Land - Save Harbour View Reserve, vote 'No'	<p>Revocation of Community Land * Harbourview Reserve – Highview Drive, Port Lincoln</p> <p>I oppose the City of Port Lincoln to change the Community Land Title/Reserve status on this land. Please DO NOT change the purpose of this land. Please leave this land for people of all ages to enjoy as public open space in its current form – protect it. As advised to me by Eric Brown 10/5/25 – this land is the cheapest and easiest land to use for Aged Care.</p>	-

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		<p>Just because it was cleared in the 1980's? before vegetation laws prevented the clearing of land does not mean it is now fair game for PLCC to now sell. There are other parcels of land not being utilised that should be utilised.</p> <p>Please protect this public green space – I feel this community land is being sacrificed over money.</p> <p>The infrastructure required to meet sewer/power/water needs and replanting of vegetation for clearing other land needs to be included in the cost of any new aged care facility.</p> <p>City of Pt Lincoln's plan for revocation of this public space, I believe is in breach of its own guidelines and written documentation in the Open Space Strategy 2021-2026.</p> <p>There are many areas which appear to contradict Council's own planning of open space in this document.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In reference to the Open Strategy Plan 2021-26 it is a community space to be preserved and with reference to page 18 'Focus higher standards of design and amenity at Neighbourhood and Regional level open space reserves, while targeting design and amenity within local reserves closely to their intended function' . Pg13 – Hierarchy of Open Space- GREEN NEIGHBOURHOOD RESERVE = HarbourView Reserve. It has no carparking spaces, natural grasses across the area and minimal maintenance. The reserve has mid range 3-4 & 5-6 scores in each category of Design & Appearance, Maintenance, Nature & Environment, Play & Recreation as set out in your document. 'Maintain, renew and enhance open space facilities on the basis that the current open space network provides a hierarchy of local, neighbourhood and regional spaces that meet the community's needs' from pg14 Pg 26 – HarbourView Reserve is rated as a Neighbourhood Level Playground. page27 of your document with reference to 'Ensure that urban areas are appropriately serviced with adequate 	

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		<p>access to playground facilities at Neighbourhood and Regional Level playgrounds' Research supports unstructured outdoor play and immersion in nature for health and wellbeing of all ages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pg29 'Maximise the use of existing unstructured recreation facilities through carefully considered alterations and additions' Do not reduce the size of this community space. The idea of retaining a small 1000m2 area for a playground after the rezoning is not adequate to keeping in line with Open Space Strategy document. <p>The above references I believe, under the revocation of Community Land/Reserve status breaches the Open Plan Strategy Plan.</p> <p>What is not highlighted enough is the mental health benefits that the community gains from this space.</p> <p>It is not a written formula that can be measured for the visual benefit & health asset we have within our community.</p> <p>This reserve is needed & used in many ways by the community - to run, walk or drive past & appreciate the area, exercise pets, sit and ponder over the view, listen to the birds – galahs, lincoln parrots, magpies - watch the clouds roll by, listen to the children on the playground, watch the kids that play in the dirt, watch the sunrise, fly a kite, play on the playground, ride a bike in a clear open space, have a bbq, see the birds shelter on the ground in rough weather.</p> <p>There are so many ways community members of all ages use & appreciate this reserve.</p> <p>Please vote against the revocation of the HarbourView Reserve community land. I do not want it changed, I do not want any building structure in this space.</p>	
134	Save harbourview reserve	Dear Sir/Madam RE: Revocation of Harbourview Reserve	-

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		<p>When this area was developed as a large residential area a mandatory requirement by law and by Council was that a permanent open land area be included in the plans.</p> <p>This is the Harbourview reserve, this open natural green area is used, enjoyed and revered by residents and been a major influence to people who have invested, built their homes and lives here, we built in Walkley road many years ago in good faith as have the many other families in the neighbourhood to be near a safe green open space with a lovely view.</p> <p>As this reserve is designated as permanent it means permanent, we trusted this council and the state law to uphold this status forever.</p> <p>This estate is now fully developed and our precious reserve has become a central hub.</p> <p>Virtually the heart and lungs for the many people, pets, birds and others who use it daily for pleasure for exercise for respite and other various uses it is so much more than a little kiddie's playground.</p> <p>Our children, grandchildren and others here for after school care of all ages need space to play, run and exercise pets, ride bikes safely off the roads what-everthey choose, in, a safe area and to get off phones and electronic games, they need to get outside to open spaces near home.</p> <p>They have spent endless hours playing and exploring in this reserve, I sincerely hope that future generations of families will continue to enjoy this lovely open space as they deserve to, As it was designed to be.</p> <p>For myself and older residents need a much safer place to walk than on the road as there are no footpaths on Walkley road so we use the parkland.</p> <p>Now we have Council scheming and conspiring for revocation of the status of our reserve, invalidating their own laws, and decimating public parklands, with no regard to present and future</p>	

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		<p>open space needs of this community, We love our park, we use it, and absolutely don't want it destroyed.</p> <p>I am very angry I feel deceived and betrayed, we are being treated with contempt. Please vote against this short sighted despicable land grab, this damage could never be undone.</p>	
135	Please save Harbourview Reserve	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I am writing to express strong support for preserving Harbourview Reserve as a vital green space for our community. As the last remaining park in our part of town with wide open space, it plays a unique and irreplaceable role in the lives of local families.</p> <p>Unlike smaller parks or formal ovals, Harbourview Reserve offers a flexible area where children can learn and play sports like golf, cricket, and frisbee in a wide open, informal, low-pressure setting. This kind of space is essential for active play and skill development without the need for organized clubs or bookings.</p> <p>Beyond recreation, green spaces like Harbourview Reserve are crucial for mental health and well-being. They provide a peaceful environment where residents can relax, connect with nature, and find respite from the stresses of everyday life—something especially valuable in increasingly urbanized areas.</p> <p>Losing this space would mean more than just losing grass and trees; it would mean losing a cornerstone of our community's physical and mental wellness.</p> <p>I urge you to protect Harbourview Reserve for current and future generations and can only hope that the Port Lincoln Council will somehow find the budget money they need without selling our kids activity spaces to the highest bidder.</p>	-

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136	Submission - Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive, Port Lincoln	Please note my opposition to the sale of Harbourview Reserve for intended aged care as it is apparent from both local residents and those of us who value open natural spaces for bird and other species along with children wanting to kick a ball and walkers roam. Once sold there is no going back. We are fortunate to have these open spaces.	-
137	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> <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>	-

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		<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 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>	

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		<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> <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. 	

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		<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> <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>	

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138	Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>This letter is to express my strong opposition to the proposal to redevelop Harbourview Reserve into an aged care facility.</p> <p>As a retired board member of Matthew Flinders Care Services I am fully aware that we need additional aged care infrastructure. It should not come at the cost of recreational public land which once gone can never be replaced.</p> <p>Harbourview Reserve is a much loved part of our neighbourhood with 3 generations of our family taking advantage of the green space over a period of 50 years.</p> <p>I urge the council to find alternative locations that do not come at the expense of our irreplaceable public space.</p> <p>Please register this letter as a formal objection to the proposal.</p>	-
139	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>	-

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		<p>. Open area green space for all to enjoy now, and for future generations.</p> <p>. Recreational areas.</p> <p>. A buffer zone opening up neighbourhoods and reducing housing congestion.</p> <p>. Natural habits and wildlife space.</p> <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> <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>	
140	Your Say - Harbourview Reserve	<p>Att: Council Members</p> <p>Port Lincoln City Council</p> <p>RE: HARBOURVIEW RESERVE</p> <p>To Whom it May Concern,</p> <p>I am writing to express my concerns about the Council's proposal to sell off Harbourview Reserve.</p> <p>We recently purchased our first home on Ocean Avenue last year. As my husband and I have two young daughters we were very excited to get a home in such a lovely, quiet location that had an amazing playground and open area for us to enjoy in such easy walking distance. We often pop around to let our kids use the playground, and we walk our dog around the reserve while they play.</p>	-

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		<p>I also like to use the open space to practice dance as I am a member of a local dance company. We have also met several of our neighbours while using this open space. It's been a great spot to create relationships with the community around us.</p> <p>Given the above statement, I would like to raise several concerns that my family have should the council try to revoke this beautiful space.</p> <p>1. If this space were taken away, the next option available to us is the Train Park by Matthew Flinders on Stuart Terrace. While the playground is nice the space it is significantly smaller for our dog. As it is also approx. 1.2km from our home, it is also not within walking distance. I have two small children who are not capable of walking that distance, having a play and then walking back, especially not after a full day of care. The return journey is also ENTIRELY uphill. Due to health issues I am unable to push both children in the pram (50kg approx.) UPHILL for over a kilometre. So that leaves the only option of driving. I drive past the train park daily and the carpark for the Train Park is always full. There's no one at the park, but the carpark is full. I have also noted that these vehicles are always the same, leading me to believe that they are staff members of Matthew Flinders. On the occasions that I do make the effort to drive, I have to park up a side street in a residential street, which is often also quite full, and create even more congestion.</p> <p>2. This leads to another concern for this land being used for a Retirement Village. Traffic congestion is sure to become an issue and home owners are likely going to have vehicles parked in front of their homes or creating congestion in the streets. This will include staff vehicles, visiting family and emergency vehicles.</p> <p>3. It is also highly concerning that the Council Proposal states that the land would be for "Retirement Village – or other use". What is other use?? That could cover literally anything. And once the land is sold, we have no say as to what happens. Even if a promise is made to leave a playground there is no legal obligation to do so once the developers have the sale complete.</p>	

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		<p>4. Harbourview Reserve is classified as a Neighbourhood Reserve and meets the required criteria that it is minimum 0.5 hectares, within 400-500m (walking distance) of the households they serve and is an open space designed to be multi-functional. If this was a requirement for the development of this area originally, and is still a requirement for all developed housing areas today, why is the Council moving to call it 'surplus' and sell it off? If open space is still a requirement today, what possible legal stand does the Council have to revoke it? Is it only the law until the Council sees fit to change their mind?</p> <p>5. Human Beings are not designed to live in boxes. For our physical and mental well-being we are meant to go outside and connect with nature. We are a young family, and as such we are in a 'busy' stage of life. We work hard, we race to keep everything going and stay financially secure. To be able to come home, pop dinner in the oven and then walk around the corner to nature is such a blessing for us. One of my favourite experiences since moving to this area is watching the sunset as my kids play and then heading home happy and centred.</p> <p>Harbourview Reserve is used today exactly as intended. Local residents use this space daily for all manner of activities. Children meet to play, neighbours chat, dogs run, parties are had, kites are flown, local birds chirp in the trees and the calmness that only nature can provide is found. This space is a central meeting space for this community to come together, connect with each other and with nature. It is honestly insulting to find that anyone could call it 'surplus' and completely dismiss the importance of it. It is an essential part of our neighbourhood and I for one would be devastated to see it lost.</p> <p>I implore you to listen to the community, truly consider what we are all saying and make the right decision that we all need you to do.</p>	
141	Save Harbourview Reserve	I can't believe that this wonderful green space for children and adults to enjoy walking dogs, kicking footballs, playing on the play equipment and gaining general mental health benefits could be stripped from the community never to be returned.	-

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		<p>I have had the pleasure of using the park on many occasions with my grandchildren and my dogs. It is such a great space to let loose.</p> <p>I fear for the future of our grandchildren and their children when green spaces such as the ones being considered throughout Port Lincoln are stolen from them to enjoy in the future. We may have percentages more than other places but what a great asset for us to preserve. There is plenty of other land options that can be used for building but I suspect as usual its all about money. I understand there is the need for other amenities and affordable housing but at what cost if you use our green spaces.</p> <p>Please think of our children, grandchildren and their children's well-being and leave our green spaces as they are for all to enjoy.</p>	
142	Submission - Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive, Port Lincoln	<p>I [REDACTED] of [REDACTED], Port Lincoln "REJECT" the proposal.</p> <p>Born and raised on the EP, and living and working in Port Lincoln for 25years in nursing at the Port Lincoln Hospital and also in early childhood/kindy work.</p> <p>I have seen first hand the mental health issues impacting individuals and families in our city, and the evidence behind nature and green spaces to improve and support mental health and physical wellbeing.</p> <p>Save our green space to save our mental and physical health and well being.</p>	-
143	Questioning the Surplus Land Designation of Harbourview Reserve	<p>To the Port Lincoln Council,</p> <p>Subject: Questioning the Surplus Land Designation of Harbourview Reserve</p> <p>I'm reaching out to ask how Harbourview Reserve was decided to be "surplus" land. From what I've seen, this doesn't fit with the council's own open space plans and guidelines.</p>	-

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		<p>1. Open Space Strategy and Planning Code</p> <p>The Port Lincoln Council's Open Space Strategy lists Harbourview Reserve as a Neighbourhood Reserve. According to the Planning and Design Code, Neighbourhood Parks are meant to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve people within walking distance. • Be at least 0.5 hectares (5,000 m²). • Be located about 400–500 metres from nearby homes. • Be accessible, multi-functional, and designed to accommodate passive and active recreation, including play areas, sports, walking/cycling paths, and natural environments. • The reserve meets these criteria and remains critical for local residents. <p>2. More Than Just Recreation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The introduction of the Open Space Plan makes reference to how open space serves functions beyond recreation, including conservation, amenity, and utility. • Harbourview Reserve exemplifies these roles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Conservation and biodiversity: The reserve provides important habitat for native wildlife, including native birds such as plovers that nest in the trees and surrounding natural areas. This supports local biodiversity and the protection of native species. o Amenity: The greenery of the reserve contributes to greening the urban environment, enhancing the aesthetic appeal of the neighbourhood and providing a natural, calming space for residents. o Utility: The natural vegetation and terrain of the reserve assist in stormwater management by absorbing runoff and reducing erosion, helping to protect the local environment and infrastructure. <p>3. Meeting Community Needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The strategy emphasizes maintaining, renewing, and enhancing open space facilities to meet community needs. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The heritage trail, while valuable, is a creek with a walking path—not comparable to a true neighbourhood open space offering diverse recreational opportunities. Harbourview Reserve is essential as a versatile space for active community engagement and outdoor activities. <p>My family and I use Harbourview Reserve regularly for soccer practice, kite flying, bike riding and playground fun. We see many other families doing the same or walking with their dogs in the same area.</p> <p>To sum up: Harbourview Reserve fits the description of a Neighbourhood Park and provides important health benefits to both the community and the environment.</p> <p>I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this and hope the council will reconsider the designation. Thanks for your time and attention.</p>	
144	Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I disagree with the proposal to revoke the community land classification of Harbourview Reserve for the purpose of building an aged care facility.</p> <p>While I understand there is a growing need for aged care services in Port Lincoln and across the Eyre Peninsula, it is not the City of Port Lincoln's responsibility to provide land to developers. The council should be advocating to Federal and State agencies to work with private land holders to facilitate this, rather than taking away valued open space.</p> <p>The report provided in relation to this piece of land does not sufficiently deal with the impact of the revocation of community land classification on the local community. While it states that additional aged care is required, the report doesn't sufficiently cover the impact the revocation will have on</p>	-

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		<p>the community that use this public space, or the impact an aged care facility in this particular location will have on that community.</p> <p>Where the report does somewhat address the impact to the local community, a number of other reserves are mentioned. The closest reserve, being the heritage walk, cannot reasonably be considered as an alternative given it is a walking trail bordering a natural drain. The report also just simply doesn't consider the topography of Port Lincoln. The other reserves in 'reasonable proximity' may be considered close to Harbourview in a straight line on a map, however in practice are a considerable distance up and down steep hills. Harborview is the only park within walking distance for many, particularly given the steep hills required to be climbed one way or the other, to visit other parks. Walks that are very difficult to do with children. It seems council is assuming that everyone has a car or should have to get children into and out of a car to undertake any recreation.</p> <p>It is interesting to note that the report for this piece of land makes no mention of its being underutilised, as the report does for the other pieces of land. So, it seems Council is aware that the community values it highly and utilises this open space regularly.</p> <p>I'm unsure whether Council has done any initial assessment in terms of the impacts of this type of development on roads and access in the vicinity of Harbourview Reserve. I would have thought this would be done prior to proposing the land for revocation and included these impacts within the report as they are significant impacts. It would seem this is an important consideration of any decision of this nature that should be part of this consultation and not be left until the planning stages.</p> <p>This proposal will also significantly detrimentally affect the property values of homes in the area due to the loss of amenity and increased traffic flow. Providing essentially little more than one house block for a small park will not even come close to mitigating the effect of this financial loss. People have purchased their properties in this area with the proximity of a public reserve (which are generally protected, rather than private land which everyone is aware can be sold/developed)</p>	

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		<p>being reflected in that purchase price. The decision to wipe considerable financial value from these homes should not be taken lightly or dismissed as unimportant.</p> <p>I have also heard this land was created as a reserve as part of open space requirements for a development. It is widely understood that open space is required to be considered in developments as it is important for community wellbeing to have open space nearby. The way this particular piece of land came to Council has not been addressed by the report, and it seems an oversight not to do so.</p> <p>Ultimately, there is sufficient vacant land within the City of Port Lincoln and the surrounding region, for the aged care sector to be able to utilise market mechanisms. If the Council is aware of vacant land which would be suitable, they should be facilitating discussions between the owners and aged care providers. The council should not be taking away valued open space merely because the sector views this as an easier and/or cheaper option.</p> <p>Overall, the report does not properly address the impacts of the revocation on the local community. These impacts are too great, and the report insufficient to continue to consider revoking the community land status of Harbourview Reserve.</p> <p>Lastly, on a more personal note, my family and I regularly use Harbourview Reserve as it is walking distance from our home. We value being able to take the children to a large space to ride bikes, fly kites, kick a ball around and to run and play surrounded by relatively quiet and safe streets.</p>	
145	Harbourview Reserve	<p>Please acknowledge my concerns and disagreement to the proposed Revocation of Community Land at Harbourview Reserve and the other proposed sites.</p> <p>As a council you request an allocation of open GREEN SPACE with all land development proposals. Why is it that now the areas have been developed for many years, you deem these areas to be surplus to requirements?</p>	-

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		<p>These areas are vital to the local community's spirit, lifestyle and mental health.</p> <p>Harbourview Reserve is used daily by residents/families walking through the park, walking dogs, kids playing on the playground, riding bikes and go karts, flying kites, playing ball sports (football, cricket etc). It allows people the opportunity to get out and relax in their local area without having to get in the car and drive somewhere.</p> <p>In your OPEN SPACE STRATEGY 2021-2026 Document you state on page 7 that there is an over allocation of open space for Port Lincolns current and future population, looking at this open space there is a high percentage of open space which is natural scrub land which has limited access and use opportunities e.g. Natural scrub around Kirton Point, along Victoria Cres, Puckridge Park, land behind cemeteries. these areas are great for a nature walk but have limited uses compared to cleared areas like Harbourview. Both types of park are vital to the communities Health and Wellbeing and Mental Health.</p> <p>On Page 8 of this document the last 2 Guiding Principles are,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintain the existing range of public open space throughout Port Lincoln. - Ensure in future planning that any one area of the town has ready access to different types of open space. <p>Looking at your map on page 9 there is significantly less open space in the area between Flinders Hwy and New West Road compared to other areas in Port Lincoln. This area is a fully developed residential area which needs access to open space safely without resident being forced to cross main roads especially young families and/or kids. Harbourview reserve is also a very open area unlike other parks allowing for a wider variety of uses, unlike heavily vegetated reserves. Maintenance cost for this reserve is low compared to a fully developed reserve.</p> <p>Roads around Harbourview Reserve are busy enough with the current level of residents and I feel that there will be traffic control requirements on Highview Drive with and increase in residents to</p>	

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		<p>the area. Also, by increasing the population in this area you will increase the need for open space, so with this proposed development where will you allocate this space?</p> <p>There is also a large amount of water runoff directed into Harbourview Reserve which is absorbed by the park this water will need to be redirected into the current stormwater runoff system which struggles during periods of high rainfall.</p> <p>Once our open space is gone can never get it back, we live in the country because we like the open spaces and the lifestyle, not densely built-up areas like in cities.</p> <p>Alternative areas to look at are,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the land along Kent Place, Trafalgar St up to Cook Street in Kirton Point. - Corner of Wingard Tce and St Andrews Tce -Between Lipson Place and St Andrews Tce - Mena Place - Breton Place - Top of New West Road or Flinders Hwy - Parcel of land Nth side of Porter Street opposite Railway land - Bentham Place, Hill Place and Matthew Place area. <p>More investment in infrastructure to allow for expansion into some of these fringe areas.</p> <p>These open community green space areas are NOT surplus to requirements!</p>	
146	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>	-

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		<p>1) Community land once sold cannot be returned and paradoxically with a growing population it might be required for public use.</p> <p>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!</p> <p>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?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
147	No to the revocation of community land – Harbourview Reserve	Refer Letter Attached	Refer Attachment 31
	NO to the revocation of community land -	<p>To the Port Lincoln City Council, Mayor and Elected Councillors,</p> <p>My name is [REDACTED], a retired retail manager, and I have proudly lived at [REDACTED] for over 50 years. Throughout my time here, I have witnessed the invaluable role that Harbour View Reserve</p>	-

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	Harbourview Reserve	<p>plays in our community. This space has provided countless families and individuals with opportunities for exercise, recreation, and connection with nature.</p> <p>The open area allows families to enjoy activities such as walking, sporting practices, and dog exercise without the burden of fencing costs. The playground is a vibrant hub for children and their families, fostering community engagement and joy.</p> <p>I want to express, on behalf of our community, that we do not want to lose the park.</p> <p>The reserve was designated as such during the early years of housing development, in accordance with council planning. This requirement was crucial for ensuring accessible green spaces for residents. The Port Lincoln City Council's own Open Space Strategy (2021-2026) emphasizes the importance of reserves located within 400 to 500 meters of homes, a standard that must be upheld.</p> <p>Losing this open space, rich with native trees and grassland, would detract from the country feel that attracted many families, including mine, to this area. Further housing development would not only diminish our enjoyment of the reserve but could also negatively impact property values and the scenic views that overlook our beautiful city.</p> <p>Moreover, the loss of this open space would adversely affect the local birdlife, including magpies, plovers, and kookaburras, who rely on the reserve as a breeding and feeding ground.</p> <p>Additionally, building on the reserve could lead to significant stormwater issues, especially during heavy downpours. The reserve acts as a natural soakage area for streets like Walkley Road, and development would increase stormwater runoff, particularly at the Highview Drive-Rita Street corner.</p> <p>I urge you to consider our feedback seriously. Harbour View Reserve is a vital open space for our community. Please do not revoke its status.</p>	

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		Thank you for your attention to this matter.	
148	Submission – Proposal for Revocation of Community Land – Harbourview Reserve – Highview Drive	Refer Letter Attached	Refer Attachment 32
149	Harbour view reserve	<p>I am writing to formally express my strong objection to the proposed sale of the playground and park harbour view reserve.</p> <p>This green space is not just a patch of land-it is a vital community asset that serves as the heart of our neighbourhood. It provides a safe and accessible place for children to play, for families to gather, and for residents of all ages to enjoy fresh air, exercise, and connection with nature. At a time when urban development is increasing and open spaces are becoming less and less, protecting such areas is more important than ever. My three children my next-door neighbours four grandchildren and my neighbours on the opposite side all use the park daily and we have a new family moving in one more house over with three more children.!</p> <p>Selling this park would have serious consequences for the neighbourhood. We also have so much wildlife in the park. We have a huge family of magpies that we absolutely adore. And they know all of the locals and don't swoop any of us it's so special.</p> <p>Selling this park and saying that it is surplus to needs is actually disgusting and I feel the council is grossly undervaluing something that is so valuable to our entire neighbourhood and beyond this park is not just used by locals but people come from all over town to come And use this park. We have people come to fly kites to ride bikes to use the bbq We have some retirees that come and hit</p>	-

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		<p>golf on the weekends. It is used so much! It is such an amazing open space and once it's gone we can't ever get it back, please reconsider.</p> <p>You are stealing from our community for a cash grab!</p>	
150	HARBOURVIEW RESERVE - Submission on the proposed revocation of Community Land	<p>To the Minister, Mayor, CEO and Councillors</p> <p>See below my response to the Port Lincoln City Council Proposal for Revocation of Community Land, I do not support any development of Harbourview Reserve – once the green space is gone it is gone for ever.</p> <p>Our response</p> <p>The PLCC recommends that the area we know best – the Harbourview Reserve – is one of five Parkland areas to be revoked from being community Parklands for sale to a developer for prescribed use as for aged care facility or other use.</p> <p>We attended the initial information session in the park which for many (including ourselves) was the first time they were aware of the proposal (& from the door knocking exercise we understand that there were still a lot of people not aware of this proposal). Based on the number there that day, roughly 75 people, the immediate reaction was that the proposal was NOT supported by the community even at that point. I am sure you would have seen by now the media coverage of the subsequent bbq/rally the #saveharbourviewreserve group held on Saturday 1st June which was strong supported by at least 200 people – showing the depth of feeling about the issue as awareness of the proposal had developed - while we all agree that future planning for ageing population is required we feel the limited open green space left in town should be preserved and that Harbourview Reserve is not the right location for any development, more discussion/collaboration with landowners around identifying more suitable alternate locations (FLAT LAND for starters) would be the best outcome preserving the limited open space AND planning for future needs of the ageing population, therefore we are strongly opposed to the</p>	Refer Attachment 33

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		<p>proposal, more specific reasons listed below. I would be pleased to provide all the References used below.</p> <p>Declaring our Interest We note that:</p> <p>(1) We are now around 60 years old and have lived in Port Lincoln our whole lives. Our families have built businesses and made risk investments which now generate many hundreds of jobs in Port Lincoln – when moving elsewhere in Australia might have made more economic logic. All this is because we have a deep emotional attachment to Port Lincoln.</p> <p>(2) We have lived opposite or near the Harbourview Reserve for over 12 years, and the Reserve is the main reason for that. We use it very often, mostly to walk in enjoying the nature fix, decompressing from the day and to exercise our dog.</p> <p>Reasons for opposing the revocation</p> <p>In our businesses and personal lives, we interact daily with local, state, national and overseas governments. We appreciate the challenges of public administration – and competing priorities.</p> <p>In this proposed revocation case – giving Harbourview Reserve as the example – the case presented by PLCC does not meet the normal criteria required for revocation. We ask for the proposal to be withdrawn – based on both rate-payer objection, and not meeting Council’s own criteria. For example:</p> <p>(1) One of the major things attracting people to stay in, or move to Port Lincoln, is the open spaces. As stated in the current PLCC Annual Business Plan, a “Key Focus Area” for PLCC is:</p> <p>“Community facilities and open spaces for recreation, leisure, health and well-being.”</p>	

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		<p>“Continue to seek open spaces funding.....”</p> <p>Yet what is being proposed here is a reduction in parkland/open spaces in a regional city with significant areas of undeveloped land. As you know, the SA legislation does not allow the City Council in Adelaide to revoke the Adelaide Parklands, and this is the equivalent.</p> <p>(2) Further, the Council’s Strategic Directions Plan 2025-2034 has “Open spaces, parks and gardens” as a key focus area.</p> <p>(3) As the PLCC often correctly says, Port Lincoln is the Seafood Capital of Australia. This means that Port Lincoln has possibly Australia’s highest percentage of the work force who work at night and/or from dawn or before. Logically, these large number of “out of hours” workers need more open spaces in their non-working time during the day.</p> <p>The specific mental health challenges faced by fishing communities were identified by an in-depth study funded by the Federal Government in 2019. This has led to a dedicated ongoing national Mental Health Program for fishing communities called “Stay Afloat.”</p> <p>(4) A major concern for us is that the PLCC is pre-empting what a revoked Harbourview Reserve might be used for – based on vague and unidentified approaches from possible developers of the Reserve. This may risk not being an appropriate rationale from a public operation such as the PLCC. Relying on general private discussions with developers raises the issue of transparency – for example, whether these discussions canvassed other alternative sites. This is not to say that the PLCC should not have such discussions – simply that they should be transparent.</p> <p>(5) There are applications for revocation in SA from other Councils which may have major budgetary challenges – and need the revocation to sell the land to help address budgetary problems. As I understand it from the PLCC documents, this “asset optimisation strategy” is not the case with the PLCC. Is that correct?</p>	

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		<p>(6) I note that there are also revocation proposals being considered for SA Councils such as Onkaparinga because that in-fill approach is required for large housing estates to address the transport problems in Adelaide. These transport problems do not apply in Port Lincoln. Logically, the ease of transport in a regional city such as Port Lincoln should result in more open spaces.</p> <p>(7) I have read the PLCC publications on the future of aged care in Port Lincoln and sympathise with the very general points made. The question is whether taking over an existing long-term “open space” for possible housing or selling to an aged care developer is a rational solution. This may be a good commercial outcome but appears inconsistent with current community and Council priorities.</p> <p>(8) I understand the PLCC view may be that revocation and abandoning the current status would not result in any loss of “property value” for adjacent properties. Logically this does not appear possible – so please indicate in writing what the PLCC view is on that.</p> <p>References Again, we would be pleased to provide the Reference for the above points.</p>	
151	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</p>	-

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		<p>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> <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</p>	

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		<p>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> <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>	

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		<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> <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>	

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		<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 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>	

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152	Feedback - Land Revocation Proposal - [REDACTED]	<p>Mr [REDACTED] came in to the Council office at 9.45am to speak with the Mayor regarding the Proposal for revocation of land (in particular, Harbourview Reserve). Mayor unavailable due to EPLGA meeting in DCTB.</p> <p>He has provided a suggestion for an alternative location for an aged care facility, which is located at the playground / park the bottom of Stamford Terrace (Altair Cres Playground).</p> <p>His reasoning for this is:</p> <p>Better for aged care persons to access and use</p> <p>Closer to shops</p> <p>Land is flatter</p> <p>Save a lot of money to build on this flatter land rather than the sloped land at harbourview Reserve.</p> <p>Apparently, this site was considered for aged care during Peter Davis' tenure as Mayor, however did not go ahead due to community backlash for the proposal.</p> <p>He asked for his feedback to be provided for consideration by Council.</p>	Refer Attachment 34
153	Submission - Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive, Port Lincoln	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>We please kindly ask that you reconsider this proposal- for many reasons.</p> <p>There are many families- old & young alike, who enjoy that space. It is used for many reasons- dog walking, birthday parties, picnics, play dates etc.</p> <p>Please consider finding another allotment of land that could serve your plans better.</p>	-

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154	Submission - Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive, Port Lincoln	<p>We are located in [REDACTED], and border Harbourview Reserve.</p> <p>We also strongly oppose the “Revocation Proposal” for the Harbourview Reserve some of which our reasons are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - family use/utilize the reserve alot as adults, children and grandchildren - it is a safe environment for outdoor activity, ongoing physical health and post operative health - it offers and is well utilised as place of community connection - offers an area for wildlife and has environmental benefits - offers mental health benefits for all, which is so prevalent in today’s society <p>Our property was purchased due to where it is situated, and due to the above reasons/benefits, and as ratepayers we strongly appose the above proposal!</p>	-
155	Save Harbourview Reserve	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>For the sake of our physical and mental health, PLEASE : do not take our open space from us.</p>	-
156	Save Harbourview reserve	Refer Letter	Refer Attachment 35
157	Harbourview Reserve	Please see attached objection to revocation of land for Harbourview reserve.	Refer Attachment 36
158	Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I disagree with the Council's proposal to revoke the community land status of Harbourview Reserve.</p> <p>This piece of land should stay for the community to use. I see many people using this park everyday for different activities such as for exercising, bringing children to play, and walking dogs.</p>	-

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	Reserve - Highview Drive	<p>I personally use the park almost daily with my children. We use the playground as well as the open space for things like soccer, flying kites, billy cart and riding bikes.</p> <p>There is enough land in the Port Lincoln City Council area so Council does not need to take away valued public reserves for these types of developments.</p>	
159	Submission - Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Trigg Street Reserve - Willison Street	<p>Dear Councillors.</p> <p>In relation to the proposed revocation of the reserve on Walkley Road. Your proposal states that that particular reserve is under used. Are you aware that on Walkley Road alone at least nine family sized homes are occupied by one elderly person. It is short sighted to overlook the fact that that when these residents pass on or move to appropriate smaller homes, then these homes will become available to families with children who will require open spaces and a playground for recreation I fully agree that provision of aged care options is urgent, but don't agree with the removal of community assets to solve that issue.</p>	-
160	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 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</p>	-

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		<p>"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>	
161	Harbor view reserve	<p>I am writing to formally express my strong opposition to the proposed sale of our park and green space. As a resident of this area, I have grave concerns about the long-term impact this sale will have on our community, the environment, and the wellbeing of local residents.</p> <p>The park and green space serve as an essential resource for our community. They provide a safe and accessible area for children to play, for families to gather, and for individuals to connect with nature. These spaces are not only integral to the physical and mental health of the people who live in this neighbourhood, but they also contribute significantly to the local ecosystem by supporting biodiversity.</p> <p>The sale of these areas would, in my opinion, result in the irreversible loss of a valuable community asset. The environmental and social benefits of green spaces are well-documented, and it would be a mistake to prioritize short-term financial gain over the long-term wellbeing of residents and the environment.</p> <p>I also wish to highlight that this park is more than just a recreational area; it is a space for the community to come together and form bonds. The potential loss of this space would diminish the</p>	-

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		<p>sense of community, making the neighbourhood less connected and reducing opportunities for positive social interaction.</p> <p>This park and Green space is not surplus to needs. It is very much used appreciated and utilised. It is actually disgusting to see the words surplus to needs. It is obvious that the council is very out of touch with the city of Port Lincoln to say such a thing.</p> <p>The town does need childcare and aged care facilities but our parks and green spaces are not the place for them. There is plenty of other options available that are not simply just a cash Grub.</p> <p>For these reasons, I respectfully urge the council to reconsider the sale of this park and green space. I ask that you take into account the immense value these spaces bring to our community and explore alternative ways to meet the council's financial needs without sacrificing our environment and community wellbeing.</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns.</p>	
162	Proposal for the Revocation of Harbour View Park	<p>To members of the Port Lincoln City Council,</p> <p>I oppose the revocation of Harbour View Park for the following reasons:</p> <p>The park provides a vital open space where children and pets can run and play safely, away from the dangers of traffic congestion. Having lived on Highview Drive for 54 years, I have witnessed the area develop and grow around this Reserve. Many residents have chosen to buy or build homes in this neighbourhood specifically because of the stunning views and the availability of open space that the park offers.</p> <p>Moreover, the park contributes to the community's quality of life by fostering a sense of tranquillity and connection with nature. It is a peaceful environment that is not disturbed by excessive noise or</p>	-

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		<p>heavy traffic, allowing families to enjoy their surroundings without the stress that often accompanies urban settings.</p> <p>The loss of Harbour View Park would not only diminish the aesthetic appeal of our neighbourhood but also significantly impact the well-being of residents who rely on this space for recreation and relaxation. The park serves as a communal hub, bringing together families and friends, and its removal would be a disservice to the community we have built over the years.</p> <p>I urge the council to reconsider this decision and preserve Harbour View Park for current and future generations. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.</p>	
163	Submission – Harbourview Reserve	Refer Attached Letter	Refer Attachment 37
164	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 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>	-

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		<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>	
165	Submission - Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive, Port Lincoln	<p>As much as we need more aged care facilities which I am well aware of as I work nursing at the Port Lincoln hospital we also need open spaces for families and children to use. This space is precious. Please leave as it is!!</p>	-
166	Proposed Revocation of Harbourview Reserve	<p>To Port Lincoln City Council</p> <p>I am writing to formally express my strong objection to the proposed revocation of the Harbourview Reserve located on Highview Drive, for future development.</p> <p>This Reserve was a requirement when the area was being developed. It is very disappointing that the rules, that some other developer had to play by, can now potentially be changed.</p> <p>Many people have bought and invested in nearby properties, with the Reserve often being a factor in the decision to settle in the area. With the Reserve being classified as Community Land, it was of</p>	-

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		<p>the belief that there would not be development of any type and the land would always remain as an open community space.</p> <p>For many years this reserve has been and still is, a very much valued and used area by a vast number of the community, both in the surrounding neighbourhood and beyond. To list this community land as 'underused', in my opinion, is extremely inaccurate.</p> <p>The Reserve also allows nature to exist within the city limits. Many birds frequent the park, and also the occasional koala over the years. The resident magpie family introduce their new babies year after year. The plovers nest and raise their young. We don't want to lose this environment that is on our doorsteps. We know how lucky we are.</p> <p>I grew up living on Highview Drive from the early '70's, in view of the park and spent many, many childhood hours there. Moved a couple streets away for 20 years but now back living in our new home on Walkley Road, maybe 100m from the Reserve. Fantastic area to live as it is quiet, relaxed and without a high volume of traffic. Development would change our neighbourhood. We don't want it to change, it's why we came back.</p> <p>Even though Port Lincoln is a city, it still has that country town feel that is a major draw card where we are not hemmed in with bricks and mortar street after street.</p> <p>Reserves like Harbourview will allow that feeling to continue.</p> <p>The proposal is to 'better use these parcels of land to meet current and future demands for our community'. What better use could there be than a space that everyone in the community can use at their leisure for their mental health, their fitness, socialising (children and adults), birdwatching, bike riding, kite flying, ball kicking, frisbee throwing, dog training/playing..... the list goes on.</p> <p>Do not undervalue the importance of a space like this to a community, it is invaluable.</p>	

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		<p>To our elected Port Lincoln councillors.</p> <p>We are constantly being told we are being listened to, so now is when we need you to hear us and to support us in saving Harbourview Reserve. To retain it as an open space for recreational use by our community will allow it to continue to meet 'current and future demands' as a Reserve.....for everyone.</p>	
167	Submission - Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive, Port Lincoln	<p>I disagree with the Proposal for Revocation of Community Land</p> <p>All recreational community land should remain as recreational land for parks & recreation purposes. As our city grows the need for recreational spaces are extremely important to give families place to be able to exercise & relax & take time out of their busy life. Parks & outdoor recreational spaces promote healthy wellbeing; spaces for families within the community a sense of belonging & promoting good mental health & healthy families.</p> <p>It would be better for this land to be kept as is and developed into safe park spaces for families to be able to be used.</p>	-
168	Submission - Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive, Port Lincoln	<p>Ladies & Gentlemen,</p> <p>I am not in favour of the suggestion that the Harbor view reserve be redeveloped into housing and old age accommodation.</p> <p>Outdoor Park areas like the Harborview Park are essential for community health and recreation.</p> <p>The park is regularly used by the community to walk their dogs and play with their children.</p> <p>It wasn't that long ago, that it was recommended that we have more green recreational areas, not less.</p> <p>Where do the council see people undertaking theses essential community and health activities.</p>	-

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		<p>If one were sceptical, it is easy to see, that this is a short-term grab for cash, at a time the Port Lincoln Council, is obviously under considerable financial a pressure.</p> <p>For years we have seen public officers sell off valuable community assets to fund their failing operations.</p> <p>Once these assets are sold, they are never recovered and are lost for future generations.</p> <p>This would be a tragedy for the town and the community of Port Lincoln.</p> <p>Think about what you are doing before it is too late.</p> <p>If the Council is that in need of cash, they should raise it in another way or think outside the square and work out how they can get the hundreds of people outside of our council boundary to contribute to the development and maintenance of our council area.</p> <p>Surely there are other areas that can be developed for this urgent need for housing and aged care accommodation.</p>	
169	Submission - Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive, Port Lincoln	<p>Subject: Submission - Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive, Port Lincoln</p> <p>Hi</p> <p>I just wanted to provide a message of support for the proposed project. I'm not a resident however my parents live on Walkley Road and growing up there I'm familiar with the reserve.</p> <p>A few general comments:</p>	-

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		<p>1. It's location in Port Lincoln lends itself to a local/neighbourhood open space, noting it is identified as a neighbourhood space in the 2021-26 Open Space Strategy.</p> <p>2. The current size of the reserve is larger than needed for a neighbourhood public open space. The bulk of the reserve provides very limited public open space benefit. In its current state is unattractive and serves little environmental benefit</p> <p>3. Acknowledging the financial challenges for Local Government in maintaining large open spaces, a smaller but better serviced (with low maintenance infrastructure/vegetation) open space at this location would improve open space benefits, and appearance at the same or lower ongoing cost.</p> <p>4. The proposed use for aged care is sound and is a practical location for what I understand is in high need.</p> <p>5. It is noted that proceeds from any sale would be allocated to Council's Land and Building Reserve and that the playground will be replaced. It is suggested that consideration be given to a commitment to works at the remaining reserve to provide a good quality, functional – low maintenance cost reserve. A high level concept plan may assist with improving community support for the proposal.</p> <p>6. The allocation of 1000 square meters for remaining open space I'd suggest is a bit small. Suggest increasing this in the form of a well-developed, accessible, landscaped shared path, possibly with cultural/historical elements. Walking and dog walking is the predominant use of the space at present is my understanding. This would also support adjacent aged care residents.</p> <p>Well done on taking on what I know is not a popular proposal but I certainly see it as a good opportunity for nearby residents and better use of what is, in my observation, a highly underutilised space.</p>	

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170	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> <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>	-
171	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>	-

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		<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>	
172	Harbourview Reserve	Please find attached our written submission regarding the Proposal for Revocation of Community Land.	Refer Attachment 38
173	Revocation of Community Land	Refer Attachment	Refer Attachment 39
Submissions received added below relating to all submissions.			
174	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>	-
175	Revocation of Community land	Hello Dear Council Members,	-

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		<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>	
176	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>	-
177	Revocation of Community Land, 25 Chapman Street, Port Lincoln	The attached letter applies equally to all of the proposed public reserve revocations.	Refer Attachment 40
	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 40 Same as above

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178	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 the 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 to hard. There is no greater 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 councils 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 herd 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 appose any move towards all of the 5 parcels being sold.</p>	
179	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>	-

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180	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 41
181	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> <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! I 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</p>	-

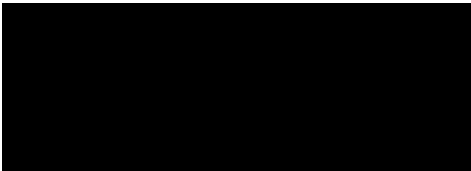
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		options. Just because of some temporary budget cuts that you couldn't fight or failed to fight. This is written on behalf of myself and my husband Nathan Hitchcock and our 3 children (that you are taking this from).	
182	Submission - Proposal for Revocation of Community Land	<p>Dear Brad, I would like to thank the Council for considering all possibilities to address some of the difficult issues like housing and aged care availability facing Port Lincoln and for allowing the community to visit and make contributions towards the various land parcels of the revocation proposal.</p> <p>I did take the time to visit some of the Community Land proposed for revocation and will confine comments to those I have most familiarity with, but would also like to make some further contributions generally that Council may find merit in.</p> <p>AGED CARE/HIGHVIEW DRIVE:</p> <p>Having recently had first hand experience with the aged care system, I can greatly appreciate the need for more capacity. However, I do not agree that the Harbourview Reserve is the best place for this. In the immediate short-term, I would like Council to prioritise exploring the potential of the following 2 options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Add another floor to the existing Matthew Flinders facility; 2. Alternatively consider extending rooms/accommodation to the front of the existing home so that the current existing carpark would effectively become an undercover carpark of the new wing. This would reduce/negate the issue of people opposing extra building height interfering with their 'view'. <p>The advantage of either of these options is maximising efficient use of staff and resources.</p> <p>For the longer term - there will be vastly increased need for aged care facilities. And these needs are not confined to within the Port Lincoln City Council boundary. Aged care is an issue that applies to adjacent Councils also - it would be wonderful for Port Lincoln and Lower Eyre Council to work</p>	-

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		<p>together to identify a large parcel of land (in LEC) and build a strategic facility to provide a range of assisted living and higher care options in a sprawling rural setting that is appealing and stimulating to our aging rural population and the extended family member(s) to visit and walk/easily move with wheelchairs and mobility devices through landscaped grounds.</p> <p>Combining Aged Care and Child Care in close proximity may also bring immense benefit to both young and old and may become an inspirational example for others to follow (and once again potentially bring efficiency to staffing as both sectors are currently struggling).</p> <p>10 OSWALD DRIVE: It is my understanding that this was gifted to Council for the purpose of Community use; and as such any future development or proposals should be at least discussed with the donor. Current use falls far short of that, partly (maybe) from lack of awareness but also the narrow inconspicuous access. The area could become a lovely picnic area (NE quadrant) with minimalistic sheltered areas such as with Puckridge Park and some native landscaping around features like the large boulder connecting with the waterfall and plantings along the southern half. Any future development will have containing factors like access, rock, topography and drainage. There may be potential to section off 1 or 2 house blocks immediately on the back of 6 and 8 Oswald drive (ie the NW quadrant) for development, however there would need to be an absolute requirement that every drop of rain that falls must be retained within those property boundary(s). Any increase in hard surfaces or roofs will exaggerate the stormwater flows and flooding that is already being experienced by residents along Valley View Road. Natural wetlands could be created along the northern boundary of existing vegetation to slow surface flows and assist with storm water assimilation of the area.</p> <p>25 CHAPMAN STREET:</p> <p>Like Oswald Drive, this area may have potential to offer some land AND work towards enhancing the natural landscape for Community use. The road frontage is obviously the easiest to consider some housing development. The wider parcel of land contains a listed native vegetation species</p>	

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		<p>(Acacia dodonaeifolia - listed as Rare in SA, under NPWS Act), has large granite intrusions (top portion) and potentially water-logging and drainage/flooding issues (the area near the dam).</p> <p>The Acacia scrub area could likely benefit from some small scale traditional-owner-style-fire-management; there is a lot of dead material that has become infested with invasive weeds. Opening this up with cool burn ground fire can help re-invigorate the rare species, as well as reduce on-going fire risk where the remnant has fine fuel grass weeds and bridle creeper infestation. This area, which also includes the granite could then remain a valuable bit of natural green space to allow kids to participate in nature play. The quadrant nearest the dam could be cleared of invasive grasses and sculptured into a designated wetland to accommodate over flow from the dam, runoff from the surrounding granite intrusion and developed house blocks; plus assimilate runoff from the major upslope drainage works of Walter Street. Small scale wetlands can provide vital habitat for water birds and the small native insect and seed eating native species like fairy wrens, thorn-bills and pardalotes which would still be present in the adjacent Acacia woodland.</p> <p>I did not visit the remaining allotments and will refrain from commenting on those. I would however like to see the Council explore the option to allow increased building heights within a portion of areas across broader Port Lincoln - to accommodate future housing/apartment development. I do believe that green space, natural landscape (including native vegetation) and open space is currently undervalued by many in the community. Port Lincoln City Council does have and will continue to have challenges balancing human and nature needs within the constrained spatial footprint of current boundaries; as such I see it should be a very high focus to retain and protect existing well conditioned native remnants - like the wider Murray Point and the Delamere Wetland area; with more emphasis on developing vacant properties and relaxing height restrictions to allow a progression towards higher density living. Medium and high density living can work well if there is community green space and open space deliberately factored in to the development plans.</p> <p>I hope that these thoughts are of value in your immediate assessment of the Revocation proposal and can contribute to wider future strategic planning.</p>	

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183	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 adjacent to the property. I 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>	-
184	Submission - Proposal for Revocation of Community Land	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.	-
185	WCYCS Submission on the Proposed Revocation of Community Land From: West Coast Youth and	See attached submission.	Refer Attachment 42

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	Community Support (WCYCS) Date: 04 June 2025 Affordable Housing – The Need for Equity and Integration The shortage of affordable housing is having a significant imp		



25/05/2025

Dear Port Lincoln City Council,

Re: Urgent Appeal to Preserve Harbourview Reserve

I am writing as a local resident and parent to express our deep concern regarding the potential redevelopment of Harbourview Reserve. This space is not just a patch of grass or a stretch of land — it is a vital part of our family's life, and indeed, the broader community's well-being.

As the parents of three energetic boys and a much-loved family dog, Harbourview Reserve has become an essential part of our daily life and routine. The open space allows our children to kick the footy, play cricket, ride their bikes, chip golf balls, and run freely with our dog — all while safely away from traffic and in plain view of passing locals. It provides a rare and precious opportunity for young children to be active, creative, and social in a secure, natural setting.

No other park in our area offers this level of flexibility or safety for families. While the Heritage Trail is a beautiful walk, it does not serve the same function. It is narrow, linear, and runs close to roads and secluded pockets that raise serious concerns for us as parents. Unlike Harbourview Reserve, the trail does not allow for open, active play, and unfortunately, its hidden areas may attract individuals with inappropriate intentions. We are genuinely worried about the safety risks of encouraging children to use isolated paths like the Heritage Trail, where visibility is limited and supervision is more difficult.


In contrast, Harbourview Reserve offers open sight lines, a central and accessible location, and the peace of mind that comes from knowing your children can roam and play freely within a safe, well-used, and visible public space. It is exactly the kind of environment we should be protecting for growing families.

In today's world, where children are often drawn indoors and away from unstructured play, spaces like Harbourview Reserve are more critical than ever. Removing it would be a step backward for community wellbeing and child safety.

We urge the Council to recognise what would be lost if this space is taken away. It's not just grass — it's where our children learn, grow, and thrive.

Please protect Harbourview Reserve — for our children, for our neighbourhood, and for generations to come.

Sincerely,



To the Port Lincoln City Council,

We are [REDACTED] and we are writing to you because we are really worried about something important to us — our park, *Harbourview Reserve*.

We go to this park regularly. It's our favourite place in the whole neighbourhood. We play footy there, hit cricket balls, ride our bikes, chip golf balls, play on the playground and run around with our dog. It's where we feel happy, free, and safe. There's no other park around here where we can do all those things together. It's big and open, and Mum and Dad can see us. They trust us to play safely there, to explore and go on our own little adventures. We often play there with other neighbourhood friends too. That means so much to us.

We've heard that Harbourview Reserve might be taken away or changed, and that makes us feel really sad and worried. We don't want to lose our park. It's not just grass — it's *our* space. It's where we make memories, laugh with our friends, and spend time together as brothers. It's where we go when we need to burn energy, when we've had a rough day, or when we just want to play and be ourselves.

People have said we can go to the Heritage Trail instead, but it's not the same at all. That trail is long and skinny, and it goes near roads and bushy spots where no one can see us. It actually feels kind of scary sometimes, and Mum worries there could be people hiding there who shouldn't be. We don't feel safe there, and we definitely can't play footy or cricket like we do at Harbourview Reserve.

Please, please don't take away our park. We need it. Our dog needs it. Our friends need it. If you came and watched us play there, you'd see how special it really is. It's more than just a park — it's where we grow up.

Please save Harbourview Reserve. We love it with all our hearts.

Thank you for reading our letter.

From,

[REDACTED]

Dear council members.

Please see the below Main concerns for revocation of title for Harbourview reserve that I have as a resident of the Port Lincoln Community.

- Loss of valued open space, off lead dog park and play area.
Reducing the reserve to the proposed 1000 m2 would mean the loss of a much-valued open space that serves as the only off-lead dog area on this side of town. This reserve is a rare space in Port Lincoln that combines open play areas, a playground, and natural surroundings, making it ideal for families and dog owners alike. According to the City of Port Lincoln Draft open space strategy 2021-2026 guiding principles include to '*Maintain the existing range of public open space throughout Port Lincoln*' and '*Ensure in future planning that anyone area of town has ready access to different types of open space*' (Pg 8 City of Port Lincoln Draft open space strategy 2012-2026). By disposing of a large portion of the park to a private developer, leaving only the proposed 1000m2, it goes against these guiding principles as the community will lose the off lead open space that Harborview reserve provides. While the Council has since created a designated dog park since this report was published, its size is minimal compared to Harbourview Reserve. It has also received negative community feedback, with concerns that the space is too small, does not cater to all dog types, and is located on the opposite side of town. For many residents, especially those in the surrounding neighborhoods, Harbourview Reserve remains the only practical and suitable off-lead area.

We sought to live in this area because of the reserve and use it regularly, as do many others for dog walking, children's play, and enjoying nature. The hills, mature trees, and birdlife create a safe, open environment for kids, pets, and the wider community. Reducing it to 1,000 sqm would severely limit its use and force many to find alternatives for recreation and off-lead exercise.

- Added traffic to the area.
If the proposal to build an aged care facility or retirement village is approved, it will increase traffic in an area that is already under strain. Highview Drive is frequently used as a main thoroughfare by motorists cutting across town, and adding a facility will only worsen this issue. The surrounding roads cannot be widened due to existing residential properties, and they currently rely heavily on on-street parking, often leaving space for only one car to pass at a time. If a facility is built, the only feasible solution may be to convert part of the reserve into a car park for residents,

staff, and visitors. A loss that would significantly diminish the green space and be deeply disappointing for the community.

- Negative impact on Mental wellbeing due to the loss of green space.
Green spaces should be encouraged, once they're gone, they're gone forever, and I think 'statistically having too much green space' should be something the city of Port Lincoln should be proud of. This parcel of land was gifted to the city council for the purpose of being a reserve and community use. To revoke the title of Harbourview reserve for private developers of an aged care facility will take away the beauty of that generosity and the joy it brings to so many families and people of all ages that come and enjoy this park. With the growing population in the City of Port Lincoln and surrounding areas, preserving green spaces should be a key consideration and priority for the current Council. These areas are vital not only for the well-being of current residents but also for future generations, and their protection reflects the Council's responsibility to serve and represent the interests of the current and future community.
- Lifestyle and financial setback for community residents.
Reducing the reserve to just 1,000 m² will significantly impact both the character of the area and the quality of life for the 42+ households surrounding it, including residents of Highview Drive, Walkley Road, and Heather Road. This space has been enjoyed by the community for over 65 years, serving as a shared backyard for recreation, dog walking, and family gatherings. Its loss would not only disconnect long-standing users from a valued community space, but also negatively affect property values, views, and the overall appeal of the neighborhood. For many residents, proximity to the reserve was a key reason for purchasing their home, both for lifestyle and as a long-term investment. In today's market, where home ownership is increasingly difficult, the cost of living is rising, losing such a unique amenity is not just a lifestyle setback, but a financial one as well.
- Privacy concerns.
The proposed development of a residential care facility on the reserve raises significant privacy concerns for current residents. The park's elevated location on a hill means that reducing the open space to just 1,000 m² and selling the remainder to a private developer could lead to overlooking of homes, particularly those on Highview Drive (properties below the park). The proposal allows for buildings up to two levels (9 meters) in height, which, if constructed near Walkley Road (at the top of the hill) would likely impact on the privacy and enjoyment of surrounding

properties. At this stage, the Council cannot provide residents with certainty about what type of facility will be built or what conditions will be applied if the land is sold. While it's understandable these details may be unclear in this early stage of a proposal, the fact remains that once public land is sold to a private developer, the community loses control over its future use. This uncertainty heightens local concerns, undermining confidence in long-term outcomes, and adds to the reluctance to accept the proposal for changes to a well-loved open green space.

It is understandable that there is a growing need for aged care facilities in Port Lincoln due to increasing demand and the projected rise in the elderly population. However, it is important to recognize that Port Lincoln's population growth also includes a significant number of young families and children.

Proposing to sacrifice the majority of the open space at Harbourview Reserve to make way for an aged care facility, prioritizes the needs of one demographic at the expense of another. This open space is currently a valuable community asset, particularly for families and young people who rely on it for recreation and well-being. Furthermore, this approach represents a short-term solution. Like other residential or aged care developments within the city center, Harbourview would be limited in its capacity space constraints as it is situated in a residential area. A more balanced and sustainable approach is needed. One that addresses aged care needs without compromising the quality of life for other community members.

As it stands with the current proposal for the revocation of Harborview reserve, leaving only 1000sq m of green space, we strongly oppose this proposal by the council. Consideration to support a future proposal of revocation would only be considered if a proposal increased the green space left remaining in the Harbourview reserve to include an off-leash dog area as well as the playground for the community to continue to enjoy.

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

The Chief Executive Officer,
The City of Port Lincoln,
Post Office Box 1787,
Port Lincoln 5606

29th May 2025

Port Lincoln. 5606

Via Email

Dear Sir,

Re Proposal to revoke the Community Land Status of Harbour View Reserve.

I write to express my strong opposition to the above proposal. It is my long-held view that open space that is held for community recreation, and to enhance the living surrounds is important for the wellbeing of the nearby residents and the community.

The proposal to repurpose this parcel of land under the assumption that other parks will suffice is erroneous. The parks offered as alternative serve different purposes and ignores the steepness of the terrain when walking as stated in the councils own open space strategy. Parks need proximity to housing.

Future housing development is most likely to the west of the park. The areas of housing that have been developed are east of Kurara Road and future development is available between Whillas Road and Hilltop Drive. These areas are without any open space currently or planned, this requires this park to be preserved.

With reference to the alternative use as an aged care precinct there are factors that do not justify the removing of the community title.

From thirty-seven years as [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] my understanding is maintained with a continued interest in the sector. I note:-

Residential facilities should be in proximity to other allied facilities such as the hospital. The residential model is changing in favour of in-home services.

The average condition of admissions has moved to a much greater dependency

The average stay in our area, according to the current statistics on the aged care website (Mean Stay now 21 months)

The number of the population in the cohort likely to require residential care has begun to decline, with this curve expected to move lower before such facility would be built.

In the area around the facility there are options to allow more beds without duplicating key areas of the facility eg laundry and Kitchen. (all have been documented)

In Respect to independent living, or semi supported, today this provision is primarily commercially based and there is available land both vacant and available to be repurposed to meet demand without encroaching on public space which to any developer is seen as the easiest option.

The City Council has proposed or floated many such proposals which have not been accepted by the community. Centenary Oval, Nelson Square, Victoria Crescent as well as a few more. There is always a reason, but none more important than retaining open space for future generations.

Maintaining open space is critical to wellbeing and should be nurtured not extinguished. The Communities attitude for the retention of its open space should be respected.

Respectfully Yours

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1/6/2025

Port Lincoln City Council

Re: Please Don't Revoke the Community Land Status of Harbourview Reserve

Dear Council Members,

I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal to revoke the community land status of Harbourview Reserve and potentially sell it for development.

Harbourview Reserve is a vital green space for our neighborhood. Many families live nearby, including my niece and nephew, who regularly use the reserve to play and enjoy the outdoors. Members of our family have lived in this area since 1977 and have always enjoyed this beautiful community space.

It's one of the few safe, open spaces left for many children in this area. My niece and nephew regularly frequent the reserve with their friends from the street to play, ride bikes and walk the dog. If it's lost, they and others will be left with nowhere to go but the surrounding streets, which are already quite busy and not suitable for kids to play safely. Other spaces mentioned by the council such as pioneer park are too far away for younger children to get to safely, as they are not within a reasonable distance from their homes.

I understand the proposal mentions the possibility of using the land for residential aged care. While I absolutely support the need for quality aged care in our community, I'm concerned that this suggestion is just that—a possibility, with no guarantees. It could just as easily end up being sold for private development that doesn't serve local needs. I also feel there are other, more appropriate locations within the town that would be better suited to aged care facilities—places that don't require sacrificing a well-used and much-loved community reserve. As development in this town increases this space will become more important.

Harbourview Reserve provides essential space for recreation, mental and physical well-being, and environmental benefits like shade and habitat for local wildlife. It's also one of the few shared places that brings people of all ages and backgrounds together. Once it's gone, we can't get it back.

I urge the council to keep Harborview Reserve protected as community land, for the sake of current residents and future generations. Please consider the voices of those who live here and use this space.

Sincerely,

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Port Lincoln 5606

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PORT LINCOLN SA 5606

To: Chief Executive Officer
City of Port Lincoln

Re: Proposal for Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve - Highview Drive

Dear Chief Executive Officer,

This letter is addressed to you and all councillors in regard to this piece of land (Harborview Reserve) that is subject to revocation. I firmly believe that this parcel should not be sold off by council or otherwise transferred. This space was set down as green space when the area was developed to allow the residents to use the space for recreational use. My own son ██████████ owns a home on Walkley Rd which was purchased with the notion that he would have the reserve to use for his family and I feel that it should not be removed.

The space offers a playground, BBQ facilities, seating, and shaded areas. It provides a safe and accessible environment for families, children, and residents to engage in outdoor activities, fostering community well-being and social interaction. The loss of this space would significantly impact the quality of life for local residents who rely on it for recreation and relaxation.

While I acknowledge the growing need for aged care facilities in our region, I believe that repurposing existing community land is not the answer. Alternative sites that do not compromise public open spaces should be sourced for the development of aged care. Preserving our green spaces is essential for maintaining the environmental health and social fabric of our community.

I urge the Council to reconsider this proposal and explore other avenues to address the need for aged care facilities without sacrificing valuable community land. Particularly with the situation being that, in some cases the original owners were forced to give this land up in order to gain development approval. Retaining Harbourview Reserve in its current form is crucial for the continued well-being and cohesion of our community.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours truly

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PORT LINCOLN SA 5606

The Responsible Officer for Public Information Disclosures
PO Box 1787
PORT LINCOLN SA 5606

Dear Sir/Madam

Ref PID Disclosure – CEO's Conduct – Geoffrey Carpenter

I am lodging this Public Information Disclosure as I believe there is sufficient evidence the City of Port Lincoln's CEO has breached the Councils Employees Conduct Policy and other policies/legislation. in order to mislead Council's Ratepayers and Councillors, using what is commonly known as '**spin**' plus unsubstantiated advice in order to prevent Councillors and Ratepayers making informed decisions

The CEO is responsible for enforcing Councils Employees Conduct Policy and as such should have an excellent knowledge of its contents.

I believe the CEO has deceived Councils ratepayers, and Councillors with his lack of due diligence, in his oversight of Councils Proposal for Revocation of Community Land, circulated in May 2025.

Examples of the CEO's spin are

- . 1 The unsubstantiated claim that the 5 reserves are underutilised, implied in the physical sense, where legislation states these reserves are for the enjoyment of the public. Landowners in the subdivisions paid significant higher prices for their land in order to **enjoy** these reserves and want to continue to **enjoying** them.
- . 2 The unsubstantiated claim the impact of the revocation of the land "*can have a positive influence of property values*" is mere spin as my research demonstrates as any reasonably informed ratepayers would regard this as a blatant lie. Potential house buyers could significantly lower their offers knowing of this proposal's impact on land values.
- . 3 The claim that "*There may be an increase of local traffic volumes if future development occurs*" (on vacant land) is misleading, given the significant increase in houses and their vehicles, Day Care Centres, especially at pickup and drop off times, visitors to, and the servicing of, Age Care centres plus traffic associated with the significant number of employees at these facilities. I believe that any reasonably informed ratepayer would regard this statement as a blatant lie.
- . 4 "*Releasing the report for public consultation, ensuring the community understands the proposal and can provide feedback*" misleads the community, as the report contains unsubstantiated spin denying them, and the Councillors, the right to make an informed

decision.

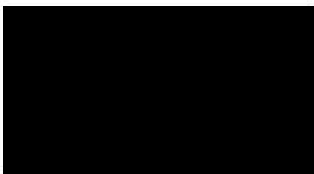
- .5 The unsubstantiated claim "*Council is proactively planning solutions to assist in encouraging developers to conduct housing, aged care and childcare in Port Lincoln*", without disclosing if, for instance, the land is being offered at no cost or at discounted rates or disclosing development plans, prevents informed decisions from being made. This is relevant if Council is competing with an unfair advantage, at ratepayers expense, to the detriment of other land vendors.
- .6 The failure to provide ratepayers information the percentage of modes of housing, be it affordable or premium 2 story 9 meter in height, misleads ratepayers especially if there are available development plans being considered, or price fixing is planned.
- .7 The proposals claim "*The five parcels of land identified for potential development make up approximately 60,000 square meters – or just 3.2% of City's community total of community land*" is misleading. It contradicts the Proposals preamble citing the inability to development of due to cultural, historic or land significance and ignores community land protected by its unique flora and fauna.
Council's sports grounds should also omitted as they are not freely accessible 24/7.

Given the above I do not believe the CEO, or his subordinates associated with the Revocation Proposal, can be trusted comply with councils codes or legislation in order to prepare an unbiased final submission enabling councillors to make an informed decision.

Based on the above I believe the the current Proposal for Revocation should be advertised as being withdrawn, with CEO 's actions being investigated.

The Mayor should be advised this PID implicates the CEO plus a perceived conflict of interest if self investigation is planned

Yours sincerely

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03 June 2025

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.

Proposal to Revoke the community land classification

HARBOURVIEW RESERVE

This park is utilised by families and extended families, it is easy to currently put your youngsters in a pram & walk around an open space, which also has some play equipment. To take this open green area away & suggest it's easy to go to Puckridge Park, which is supposedly 15 minutes away is an option to someone who has never pushed a young baby in a pram (loaded with essential clothing, snacks and drinks) and with a toddler(s) alongside. I also doubt it would be 15 minutes to Puckridge Park, and definitely would not be 15 minutes return. It would be a nightmare to walk with a toddler & push a loaded pram whilst negotiating the numerous roads, traffic and non-existing pram friendly footpaths, from Harbourview Reserve to Puckridge Park. Making it essential for everything to be loaded into a car (if you have a 2nd car & petrol to drive several times a week) to access this park. This makes no sense when there is currently a Community Open Space within a few minutes walking distance from where you currently reside.

I do not reside within the township of Port Lincoln, but on the outskirts, however my daughter resides in Highview Drive, & when I visit I see people playing with their children and/or walking their dog. She walks her dog in this reserve, our granddaughter plays there & she enjoys climbing over the large granite rocks, playing on the equipment and running around in the open space with her friends.

I do not agree with the Council rezoning land which is currently zoned Community spaces and Parks within the township.

Once rezoned this spaces can & will be sold to developers.

I believe Council should allow large privately owned properties to be subdivided to be subdivided for future housing and aged care facilities.

Submission: Objection to Proposed Revocation of Community Land Status – Harbourview Reserve

11/06/2025

Chief Executive Officer, City of Port Lincoln
 Email: plcc@plcc.sa.gov.au

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed revocation of community land status for **Harbourview Reserve**, located within the Davenport Hill Estate in Port Lincoln.

This reserve is not incidental or surplus land—it is a **foundational community asset** that was intentionally set aside in the **late 1960s** as part of the original subdivision planning. Historical council documents, advertisements, and subdivision records clearly indicate that the **five-acre Harbourview Reserve** was a key feature of the estate's design. It was promoted as a dedicated and accessible green space for the benefit of local residents. This legacy remains relevant today, as the reserve continues to serve its intended role: a central, flat, and usable open space for recreation, gatherings, and community well-being.

The **Port Lincoln Open Space Strategy (2021–2026)** outlines a clear commitment to neighbourhood-level reserves that are within 400–500 metres of homes, accessible, and usable for a range of passive and active recreation. Harbourview Reserve meets every one of these strategic criteria. It is currently used by over **100 households**, particularly by families with children, older residents, and those without access to private yards.

By contrast, council's suggested alternatives—**Houston Reserve** and the **Heritage Trail**—are not appropriate substitutes. Houston Reserve serves primarily as a **stormwater retention basin** with limited recreational use. The Heritage Trail, while valued, is a **narrow, sloping corridor** unsuited for active recreation or safe play. Neither offers the location, accessibility, or functionality of Harbourview Reserve—especially for residents with young children, limited mobility, or no vehicular access.

With increasing housing density in the area and a trend toward smaller residential lots, the role of local parks has only become **more essential**. Public green space is not a luxury; it is basic infrastructure for liveable, healthy communities.

An aged care development has been earmarked for the land. There is no disagreement regarding the need for more aged care, but let's be clear—this is nothing more than an **opportunistic land grab**, capitalising on undervalued, publicly held space. The use of "aged care" as justification should not distract from the bigger issue: this is an attempt to shift publicly dedicated open space into private hands under the guise of community benefit.

Revoking the reserve's protection under community land classification would permanently remove legal safeguards, enabling development under the broader '**Suburban Neighbourhood Zone**.' Frankly, **it doesn't pass the pub test** to suggest that a well-used, long-standing neighbourhood park can be reclassified and sold off to developers.

This submission is grounded in two key arguments:

1. **Historical intent:** Archival records clearly show the reserve was deliberately set aside as recreational space during the original subdivision.
2. **Contemporary necessity:** Current policy and community need both support retention and improvement—not removal—of this reserve.

The community has mobilised on this issue through petitions, council meeting attendance, and formal consultation responses. Together we are determined to see the reserve remain protected. The loss of this space would be **irreversible**, and the decision would undermine decades of community planning and trust.

I urge council to **uphold the reserve's community land status** and invest in its maintenance and activation, in line with both past commitments and future needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my objection.

Kind Regards



This letter is to strongly oppose the idea of Councils decision to revoke reserves around the Port Lincoln area – in this instance – particularly HarbourView Reserve surrounded by Walkley Road/Heather Road/Highview Drive in Port Lincoln. We also wish to note our disappointment about the consultation process for this issue. Many residents around Harbourview Reserve, were unaware of the initial “consultation process” that was to take place at the Harbourview Reserve. We never received any information by either mail or email – rather, word of mouth by other community members in our area, who were fortunate to have received documentation.

We purchased our home on Hilltop Drive over 45 years ago, in this residential area and this reserve has always been well utilized by my family, children, grandchild, friends, pets and many other residents surrounding this area and further.

These reserves– legislated as green space, are for the benefit of the community and never for Council to sell off, and while we can only speak for the space that directly affects us – HarbourView Reserve – it is the only space closest to us that we have ease of access for our personal, mental and physical wellbeing, and the only space within 0.5 kms accessible to our surrounding areas. We as ratepayers pay our rates (& soon to be increased once again), in the faith these reserves are maintained.

Revoking this reserve for buildings will severely impact property values in a negative manner, increase traffic, and residents’ wellbeing as mentioned.

We acknowledge there is a shortage of aged care/childcare facilities in Port Lincoln; however, when units at a particular aged facility are taken by workers renting the units, making it difficult/impossible for aged care residents to acquire much needed accommodation, we fail to understand why Council are looking to revoke much utilized and needed reserves vital to the community.

A perfect space for aged care units/facilities, would have been on Bowling Avenue, (the “old bowling green”). This area is already surrounded by units that are housed by aged care residents on New West Road, Bowling Avenue, and close to shopping, hospital, doctors and other facilities essential to aged residents with power, water, sewerage already in existence. We cannot understand why Council have made the decision to place the Lincoln South Football Club of which residents were against-going ahead in the middle of this space? When raised at the first awareness meeting about Council revoking the reserve, a Council staff stated when questioned, it was done this way, to enable further expansion of sporting in this area-a decision making idea that really does not make sense having a sporting club such as a football club, in the middle of an aging area of residents/city centre. There are multiple areas in Port Lincoln that could be suitable for aged care facilities – Passat Street, Mitton Avenue, the land below the Army Reserve, Pioneer Park (this must be a huge cost to Council to maintain)-in all the times we drive past, we have never seen anyone near or in the park – this would also be a perfect parcel of land for aged care facilities, already in close proximity to the Eyre Peninsula Old Folks Home.

Selling HarbourView Reserve would only be a huge financial win to Council and it is not considering the needs of its residents in and around this area.

There would be much more suitable areas in Port Lincoln that could be utilized – as already mentioned – the land off Bowling Avenue, and many others, that will result in the HarbourView Reserve remaining for our community/residents to benefit from. At the Council meeting held at the park, there were even residents that don’t live in surrounding streets, that said they frequent the reserve as well so it’s not just residents directly living in this area.

The area around HarbourView Reserve, is a residential area – of several concerns, is the increased traffic and more that is not conducive to a residential area. These areas have already become more dangerous since the upgrades to Whillas Road were done – road closures at that time, saw a dramatically increased flow of traffic along Hilltop Drive, Walkley Road and Highview Drive – something that has not changed since the road upgrades – traffic in these areas have dramatically increased and adding a business in amongst a residential space, will only increase the dangers to the residents in these areas.

In the document concerning the Revocation of Community Land, it was printed that Council see HarbourView Reserve as “surplus to Community Needs”. This certainly shows Council don’t have a connection or understanding with their community, to understand our need to keep this space as a reserve. How was this deemed to be “surplus to community needs”?

Councils upgrades to reserves listed in Council documentation including Puckridge Park, Whit Reserve, Foreshore Playground, Pioneer Park, Train Park, Flinders Park and the heritage walk, have never been utilized by my family as they are not in close proximity. HarbourView Reserve is the only one suitable for our needs including mental and physical well being and is also used by wildlife and bird habitats.

Council have spent a lot of money on very unnecessary upgrades to the front street area – Tasman Terrace – which many in the community were not happy with – such as the “fort knox” installation around the public toilets and other expenses, that don’t serve as safety/loss of car parking and other issues raised.

We also know Councils long term plans according to the Draft Open Space Strategy 2021-2026, are to dispose of existing surplus land – this is surplus land as considered by Council only – not by residents. Council in this document have also themselves acknowledged in writing that:

“open space plays an important role in meeting the recreational needs of the community, both structured and unstructured. It is, in turn, an important determinant of people’s quality of life, providing opportunities for relaxation, community interaction, health and fitness, children’s play and social development. Open space also plays more than just a recreation function, providing opportunities for:

Conservation and biodiversity; Amenity; Utility; Transport and Access; Tourism. The quality and useability of open space are becoming important planning considerations, and there is an increasing recognition of the need to provide a range and mix of recreational opportunities, settings and experiences.....”

We believe Council wishing to revoke this parcel of land, are going totally against even their own agenda. In a letter shared, the Senior Property Officer, made reference that this parcel of land was acquired under “reserve” status as a result of “open space requirements”.

We also understand this parcel of land – HarbourView Reserve, was in existence back in the late 1960s when the Davenport Hill Estate was first developed. It was Councils planning to provide accessible green spaces for residents. This space was set aside for this purpose. In 2025, this reserve still serves as this purpose -again in line with Councils Open Space Strategy 2021-2026.

Our HarbourView Reserve isn’t a luxury space for our area and surrounds – it is essential for our emotional, mental, health and wellbeing.

[REDACTED]

To the Chief Executive Officer; Eric, Minister for Local Gov; Joe, Mayor; Diana and elected members...

We, the long term locals of Highview Drive plead with you all to deny the decision to revoke the community land status of Harbourview Reserve.

We vote AGAINST the revocation of the community land parcels at Harbourview Reserve.

Whilst I can appreciate there is a need for child and aged care, I do not believe this is a suitable location.

Have the aged care housing providers put a call out to the community to see if anyone is interested in selling their parcels of land – which may possibly be in a better location? They haven't even been given the opportunity...

Unfortunately I feel that it is just GREED at play here. There are other more suitable options of land to use for these purposes, however if the providers bought those parcels – the council wouldn't get any of the money for selling it off! It seems that the council is willing to sell off all our green spaces for their own financial benefit!

Reasons that I oppose the revocation of community land:

I fear for the safety of our children playing out the front of houses with the increase in traffic to the area.

We must protect our green spaces for the wellbeing of current generations and those to come, Once it's gone we can't get it back!

This reserve has been, used, loved and respected by many people over the years.

It is essential for our children's mental health to have wide open green spaces to run around – within walking distance of our houses! (So we don't have to get in the car and burn fuel to go to a park)

I feel devastated for the residents of the roads immediately surrounding the reserve... what a negative impact it will have on their outlook / views. Possibly affecting the market value of their houses because of a change in dynamics of the area. It is such a shame...

If the issue is maintenance costs – I will appoint myself responsible for creating a maintenance calendar and I can guarantee you every single person in the area who is opposing this will jump at the chance to help out with maintenance – If it meant saving our park!!!

On behalf of our children and our children's children and all that love and use Harbourview reserve everyday for it's essential wellbeing benefits:

We are begging you... Please DO NOT sell our park!!!

Kind Regards

[Redacted Signature]





From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 10 June 2025 10:12 AM
To: YourSay
Subject: Fwd: Harbourview Reserve – Strong Community Backing and Funding Commitment

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Dear City of Port Lincoln Consultation Team,

Please accept the below as a formal submission to the Harbourview Reserve community land revocation consultation process.

This message outlines strong local support for retaining the reserve, including a signed \$50,000 donation pledge, additional funding commitments, and volunteer support for future park rejuvenation.

Thank you for considering this submission as part of the community feedback process.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Port Lincoln SA 5606

Begin forwarded message:

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Subject: Harbourview Reserve – Strong Community Backing and Funding Commitment

Good morning Mayor, Councillors and CEO,

I'm writing to provide an important update from the local community regarding Harbourview Reserve and to reinforce the level of support that continues to build around its protection.

In just a few short weeks, residents have come together with remarkable energy and focus. From door-knocking and flyer drops to local media coverage and a well-attended community barbecue, it's clear this green space holds significant value for the people who live around it. The event itself drew over 200 locals and served as a strong reminder of the reserve's role in fostering connection, wellbeing and outdoor activity.

While we acknowledge the need for improved aged care facilities in Port Lincoln, many residents remain concerned about the long-term cost of removing valuable public open space, particularly as surrounding housing density continues to increase. Harbourview Reserve is not surplus land; it is one of a few elevated, accessible green spaces available to a large residential catchment.

Its location on higher ground makes it uniquely important for accessibility. Elderly residents, young families, and those with mobility limitations are able to enjoy the reserve without the challenges of descending steep gradients, which is often a barrier with lower-lying alternatives. This is a factor not easily captured when viewing maps alone, but it has real, everyday implications for local use and inclusion.

Importantly, this community momentum has also led to significant support beyond words. A local resident has formally pledged \$50,000 toward the reserve's rejuvenation, conditional on it remaining designated as community land. That same donor has also verbally committed to supporting a community-run event at the park for the next three years. These offers not only reflect strong local belief in the reserve's future — they also open the door to additional grant funding and matched donations. It's a flywheel effect that could result in a revitalised, low-maintenance space with little to no financial burden on Council.

We've also had a community member with professional park and open space design experience volunteer their time to develop a concept that aligns with Council's Open Space Strategy, reflecting sustainability, low upkeep, and broad community benefit.

As elected representatives, we ask that you consider the strength of feeling, the proactive community involvement, and the concrete financial support that now exists. The opportunity here is to work with residents to deliver an outcome that supports both liveability and responsible planning—keeping Harbourview Reserve intact, accessible, and available for generations to come.

Thank you for your time and continued service to our community.

Kind regards,

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Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at

Subject: Draft Pledge - Harbourview Reserve

Date: Tuesday 3 June 2025 at 1:58:17 PM Australian Central S

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Great sitting down and having a chat with you to

As discussed, I've drafted the pledge for your review. Please let me know if there's anything you'd like to adjust.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

PLEDGE OF SUPPORT FOR HARBOURVIEW F

- Develop usable outdoor areas that encourage enjoyment

Over the years, I have quietly supported a number of projects for the protection of open space, improvements to sports facilities for individual local athletes — all with the shared goal of making Port Lincoln a welcoming and liveable place to call home.

In line with this, I wish to pledge a donation of \$10,000 to the Port Lincoln Harbourview Reserve retaining its status as a public reserve with the preference that any rejuvenation works prioritise environmental integrity, and universal community access.

This pledge is made in good faith, with the intention of supporting the Port Lincoln community and helping protect its cultural and emotional value. I respectfully request that my intention be put on public display.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

4th June 2025

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PORT LINCOLN SA 5606

Mobile: ██████████

12th May 2025

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing regarding the Community Land Revocation Proposal in particular the Harbourview Reserve Highview Drive.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend as I was in Adelaide with medical appointments when the Information Day on Saturday 10th May 2025 took place. However, had no prior knowledge these meetings were taking place until after the event. Were all residents contacted in the area?

I purchased the property at ██████████ Port Lincoln in 1996 with the understanding that the reserve land in front of my house would never be built on nor the views be diminished in any way. It has come as an absolute shock that this proposal has got to this stage. Parklands are an asset to any city and should not be given up readily especially to further development. If this is to take place and I sure hope it isn't, Is the council going to reimburse all residents of the area for the devaluing of their homes?

My children and grandchildren and now great grandchildren have all taken advantage of the playground and vacant land to run around and get some fresh air. You can never have too many parks in a city.

Colonel William Light certainly knew what he was doing when planning the city of Adelaide with Parklands surrounding the CDB. This is a massive decision which will effect future generations as well as those living in the area at the present time, that is not to be taken lightly. As once this reserve and others around the city of Port Lincoln are gone you are never going to get them back. As you maybe well aware people's mental health is also at stake. A parkland is somewhere people can unwind and get away from the day to day pressures of life.

I strongly oppose any Community Land Revocation in the City of Port Lincoln and especially the Harbourview Reserve Highview Drive.

Trusting the councillors will make the correct decision in favour of leaving the Parklands as is.

Yours sincerely

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PORT LINCOLN SA 5606

13th May 2025

To Whom It May Concern

Community Land Revocation Proposal in particular the Harbourview Reserve Highview Drive.

I had no prior knowledge the meeting to discuss the future of the Harbourview Reserve Highview Drive was to take place and have only found out since Saturday. I was not contacted by the Port Lincoln City Council.

I live on Walkley Road Port Lincoln. I currently have unhindered views of the city of Port Lincoln and this was one of the reasons for purchasing this property. Another reason is having easy access to the playground and parklands where I can go to unwind at the end of the day.

I was most upset to learn that the Port Lincoln City Council is even entertaining the idea of selling the Community Land and proposing an Aged Care Facility or Child Care Centre to take its place. You can never underestimate the value parks and playgrounds have on community members well being. It is just so nice to have a place to go in the middle of the hustle and bustle of city life to smell the roses as the saying goes.

Once these parklands are sold for future development they will never return to parklands again. I strongly advise that the developers find an alternative site.

I very strongly oppose any Community Land Revocation in the City of Port Lincoln and especially the Harbourview Reserve Highview Drive. Is the Council willing to compensate the existing residents for the devaluation of their homes if this goes ahead? Do any Councillors live on Walkley Road and this development will affect them personally? Looking forward to receiving a letter in response to these questions and many more questions I have.

Trusting the councillors will make the correct decision in favour of leaving the Parklands as is.

Yours sincerely

Paul Arbon

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Why are care facilities being planned in residential & our parks? We have much vacant land on our town border, surely a forward thinking planner could encourage a new subdivision which is mainly aimed at care facilities for all ages of people. Then traffic planning etc can be incorporated . Leave our parks & residential area as they are & were planned as.



Love



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[REDACTED] Top contributor

The two parks in Kirton pt area are always busy especially on the weekends which is wonderful ,the one on Highview drive nowhere near as much are there toilets there?? if not why not

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Maxwell Julie Crowhurst There are no toilets and no shade. The park is actually well utilised



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 11:43 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Screenshot

Land revocation proposal – feedback?



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 6 May 2025 10:25 AM
To: Diana Mislov <Diana.Mislov@plcc.sa.gov.au>
Subject: Screenshot



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[redacted] Top contributor

I assume it means selling council (rate payers) land to developers, decreasing rate payers recreational areas for developers and council to make money at rate payers loss.

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[redacted] Top contributor

I'm sure it will be worthwhile

- looks like we're getting a desal plant to kill the bay
- roundabouts that no one wants
- million dollar dunny covered with sticks
- most expensive playground in the southern hemisphere

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[redacted] Top contributor

Why? Council never regard what the people have to say about anything



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Write a comment...



13 MAY 2025

Council Administration
Level one, Civic Centre
60 Tasman Terrace,
Port Lincoln SA 5606
PO Box 1787

12 MAY 2025

RE : Revocation of Harbourview Reserve

Dear Sir / Madam,

We built the second house on Walkley Road 53 years ago, the position was chosen because of an unrestricted city and harbour view for life knowing the land in front was designated a public park for the people. Its now devastating to have council wanting to destroy our view and relative tranquillity of the area.

The park is well used for the community purpose intended.

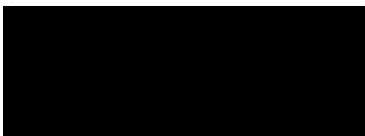
We regularly see adults exercising their dogs, children playing ball games, flying kites, younger children learning the skill of riding their bikes whilst safely keeping them off the road.

For many years its been a regular event to have a pair of spur wing plovers nest and raise their young.

On one occasion when the city was under serious threat from a bush fire people assembled with their vehicles on the park seeking safety of the open space.

Once council has finished spruiking rhetoric in accordance with the revocation process and rate payers verbal and written rejection of revocation has been received, please make an honest democratic decision which reflects the will of rate payers whom are most affected.

We hereby vehemently oppose revocation of Harbourview Reserve.



Port Lincoln SA 5606



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

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Revocation of Harbourview Park

I am firmly rejecting the proposal to sell off this reserve.

The council needs to listen to the people.

This green space (reserve) was put there for a reason (by council) which still applies today.

For the enjoyment of the towns people and the beautification of port Lincoln areas, a place to come to gather for play or relaxation for all ages, and that goes for all our green spaces and parks and reserves we have.

Other areas were signed over to council as green space so developers could get their subdivision passed for development and now council wants to sell these areas off.???

We have a water problem in this town now, 5mm of rain 1 week ago flooded our roundabout and main shopping street if you get rid of more green space this problem is going to get worse.

Our rates have always been enough to maintain our parks, if it's not enough now maybe the council needs to look within its Self, such as 6 million for administration?

An age care facility at Harbourview Reserve is not the right place. These facilities are already struggling for staff, and the 24/7 extra cars lights noise is going to make an unsafe area.

We have areas in the 30-year plan that the state government wants developed let's start there.

Once these green spaces, reserves are gone they cannot be brought back, a little bit of thought by the council that also live here.

Surely common sense should Prevail.

**Firmly rejecting the proposal to sell off this reserve and or any of
our parks and green spaces.**



Port Lincoln

16/05/25

CITY OF PORT LINCOLN COUNCIL

Yesterday via my mail delivery I found a brochure informing me of the revocation of Community Land.

My concern is for Harbourview Reserve – Highview Drive.

When I purchased my home situated at [REDACTED] I loved the location, paid extra because of the view and the understanding given to me that no-one would be able to build in front of my home. Now you are informing me that my home no longer has that status and it will lose value because of that.

Today I had a delivery made to my house and the remark made was “What a beautiful spot to live in.” That will no longer be relevant.

But enough about my personal loss –

1. Yesterday there were children playing soccer with a round ball and their father attempting to fly a kite. Plus other different people exercising their dogs hitting balls and with throwing arms sending those balls. Some with two dogs and more. These people interacted with each other and chatted. I am now 86 years old and I still walk through and on that park at least four times a week, and have been told by my doctor to do this exercise regularly. Am I to lose this right also? Where do I then have to go? The streets are not smooth for walking on and I do not have footpaths that are smooth and safe.
2. There is a family nearby who regularly walk down to the playground with their three children, the mother with the pusher and the father interacting with the older children. They will lose this family time.
3. Across the park on the Highview Road side weekends see the families with the youngsters riding scooters or bikes visiting the playground and the park and interacting with one and other. Sure during work hours and miserable weather park time is limited but why deny families this time on our very liveable climate area.
4. Plovers used to nest in front of our house and when the chicks fell out of the park onto the road my husband would hurry out and lift them back on to the park again before they could be run over by cars. Sadly they do not nest there now, too many people and dogs have scared them off. However flocks of other birds regularly descend early mornings and afternoons to rest and feed. There has

- even been a cape baron goose visit recently. Magpies, wattle birds, and crows live in the trees on the park. My point is its their home too.
5. My grandkids played cricket out there and now my Great grandkids kick the footy and throw balls when they visit all in that park.
 6. I sometimes see golfers practising their drives out there and have never yet had a ball cross the road from a drive.
 7. There is land to the South west of the City that can be opened up for houses to be built on and areas that can be beautified to accommodate aged care facilities without taking away areas that need to be set aside for family and young people's relaxation and exercise areas. Why deprive them of what has been already set aside for that purpose? Yes the City will expand. It will need again to set aside areas for people to relax and enjoy, but never at the expense of land already set aside for that use. The roads are not wide, Footpaths are not available on this side so traffic and parking space is very limited. Two cars could not park on each side of the road and opposite to each other.
 8. Use your vision and intelligence to set up these areas. Parking and traffic needs to be carefully planned not jammed and restricted to our few reserved areas left for enjoyment. Everyone is not young and mobile and they need to be respected as well. Sure a newly opened area further out maybe isolated early on, but that area will quickly become populated with the need for more houses on the horizon.
 9. I have a plane to meet at 11am Saturday which I cannot forgo, a family arriving from Darwin. Please accept this as my public opinion concerning this closure.



26/5/25

Port Lincoln Councillors:

After contact with a young family of four, mother father and two young sons from a street behind me and seeing their stress and anger at the thought that they were to lose the green space of the mentioned area I decided to add to my distress and contact each and every Councillor regarding this forced closure upon our area.

I have also been informed that this area was protected by a law that indicated it as a green space that was to be left for the recreation of the people and was not to be built on.

People who built homes along this park are visibly upset and angry that their lives will be very much impacted by excess traffic and cars parked along this area on a road without the area to do so safely.

The Council has caused a great traffic danger, spent countless dollars along the main thoroughfare of the City which has achieved stuff all and resulted in no benefit, but a loss of parking area for people who need to access the area. Don't stuff up this area as well. Don't tell me there is a playground there, when that site could easily have been extended where it originally was and been much safer for small children and parents.

The City needs aged facilities, but it also needs open spaces for communities. They are gold, and there is no area adjacent to this park and area for the people.

You very kindly state you would leave a 100mt strip taking in trees and a stony knob for the enjoyment of the residents. How very kind of you. In return you steal our right to the space. One level you say, but further on no higher than 9metres or two story. Our houses immediately lose value and privacy. Thanks for nothing. I will take great care when the next Council is to be renewed that I vote for people who can be trusted to look after the interests of all people and not only a necessity to build future resources in new areas, not reserved open space areas.



City Council Pt Lincoln
Re Harbour View Reserve
High View Drive.

28 MAY 2025

In the past 6 years there has been two serious fires above this zone.

This Park could have been a safe area for us to go.

At one fire the Police drove by Walkley Road — saying evacuate now. Some of us did, only to a bumper to bumper exit all the way to North Shields. We would have been safer in this green space.

If that fire had been like the previous one that burnt from Coast to Coast

We would have all been incinerated

Think carefully please Council.

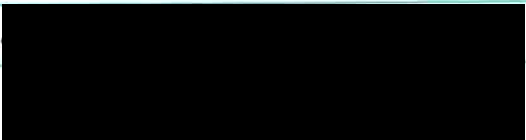
Also this could be used for fire trucks to ~~park~~ park if necessary.

Think about safety of people in this area please.

I am elderly and realise we need senior accommodation but to build in this park is merely a band aid solution. Not anywhere near big enough for such accommodation.

Why not press the Government to help purchase land on the outskirts of our beautiful City — where the area can expand in future years.

Hoping you will listen to caring people.



Attention Councilors, City of Port Lincoln:-

After considering the Revocation Of Community Land Options paper, I particularly want to comment on the Harbourview Reserve proposal for future usage.

I think this is totally unsuitable for an aged care/ Retirement Living development. I believe this is especially due to existing “encumbrances” presented by the site:- namely a sloping site, the water runoff easement from Highview Drive , lack of infrastructure for services(water/sewerage, power)and the visible granite outcrops within the area.

The structure of the proposed building would need to be a minimum of 2 stories high to be economically viable. In turn there would be insufficient space for staff, resident, visitor and specialist services car parking and access. Such a building within this residential area would have a negative visual impact, totally changing the sense of community for nearby residents, as well as increase the traffic flow and noise levels significantly.

Currently the playground is well utilized by children of nearby residents who consider it a safe playing space, particularly as it is sited away from intersecting roads. Upgrading the existing playground in situ would also appeal to families who can also continue to use the established BBQ facilities

My Proposal is that council should **retain this site as a community reserve** which will cater for Port Lincoln residents of all ages. It is, and could continue to be, with some additional inclusions, **particularly suitable for older persons including people living with dementia and well as local families/children**. The space is such all can enjoy the reserve simultaneously with enough space to do so safely, especially as the reserve is accessible from 3 roadsides.

Some of the trees need to be replaced as many are in excess of 50 years old and are dying. With the addition of thoughtfully planned cluster planting of native trees and shrubs this could be developed with a section designated as an inclusive sensory trail for adults and children alike (to see, touch and smell). This will also provide shade and protection for strategically placed bench seating.

Construction of wider cement pathways/trails where people can safely walk side by side with wheelchairs, walkers, prams connected to this section of the reserve- would further enhance the site for residents and visitors of all ages. Such planting would also reduce the effects of soil erosion, water runoff from the site into nearby street drainage systems and in turn alleviate flooding into the street and residences on the downhill side of the reserve.

As for siting of an aged care/ retirement living development, I believe there at least several other more viable options within the city:- namely

- 1) the parcel of land at Kirton Point bordered by St Andrews Terrace and Wingard Terrace; or
- 2) The parcel of land adjacent the Billy Lights Road section of St Andrews Terrace.

These have sufficient area for access/car parking.

I request a meeting to discuss and further expand on my proposal with the relevant Council personnel involved in the future decision making regarding Harbourview Reserve.

Your prompt response would be appreciated

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

1/06/2025

We Firmly Reject the Revocation of Harbourview Reserve

Myself and my Wife have lived at [REDACTED] for 60 years as of the 19th August. We were the first the first to build in Easton Road and our nearest neighbor was in Kaye Drive. We have brought up our three children in this home and now have many grandchildren and great grands as well which have all played at the reserve and still do, [REDACTED] our son lives up in Heather Road and also has three children and now grandchildren. The Harbourview Reserve has been there for so many other Lincoln families over the past 60 years and needs to remain as is for the next.


We as a large family group that are still growing and using the reserve on a weekly basis are **FIRMLY AGAINST** the idea of this reserve being anything other than what it is, a park for all Lincoln people to enjoy, play, BBQs running their dogs and flying kites etc.

To the council & and the CEO please listen to the peoples wishes. There has to be other locations that do not require our Beautiful green space, parks and reserves to be lost forever. If there is a developer looking for an area, then help them find what is available for sale and work with them to get it passed so they can build but hands off these green spaces, not yours to sell.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

5 JUN 2025


Port Lincoln 5606
Thursday 5th June

To Chief Executive Officer,
City of Port Lincoln

Dear Mr Brown.

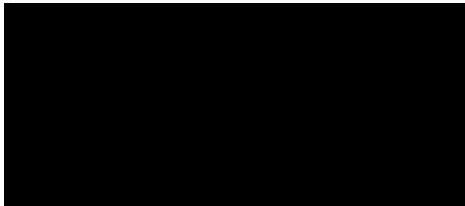
Re Revocation of Community Classifications.

The five areas of Pt Lincoln land being considered by Council for alternative uses after revocation were all set aside for Community Use by past councils with, I am sure, an intention to provide open space for the benefit of future generations. Deviating from that intention would fail to honour the foresight of those forward thinking council members!!

My particular interest is in the nearby Harbour View Reserve. This area is the only land in this area that provides extensive open space for activities like dogs chasing balls, kicking footballs, hitting golf balls and similar activities. This is clearly greatly appreciated by those using it in this way. I believe it is worth keeping the reserve for such recreational uses. I am sure that Council could improve the aesthetics and attractiveness of it, as it has done to the town foreshore.

Should it decide nevertheless to proceed with revocation, then it is clear that the small parcel of land intended to be retained as public land featuring the playground and BBQ shelter would be totally inadequate. It is ludicrous to just retain 1000sq m instead of a worthwhile park for the use of existing resident and those who will live in the developed reserve land!!!

Yours faithfully



05 JUN 2025

3-6-2025

Dear Port Lincoln City Council,

I am writing to express my concern about the proposal to revoke the Community Land classification of Harbourview Reserve.

I understand the need for housing and Aged Care, however I do not agree with using Community Reserves.

Green space is so important for families and in this day and age, for Mental Health.

As an aged pensioner I visit parks often, and understand the need to protect our public spaces for future generations.

I strongly object to your proposal.

Please listen to your rate payers.

These spaces belong to us all, now and for future generations.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

PORT LINCOLN.

Phone :

[REDACTED]



West Coast Homecare

28th May 2025

Submission of Support for the Development of New Community Aged Care Home Care Facilities in Port Lincoln

To Whom It May Concern,

West Coast Homecare is writing to express support for development of new community aged care home care facilities in Port Lincoln.

As a community that is both growing and ageing, Port Lincoln faces increasing demand for quality, accessible, and sustainable aged care services.

Home care services in particular are vital for enabling older residents to maintain their independence, stay connected with their families and community, and age with dignity in familiar surroundings.

2021 Census demographic data underscore the growing need for aged care services in our community.

The introduction of additional home care facilities would address several critical needs in our region:

- **Improved Access to Services:**

Many local residents currently face wait times or must travel significant distances to access suitable home care support. A new facility would bring much-needed services closer to those who rely on them most.

- **Support for Carers and Families:**

A robust home care infrastructure not only benefits aged individuals but also eases the pressure on informal carers, who are often family members juggling work and caregiving responsibilities.

- **Economic and Employment Opportunities:**

The construction and ongoing operation of aged care facilities will create local jobs and stimulate the Port Lincoln economy, supporting healthcare professionals, tradespeople, and service providers.

- **Future-Proofing Our Community:**

Investing in aged care now ensures that we are prepared to meet the growing needs of our population. It reflects our community's values of compassion, inclusion, and forward-thinking planning.

This is an essential step in ensuring that our ageing population receives the support and respect it deserves. We urge the Council to move forward with development to support community age care and offer our support for any initiatives that enhance aged care services in our region.

Sincerely,

Catherine Pearson
Chairperson

Let's make it happen

NO to the revocation of community land -Harbourview Reserve

Wed, 11 Jun at 1:57 pm

[REDACTED]

To the Port Lincoln City council,
our mayor and elected councillors.

11 JUN 2025

My name is [REDACTED], a retired retail manager who has owned and lived at number [REDACTED] for over 50 years.

I have seen many years of the reserve being used and enjoyed by many families and individuals.

There is open space for exercise including walking, sporting practices and many other activities.

The open space allow families to exercise their dogs in an off leash open space without the cost of fencing.

The playground is regularly used by children and their families.

The community around the reserve
DO NOT WANT TO LOSE THE PARK

The area was designated RESERVE during the early years of housing development as per the council planning at the time,

Requiring developers to provide accessible green space for residents.

The green space requirement is still a requirement as per the

Port Lincoln City Council's own

OPEN SPACE STRATEGY (2021-2026) RESERVES CENTRALLY LOCATED WITHIN 400 to 500 metres of homes.

The loss of OPEN SPACE with native trees and grassland would remove the COUNTRY FEEL of the area.

The open country feel is what attracted my family to the area, as would be the case of many other property owner's around the reserve.

Any further housing development would remove the enjoyment of the reserve.

It would also affect the land values and the views across the reserve, overlooking our beautiful CITY OF PORT LINCOLN.

The loss of open space will also have an impact on the local BirdLife of the area including MAGPIES, PLOVERS AND KOOKABURRAS, to name a few who use the reserve as a native breeding and feeding ground.

A development on the reserve would potentially cause a storm water problem in the

event of heavy downpours.

The reserve is a natural soakage area for upper park streets such as WALKLEY ROAD. If the area is built on, there would be increased stormwater runoff at the HIGHVIEW DRIVE- RITA STREET corner.

Please give due consideration to my feedback, as the reserve HARBOURVIEW RESERVE is an important open space for our local community.
DO NOT REVOKE HARBOURVIEW RESERVE

Regards

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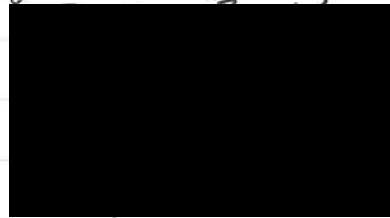
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As a longtime resident of Port Lincoln
I can now see a present need for additional
age care facilities as the current two have
considerable waiting lists.

I see the ideal location for something like this
would be the existing "HARBORVIEW RESERVE" and I am
in favour of council proceeding with the revocation
of this land for that purpose.

Yours faithfully



HARBOURVIEW RESERVE - Submission on the proposed revocation of Community Land

1 message

12 June 2025 at 08:34

To: "minister.szakacs@sa.gov.au" <minister.szakacs@sa.gov.au>, "mayor@plcc.sa.gov.au" <mayor@plcc.sa.gov.au>, "ceo@plcc.sa.gov.au" <ceo@plcc.sa.gov.au>, "andrea.broadfoot@plcc.sa.gov.au" <andrea.broadfoot@plcc.sa.gov.au>, "dylan.cowley@plcc.sa.gov.au" <dylan.cowley@plcc.sa.gov.au>, "karen.hollamby@plcc.sa.gov.au" <karen.hollamby@plcc.sa.gov.au>, "peter.linn@plcc.sa.gov.au" <peter.linn@plcc.sa.gov.au>, "lillian.poynter@plcc.sa.gov.au" <lillian.poynter@plcc.sa.gov.au>, "shania.richards@plcc.sa.gov.au" <shania.richards@plcc.sa.gov.au>, "jack.ritchie@plcc.sa.gov.au" <jack.ritchie@plcc.sa.gov.au>, "robyn.rowsell@plcc.sa.gov.au" <robyn.rowsell@plcc.sa.gov.au>, "valerie.staunton@plcc.sa.gov.au" <valerie.staunton@plcc.sa.gov.au>, "yoursay@plcc.sa.gov.au" <yoursay@plcc.sa.gov.au>

To the Minister, Mayor, CEO and Councillors

See below my response to the Port Lincoln City Council **Proposal for Revocation of Community Land**, I do not support any development of Harbourview Reserve – once the green space is gone it is gone for ever.

Our response

The PLCC recommends that the area we know best – the **Harbourview Reserve** – is one of five Parkland areas to be revoked from being community Parklands for sale to a developer for prescribed use as for aged care facility or other use.

We attended the initial information session in the park which for many (including ourselves) was the first time they were aware of the proposal (& from the door knocking exercise we understand that there were still a lot of people not aware of this proposal). Based on the number there that day, roughly 75 people, the immediate reaction was that the proposal was NOT supported by the community even at that point. I am sure you would have seen by now the media coverage of the subsequent bbq/rally the #saveharbourviewreserve group held on Saturday 1st June which was strong supported by at least 200 people – showing the depth of feeling about the issue as awareness of the proposal had developed - while we all agree that future planning for ageing population is required we feel the limited open green space left in town should be preserved and that Harbourview Reserve is not the right location for any development, more discussion/collaboration with landowners around identifying more suitable alternate locations (FLAT LAND for starters) would be the best outcome preserving the limited open space AND planning for future needs of the ageing population, therefore we are **strongly opposed to the proposal**, more specific reasons listed below.

I would be pleased to provide all the References used below.

Declaring our Interest

We note that:

1. We are now around 60 years old and have lived in Port Lincoln our whole lives. Our families have built businesses and made risk investments which now generate many hundreds of jobs in Port Lincoln – when moving elsewhere in Australia might have made more economic logic. All this is because we have a deep emotional attachment to Port Lincoln.
2. We have lived opposite or near the Harbourview Reserve for over 12 years, and the Reserve is the main reason for that. We use it very often, mostly to walk in enjoying the nature fix, decompressing from the day and to exercise our dog.

Reasons for opposing the revocation

In our businesses and personal lives, we interact daily with local, state, national and overseas governments. We appreciate the challenges of public administration – and competing priorities.

In this proposed revocation case – giving Harbourview Reserve as the example – the case presented by PLCC does not meet the normal criteria required for revocation. We ask for the proposal to be withdrawn – based on both rate-payer objection, and not meeting Council's own criteria. For example:

1. One of the major things attracting people to stay in, or move to Port Lincoln, is the open spaces. As stated in the current PLCC Annual Business Plan, a "Key Focus Area" for PLCC is:

"Community facilities and open spaces for recreation, leisure, health and well-being."

"Continue to seek open spaces funding....."

Yet what is being proposed here is a reduction in parkland/open spaces in a regional city with significant areas of undeveloped land. As you know, the SA legislation does not allow the City Council in Adelaide to revoke the Adelaide Parklands, and this is the equivalent.

2. Further, the Council's Strategic Directions Plan 2025-2034 has "Open spaces, parks and gardens" as a key focus area.
3. As the PLCC often correctly says, Port Lincoln is the Seafood Capital of Australia. This means that Port Lincoln has possibly Australia's highest percentage of the work force who work at night and/or from dawn or before. Logically, these large number of "out of hours" workers need more open spaces in their non-working time during the day.

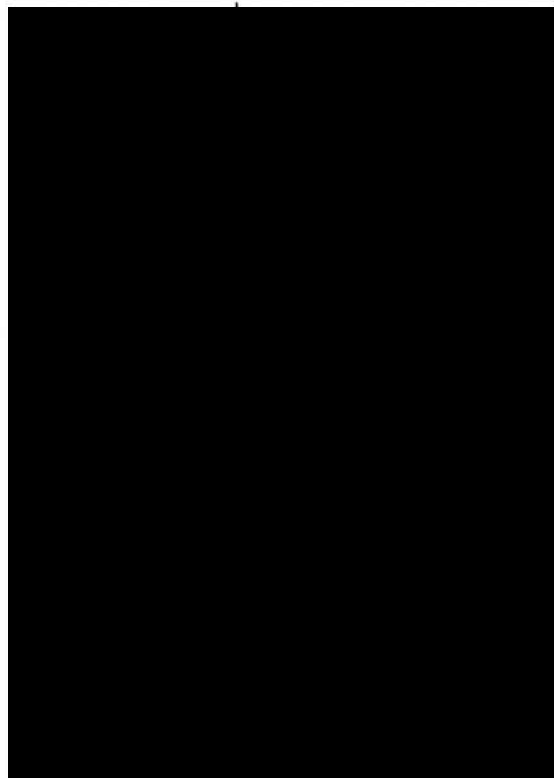
The specific mental health challenges faced by fishing communities were identified by an in-depth study funded by the Federal Government in 2019. This has led to a dedicated ongoing national Mental Health Program for fishing communities called "Stay Afloat."

4. A major concern for us is that the PLCC is pre-empting what a revoked Harbourview Reserve might be used for – based on vague and unidentified approaches from possible developers of the Reserve. This may risk not being an appropriate rationale from a public operation such as the PLCC. Relying on general private discussions with developers raises the issue of transparency – for example, whether these discussions canvassed other alternative sites. This is not to say that the PLCC should not have such discussions – simply that they should be transparent.
5. There are applications for revocation in SA from other Councils which may have major budgetary challenges – and need the revocation to sell the land to help address budgetary problems. As I understand it from the PLCC documents, this "asset optimisation strategy" is not the case with the PLCC. Is that correct?
6. I note that there are also revocation proposals being considered for SA Councils such as Onkaparinga because that in-fill approach is required for large housing estates to address the transport problems in Adelaide. These transport problems do not apply in Port Lincoln. Logically, the ease of transport in a regional city such as Port Lincoln should result in **more open spaces**.
7. I have read the PLCC publications on the future of aged care in Port Lincoln and sympathise with the very general points made. The question is whether taking over an existing long-term "open space" for possible housing or selling to an aged care developer is a rational solution. This may be a good commercial outcome but appears inconsistent with current community and Council priorities.
8. I understand the PLCC view may be that revocation and abandoning the current status would not result in any loss of "property value" for adjacent properties. Logically this does not appear possible – so please indicate in writing what the PLCC view is on that.

References

Again, we would be pleased to provide the Reference for the above points.

Best regards,



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 12 June 2025 10:17 AM
To: YourSay; [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Feedback - Land Revocation Proposal - [REDACTED]

Mr [REDACTED]

Mr Hutchison came in to the Council office at 9.45am to speak with the Mayor regarding the Proposal for revocation of land (in particular, Harbourview Reserve). Mayor unavailable due to EPLGA meeting in DCTB.

He has provided a suggestion for an alternative location for an aged care facility, which is located at the playground / park the bottom of Stamford Terrace (Altair Cres Playground).

His reasoning for this is:

Better for aged care persons to access and use

Closer to shops

Land is flatter

Save a lot of money to build on this flatter land rather than the sloped land at harbourview Reserve.

Apparently, this site was considered for aged care during Peter Davis' tenure as Mayor, however did not go ahead due to community backlash for the proposal.

He asked for his feedback to be provided for consideration by Council.

Mayor - FYI

[REDACTED]



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The City of Port Lincoln acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Australians and their continuing connection to land, sea, culture and community. We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging and are committed to working together on our reconciliation journey.

Save Harborview reserve

Dear sir/madam

We have lived in the Harborview reserve area for 25 years and have loved the accessibility to this wonderful reserve, which is only a 2 minute work from our residence at [REDACTED]. One of the main reasons we built in the area is the reserve being family friendly and a quiet area. As a family we have many memories of playing in the park, kicking the footy, exercising, building bonds with our kids to playing fetch with the dog.

These reserves are unquestionably a must in modern society for mental health, exercising and a place of safety for our children to play and generations to come. The area is quiet, tranquil with very little vehicle traffic creating a safe zone for children and families within walking distance to our place of residence.

I hope all councilors will take the high moral ground here with their vote and leave our Harborview reserve as it is intended for the people of the surrounding area.

I'm not trying to tell the council what to do, but I can think of several large parcels of land that tick far more boxes for an age care facility development, why not explore other avenues which are far more suited for future age care developments and leave the reserves for families to enjoy as the Harborview reserve was intended for.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

RE: Objection to the Proposed Revocation of Community Land - Harbourview Reserve,
Highview Drive

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed revocation of community land status for Harbourview Reserve, Highview Drive. As a young family who recently moved to the area, this reserve was one of the main reasons we chose to settle here. Since our arrival, we have come to appreciate just how vital this space is for the everyday wellbeing of the community.

Harbourview Reserve is far more than a patch of open space - it is a living, breathing hub of daily activity and connection. The playground is used constantly by local children, creating a safe, inclusive space that fosters social development and outdoor play. The open grassed areas are equally well-used, particularly by dog walkers, families, and individuals who rely on the reserve for regular exercise, fresh air, and mental wellbeing.

Urban green spaces like Harbourview Reserve are essential in supporting the physical and mental health of residents. In a time when promoting community wellbeing is more important than ever, preserving accessible public open space must remain a priority. Once lost to development, these spaces cannot easily be replaced.

We fully recognise the growing need for aged care facilities in our region, and we support efforts to meet that need. However, we strongly believe that this particular reserve is not the right location. Its frequent, informal use by families, children, and dog walkers shows it already serves a critical social and health function. I am certain there are more appropriate sites within Port Lincoln that are less embedded in residential green space and more suited to structured development.

Replacing this space with built infrastructure - even with the retention of a small portion for open use - risks significantly reducing quality of life for the local population. The broader community, including young families like ours, benefit from having safe, walkable, natural areas where they can gather, exercise, and recharge.

We respectfully urge the Council to reconsider this revocation and explore alternative solutions that allow for the development of aged care facilities without sacrificing an active, loved, and deeply valued community reserve.
Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Kind regards,



To the Chief Executive Officer; Eric, Minister for Local Gov; Joe, Mayor; Diana and elected members...

We, the long term locals of Highview Drive plead with you all to deny the decision to revoke the community land status of Harbourview Reserve.

We vote AGAINST the revocation of the community land parcels at Harbourview Reserve.

Whilst I can appreciate there is a need for child and aged care, I do not believe this is a suitable location.

I can see through the smoke and mirrors... On the day we all 1st met at the park to hear Eric speak, he told us 'there weren't any plans of what would be done with the land'. However in the brochure we took home - it states on page 3 that 'In considering this option, the council is aware of market interest in Harbourview Reserve as a site for a retirement village or aged care facility. Aged-care housing providers have informally expressed interest in the land for this purpose'

So you DO know something and you DO have something 'informally' lined up? I find it interesting that was not the way it was portrayed verbally on the day...

Have the aged care housing providers put a call out to the community to see if anyone is interested in selling their parcels of land – which may possibly be in a better location? They haven't even been given the opportunity...

Unfortunately I feel that it is just GREED at play here. There are other more suitable options of land to use for these purposes, however if the providers bought those parcels – the council wouldn't get any of the money for selling it off! It seems that the council is willing to sell off all our green spaces for their own financial benefit!

Reasons that I oppose the revocation of community land:

I fear for the safety of our children playing out the front of houses with the increase in traffic to the area.

We must protect our green spaces for the wellbeing of current generations and those to come, Once it's gone we can't get it back!

This reserve has been, used, loved and respected by many people over the years.

It is essential for our children's mental health to have wide open green spaces to run around – within walking distance of our houses! (So we don't have to get in the car and burn fuel to go to a park)

I feel devastated for the residents of the roads immediately surrounding the reserve... what a negative impact it will have on their outlook / views. Possibly affecting the market value of their houses because of a change in dynamics of the area. It is such a shame...

If the issue is maintenance costs – I will appoint myself responsible for creating a maintenance calendar and I can guarantee you every single person in the area who is opposing this will jump at the chance to help out with maintenance – If it meant saving our park!!!

Anyone remember that Joni Mitchell song 'Big Yellow Taxi'? It kind of reminds me...

"Don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've til it's gone.

They paved paradise, to put up a parking lot"

If you sell it off - we can't ever get it back.

On behalf of our children and our children's children and all that love and use Harbourview reserve everyday for it's essential wellbeing benefits:

We are begging you... Please DO NOT sell our park!!!

Kind Regards

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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.

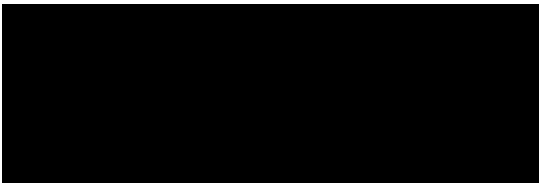
We and others have attempted to suggest alternative sites that have been spoken about in the community as being preferable for the development of housing or other facility/ies but we are not aware of all factors involved with various parcels of land. Discussion at the meeting indicated that private landholders 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



Ryan Viney
Chief Executive Officer
Director Regional Development

To:

The City Council of Port Lincoln

From:

Geoff Rayson
1 Prospect Road
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.

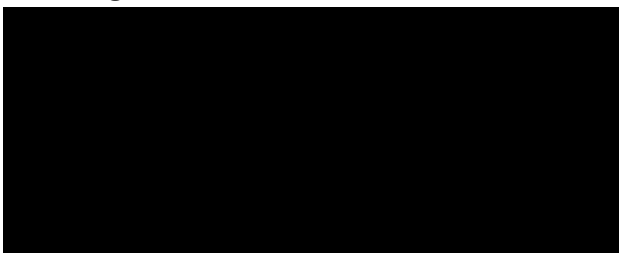
The time to limit the ongoing cost of building and maintaining public infrastructure such as roads and stormwater, is now.

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



SUBMISSION REVOCATION OF COMMUNITY LAND

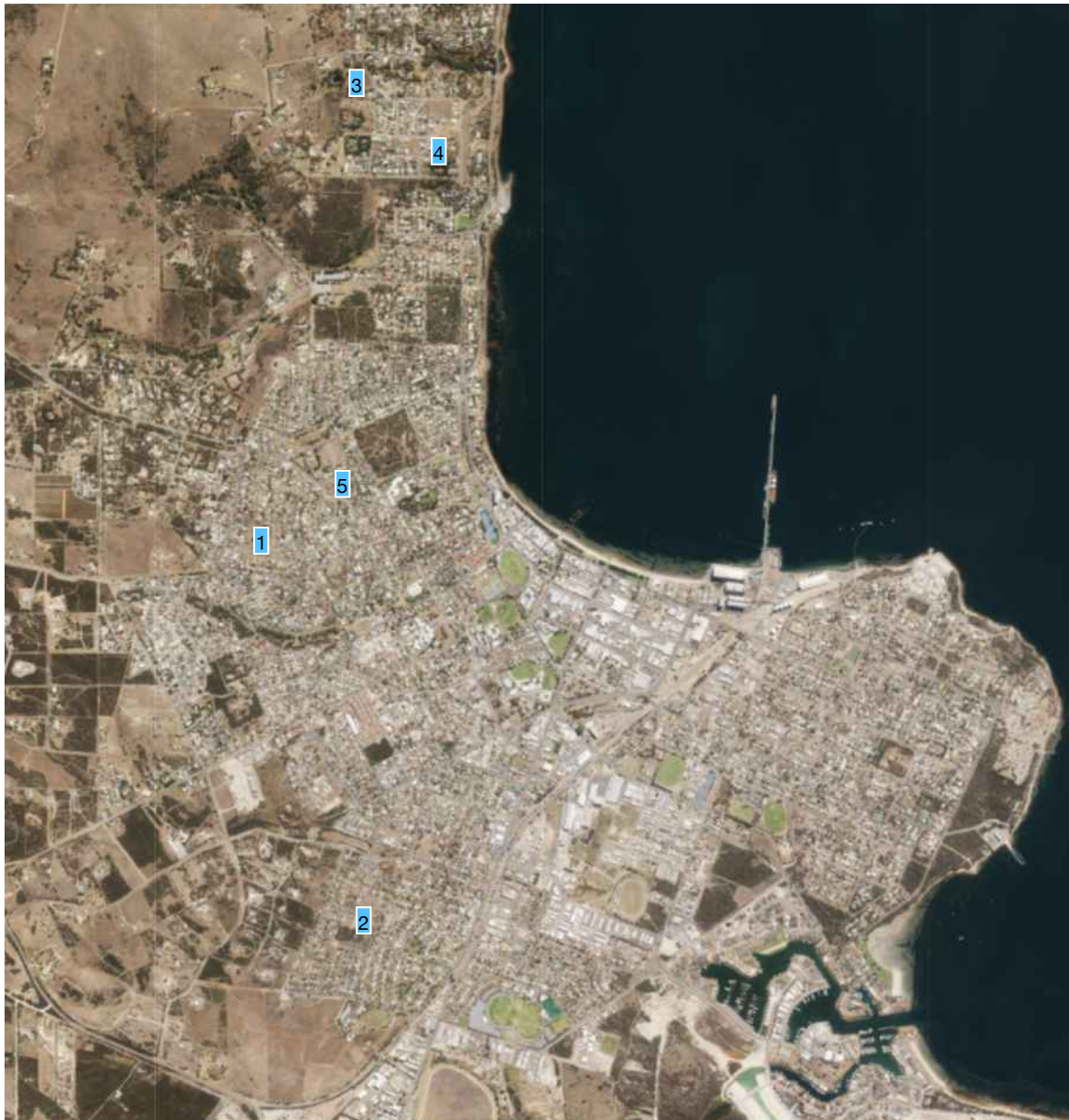


23 May 2025

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.



Image 2a



Image 2b

- 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*.

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,
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