

Jerrabomberra Pump Track Community Submissions

Table of Contents

Your Voice Feedback	2
Question 1 - Location ranking	2
Question 2 – Reasons for preferred location	3
Question 3 – Are there any other alternative locations in Jerrabomberra that we haven't considered?	14
Question 4 – We plan to build the track for beginner to intermediate riders. Do you have any feedback on this plan?	18
Question 5 – Should a learn-to-ride track be included, so very young riders can progress from there to the pump track?	23
Question 6 – Do you have any other feedback that should be considered for the design of the track?	29
Drop-in workshop.....	37
Email/Hardcopy Submissions	38
Email submissions (personal details redacted)	38
Jerrabomberra Creek Park – feedback received after initial letter box drop	50

Your Voice Feedback

We received 94 completed surveys, either through Your Voice, or completed paper surveys which were provided to Council (these have been added to the Your Voice results). The survey was intended so that participants could provide feedback on the locations and the design. The questions asked were:

1. Please rank your preferred location for the pump track (1 is first, 4 is last):
2. If you'd like to provide any reasons for your preferred location, you can do that here
3. Are there any other alternative locations in Jerrabomberra that we haven't considered?
4. We plan to build the track for beginner to intermediate riders. Do you have any feedback on this plan?
5. Should a learn-to-ride track also be included, so very young riders can progress from there to the pump track?
6. Do you have any other feedback that should be considered for the design of the track?

Questions were not compulsory. The responses to these questions are included below.

Question 1 - Location ranking

On Your Voice, participants were asked to rank their preferred site from 1-4, with 1 being highest preference and 4 being lowest preference. Not all participants ranked every location, some only selected their first preference. Totals for these votes are in the table below.

Proposed location	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Regional Sports Complex on Environa Drive	38	8	11	31
Jerrabomberra Park on Elm Way/Acacia Drive	14	43	20	2
Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive	32	7	11	31
Esmond Avenue Park /Dixon Playground on Esmond Avenue	8	21	36	12

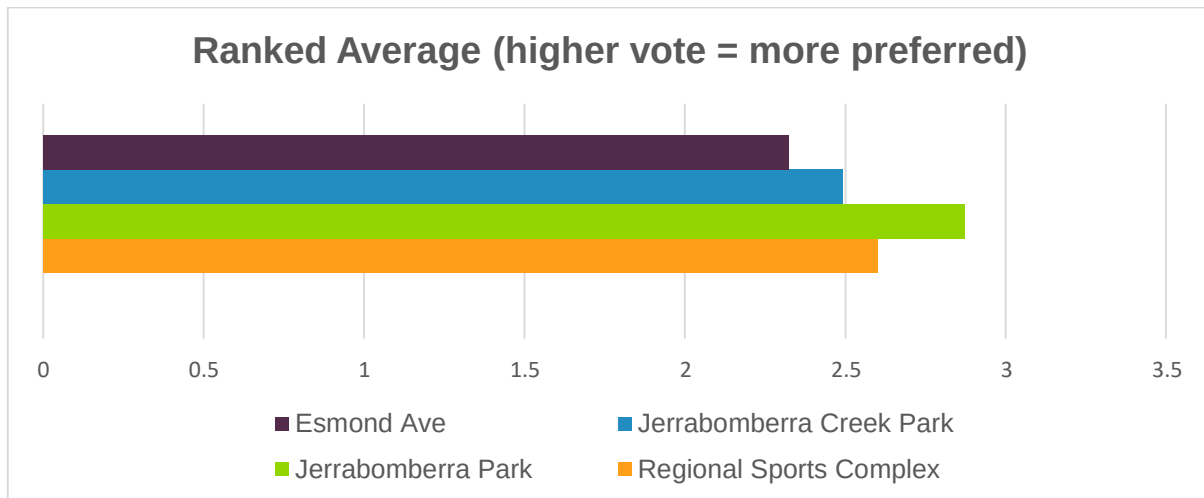
These results show that Regional Sports Complex received the most 1st preference votes, but also the equal most 4th preference (along with Jerrabomberra Creek Park).

Jerrabomberra Creek Park received second most 1st preference votes, but also the equal most 4th preference votes. Jerrabomberra Park received a majority of 2nd preference votes. Esmond Avenue Park was the least preferred site.

To help compare these results, a ranked average of these votes has also been produced below (a first preference vote worth 4 points, second preference worth 3 votes, third preference worth 2 votes and a fourth preference worth 1 vote).

Given the combination of strong support and strong opposition to both the Regional Sports Complex and to the Jerrabomberra Creek Park locations, Jerrabomberra Park has more 2nd preference votes which puts it slightly ahead in the ranked average result.

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**



Question 2 – Reasons for preferred location

Respondent 1 - Preference - Regional Sports Complex

Whilst council plans for this not to be a 'destination' pump track there is no room to accomodate parking at the neighbourhood sights should this eventuate. The immediate demographic of all the neighbourhood sites does not meet the need for a pump track so there will always be a need so some kind of parking.

Respondent 2 – Preference - Regional Sports Complex

Regional Sports complex on Environa drive is by far the only really suitable location where it is not causing issues for residents and rate payers. Other considerations not mentioned are environmental issues.

Respondent 3 – Preference - Regional Sports Complex

You have failed to mention the environmental impacts related to Wombat holes in the area and the trees that council planted a few months ago (using rate payer funds) that would likely be taken out to make way for the track and facilities at waterfall drive. You have failed to include any of the feedback in cons for the area to make the votes go towards decision already made. There is conflict of interest as all information has not been provided. This conflict needs to be escalated through other channels.

Respondent 4 – Preference - Regional Sports Complex

Whilst this is an awesome item and such an asset to our community, as residents whose backyard backs directly on to the proposed area of Esmond Avenue/Dickson Park we would be opposed to this location for a number of reasons; - a large group of teenagers currently congregate at the existing Park at late night/early morning to have parties/drink. They have caused damage to the exisiting playground on multiple occasions and some of this still hasn't been rectified by council. - There are no provisions for parking and Esmond Avenue is often used much like a race track by a number of local residents (a speed bump or two would be recommended, especially as this is an area which houses a park often full with young children) -police are currently having issues with a number of teenagers on dirt bikes in this particular area so we wonder if this would be misused and destroyed.

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

Respondent 5 – Preference – Esmond Avenue Park/Dixon Playground on Esmond Avenue

There are very few play areas for kids in Jerrabomberra. I would prefer the track to be closer to where the kids are than in the new sports complex.

Respondent 6 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive

Waterfall drive is a great location, and large enough to accommodate extensions if/when required.

Respondent 7 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Park on Elm Way/Acacia Avenue

Central to the suburb with existing off road pathway access.

Respondent 8 – Preference – Regional Sports Complex

Please do not put this At waterfall drive - enough damage occurs to this area from teens & there is a huge wombat population that we need to protect.

Respondent 9 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Park on Elm Way/Acacia Avenue

Jerrabomberra Park is the most central area and closest to the school where many children ride their bikes to and from.

Respondent 10 – Preference – Regional Sports Complex

The sport complex is the logical location considering the amount of money invested, parking & traffic access.

Respondent 11 – Preference – Regional Sports Complex

Utterly ridiculous that developers and council would consider putting this so close to houses ... and in an area where there are already issues with cars, wildlife and open spaces .

Respondent 12 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive

There is limited options for older kids in jerra and this is great. Consideration to adding the planned pathway to link up with the lake would decrease kids having to cross the main road.

Respondent 13 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive

Wide open space away from main roads shops etc near the waterhole makes sense.

Respondent 14 – Preference – Esmond Avenue Park/Dixon Playground on Esmond Avenue

There is a large population of wombats that live at the proposed location of waterfall dr. A group of us locals have been treating them for 8 weeks so far to rid them of mange. We still have another 8 weeks to go then lots more areas to attend too at 16 week treatment plans for ea area. This wombat habitat is critical as so many are getting displaced due to new development. If this area is chosen for the pump Track this important area will most likely cause lots of wombat deaths due to increased traffic pushing them out. I think the pump track is an amazing idea for jerra. Just not in this location, this location is critical to the wombat population.

Respondent 15 – Preference – Regional Sports Complex

There is always going to be a divide within the community given the separation of Jerrabomberra Heights and Jerrabomberra Parkway due to Edwin Park Landway running through the middle, and even more so now that the school zone issue is in play. It would be impossible to deliver a pump track that isn't a 'destination' as people would most likely have to travel to a degree depending on where the track is located, where they live and the age of the children. There are children of all ages spread across the Heights and the Parkway. Given a significant amount of money is being poured into the development of South Jerrabomberra and the state of the art facilities being constructed - most people who live in the Heights or Parkway would be travelling across to South Jerrabomberra to utilise these facilities. It would make sense that the proposed pump track and other elements listed in the proposal are constructed at the Regional Sports Complex on Environa Drive in South Jerrabomberra. Younger children will need a lift over from their parents if little legs can't ride that far (but parents should be supervising children anyway), and older children can pedal the distance. However, at the Jerrabomberra Residence Association (JRA) meeting on 22 August 2023, it was advised that there are already plans underway for South Jerrabomberra to construct their own pump track facility. This claim needs to be investigated further. It would seem strange for the Council to propose this location if a pump track was already in play. I have young children and have recently moved from the Heights to the Parkway and welcome the proposal noting there are limited facilities for children, with most parks requiring significant upgrades. I have lived in Jerrabomberra for 20 odd years and have rarely seen upgrades to the parks other than the Rotary Club donations of equipment, more tarmack and the odd shade sail. The location and track being constructed needs to be right for the community. In having said this - the pump track proposal has lacked planning with little community consultation noting the grant has already been approved and the tender awarded. To have a member of the Council knock on your door with a pamphlet and tell you there is a pump track being constructed behind your property does not count as consultation. Noting this grant has stemmed from a handful of kids building their own pump track on Numeralia Drive in a vacant space - where is the data to support the grant application (what are the demographics for Jerrabomberra and what are the ongoing costs for maintenance etc?), and why wasn't the wider community consulted as part of the grant application process? I am sure many of the residents within the community would agree that \$400k could be better utilised and spread across a number of community-based infrastructure upgrades/developments including the pump track.

Respondent 16 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive

Waterfall drive makes the most sense. Down the road from the school, backs onto fields rather than houses like Acacia drive

Respondent 17 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Park on Elm Way/Acacia Avenue

I am a keen Mountain Biker who has lived in the Queanbeyan/Jerrabomberra region for 15 years. This pump track is a fantastic opportunity and I thank QPRC for getting the project to this stage. As a Jerrabomberra resident, I sometimes feel as though the area is neglected in terms play/recreational infrastructure. I am also a parent of three primary age children who are very excited by this project. Acacia Drive is a central location that can be easily and safely accessed by kids on a bike. There is also ample parking nearby. The park next to this location will allow younger children an alternative play option. The nearby footpath and

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

residences provide passive surveillance. It is located close to the primary school. There is also plenty of space allowing for greater design scope for the project. While it is close to some residential areas there is sufficient distance to minimise noise etc, which should be low anyway, no worse than any children's play area. Finally, it is located at the informal 'trailhead' for the Jerrabomberra mountain bike/hiking trail network at Brudenell Pond. Looking to the future, with work in progress to formalise these trails in a similar manner to what has happened at Bruce Ridge, placing a pump track close to the trailhead will increase the appeal of the network as a destination and bring greater economic benefit to local businesses. There are a number of concerns with the other locations. Esmond Avenue is located peripherally and requires children to cross busy roads to access the area. The Waterfall drive location is also peripheral and does not have good bikepath access, requiring riders to use the Bicentennial Drive path. There are also concerns from the community about environmental impacts. The Regional Sports Complex is very remote and I am concerned that it is not a safe location because of this. Younger children would not feel safe coming here and it is a long way from any residential areas. The Acacia Drive location is the only option that I would feel comfortable with my children riding to unsupervised or in the company of their friends. I am concerned that the other locations would be underutilised and not provide the best 'bang for buck' of this grant money.

Respondent 18 – Preference – Regional Sports Complex

Central place for all Jerra residents.

Respondent 19 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive

Proximity to schools with large areas that can be safely utilised by users. Large and safe areas to cross, with clear existing pathways. Links nicely to the large development and exercise pathways around "The Lake", and links further to local swimming areas in summer

Respondent 20 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive

Easy riding access for kids

Respondent 21 – Preference – Regional Sports Complex

Due to environmental impact relating to wombats habitat.

Respondent 22 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive

Easy accessibility.

Respondent 24 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Park on Elm Way/Acacia Avenue

The area around Waterfall Drive has a Wombat habitat near and would like to see it built somewhere it won't impact the environment.

Respondent 25 – Preference – Regional Sports Complex

Waterfall drive has no parking and there will be adverse impact on wombat holes close to the site. It is also very close to residential housing. The sports complex will have facilities to handle groups of people and it makes sense for it to be colocated.

Respondent 26 – Preference – Regional Sports Complex

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

Waterfall drive location is home to wombats and would see them lose their habitat.

Respondent 28 – Preference – Regional Sports Complex

Makes sense to have it as part of the new regional sports complex, away from residential homes. Will be room for car parking and other facilities such as toilets. If children are old enough to ride unsupervised on the track then they are capable of riding to this location from anywhere in Jerrabomberra. If children are too young to ride to this location then inevitably they will require a parent with them, which means cars. The same would apply for any other location. Car parking and lack of toilet facilities for young children is a concern at all locations within residential areas. I don't believe the track would only be utilised by the locals. A new facility such as this will attract users from other areas, possibly from all over Canberra, especially once you start adding BBQ's etc. This must be considered when choosing an appropriate location. I note that one of the "cons" listed for building the track at the sports complex is that the site is subject to flooding. If this is truly the case, why has the sports complex been built there?? Surely the measures taken to mitigate this for the new playing fields can be applied to the pump track? Spend the extra \$\$ up front, build a safe channel crossing and put the track in the appropriate location please.

Respondent 29 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Park on Elm Way/Acacia Avenue

Better location

Respondent 31 – Preference – Regional Sports Complex

The Jerra Creek park on Waterfall Drive is surely the least suitable location, due to its lack of parking, close proximity to housing, and more importantly, the impact this will have on local wildlife and natural environment. There is little to no local support for this location.

Respondent 32 – Preference – Regional Sports Complex

Putting the pump track near the sporting hub makes sense. Additionally, the children who are old enough to go on their own can access it. Children who are younger should be accompanied by an adult, therefore negating the need to have it near a residential area. It should be kept away from houses and being right near fences.

Respondent 33 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive

Jerrabomberra Creek Park is a brilliant location because the current climbing frame is underutilised (as there are no other amenities) and it's also at the end of the lake track, which would easily link JHS and JPS students to the pump track.

Respondent 35 – Preference – Regional Sports Complex

Passive surveillance is not a positive for the surrounding private residences. The fact it needs surveillance of any kind is a negative, this and that it is likely to be a major eye sore will definitely reduce the value of the adjacent private residences.

Respondent 36 – Preference – Esmond Avenue Park/Dixon Playground on Esmond Avenue

Not enough facilities located in Jerrabomberra Heights. Existing kid-built track is in this part of Jerrabomberra.

Respondent 37 – Preference – Regional Sports Complex

The idea of passive surveillance near a residential area is flawed. It relies on residents to be the local police of badly behaving kids. Today we have CCTV for that function.

Respondent 38 – Preference – Regional Sports Complex

Regional Sports Complex is away from residential housing. Car parking and toilet facilities available there. Any noise from bikers won't annoy nearby residences. This facility will attract large numbers youth of all ages. Regional Sports can better cater for this.

Respondent 39 – Preference – Regional Sports Complex

It makes sense to have it at the sports complex as there it would be able to be used by both schools as well as everyone using the new complex for all the sporting events. There is parking and it can also be used by the people in the new housing development as well as those in the older parts of Jerrabomberra. I can't see why the Waterfall Drive area is being considered as it's a wildlife corridor and there are wombats in this creek area that are trying to be looked after. It is also close to a very busy road and round a bout with dangerous parking options. As best I can tell the track would be very close to some housing but behind a fence and along a creek line, so it would be hard for people to actually see what is going on in this area for the passive surveillance you mention. Surely if you are having not only the pump track but BBQ and other things this would increase the amount of rubbish going into this creek area again causing environmental harm for the wombats and the black cockatoos you are trying to conserve in this area? (Passing by I constantly see kangaroos, a great variety of birds -both in trees and on the grass area, wombats and even the odd echidna and turtle.) It is also my understanding that there aren't many children in this area as most homes seem to have older residents. I can also see there would need to be a number of trees removed to build this track which also goes against your environmental comments put out about the council area and being sustainable and responsible. Again, this makes more sense to put this track into a complex you are building so everything can be factored in rather than taking away from established or establishing areas. If you observe this area in wet weather you will also see it is prone to flooding or long periods of water, so I think this negates your mention of this in the sport complex (and why are you building a sport complex where it floods?). I also wonder that as this track will be behind houses and out of site for most people, if bullying (and even drug deals etc) may become part of what happens here. Just a thought. Another thought, funny the council put up a 'reserve' sign, but it seems they don't want it to be an actual reserve to protect the flora and fauna. I have limited knowledge on the two other areas you propose as I don't visit them often or haven't visited them, so I won't make uniformed comment on these.

Respondent 40 – Preference – Regional Sports Complex

Jerra creek on Waterfall Dr has an existing population of protected base-nosed wombats currently under treatment for mange. QPRC have recently disturbed without great regard for wombat population within QPRC and this recasting loss for such a trivial development is irresponsible.

Respondent 41 – Preference – Regional Sports Complex

The Jerrabomberra Creek Park location poses a risk to the native wombats. It is also roughly as far away from most of Jerra as the Sports Complex and has no safe parking space,

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

reducing the convenience of the location. Whilst the Jerrabomberra Park location has good space and surveillance as is in a great location proximity-wise and parking-wise, the drainage could be a significant problem, leaving the park flooded and unusable from time to time. The only drawback to the Regional Sports Complex is the fact that it is further away; however, it has the parking facilities to cope with this.

Respondent 42 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive

Good use of available space and away from McDonalds

Respondent 43 – Preference – Regional Sports Complex

The Regional Sports Complex is a purpose built site for sports. It will have all the existing infrastructure (e.g. parking, toilets, lighting etc.), good access, close to schools and North Jerra. No impact on residential neighbourhood or greenspace i.e. its already being developed. Clearly the best medium to long term option for the community.

Respondent 45 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Park on Elm Way/Acacia Avenue

It's central to residents, in an area that is a throughfare and comes off the Jerra trails reserve which is popular for mountain biking. Limited environmental impact.

Respondent 46 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive

Security and location

Respondent 47 – Preference – Regional Sports Complex

Ideal location, parking available, drainage issue likely fixed given sporting complex being built already. Plenty of space, not restricted by trees, unsaven land or wildlife. No complaints from residents. *Parking is important to allow younger children to use this facility as no matter the location, parents will need to drive and park.

Respondent 48 – Preference – Regional Sports Complex

It is closer to other sporting facilities and if flooding is an issue then sports complex should not have been there. If a sporting complex can go there, so can a pump track. It would not affect wildlife and trees like in other locations. This area would be best suited for parking facilities as well and not cramp up roads in residential areas creating traffic issues and possibly accidents.

Respondent 49 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive

Because it is close to my house and in an open area

Respondent 50 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive

It is an open area and is near lots of houses

Respondent 51 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive

Open and less central

Respondent 52 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Park on Elm Way/Acacia Avenue

It is near the primary school, centre of Jerra

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

Respondent 53 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive

It is the bigger space

Respondent 54 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive

Less central. Open.

Respondent 55 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive

More space so different levels of riders can go and not be in each others way

Respondent 56 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Park on Elm Way/Acacia Avenue

No thank you

Respondent 57 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive

Easy access

Respondent 58 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive

1. Jerrabomberra Creek Park is designated public land. At present is used by the public as a 'dog off the leash' area and as such is a costly usage option. 2. It presents as the best location for access by young people.

Respondent 59 – Preference – Regional Sports Complex

Regional Sports Complex is the best location as it is away from residential. Not up to local residents to provide passive surveillance. Noise factor also a consideration. Wombat wildlife are in the vicinity of Waterfall Drive, forage along Jerra Creek Park. Regional Sports Complex have toilet and park facilities.

Respondent 60 – Preference – Esmond Avenue Park/Dixon Playground on Esmond Avenue

Jertabomberra creek playground is surrounded by substantial numbers of wombats, and their established burrows. Site works here will destroy their native habitats.

Respondent 63 – Preference – Regional Sports Complex

The Regional Sports Complex would be the best option for the proposed Pump Track as its location would likely attract more participants due to walking distance to the new high school and other activities that will be offered at the complex. As the Regional Sports Complex will not be near residential areas it will not impact on existing residents and parking will be designated for this complex. A con for the site at Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive is that it would be in a flood zone. Council staff have been informed of this on numerous occasions, however this has not been addressed. The overall consultation for this project seems to have been undertaken as an after thought, after residents strongly opposed the Jerrabomberra Creek Park site.

Respondent 65 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive

Best location with no flooding

Respondent 66 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive

Local to me. I can just imagine it here!

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

Respondent 67 – Preference – Regional Sports Complex

Opposite suppetos. Create a path that goes up the sides of the houses. Much less impact to the environment as it's already impacted

Respondent 68 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive

Jerra Creek Park and Jerra Park are close to the school and it is a relatively flat ride which makes it easier to access.

Respondent 71 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Park on Elm Way/Acacia Avenue

Acacia Avenue has sufficient space and we'll located

Respondent 72 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Park on Elm Way/Acacia Avenue

It is more central to Jerrabomberra Impact to the wombat population in the Waterfall location has not been listed as a con despite being highlighted by various community members since April 2023

Respondent 73 – Preference – Regional Sports Complex

There is no off street parking at the location. There are resident wombats who live in the location. There are no amenities block proposed at the location and none nearby. There are a number of waterways nearby that pose a drowning threat to children who may wander out of site

Respondent 75 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Park on Elm Way/Acacia Avenue

Acacia Avenue is the most ideal spot for a pump track, as it enables people to have a more rounded biking experience. This option can more closely connect people to the existing mountain bike 'Jerra trail' that can be accessed only 100m away (at Brudenell Pond). It also has the largest footprint that if its cleverly built towards the shops (where the cafe Suppeto is), it can bring more people to purchase food/drinks locally as it has its own carpark.

Respondent 76 – Preference – Regional Sports Complex

There will already be facilities to support the public use of the area (toilets, parking etc). Other areas will have a major impact on those around it. The Waterfall Drive area is not usable as it is a natural habitat to the wombats in the area, one of the only areas that is not built up at all, has no facilities such as parking or toilets.

Respondent 78 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive

I am a parent of a 4 year old and 2 year old twins, I am also a member of the Jerrabomberra Playgroup. The location of a park facility aimed at 4-12 years would be good if it is in an accessible location for walking and driving to. Not all families have access to drive to such locations or would require multiple cars and carers to transport bikes and children. The options of Jerrabomberra Park, Elm Way/Acacia Drive and Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive would in my opinion be the best options for such a facility. The other options provided aren't in locations suitable for the age range proposed. They would cater better for older, independent teens and young adults which would potentially deter younger children and families. These other locations also mean that those who wish to walk to the pump track need to walk near the Jerrabomberra Larger roundabout which could pose a risk with small

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

children (and bikes). I believe it should be somewhere that won't take away from the current beauty of the suburb, therefore not removing too many trees where possible and avoid disturbing the current environment and home for local wildlife. The Waterfall Drive location is a great spot for such a track as there is room for unique shaped tracks which are situated in the bush. The existing facilities will support the addition of the track, for example the possible learn to ride section could be an addition to the playground area already there.

Respondent 79 – Preference – Regional Sports Complex

Whilst I live in Queanbeyan I have children and grandchildren that live in Jerrabomberra as well as friends that live there. We frequently walk especially around the lake. If you encourage children to ride on footpaths is Council going to upgrade the footpaths to allow for pedestrian as well as cyclists? The path to the regional sports complex has been designed for both. Whilst the pump track is grant funded consideration needs to be given to other facilities that will be required such as toilets. There is no toilet facilities at the other sites. These works that will be required after the completion of the pump track will be at rate payers expense whereas if the track is located at the sports complex this will have the required access and facilities.

Respondent 80 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Park on Elm Way/Acacia Avenue

Central location, little environmental impact

Respondent 81 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive

Jerrabomberra creek is the location I immediately thought of before even knowing the options. It's close enough to homes to provide surveillance without being obstructive and the natural topography is perfect for this infrastructure. There's also not enough facilities down that end of Jerrabomberra for the residents there, the one climbing structure option is not enough and is never used because it's not suited to the community needs and there's nothing else there for people to use.

Respondent 83 – Preference – Esmond Avenue Park/Dixon Playground on Esmond Avenue

A lot of community facilities are concentrated on the school side of Lanyon Drive. It would be good to see some inclusions on the other side of the suburb. This location has a nice park that can also be used by families.

Respondent 84 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive

The creek park on waterfall drive would make an extension off the well ridden lake walk. Access would be easy. It is close enough for families but is not completely surrounded by residential. It is also separate from walking areas where many people walk their dogs. The Jerrabomberra Park on Elm Way/Acacia Dr would be unsuitable as it is a high transit area of kids going to and from school as well people walking their dogs etc and is surrounded by houses, very close.

Respondent 85 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive

This area is quite underutilised already. It has some infrastructure, but needs more to be fully utilised.

Respondent 86 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

Close to both schools

Respondent 87 – Preference – Regional Sports Complex

The regional sports complex will have all the infrastructure including lighting, parking and lots of space and is easily accessible for both Jerrabomberra and north Jerra residents.

Respondent 88 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive

Jerra Creek Park is really the only viable option. Close to the schools and close to existing paths for easy access.

Respondent 89 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Park on Elm Way/Acacia Avenue

From the four proposed, Elm Way and Acacia Avenue or the Regional Sports Precinct make the most sense. Elm Way however is the most central, it is highly accessible for all people and all abilities, and it has road safety considerations already in place (crossing at the Jerrabomberra Parkway) and is safely nestled with few rounds around it. The environmental impacts here would be minimal. It is also close to amenities as well as the nearby reserve / connecting riders to the Jerrabomberra Mountain bike trails. This location is also nearby school and will be frequently used by students, promoting healthy lifestyles, nearby their school / adjoining neighbourhood.

Respondent 90 – Preference – Esmond Avenue Park/Dixon Playground on Esmond Avenue

regional Sports centre - pump tracks can not be muddy or have puddles or ponds so a flood prone area is no good. (Googong pump track suffers from puddles and is sometimes unusable because there is so much water lying around the track Waterfall Dv - this location is too far away for families and kids to ride too

Respondent 91 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive

Most logical location, well serviced by what shared paths there are in Jerra and accessible for younger riders, including primary and high school students

Respondent 92 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive

I think the Jerrabomberra creek site has lots of room to make a good pump track and it isn't too close to houses but it's close enough if something goes wrong.

Respondent 93 – Preference – Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive

It is a safe and central location for a large part of Jerrabomberra that is close to the schools, oval and existing pathways.

Respondent 94 – Preference – Regional Sports Complex

Is close to other sporting facilities and away from residences

Question 3 – Are there any other alternative locations in Jerrabomberra that we haven't considered?

Respondent 1

If there was area in the Halloran Drive precinct that would be the area where the immediate demographic would more likely meet the needs for a pump track.

Respondent 2

Next to the high school currently under construction. David Madew oval. These and other locations were sent to council via email several weeks ago.

Respondent 4

I would suggest somewhere with a high traffic flow and no secluded

Respondent 6

No

Respondent 7

Near the skate park

Respondent 8

Up near the scar dog park at Karabar?

Respondent 10

The Scar. It is already flat with sufficient space and vehicle access.

Respondent 11

Near McDonalds and Aldi

Respondent 12

Wombats?

Respondent 13

Halloran drive in between the houses where kids have built jumps already you could capitalise on that

Respondent 15

Has there been any consideration of possible redevelopment and utilising an existing recreational space to include the proposed pump track - for example, there is a significant amount of space available between David Madew sporting fields, skate park, tennis courts and the park at Coral Drive (near the primary school)? This could be a great opportunity to create a community sporting hub in Jerrabomberra given it already has existing facilities (sports fields and toilets, tennis courts, park equipment and basket ball) and better utilising

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

the \$400k grant to create the hub rather than just a very expensive pump track. The grant could also be put towards upgrading the park equipment and basketball courts whilst still providing for a pump track (other regional areas have built pump tracks for far less). There is scope to review the operation of the existing gravel car park off Coral Drive noting it provides for limited parking, and there is street parking along Coral Drive anyway. Alternatively, has there been any consideration to purchasing the vacant space at the end of Coachwood Avenue known as 'the block'? I understand it is currently being leased by the NSW Government for the primary school children to use during play time as their existing site is overwhelmed with primary and high school children. Perhaps this would be a suitable option to consider noting it's a suitable size of vacant land, adjacent to the school and playing fields, and centrally located and could still be part of the community sports hub. It would be interesting to see if the Council has considered a cost/benefit analysis for this site. (Once the high school has opened and the primary school has their playground restored - this site could be a valid option). The proposed location at Jerrabomberra Creek on Bicentennial Drive / Waterfall Drive is not a suitable location. In all honesty, the whole point of purchasing property here was to have less neighbours and quiet enjoyment. There is already play equipment in this space which was constructed without consultation and is rarely used. This location is some distance from the kids at Numeralia Drive and would require travel for children in the Heights (the school area would be somewhat more central) and has a high wombat population.

Respondent 16

Not sure

Respondent 17

No, Acacia Drive is the best location by far.

Respondent 20

No

Respondent 22

No

Respondent 23

End of Beech Place, between Bicentennial and Forest, kids are building their own track right now.

Respondent 24

David Madew Oval Area.

Respondent 28

No, but the Waterfall Drive location is NOT suitable due to native wildlife, specifically wombats that are abundant in the area. This area is a beautiful natural asset and it would be devastating to have it destroyed by a man made asphalt structure. There is a place for manufactured environments and I support the provision of this asset for the community, but not in that location.

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

Respondent 31

No, surely existing sporting complex sites are the most common sense locations.

Respondent 35

No

Respondent 37

n/a

Respondent 38

Behind Aldi

Respondent 39

I don't have young children so aren't aware of any but I do know that children built their own pump track in the past few years, so somewhere near that may be a possibility

Respondent 42

Note other than those identified

Respondent 45

none that I think are more suitable

Respondent 47

Near high school being built. Can Council negotiate with Gov? Maybe get permission to build on land. Close to majority of users.

Respondent 50

In the middle of the big roundabout

Respondent 53

No

Respondent 56

Maybe

Respondent 57

No

Respondent 58

No

Respondent 59

Behind Aldi?

Respondent 60

Acacia drive playground and bear brudenell pond

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

Respondent 62

The Scar on Southbar Rd. It is central to both Jerrabomberra and Queanbeyan. The Scar dirt jump park has great potential for expansion and has seen very little care/investment over the years we have lived here. Bmx/mtb is very popular in Queanbeyan but kids/adults have very few options for this kind of infrastructure unlike alot of other towns who are unvesting hugely in this area and see the potential as this sport is expanding rapidly.

Respondent 68

No

Respondent 72

No

Respondent 73

Bi-centennial driven opposite Baldon Ave

Respondent 75

Not really

Respondent 79

David Madew oval - could this be redeveloped as I have another grandson who plays soccer there and with the number of children and families that travel from Googong for the soccer maybe it could be shared between the two locations.

Respondent 81

No

Respondent 85

Near the Jerrabomberra Skate Park.

Respondent 87

Stockyard creek near shops.

Respondent 88

Not really anything. If it can't be done at Jerra Creek Park the entire project may have to be reconsidered

Respondent 89

(1) The new recreational / open space to be located at the back of David Madew Oval, sort of behind where the new Jerrabomberra High school is being constructed. This would be ideal for a larger infrastructure project - a pump / jump / bmx track as well potentially a criterium track and supporting public infrastructure. This location provides good linkages to the lake, nearby cycling/walking paths, and it is centrally located, nearby to the shops/ cafes, as well as being a location that could support its own pop-up style cafe in summer/spring. I am happy to provide a map of where I am meaning, and this is land set out a green space in

the Regional Job Precinct master plan that is due to be publicly exhibited in the coming weeks.

(2) Corner of Halloran Drive and Numeralia Drive (the bush reserve area) - but I would like to see a development that extends right down to the oval - so a linear design, not a circular design. I propose that such a development should include a new pedestrian crossing in place over Numeralia Drive. This location is currently wasted land - it's an overgrown bushy mess that QPRC do not upkeep. However, it is a stone throw from existing public amenities at the oval, it is very close to our excellent jerra mountain bike trails in hills nearby, and it would therefore help to encourage all ages riding and skills. It wouldn't be hard to add some additional parking at the oval (in the future) to support the pump track and oval users. It's also only a short ride down to the shops to purchase a cold drink. This location is where kids have already stated to make a dirt pump track - so why not build it up and make it a high-quality space that's accessible for all.

Respondent 91

There was discussion a few years ago whether a pump track could be incorporated into the plans for the primary school 'block' however these don't appear to have progressed.

Respondent 93

Yes - along the creek in Jerrabomberra Park. This is further from the road than the QPRC option.

Respondent 94

Don't Know

Question 4 – We plan to build the track for beginner to intermediate riders. Do you have any feedback on this plan?

Respondents who simply answered 'No' or 'n/a' have not been included in this question.

Respondent 1

From my understanding the Grant funding was for youth between the age of primary school and adolescents and I don't see how the neighbourhood sites have the capacity to accomodate a pump track suitable for a 15 year old. Older children are going to need a track for advanced riders and council has not taken this age group into consideration.

Respondent 5

Great plan - there may need to be some traffic control in place if it is in a higher traffic area. Speed bumps to slow cars down for instance.

Respondent 6

Waterfall would allow space for a more difficult track in the future.

Respondent 8

Ensure there is some point of segregation as younger/beginner riders will be at risk otherwise.

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

Respondent 12

Like that it covers most riders

Respondent 13

Advances options would be great as well many of the kids around here are good riders with all the bush around us

Respondent 15

Whilst it was appreciated that Council representatives were at the JRA meeting, it would have been more suitable for Terry Campese to attend and conduct the Q&A - noting he is the one who spear-headed the grant and most likely better placed to help the community understand the project. What are the demographics for Jerrabomberra? Is the proposed plan to build the track for beginner to intermediate riders reflective of the population? Are there terms and definitions for what age groups fit into these categories?

Respondent 16

A great idea! Jerra needs more kids parks that are suitable for toddlers to year 6

Respondent 17

I feel this is appropriate as it will have the broadest appeal. A "difficult" jump line with some gaps and larger jumps such as that at Chislolm track as a progression would be absolutely amazing though, and appeal to older kids too. This particular track is done in a way that beginner/intermediate riders can safely ride the jumps but more advanced riders are still challenged.

Respondent 18

That's great.

Respondent 19

I strongly recommend expansion for members of our community that are also advanced riders. Activities for older teenagers that are yet to be able to drive have limited mobility and options in the Jerrabomberra area. It would be far more cost effective to expand this option at this stage, then identify the need at a later date and implement.

Respondent 20

Good idea

Respondent 28

Beginner riders will need to be accompanied by a parent. By necessity, this will mean families will drive to the location. Sufficient car parking is therefore required. The proposed locations amongst residential houses are not suitable.

Respondent 32

Sounds sufficient

Respondent 33

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

Great idea, there are plenty of other places for intermediate riders to drive to but none to ride to when they don't have a drive option. This would also give kids an opportunity to do something more athletic on bikes than just riding (and the skate park is too small for bikes)

Respondent 39

This seems like a good idea but I'm unsure how they beginner, presumably younger, children won't be bullied off the track, especially if you build in an area where there aren't a lot of people/parents around to supervise....like those at the sport complex while siblings may be playing sport. You can't expect residents to monitor what is happening at the track.

Respondent 41

If built at the Sports Complex, the track could be built to suit riders of all abilities in a location designed to encourage facility use and learning from all skill levels.

Respondent 42

Awesome thanks

Respondent 45

good idea

Respondent 46

Designed right advanced lines should be considered

Respondent 47

Different sections should be built for all age groups and experience levels.

Respondent 48

The area near Sports Complex should have enough space for a proper track and parking facilities.

Respondent 49

I think this is a good idea because it will teach beginner to get better

Respondent 50

I think this is great, lots of tracks for bmx riders

Respondent 51

Expand for different experience levels

Respondent 53

Maybe a hard jump line

Respondent 54

Have sections for them. Levels of ride ability.

Respondent 55

I like berms and table tops so not to steep berms

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

Respondent 56

Do that, but also build other parts for really good riders like most of us here

Respondent 57

Great!

Respondent 58

Support the QPRC intent

Respondent 59

A separate smaller track for beginners at Esmond Park Playground/Elm Way location. Pump track for older kids at Regional Sports Complex.

Respondent 60

Sounds like a good idea

Respondent 61

Good plan, there are sufficient options for advanced riders in the Canberra area

Respondent 62

Would be great, alongside the dirt jump park

Respondent 64

I think leaning more towards the intermediate level of pump track would be hugely advantageous for the community. Pump tracks are very basic and safe at any level, so by providing something more suited to an intermediate level would be best to allow the community to gain more skills and be able to take these skills into competition and potentially represent the region on a global scale such as National championships, world championships and other events like Crankworx. Other “beginner” pump tracks such as the ones out in googong and stromlo are a total failure and complete waste of money and resources.

Respondent 66

Sounds perfect

Respondent 67

Can we make two sections? Look up Brackenridge bike park in the northern suburbs of Brisbane. It is excellent. Splits the ability levels (and therefore age groups) so the teenagers have a skill appropriate area, and the younger kids have a skill appropriate area.

Respondent 68

It's a great plan!

Respondent 70

Needs to be more than just a intermediate track to keep interest as skills develop quickly and use will drop away over a short time

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

Respondent 73

No, that is fine.

Respondent 75

A separate track, not at the expense of others - at some distance designed for children and toddlers would be an added benefit. This would bring more families there that want to give their kids confidence in riding.

Respondent 76

There will be a lot of young families using it during the day. Has thought been given to security at night with regards to vandalism etc?

Respondent 78

If this is the target audience, the location has to support that and take into account where families with this age group would be able to access easily.

Respondent 79

The only site that will allow for the track to be expanded for advanced riders is the sports complex.

Respondent 80

Yes, for beginners

Respondent 81

That's perfect

Respondent 83

This is a terrific plan

Respondent 84

Great

Respondent 85

Jerrabomberra is full of small and isolated playgrounds for toddlers and small children, with very little infrastructure or facilities. If you are going to build something, build it big. I recommend that you build it to suit the intermediate to Advanced level of riders so it doesn't just become another orphan playground. I also hope that the project includes the greening and beautification of the area to make it pleasant for riders and their neighbours.

Respondent 86

Kids can progress quickly so hopefully the design has enough bumps, turns, jumps etc to keep it interesting and chalk for the kids.

Respondent 88

Great. I hope it can happen before the school holidays

Respondent 89

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

This is not at all strategic; it does not take into account recreational wellness benefits and skills development for all ages - which should be offered to taxpayers as "separate but co-located facilities" for example, a multisport facility that contains a learn to ride track, as well as pump, jump and BMX tracks, and a criterium track - so there are gradually harder / more advanced facilities for riders to progress onto. Such a location would be an excellent investment for our region, and perfect for Jerrabomberra, but it needs to be somewhere larger, and where linkages with mountain bike trails can be achieved. Such an investment would see local teams and clubs pay to use it and could be a source of revenue for QPRC. I highly recommend you look into the riding multi-sport precinct in Wagga Wagga (Pomingalarna Reserve), I am happy to introduce you to council and designers behind this initiative, if you need any further information please reach out.

Respondent 90

I think there is room for a design that is good for advanced riders as well as beginner / intermediate. I have ridden lots of tracks and kids can have a great time - as long as the surface of the track is good - eg. Stomlo pump track

Respondent 91

Good idea, intermediate to advanced riders will be able to access other facilities more easily

Respondent 92

Sounds fantastic

Respondent 93

It should be a track for for beginner to intermediate riders. More advanced riders have the scar and the Stringybark pathways/

Question 5 – Should a learn-to-ride track be included, so very young riders can progress from there to the pump track?

Respondent 1

No. Council has refused to upgrade other parks and playgrounds in other areas of Jerrabomberra so some consistency would be sensible.

Respondent 2

This would be a good idea considering the risk of injury

Respondent 4

Yes, this is a great idea

Respondent 5

Yes please

Respondent 6

No. Kids can progress from flat foot paths to intermediate pump tracks with ease, it would be a waste.

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

Respondent 7

Yes

Respondent 8

Yes

Respondent 9

Yes please.

Respondent 10

Unsure.

Respondent 12

Yes please.

Respondent 13

Yea I think this would be amazing for families

Respondent 14

Yes

Respondent 15

No. There are suitable existing paths within Jerrabomberra which are suitable for young children to learn to ride. All the other park facilities are also targeted to these age groups (toddlers to preschool).

Respondent 16

Yes 100%!! Alot of young families in Jerrabomberra

Respondent 17

I feel there are already plenty of places for kids to learn to ride and we should focus on building the best possible pump track with the grant money available

Respondent 18

That would be great.

Respondent 19

This would be a fantastic option, along with a more advanced track

Respondent 20

Should be added as an extra, not a compromise

Respondent 21

Yes

Respondent 24

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

Yes

Respondent 25

Yes, there is currently a lack of learn to ride facilities in the area

Respondent 26

If space available that would be great

Respondent 28

Very young riders will need to be accompanied by a parent. By necessity, this will mean families will drive to the location. Sufficient car parking is therefore required. The proposed locations amongst residential houses are not suitable. Please also consider toilet facilities for this age group. Please look at examples of parks in Canberra where suitable facilities have not been provided and the problems this has created. We do not want Jerrabomberra to become the "bush poo capital"!!

Respondent 29

If room permits

Respondent 31

Yes, if space allows, this makes perfect sense.

Respondent 32

If it is out near the sporting complex, there is the room for this necessary addition.

Respondent 33

Absolutely. That would also increase the passive surveillance from parents of young riders and older riders would need to be mindful of younger riders in the area and it wouldn't be taken over by high school riders.

Respondent 34

Yes

Respondent 35

No

Respondent 36

That would be beneficial.

Respondent 37

only if the beginners area is fenced from the older riders to stop older riders racing around the beginners track and creating a safety issue.

Respondent 38

Yes

Respondent 39

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

If there is room this could be a good option. It may make it more inclusive for the whole family...or at least all the children in the family

Respondent 41

Yes, as this would make the track more accessible to families and encourage future usage of the track.

Respondent 42

Not essential

Respondent 43

Yes, if a suitable location like the regional sports complex is the chosen site. It should not be built if it has to be 'squeezed' in at one of the other sites. Has this already been included in the accepted tenderers response?

Respondent 45

yeah if it is separate to the main pump track so learners aren't intimidated and have a safe environment

Respondent 46

Yes next to pump track

Respondent 47

Yes

Respondent 48

Only if the space is large enough and has proper parking facilities rather than cramping up residential roads and marking them accident prone.

Respondent 49

Yeah sure

Respondent 50

Yes to help kids learn and grow their biking

Respondent 51

Yes

Respondent 52

Yes

Respondent 53

Yes but off to the side

Respondent 54

Yes, that way good riders can go on the bigger track.

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

Respondent 55

Yes

Respondent 56

Yes

Respondent 58

A good intent, include a learn-to-ride track

Respondent 59

Separate track for beginners at either Esmond or Elm Way location. Pump track located at Regional Sports Hub. Too much wild life at Waterfall Ave locality.

Respondent 60

I would not bother, south jerra estate plans to build one into their town center and this is sufficient for the area.

Respondent 61

Given the local demographic yes

Respondent 62

If there is room. They do have other paths/parks that are suitable to learn to ride. There is nothing like this around so should be the focus

Respondent 63

Yes, if there is sufficient space.

Respondent 64

Definitely, this is a must! For the safety of the older more advanced riders and for the people learning. High speeds can be achieved in a pump track and to allow very young riders on it will be a huge hazzard to all party's, so providing a "stepping stone" for them to learn the ropes and basic etiquette would be a huge advantage.

Respondent 65

Yes

Respondent 66

Yes!

Respondent 68

That would be fantastic

Respondent 69

Yes, a separate track for learn to ride would be a good.

Respondent 70

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

Yes and maybe a small beginner pump track loop.

Respondent 71

Yes

Respondent 73

Not at the rate payers expense

Respondent 75

Yes - see above

Respondent 78

Yes, many families with 4-12 year olds have various abilities and having the younger or less experienced included would be beneficial.

Respondent 79

This will require parking which is another reason for locating at the sports complex.

Respondent 80

Yes that would be great.

Respondent 81

Yes, many kids already use the footpath to learn to ride here due to the topography., having them off the path and further from the road would be ideal.

Respondent 82

Yes

Respondent 83

i like this idea so that kids can progress with their riding as they get more confident. If the inclusion of a learner track compromises the pump track, then I would suggest it be in a second location, so that a decently sized pump track is built. There are playgrounds for small children and an abundance of quiet streets to learn to ride, but a lack of soft risk taking opportunities for middle school aged children.

Respondent 84

If there's space and funds then yes, it would provide the best facility.

Respondent 85

No. I have two children of my own. However, there are plenty of footpaths and other areas that children can 'learn to ride', but very few places for advanced riders to enjoy a pump track. I would recommend that you strongly fight the urge to make this an inclusive project or a project for all types of riders. An advanced pump track could become a real drawcard for this suburb and a place where advanced riders could develop competence for national competition. This will also ensure that the pump track does not just become another Skate Park (a place for undesirables to meet, spray paint and launch fireworks).

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

Respondent 86

I would prefer for all of the space to be used for the pump track.

Respondent 88

Sure. Not essential but also a good idea. The bigger the better.

Respondent 89

Yes, however this should be move to a different location, I do not feel the space would allow at any of the proposed. Maybe Regional Sports Precinct, however it is not near to mountains or downhill - so limited in that way.

Respondent 90

Yes

Respondent 91

Absolutely

Respondent 92

Yes

Respondent 93

Yes

Respondent 94

No

Question 6 – Do you have any other feedback that should be considered for the design of the track?

Respondent 1

Is this value for money? From my understanding an asphalt pump track was completed earlier this year by the Wellington Shire Council in Victoria for \$150k and three years earlier they completed another pump track with a budget of \$120k to \$140k and their selected contractor was Common Ground.

Respondent 2

Soft landing areas in case of incidents

Respondent 4

I think advice/suggests from other similar projects should be used to influence the design process.

Respondent 5

Shaded areas would be fantastic.

Respondent 6

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

The enviroana (new sports fields) are too far away from Jerra residents homes, and would not be used to mazimum effect.

Respondent 7

I'd like to see consideration given to how users (especially younger kids) will get to each site (e.g. off road paths), nearby road traffic levels, parking (not all sites are easily accessible due to distance so youngers may be driven), proximity to existing playgrounds and safety for users of both facilities, amenities (shade, water taps, toilets, rubbish bins), etc.

Respondent 8

adequate safe parking adjacent for parents with small children/prams.

Respondent 9

Some sort of shaded area would be great.

Respondent 10

There are multiple wombat holes around the proposed waterfall drive site. Why would you destroy these to create a bike track?

Respondent 13

A foot path linking the lake which was proposed years ago would aid in children being able to ride the lake back to the skate park and not be near the main roads.

Respondent 15

I think it would be great to have a community day where the local kids can come and chat about the proposed pump track. There are more kids in the community across the Heights and the Parkway other than the handful that were building their own track at Numeralia Drive. There are kids currently building another track in the vacant space between Beech Place and Forest Drive near David McGrath oval - have they been consulted? Let the community be heard - young and old.

Respondent 16

Be good if there was a park built beside it that was fenced in.

Respondent 17

My only suggestion is to consider the possibility of sealing the track similar to the pump track at Mt Stromlo (and in the picture used on the webpage). Dirt pump tracks require ongoing maintenance and I am concerned that the track will end up in a similar state to The Scar and Googong (which is pretty average). While sealing the track will be a higher initial cost, it will significantly reduce the maintenance requirements and also make it safer and more appealing, especially for younger users. My son had a nasty crash at the Googong pump track after he slipped on some loose gravel and he hasn't been back.

Respondent 19

A great initiative that targets a subset of our community nicely. I look forward to the initial designs!

Respondent 20

Great idea, make it happen!

Respondent 25

The track should be built with proper consideration for local wildlife potentially impacted as well as the fact that there will be parking requirements.

Respondent 27

This non-essential project should not be undertaken if the council is struggling financially as alleged when raising our rates.

Respondent 29

Adequate shade and seating should be available

Respondent 30

I do not support this development given the 18% increase in rates with a reduction in basic services. Focus on the essentials, this is a nice to have.

Respondent 32

I would like to make sure our rate payer money is being well spent. Are the costs in line with the amount spent at Googong. If they are way above this cost, how can the council justify this.

Respondent 33

There are wombat holes on the edge of the Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive that need to be considered in the design of the track. Although I am definitely pro-pump track, I would love for the wombats to be considered, especially as so many of them have been killed recently in other parts of Jerrabomberra.

Respondent 35

Overall i cant support a pump track being built anywhere given the massive rate increases pushed through recently, pump tracks are not core council business.

Respondent 37

Do not build near residential area.

Respondent 39

Something that doesn't take too much to look after as there was mention of shrubs etc. This could be good but could also harbor snakes and other nasties. Not having the track go into muddy holes like I've seen in Sth Aust would be great, but not sure how you do that. A new track always looks great but the ones I've seen 5+ years old, especially if not in an area where other sports maintenance takes place can look very sad very quickly and then doesn't get used much anymore.

Respondent 40

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

Do a proper environmental assessment and actually give consideration to your responsibilities.

Respondent 41

Please try and consult with both young riders from Jerra and more experienced riders from around the region to design a track that works for varying skill levels.

Respondent 43

There hasn't really been any consultation on this (only a small number of local families) and it appears other sites have only been included as an option after the fact. My hope is that this is genuine consultation and that other sites are seriously being considered despite the tenderer having already been chosen for a design based on a location at Waterfall Ridge. And finally, although I don't know how Council decides on these sort of things (e.g. Council staff and/or elected members) however my expectation would be that for anything significant like this which has a direct, and long term impact on residents, would be decided by those elected to our Council. Yours in good faith.

Respondent 44

Jerrabomberra Creek Park currently hosts significant fauna - wombats, kangaroos, numerous bird species. The walk along the creek and around the lake is beautiful, peaceful and a great amenity enjoyed by many in the community. While an improved footpath would be welcome along with a passive children's playground, I fear that the proposed pump track would be detrimental to that current amenity. Perhaps spend the money on rehabilitating the creek (feral plants removed etc.)

Respondent 45

build up the area with facilities (toilet, bbq, seating, water station, shade) and bike tools bench. I see it as an opportunity to incorporate the pump track as part of the Jerra mtb trails given there is a lot of mountain biking in close proximity to Elm Way/Acacia Avenue. Have a look at the Playground at Mt Stromlo, could incorporate some of the balance beams or other activities as part of the pump track that would take up a lot of space.

Respondent 47

Who will maintain the track? If built near residents who have asked for it to be built elsewhere chances are they won't maintain it. When considering location the needs of all residents and users should be considered. I want the best track possible to be built.

Respondent 48

Consider the environment, trees and wildlife. Please consider parking facilities and don't cramp up residential roads making them accident prone for both humans and wildlife. Also consider the stress and anxiety caused to residents next to where pump track is being built. Also consider that residents who don't want the track right next to their houses will not be looking after the track as is expected/hoped by the Council.

Respondent 49

Green track for beginner. Blue track for intermediate. Red track for advanced.

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

Respondent 50

We should do different colours on the difficulty

Respondent 51

Lights for night time

Respondent 52

It should be dog friendly at times of day. Should be easy access

Respondent 56

I would make it dirt so as people get better, so does the track.

Respondent 58

1. Landscaping will be important and a necessary investment. 2. Install a dog poo bin; residents will continue to use the area as a 'dog off the leash' area.

Respondent 60

Maintain existing shade trees to provide natural places to rest.

Respondent 64

Tar! This will be the only pump track in about a 2 plus hour drive that will be sealed in tar. This is an absolute non negotiable when it comes to public pumptracks, zero maintenance and long lasting. The region has produced a lot of world class athletes such as Caroline Buchanon, Harriott burbridge smith, Jackson Frew and myself and more. We all wish we had a nice pump track to train on. It doesn't have to be massive or advanced, just something we can have fun on and allow everyone to advance their skills. I think this project is very important to the region maybe more so than you think.

Respondent 65

Shade structures should be included at the recreational area

Respondent 73

Whilst the grant may pay for the initial construction, who is paying for the maintenance of the track.

Respondent 75

Please consider constructing a BBQ and including shaded seating area that's closest to the kids learn-to-ride track, so that families can come and have a picnic. Ideally it would be closest to where families can park their car.

Respondent 76

I don't think it is a good use of our beautiful area at all. With global warming we need to preserve the natural environment as much as possible.

Respondent 78

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

Wherever the track is built, it does not take away from the natural beauty of the suburb or take away environment for animals. Other feedback- have shade located around the track, maybe multiple shelters to allow for parents/carers and those using the park to have somewhere out of the heat when not riding.

Respondent 81

I agree with you're park 1 location at Jerrabomberra creek, that area is perfect and under-utilised, it's also quite shady there which will be ideal during the summer months.

Respondent 82

Sufficient off street parking must be provided. I think passive surveillance by close by residents is unfair to those residents. If these residents are close enough to monitor behaviour of children on the track then they are going to be continually affected by the noise and traffic of people using the track. It also has the potential to affect their house prices.

Respondent 85

I urge you to look at the existing playground on Waterfall Drive. Its highly under-utilised, because like so many playgrounds in Jerrabomberra, its small, isolated and did I mention small - it would have cost an enormous amount of money and yet it sits there unutilised and corroding in the sun. Please don't look back in five years and think, "we really missed an opportunity". Build it big and they will come.

Respondent 88

Path required from Mariners Court. Would also support a community BBQ shade area and if at all possible a toilet block although not essential it would be good at have.

Respondent 89

Waterfall Drive reserve is not well suited for this type of development, and I implore QPRC to please consider alternative locations. The reasons why include: (1) There are some fragile environmental considerations in this location which are (disappointingly) being ignored. Deliberately leaving these off as a 'con' on marketing materials (even though residents have asked for this to be addressed) is disgusting and not fair/transparent process by QPRC - and is leading to distrust about whether this is true 'consultation' taking place. (2) Waterfall Drive reserve is virtually the only open / green recreational space for residents along Waterfall Drive. This site is not an ugly overgrown / wasted space. It is a beautiful reserve, and it adds so much character to the southern part of our suburb, encouraging dog walking, nature walks, it is a sanctuary where wildlife roam freely at sunset and sunrise, and it an important location to help break up the residential heat from nearby houses/roads. (3) A 'stand-alone' pump track proposed for Waterfall Drive reserve would not be central / easily accessible for all residents of Jerrabomberra (others wouldn't know it existed unless they drove past it), it only caters for a narrow age demographic, it would be a cement heat trap, it would not fit in with the existing natural surroundings. It would require so much additional development to make it work, such as a toilet block, bbq, picnic tables, shade sail, new car parking built – all of which would ruin this green space and cause irreversible harm the wildlife, creek life, and conservation land adjoining. Waterfall Drive reserve would only benefit a small few, and therefore it is a bad proposal which does not represent value for money for rate payers in

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

Jerrabomberra. I believe a pump track is an excellent idea for our community, and I fully support it. However selecting the right location should be done carefully and with strategic vision which takes into account things like the 10-20 year vision for growth in the area, particularly with South Jerra residential coming along, the education precinct development on Environa Drive, the investment in Poplars which will drive substantial economic growth, the ageing amenities in recreational spaces already in place around Jerrabomberra, as well as connecting pathways, all abilities access, lighting (for safety), roads, parking and absolutely with consideration for the environmental impacts such a project has for our wildlife, native trees and grasses. Look at other councils who have invested in pump tracks in recent years (Wagga Wagga, Lithgow City, Kangaroo Valley / Woolongong, Hunter - or even in the ACT at Mount Stromlo) and the evidence is clear that these facilities are BEST when they are co-located with public amenities, other riding facilities or other recreational facilities. Doing so ensures high usage, year-round, enjoyment by locals and visitors, and it promotes riding for all ages and skills. I personally feel we should look for a mountain side location or another larger location, and to slow down to think more wholistic about this development opportunity. I'd love to see it located centrally, but with consideration given to the existing (and excellent) Jerra mountain bike riding trails, and the rail trails project, and nearby open space, toilets, community bbq / picnic amenities, and with accessible parking that can improve existing public amenities as part of the same development. I think we should seek to add new development into 'wasted or unused' spaces, rather than taking over the last green space we have on Waterfall Drive, which is highly used, and very highly regarded by locals. Please, please, please do not push forward with a bad proposal that would ruin this lovely open green space. The environment, local wildlife and the neighbouring residents are counting on you QPRC to please listen and look at this issue more in depth. Can you please go back to the drawing board, and seek out alternative location proposals? Respectfully, XXXX XXXXX Residents of Jerrabomberra for the last 15 years (in various locations)

Respondent 90

The surface of the track is a key feature - even little kids have fun on a challenging track made from running track style material or bitumen because the grip is high and consistent. The pump tracks at Googong and the Scar can be very slippery and hard for begginer children to ride. Also the puddles/drainage and weeds overtake these tracks a lot. Stromlo is a great track to compare . Also: <https://playandgo.com.au/pump-tracks-hallett-cove-sheidow-park-marino/>

Respondent 91

The high school is running mountain bike classes, possibly providing opportunities for high school students to get involved in the design, construction, testing and ongoing maintenance of the pump track

Respondent 92

Wombats are extremely stubborn animals, a pump track used during the day won't disturb them in the creek area. The creek park is the perfect place for the pump track and isn't utilised to its full potential at the moment.

Respondent 93

This grant was for Jerrabomberra children in Jerrabomberra after a need for these types of activities was highlighted a couple of years ago. We need to get kids off their devices and in the outdoors. This is a great opportunity to do just that and it is such a fun activity. The park has never had such a great opportunity to get such a fantastic piece of infrastructure if it is built/vegetated like the Kangaroo Valley track. It would be disappointing that the Jerra Creek location is dismissed due to the opposition of a couple of residents that back onto this park. While it's natural for people to protect their own interests and surroundings, we cannot let NIMBYism stop the larger community benefits that this opportunity will present.

Respondent 94

There does not seem to be any provision for parking

Drop-in workshop

We held a drop-in workshop on Wednesday 30 August 2023 from 3pm to 6.30pm to collect feedback on the proposed locations and the design of the pump track. Approximately 60 community members attended and provided feedback verbally, through completing paper surveys and by voting for their preferred sites. The group included a number of students from Jerrabomberra High School nearby, as well as a number of residents who live nearby the proposed Jerrabomberra Creek Park location.

Paper surveys that were completed during the drop-in workshop, as well as any that were completed and dropped off to Council have been added into the Your Voice online survey results recorded in the previous section.

Participants were given one sticker to vote for their preferred location during the workshop. These results haven't been added to the Your Voice voting results above as many will be duplicates, given surveys either online or in paper form were also completed.

The voting for sites at the drop-in session was as follows:

Jerrabomberra Creek Park – 22 votes

Regional Sports Complex – 21 votes

Jerrabomberra Park – 11 votes

Esmond Avenue Park – 1 vote

During the workshop, community members also provided their views on some further pros and cons to the lists:

Jerrabomberra Creek Park – Cons

- Threat to wombat habitat currently in this location
- Flooding
- No parking – dangerous with traffic
- Behind housing so children can't be seen when riding (safety issue)
- Snakes
- Walkers may need to find alternative route

Regional Sports Complex – Pros

- Potential for future extension
- Topography suited for pump track

Email/Hardcopy Submissions

Email submissions (personal details redacted)

Rotary Club of Jerrabomberra

I am writing as the Youth Director of the Rotary Club of Jerrabomberra to convey our endorsement of the proposed Jerrabomberra Pump Track project at Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive.

We firmly believe that establishing the Jerra Pump Track will greatly benefit the youth of our community. It will encourage active outdoor engagement, promote healthy lifestyles, and enhance the well-being of our young residents.

We urge the council to expedite the installation of the Jerra Pump Track without any further delays. Its role in fostering an active and healthy youth community cannot be overstated. By catering to outdoor enthusiasts and providing a dedicated space for our young residents to participate in physical activities, the Jerra Pump Track will undoubtedly create a safe environment for youth to gain bike riding experience, confidence and enjoyment. The Jerra Pump Track is not just a long-overdue necessity; it also symbolises our community's steadfast support for its youth.

Furthermore, we wholeheartedly endorse the selected location at Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive. This park offers an ideal setting for the Jerra Pump Track, given its accessibility from both schools and easy access for the majority of young riders in Jerra. Existing pathways will help ensure youth-friendly access, reducing the need for parents to transport their children. Coupled with its openness, current park facilities and the proposed BBQ area, this location makes an optimal choice for this project. We are not aware of any other area that would be as suitable. Additionally, we recommend that Council consider including the installation of a drinking water fountain in the vicinity.

We acknowledge and appreciate the council's efforts to advance this project and thank you for your commitment to our community's growth and development.

We firmly believe that this project will not only enhance the lives of our youth but also significantly contribute to the vibrancy and well-being of our entire community.

Kind regards

xxxx xxxx

JRC Youth Director

Rotary Club of Jerrabomberra

Jerrabomberra Residents' Association (JRA)

Our option is in the Jerrabomberra Creek park but along side the creek. The track could be incorporated amongst the existing trees. I have attached a photo of the JRA's proposed area. There are no wombat holes in this area, the birdlife could continue to roost in the existing trees. Kids could come down to this area via existing pathways with parents able to park in Mariners Court to pick them up if riding home up the hill is too challenging. It can be linked to the existing path network from the Lake (schools) and also to Waterfall Drive. This location a fair distance from the existing homes and with the proposed landscaping like Kangaroo Valley Pump track, this location would be a significant asset to the Jerrabomberra Creek Community Park and Jerrabomberra as a whole.



JRA – Submission Two

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Jerrabomberra Pump Track.

The Jerrabomberra Pump Track is a highly sought-after amenity by our community, and its presence presents an opportunity that we simply cannot afford to miss. It promises a range of benefits, from promoting outdoor physical activity to fostering a sense of community and belonging among the younger members of our community.

The primary intent of the Pump Track funding grant is to provide an exciting recreational facility for the children of Jerrabomberra, not to serve the broader regional sports precinct. The regional sports precinct is situated at a considerable distance from Jerrabomberra and involves crossing a busy road, making it less accessible and convenient for our young local children and peace of mind for the parents.

The Jerrabomberra Residents Association (JRA) would like to propose what we believe to be the best location for this facility – along the creek in Jerrabomberra Creek Park. Specifically, our suggestion is to position the track adjacent to the creek, where it can seamlessly blend in with the existing natural surroundings, incorporating the existing trees and greenery into the track's design. We have attached a photo of this proposed area for your reference. We believe that this site offers the best location for not only the pump track

but also the proposed BBQ facilities. This community park has ample vacant space to accommodate all these facilities.

This location offers several advantages:

Environmental Harmony: Importantly, there are no wombat holes in this area, and the birdlife can continue to roost undisturbed in the existing trees. This will make a substantial improvement to the current Jerrabomberra Creek Park.

Accessibility: Children and families can access this area via existing pathways. Parents will have the option to park in Mariners Court for convenient pick-up if the uphill ride home proves challenging for younger riders. Furthermore, this location can be seamlessly linked to the existing path network from the Lake (schools) and Waterfall Drive, enhancing connectivity within the community.

Distance from Homes: While it may be a fair distance from existing homes, we believe that the proposed landscaping, akin to the Kangaroo Valley Pump Track, will make a significant enhancement to this location.

In conclusion, we strongly urge you to consider the JRA's proposal for the Pump Track's location. Placing it along the creek in Jerrabomberra Creek Park aligns with our vision of creating a sustainable, environmentally friendly, and accessible recreational facility that will be a source of pride for our community. We kindly request your support in making this vision a reality.

I wanted to bring to your attention a few disturbing issues resulting from yesterday's (30/8/23) community consultation at the Jerrabomberra Community Centre in relation to the Jerrabomberra Pump Track development.

Firstly, I want to say upfront that if there is a pump track at Waterfall Drive, this would have some impact on me as I live nearby. But, I was very upset to be told by another resident who lives nearby, that after they had a long discussion with one of the committee members at the meeting yesterday that they were glad the discussion points would be put to the Council for consideration, they were told they would not be put forward to you. What is the point of surveys and meetings if all points aren't put forward for final consideration? It seems there are a whole lot of very upset residents in the Waterfall Drive area who aren't being heard properly and after huge rate rises, planting of trees and a 'reserve' sign being installed at the park, they are confused to the messaging of the Council and the devaluation of their property because of the proposed track. It was also somewhat bewildering that, to our knowledge, no one from Council was there at any time for residents to raise concerns or add support to what is being proposed.

That aside, my reason for contacting you has far reaching effects for you as Council/General Manager in relation to people's safety going forward.

I have talked to ex-police and others about the proposed track after attending yesterday's meeting. An ex-police officer, who knows the Jerrabomberra and Waterfall Drive area well, was flabbergasted to hear the Council were considering building a pump track there. They can understand the good intentions but said these places, especially when close to bush land and housing is just asking for trouble with them becoming attractive places for crime to either take place or be conjured up for nearby areas. They couldn't believe Council would

consider any place very close to residences and asked why it wasn't being built out in the open (presumably with surveillance at this new site) at the new sporting ground. (Some wording on the proposals seem to suggest the sport complex wouldn't have any surveillance which they also couldn't believe in this day and age.) They said the sport complex was near a busy road but had parking and other facilities needed (I wondered about toileting facilities if built near residences, or if the fence would become the toilet), so it was easy to get to and to be seen by passers by. They commented that as Jerra has no Police Station, this too should be taken into account in making sure the place was easily seen with limited crime ability to local housing. The other point made by them and others is that Waterfall Drive is on a busy roundabout with 4 roads coming off it at funny angles, and limited safe parking as people would park near where people are entering and exiting the roundabout. The comments have been made that kids, bikes and roads, especially with intersections and multiple at that, don't mix well and it's not the Council that has to come out to these incidents but the first responders. It was asked what Council would do/say once a child is hit by a car or truck....just a thought!

I notice you don't currently have anyone in the environment space on the Council structure part of your website, so there is no one to write to with my concerns for the wildlife in this area, which is vast and varied. After all your work to start to create a safe wildlife passage and clean waterway, this will be lost. I am sure all the residential areas being considered would have this issue and would have endangered or vulnerable species if there was someone to investigate.

The last point I'll bring to your attention, as you may not see these via the pump track committee by the sound of things, is the excuse that there needs to be some form of safe passage for children to the sporting complex. This is laughable. Regardless of where you build a pump track, there needs to be safe bicycle and pram passage to the new sporting complex!

I have completed the 'your voice' survey on this issue, but it seems you may not hear my voice unless I write directly to you.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the points above and I ask you to seriously think about and maybe even consult the local police in the points made about this proposal/s. It's too late once a child is hurt or worse, and crimes happen.

I am emailing regarding the considered locations of the Jerrabomberra pump track. I am aware there is a community consultation meeting on Wednesday 30th August, however as a shift worker at Queanbeyan Hospital I may not be able to attend.

This is an impassioned plea for your consideration regarding the Jerrabomberra Creek park on waterfall drive to be removed as a site for the proposed bike pump track.

As a health worker I understand the need to invest in areas which increase youth engagement and physical activity. However, this needs to be balanced with conserving precious green corridors in our ever expanding urban landscape.

The area along Waterfall Drive is currently home to an active but fragile wombat population. I am a resident of Jerrabomberra and am involved as a volunteer in the Jerrabomberra Wombat Mange treatment program. This dedicated group of wildlife rescuers/

conservationists has been mapping and treating wombat populations for some time with QPRC support.

I draw your attention to the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 in which it is an offence to harm a wombat unless a license is obtained from the Department of Planning and Environment. I am uncertain if this has been obtained.

While bare nosed wombats are not on the endangered species list, Koala's weren't either until 12 February 2022. Do we need to wait until these beautiful native animals are endangered to protect them?

Our group has mapped many active burrows that will likely be decimated if the pump track is constructed in the area. If construction does not destroy their homes, the increased human presence and associated traffic will certainly kill them.

Incidentally, did you know wombats can burrow into the ground but cannot burrow out? If they are sleeping in their burrows during construction and the burrows collapse, they are entombed and suffocate to death.

I note the QPRC webpage only lists 'cons' for this location as 'close to residential homes'. This is incorrect and deceptive for those voting on this webpage. If the community were aware of the presence of these wombats they would not condone their death for a bike pump track that can be built elsewhere. While it is appreciated that council is canvassing the residents, they should amend this oversight ensuring all residents are aware of the significance of the space for a protected native animal. Votes should not be considered without full, correct and truthful disclosure of all 'cons'.

Locating the track closer to the two schools and existing skate/bike area at David Madew oval is far more logical despite storm drainage issues. The primary school could potentially embrace a learn to ride program, the high school could incorporate the park for sports offerings, the sports fields & organisations who utilise them could benefit from improved amenities and there is greater scope to improve safe, off street parking. It would have a much broader capacity to increase physical activity.

I would like to express my appreciation for affording the opportunity to contribute my input concerning the Jerra Pump Track project, regarding its preferred location.

Having carefully considered the matter, I am of the opinion that Jerra Creek Park serves as the optimal location due to its easy access from the two school and the existing Jerra pathways. Within the Jerra Creek Park area, I would like to propose the exploration of an elongated design, ideally positioned towards the rear of the park area and in proximity to the creek fence line.

In the interest of maintaining harmonious coexistence, I urge the Council to take reasonable efforts to ensure a minimum 3-meter gap between the Pump Track and any adjacent residential property fences.

Furthermore, I am fully supportive of the proposed introduction of a community BBQ facility in the area. I believe such an addition would contribute positively to the project's overall appeal and utility.



For the sake of facilitating ease of access, I also suggest that the Council give due consideration to the establishment of a suitable pathway connecting the Jerra Lake walking path from Mariners Court to the Jerra Pump Track area, and extending onward through to Waterfall Drive.

Principal, Jerrabomberra Public School

I would like to suggest that the preferred positioning for the pump track be the Jerra Creek location.

Reasoning:

It will add to the area with the already provided playground and shade area.

It is in Jerra and more readily accessible for young families. The Sports precinct is not accessible for young families and too far away.

Perhaps a BBQ could be added as well and it would become a family-attractive area for a day out.

It would add significantly to the amenity of an area that is pretty barren and unused.

It is easier to access by walking/riding than other areas.

I do not support it being placed away from the residential areas in Jerrabomberra. I know that the school P&C also support the Jerra Creek Park area.

Jerrabomberra Pump Track

Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive - Endorsement

We endorse the proposed Jerrabomberra Pump Track project at Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive.

Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive is the most ideal location for the Jerrabomberra Pump Track for several reasons. Firstly, it offers convenient access for young riders in our community, especially those attending nearby schools. Its strategic positioning ensures easy access without the need for car travel or navigating major roads.

The success of a Jerrabomberra Pump Track relies on its placement within the Jerra community footprint. Easy access fosters a sense of belonging and ensures it serves its intended purpose of providing a safe and enjoyable recreational space for young Jerra residents. Encouraging use after school is pivotal, and locating the Pump Track within easy reach not only provides a convenient activity but also encourages regular use.

While some residents may have raised concerns about proximity to their homes and potential privacy issues, prioritising the greater good and supporting youth in our community is essential. Providing a safe and easily accessible recreational space for young residents outweighs any location-related concerns.

Key points supporting Jerrabomberra Creek Park as the preferred location:

Accessibility: Proximity to schools and residential areas minimises the need for young riders to venture far from home and school, promoting active lifestyles.

Safety: Existing pathways ensure easy and safe access, with minimal risks associated with traffic.

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

Community Benefits: The Pump Track fosters physical activity, social interaction, and a sense of community among the youth.

The Regional Sports Precinct is highly unsuitable as an alternative location, presenting problems such as distance and heavy traffic issues. A site visit is advised to understand the importance of easy access.

In conclusion, we urge the Council to consider the benefits of the Jerrabomberra Pump Track project at Jerra Creek Park for the community's youth. Jerrabomberra Creek Park on Waterfall Drive is the most suitable location, creating an ideal recreational zone. We respectfully request your consideration to ensure the project is delivered in this area.

Thank you for your attention, and we look forward to a positive outcome benefiting our community's future.

To Council

Now to the wombats of Waterfall Drive. I have looked at all the proposed sites and there is wombat activity at 2 of the four sites, Waterfall Drive and the New Sports Complex. I would also like to state for the record that Council is and has been aware of the work we are currently doing, treating the mange infested wombats along Jerrabomberra Creek and other parts of Jerrabomberra, they were also advised as early as April by various members of the public about the wombats in Jerrabomberra and yet the possible destruction of their habitat is not listed as a possible con on the Waterfall Drive site. I am currently in week 11 of a 16 week treatment program along that site with my team of awesome community members so it is an area I know extremely well. The intended build site is narrow and I have no doubt that the building would encroach on the creek and pose a threat to the wombats in that area. Further to this the wombats of Environa and South Jerrabomberra have been severely displaced by the current development and are being forced in the direction of Jerrabomberra creek via Lake Jerrabomberra. I know this by the increased sightings and messages I have received.

According to NSW Wildlife Information Rescue and Education Service (WIRES) 93% of the NSW wombats are currently threatened by mange. Add construction and road kills as a result on to that 93% and soon we will be telling our children that there used to be wombats in Jerrabomberra. Do you want to tell your children you had the opportunity to prevent that but did nothing? Environmental Minister Tanya Plibersek announced yesterday that 48 New Species have been added to the threatened species list. 48 is a shocking number as people like you and me allowed this to happen. The common bare nose wombat is no longer that common and only a few years from being put on that list unless we do something now. We can all do our part, and it is all our responsibility not just mine and my teams, to protect the creatures who share Jerrabomberra with us.

Thank you and Regards

Good afternoon,

My name is XXXX, I am a resident of Jerrabomberra and I speak on behalf of the wombats of Waterfall Drive, my children and also the many ducks that live in and around the pond .

Unfortunately I was not able to attend the drop in session, however regarding my wombats and ducks on Waterfall Drive (I say MY WOMBATS as I have been a rural property owner for the last 20 years and during this time studied the movements, relationships and various issues faced by these creatures).

And MY DUCKS as I've rescued, removed from the road and administered aid to those who survived.. more importantly watching whole families - every season be mowed down by speeding motorists .. which I am sure has not been taken into consideration. We don't need more traffic here.

I am a primary producer and have worked hard to live in harmony with our native wildlife at both my properties in NSW. I have also been part of the wombat rescue for years and the Jerrabomberra mange management program over the last few months .. this program is one of which the council is aware.

Having reviewed the proposed sites with clear evidence of wombat and other "animal occupant" activities at 2 of the four sites, Waterfall Drive and the New Sports Complex, I do not believe either of these two sites is suitable in any way for your proposal.

It must be noted that "cons" for your sites do not include possible destruction of wombat habitat, does NOT include any environmental impact or cost to our wombats or ducks nor is it reflected that our Jerrabomberra group are in week 11 of a 16 week wombat mange treatment program along that site. It must be noted that every member of that team are rate payers, voters, and part of the local community, therefore it is a place known extremely well and the green space is supported by many more.

The intended build site is narrow and there is much concern the building would encroach on the creek and pose a threat to the wombats in that area, impacting future programs and displacing them from their current burrows .

We already have substantial evidence of displaced wombats of Environa and South Jerrabomberra, this has also had minimal consultation with wildlife groups. Our work is critical in NSW - NSW Wildlife Information Rescue and Education Service (WIRES) 93% of the NSW wombats are currently threatened by mange.

Environmental Minister Tanya Plibersek announced yesterday that 48 New Species have been added to the threatened species list. 48 is a shocking number as people like you and me allowed this to happen. The common bare nose wombat is no longer that common and only a few years from being put on that list unless we do something now.

We can all do our part, and it is all our responsibility not just mine, my children, my friends and my wombat mange team counterparts, to protect the creatures who share Jerrabomberra with us and cannot speak for themselves.

I'd like to know what further evidence and impact assessments will be undertaken before this initiative progresses any further.

Regards

Jerrabomberra Public School P & C

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission regarding the Jerrabomberra Pump Track.

The Jerrabomberra Pump Track was raised at the Jerrabomberra Public School Parents and Citizens Association (JPS P&C) meeting on Tuesday 5 September 2023, with agreement to provide a submission.

As you know, Jerrabomberra Public School is a K-6 school and is the only primary school in the suburb. Approximately 900 students attend the school each year, stemming from approximately 600 families. The JPS P&C is a motivated and active community not for profit, run solely by volunteers. We work in partnership with the JPS Executive to provide support and great outcomes for our students, and we connect with and contribute to the broader community as opportunities arise.

The JPS P&C fully support and greatly look forward to the Pump Track being realised in Jerrabomberra and would like to thank all involved for proposing and progressing this project to date.

Please see information on JPS P&C's location preference for the Pump Track below. In addition, our submission also includes parents' insights about the locations and other feedback provided through discussion at the 5 September 2023 meeting:

Location preference

- 1 - Jerrabomberra Creek on Waterfall Drive. Unanimous agreement as preferred location.
- 2/3 - Esmond Ave/Dixon Playground. Acknowledged as in Jerra, but not preferred*.
- 2/3 - Jerrabomberra Park on Elm Way. Acknowledged as in Jerra, but not preferred*.
- 4 - Regional Sports Complex. Unanimous agreement as unsuitable location.

*Note, these locations did not generate much discussion. Talks predominantly focused on the preferred location at Waterfall Drive, and concern over the location at the Regional Sports Complex.

Parents insights on location:

1. I like the idea of the Pump Track being close to Lake Jerra, it means we can walk around the Lake and go to the Pump Track as part of the same outing or play date.
2. If you want it to be for family use, it needs to go in a location that supports family use. I support Waterfall Drive.
3. Imagine trying to access the Pump Track at the Regional Sports Complex when there is a full day or weekend of sport on at the Regional Sports Complex! Spread it out.
4. The Jerra Pump Track arose because kids built their own jumps in Jerra during COVID. This is the next iteration of the Jerra Jumps; Jerra is in the name! It is not a Regional Sports Complex level of facility. It's a suburban facility. Are QPRC liaising with the kids who built Jerra Jumps?

5. When we ride (out of Jerra) on the weekend we need two cars with half the back seats down to get all bikes and all family members to where we are riding. I absolutely do not want to have to do this to access the new 'local' Pump Track because it is a drive away and not a ride away. In fact, I could only go on a weekend. I won't be able to go in the school holidays, or after school as my husband will have one of our cars and be at work most days. I would not want to ride on my own, with four kids under eight years old, cross Environa Drive, then ride down Environa Drive to the Pump Track at the Sports Complex. Then ride around the Pump Track. Then do it all again - uphill - to get home. No, that is too much. I just wouldn't do it.
6. I want my 10-year-old to be able to ride to the Pump Track with her friends, and get home again, without having to cross main roads. Expecting a primary school aged child to go out and cross Environa Drive, then ride down to the Regional Sports Complex is not a good idea, it is not safe. I would not let my child ride there and cross Environa Drive on their own. If a beginner/intermediate suburban Pump Track goes into the Regional Sports Complex, I worry that it would not get used.
7. No main roads for young kids. Full stop.
8. Can they factor the spider web rope climber into the design of the Pump Track. It could work as an aerial view for kids to film each other riding the jumps. And not all kids will be into the jumps, and it gives them something to do when others are riding. In the future, a few more pieces of playground equipment for kids, in that Waterfall Drive space would be good, the space is there. This could evolve to be a great space for families.
9. I'm less keen on the Pump Track being near Maccas, KFC and 7Eleven. Esmond Ave is close to the fast-food stores, and some are 24 hours. If our tweens are meeting for a ride at the Pump Track without their parents, they will likely end up at Maccas too. It is OK every now and then but not every time. I wonder if it will be the wrong kind of co-location, especially at night.
10. Elm Way/Acacia Ave is too narrow for a Pump Track. I do like that this location is close to Suppetos however. The Waterfall Drive location has more space, has good lines of sight for parents, and it is a nice walk to Suppetos.

Other feedback:

11. Regarding the wombats, people throw balls to their dogs down along the bottom of Waterfall Drive, people walk and ride through there, parents teach their kids to ride there as it is flat, kids ride to and from school along there and have done for two decades. The space is recreational use already. Adding an actual Pump Track to enhance recreational use is a good thing. Certainly, don't want to harm the wombats, however cars are the risk to wombats, not recreational facilities for kids and families.
12. It is good that the Pump Track is for beginners and intermediate riders. There are bike tracks for more advanced riders up the back on Mt Jerrabomberra and at the Scar. Advanced riders are usually older, 15 years + and can usually get themselves to and from these sites without needing to be driven and/or supervised by a parent.
13. A learn to ride bike track would be great. They have them in Googong and they're excellent there. And they are surrounded by residential streets. It would be great to have one walking or riding distance from home.

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

Thank you for providing the community with the time and opportunity to discuss and present feedback on the Pump Track through a submission, and to all involved for initiating this asset for our community. We appreciate the information that has been shared to date and the considerations around the pros and cons of each location proposed.

Please let me know if JPS P&C can provide any additional support for the Pump Track, we would be happy to work with you to bring this project to fruition. We look forward to the Jerrabomberra Pump Track being developed soon.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss our submission or support in more detail, please contact me via the details below.

Kind regards

XXXXXXX, President

Jerrabomberra Public School P&C

To whom it may concern,

First off I would like to object to the concept of a pump track in its entirety. Jerrabomberra is surrounded by excellent mountain bike tracks and the money could be better spent establishing services, signs etc. For these tracks. Even a dirt track for beginner mountain bikers would be better than a concrete lump in the middle of a park.

Noting that it is probably too late to change the proposal. I would like to raise an objection to the track being put in Jerra Creek Park. The park is a beautiful green space and we are lucky to have such a space next to a river. A concrete monolith in the middle of the park would be a real shame and lacks consideration of the area's natural beauty.

Kind regards,

XXX XXX

XXX Waterfall Drive

Jerrabomberra

I think this is a great idea but my concern is the large amount of very woody bindis that pop my kids' tyres in that area. Please spray regularly if it's going near the Woodhill Link roundabout.

To the QPRC team

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission regarding the Jerrabomberra Pump Track. I acknowledge and appreciate the work of all those who have progressed this project to date. I have lived in Jerrabomberra for 16 years (noting I am currently in a short-term rental in Googong, before moving back to Jerra in November) and have three school age children all of whom attend the local Jerrabomberra public schools. Regarding the location for the pump track, I would like to communicate my support for the Waterfall Drive location please.

Of the locations offered within the consultation, I believe the Waterfall Drive location offers the most benefits, not just to my family, but to the broader Jerrabomberra community too. These benefits include:

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

- It's inside Jerrabomberra making it suitable and accessible for many families (including my own) to safely walk or ride to the site. Importantly, it is also the largest and most open space within Jerrabomberra and provides good lines of sight for parents and the community to provide oversight of the space.
- It is reasonably close to the little Jerra shops, as well as the schools, and moving between the shops, schools and pump track would be relatively simple and quite pleasant for my family and I, and others.
- The space is already used for suburban recreation including walking, riding and playing. A pump track here would enhance this space's identity, from one lone piece of play equipment to a suburban meeting place, with fit for purpose facilities that are different to our other playgrounds.
- There's also room to add other additional facilities in the future. This may include a toilet block, and other pieces of play equipment, or even an extension of the track suited to advanced riders.

I have had many conversations regarding the pump track with fellow parents recently and all (that I have liaised with) support the Waterfall Drive site. I have heard a small number of parents say their second choice was the Acacia Ave site, but they want it to be down the hill and as close to Suppeto Café as possible. Not one parent of school aged children has voiced support (to me) for the Dixon Ave site, or the Regional Sports Complex, as suitable sites.

In addition to the pros and cons listed on the QPRC webpage, I am hearing that the fast-food outlets are a bit too close for comfort to the Dixon Ave site. And regarding the Regional Sports Complex, the conversations I have been a part of have centred around concern that the site is not easily or safely accessible for walking or riding to with small children, due to the need to cross Environa Drive. It is too far away and industrial sites are planned to line Environa Drive in coming years. It is not the right fit. However, if, at some point in the future, there was an initiative to build a pump track for older riders, to support a regional level of competition, this advanced level of facility at the Regional Sports Complex (or elsewhere nearby the Jerrabomberra High School) would generate more support from the local community.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide a submission. I hope the family and suburban pump track can be built in the very near future, for the Jerrabomberra community to enjoy.

Many thanks

Jerrabomberra Creek Park – feedback received after initial letter box drop

Council and/or Councillors also received feedback from nearby residents of the Jerrabomberra Creek Park location, following a letter box drop when the park was the first location being considered. Comments received in this process have been included below.

I want to express my concerns over the proposed pump track at 2 Waterfall Drive Jerrabomberra.

Please find below my concerns in dot point form for ease of reference.

- Impact to the environment.
 - o There are many different grass feeding beautiful birds that frequent the area. The ducks also make their way in that area.
 - o There are wombats which frequent the area. There is a wombat hole close to the area. There are many trees in the area and the council recently planted more trees in the area. They would need to be cut down for the track. Many birds have nests in these trees that would destroy their homes and also the noise would disturb them immensely.
 - o Increased rubbish. I understand bins would be provided, however this is not a solution as there is currently a bin in the area and rubbish is often found on the ground which ultimately finds its way into the nearby Creek and the doorsteps of residents.
 - o Noise pollution. The noise created from the additional use of the area would disturb the peaceful environment. This would result in reduced wildlife in the area.
- Safety issues
 - o here is no available parking on Waterfall drive or Mariners court.
 - increased vehicle parking on these roads would force people to drive on the wrong side of the road with blind corners nearby.
 - o Safety to users of the pump track.
 - Pump tracks are dangerous to ride and with no medical facility on site, it is asking for trouble.
- De-valuing or residents property. Having the pump track in this location would reduce the value of the nearby residents property.

Please find attached some images of a sign in the area depicting some of the local wildlife that visit the area provided by the NSW Environmental Trust. I apologise about the crude drawings that someone has spray painted over the top of the sign. This is the kind of behaviour that would be encouraged to the area by building a pump track.



Surely there is a better location for this pump track. Given that the majority of the people using the track would be in the high school age bracket, why not build it next to the high school currently being built or next to the current skate park? There is an option to build it away from any residential housing and would make for a much shorter commute for the majority of the users of such a facility. Children from the primary school would need supervision from parents/guardians who would most likely drive to the location.

I apologise again for the time it has taken to send you this feedback, I had to rely on a local resident sending me the flyer about this proposal. It was not delivered to my house even

though I live opposite the proposed site. There are many owners that haven't been notified of this proposal specially if they have rented their properties at this time.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing a response from you shortly.

Kind regards

Email 1

I am writing express my concern for the identified site for the proposed pump track at Jerrabomberra.

Firstly, I will advise that I am the owner of XX Bicentennial Drive and this is one of the houses this development impacts the most.

Your correspondence indicates that you have consulted the youth and their parents regarding the proposed track, however have you consulted the wider community as to the best location for such a track? I don't believe the site you have identified is a suitable location for various reasons and that there is potentially more suitable locations in Jerrabomberra.

No other developed park or playground in Jerrabomberra is so closely located to the neighbouring houses. Some of the sites I am making comparison to are Dixon Playground, Acacia Drive Playground, Allan McGrath Playground, Coachwood Playground and the skate park at David Madew Oval. The area you have highlighted on your flyer is completely adjacent to the fence line of my property that council takes no responsibility for contributing to the maintenance of. Any damage to the fence caused by the users of the pump track will become my responsibility and I will incur the relevant repair costs.

Whilst the creek has not flooded since 2010 it is an area prone to flooding. Even in periods of heavy rain, water pools on the surface of the proposed site as the water cannot get away when underground water is at capacity. When this water pools on the track it will be a safety risk to the users and with water pooled underground, the asphalt track will quickly degrade and become a liability to council.

People are attracted to Jerrabomberra for its open spaces and many residents will agree that the creek precinct is one of the most serene areas in Jerrabomberra. It will be disappointing to lose such an asset that people enjoy for walking, kicking footballs and just being in nature.

Whilst on the topic of nature, have you considered the snake activity in the area? My understanding of the pump track, it will be an area where youth congregate without supervision of their parents. As opposed to the nearby climbing frame, it is designed for young children and they are accompanied by an adult to keep them safe. This will not be the case for the pump track and the asphalt track will be a warm surface for the snakes in summer.

Further consultation with the community is required regarding where to locate the pump track and maybe consider sites closer to the high school, Madew Oval near the skate park or in the Halloran Drive precinct that does not have developed recreational areas.

I hope that Jerrabomberra doesn't become over-developed where every bit of land has to be built on or developed and we can continue to admire the open spaces. After all, this is what has attracted people to Jerrabomberra in the first place.

Please advise when this matter will be discussed at Council meeting so I can attend along with other residents who share similar concerns.

Email 2

Thank you for your time on the phone earlier this week. As discussed, I am writing express my concerns for the identified site for the proposed pump track at Jerrabomberra.

Council correspondence indicates that they have consulted the youth and their parents regarding the proposed track, however has the wider community been consulted as to the best location for such a facility? I don't believe the site you have identified is a suitable location for various reasons and more suitable locations should be investigated.

The location identified is not consistent with the demographic of the immediate area which consists of many retirees and empty nesters. Whilst I understand it is within riding proximity of the schools, the users of the track will be riding further away from their homes to access the facility. Should people drive to the proposed location to use the pump track due to it not being near their home, it will cause issues for the residents as there is a lack of parking in the area. The notification indicates the area will potentially include BBQ facilities which again will be problematic for parking.

The proposed pump track will be made from asphalt which is inconsistent with other pump tracks in the Queanbeyan area that are made from dirt. The nearby climbing frame has bark chip as the soft fall surface which blends in with the environment. The asphalt pump track will not blend in with the existing environment and will detract from the natural landscape of the area.

I am the owner of 37 Bicentennial Drive and my house is one of the houses this development impacts the most. No other developed park or playground in Jerrabomberra is so closely positioned to the neighbouring houses. Some of the sites I am making comparison to are Dixon Playground, Acacia Drive Playground, Allan McGrath Playground, Coachwood Playground and the skate park at David Madew Oval. The area highlighted on the notification is adjacent to the fence line of my property that council takes no responsibility for contributing to the maintenance of. Any damage to the fence caused by the users of the pump track will become my responsibility and I will incur the relevant repair costs.

Whilst the notification indicates the approximate location of the pump track, it will be an obstruction for walkers and depending on the final location it will either push the walkers either completely along the fence line of my property or down to the creek. The pump track is almost being squeezed in between my boundary and the nearby climbing frame.

Further community consultation is required where to locate the pump track and maybe consider sites closer to the high school or David Madew Oval near the skate park where there is parking and other facilities available for the users. Whilst not an official pump track, my understanding is that there is an area that is used for BMX riding in the Halloran Drive precinct. If this is the area where the users of such facility live, why not investigate locations in that area?

People are attracted to Jerrabomberra for its open spaces and many residents will agree that the creek precinct is one of the most serene areas in Jerrabomberra. It will be disappointing to lose such an asset that people enjoy for walking, especially with their dogs, kicking footballs and just being in nature. I hope that we can continue to admire Jerrabomberra for its open spaces and walking tracks. After all, this is what has attracted people to the area in the first place.

Please advise when this will be and agenda item at Council so I can attend along with other concerned residents.

Email 3

I appreciate you taking this up with the appropriate Council staff and I look forward to a response. I will, along with other residents continue to question Council on the matter as the more I am looking into other developments in the wider Queanbeyan area, the more inconsistencies I am noticing regarding Council's proposed Pump Track at Jerrabomberra.

Can Council please advise if the area highlighted on the notification accurately captures of the size of the facility? After visiting the pump track at Googong over the weekend I notice it is the size of approximately four netball courts. The area highlighted on the notification is significantly smaller than the track at Googong which raises the question, if the defined area is accurate, why is Council proposing building a facility that will not suit the purpose due to being inadequately sized? Or is the proposed track stage one of a larger facility that is not being communicated to the affected residents?

As well as visiting the pump track at Googong, I have also visited other Council parks that are designed for an older age group, such as skate parks and notice they have been positioned with consistent parameters. They are across the road from housing and back onto either sporting amenities or other public land. They are not adjacent to residential properties, and they have car parking facilities available for the users. This is not consistent with the proposed pump track location at Jerrabomberra.

The parks I am making comparison to are:

- Queanbeyan Skate Park at Moore Park
- Railway Skate Park, Henderson Road
- Jerrabomberra Skate Park at David Madew Oval
- Googong Skate Park, Wellsville Drive
- Googong Pump Track, Heazlett Street

I have obtained the location of the above facilities from Council's website and if there is other skate parks or pump tracks in the area that do share a boundary with private property please advise.

Again, thank you raising my concerns with the appropriate senior staff and please advise when the matter will be discussed at Council so I can attend along with other concerned residents.

It was nice to meet you both (plus the cute dog 🐶) the other evening and I thank you for the information on the Pump Track proposal.

Please include me in any future information or meeting details.

Thank you for dropping in the other week, and for inviting feedback on the proposed Pump Track in the Jerrabomberra Creek Park.

I would respectfully petition the council to seek an alternative location for this development in consideration of the following:

- The existing "recreation precinct" at the David Madew Recreation Park would seem a more logical location, meeting the proximity requirement to both schools, but also allowing families a concurrent presence in an already designated, recognised and designed multi-recreation location. As a family with 2 teenage sons, despite the extra distance for us personally, I would prefer them to be conducting these activities in an area surrounded by other concurrent recreational activities and facilities (including toilets – Are new toilet facilities also planned to accompany the pump track?)

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

- The Jerra Creek Park is often used by folk for activities (dog walking, physical training groups etc.) more akin to the surrounding demographic.
- Per the previous point, the surrounding demographic appear to be (unconfirmed) an older demographic with few children of the age that would use the pump track.
- Likewise, like ourselves, they have bought in this area with no anticipation or proposal of a pump track that would potentially bring noise and crowds of people, not to mention the aesthetic impact. I am concerned about this development's impact on our local neighbourhood.
- I had heard that this pump track was being built in recognition of the community need and to replicate an "unofficial" dirt track that was earlier fashioned by locals and subsequently dismantled by council. Has consideration been given to locating this pump track nearer to the location of the "unofficial" track and where the community need appears to be?
- Have first aid implications/facilities been considered?
- What has the environmental impact statement identified? There are a number of wildlife species present in the creek environs and often wandering into the park. And we sometimes notice rubbish blowing into our yard or into the creek environs when the current playground bin is not emptied. Would the BBQ facility exacerbate this?

I note that the mentioned community engagement session canvassed proposed locations around Jerrabomberra. Are you able to detail each of these locations and a more exhaustive explanation of why Jerrabomberra Creek Park was proposed as the preferred location?

Thank you for your consideration and communication of this petition to relevant council staff and decision makers, and for your tireless work on behalf of our community.

I was given the notification of the proposed Pump Track by hand by one of my Neighbours.

I live on Eucalypt Rise and to my disappointment, I never received this proposal in my mail box. I have concerns that many people in the area did not receive this and can not put forward their own concerns.

I have lived in Jerrabomberra for the last 20years and in the past 5 to 10 years there has been a large increase in young teenagers riding their bikes around Jerra. So I completely understand why this proposal has been put forward. I can say though, that in the past couple of years, there has been a lot of incidents in the streets of Jerra. I have had to slow down and stop because 6 to 10 young teenagers were doing wheelies in the middle of the road going from bicentennial drive to the roundabout that comes up to Eucalypt Rise and splits to waterfall drive and wood hill link which is where the proposal of this pump track is. This section becomes very busy in the mornings but especially in the afternoons when children are walking and riding from school.

Many times I have seen children on bikes crossing through this section taking no consideration of the cars. Many are young teenagers that do not use the bike paths that are located on this street and believe it's ok to ride in the middle of the road weaving and doing wheelies laughing at cars that have had to stop or go onto the wrong side of the road to avoid hitting them.

I have also told young teenage boys not to ride in the shopping mall in front of the chemist and Woolworths and they have told me very rudely to mind my own business. I have elderly parents that had to move aside for teenagers on bikes.

Unfortunately, we have teenagers like this in our streets which ruin it for all the rest of the kids but also puts us and ourselves in danger.

This is why I don't believe the proposed site is the best decision for anyone. The roads are too busy and most of these teenagers that will be using this track don't take into consideration road safety.

I do think the idea of a pump track is a good idea but needs to be placed away from busy roads and away from residential homes.

Thank you for inviting comments and feedback in relation to the proposed Jerrabomberra Proposed Pump Track.

We trust these comments will be taken seriously and that the consultation process is genuine. We would start by saying that we are very much in support of development and facilities which support the community. Having said that, we have some serious concerns about the location of the proposed pump track as outlined below.

1. The track is much too close to resident back fences, particularly 37 Bicentennial Drive. The inevitable noise, rubbish and anti-social behaviour the track will attract will cause much distress to us and our neighbours.

2. Does the 'approximate' location provided on the plan truly represent the entire footprint of the proposed work? e.g. the shelter and BBQ are not shown, where will they be? Will there be lighting at the track, shelter, BBQ and proposed pathway connector?

3. What other locations were considered and why weren't they chosen? There are some other locations that could have been considered which might be more suitable, some of which are closer to the high school and primary school e.g. new regional sports complex, land in and around the innovation or retail precincts, land south west of the high school, skatepark at David Madew Oval, Coachwood playground or Acacia Drive playground?

4. Will any car parking be developed or will visitors who use the BBQ be expected to park along Bicentennial Drive?

5. We don't recall being invited to the consultation in September last year. It would have been nice to have been included in that consultation or, at the very least, before now.

We hope the decision to put the track in the proposed location hasn't already been made and this consultation is not just a "tick in the box" exercise.

More than happy to discuss further by phone or in person.

As a nearby resident of the proposed construction of a pump track at Jerrabomberra Creek I have the following concerns:

- Bicentennial Drive is a busy road already with car parking limited to the southern side of the street. Has any thought been given to additional traffic and where participants of this facility will park?
- As I have already stated Bicentennial Drive is a busy road which generates a lot of noise at the front of residents properties, therefore the rear of our properties have become our sanctuary. If this pump track goes ahead the rear of our properties will be subjected to additional noise, potential poor behaviour from youth and additional pollution, which is not acceptable.
- The parkland at the rear of our residents is used for walkers and their pets, on the majority of occasions the dogs are off their leads, this has the potential to cause major conflicts.
- When we purchased our land we were of the understanding that the rear of our property from the boundary to the creek would remain parkland and was in fact not able to be developed due to flood zoning.

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

- If this facility is going to include a BBQ and shelter which could mean people may be there for a substantial length of time, where are they meant to use toilet facilities?
- There could potentially be a negative impact on younger children who use the existing climbing frame, with the proposed pump track being established for older youth.
- After reviewing the plans for South Jerrabomberra I understand there is a provision for a pump track, so why does Jerrabomberra require two?
- Before the week beginning 1st May 2023 there has been no consultation in regards to this facility which is very poor considering the residents will be the ones mostly impacted.

I am writing to you to raise my concerns with the proposal of building a pump track at 2 Waterfall Dve in Jerrabomberra. I have previously written to the council through the appropriate channels, though I feel that the concerns of myself and many other local residents is being ignored.

Please see below a list of issues that I feel need to be addressed:

Environmental issues:

- There are many new trees which were recently planted by council. The reserve at 2 Waterfall Dve does not have the space to build an appropriate facility without removing trees in the area.
- There are birds which are on the protected/venerable list which visit the area (an example of some of these birds are: black cockatoos & scarlet robins).
- There are wombat holes in the area.
- The additional traffic through the area will cause species such as the ones mentioned above to stop visiting the area.
- The additional use of the area will create an increase to the rubbish in the area which ultimately will end up in the nearby creek and yards of local residents.
- The proposed pump track will be made from asphalt which is inconsistent with other pump tracks in the Queanbeyan area that are made from dirt. The nearby climbing frame has bark chip as the soft fall surface which blends in with the environment. The asphalt pump track will not blend in with the existing environment and will detract from the natural landscape of the area. Being made of asphalt would also increase the severity of injuries to riders who fall off their bicycles using such a facility.
- Noise pollution. The increased traffic in the area will disturb the peace of the area which is what attracted many of the residents.

Issues for the residents:

- Council indicates that they have consulted with youth and their parents regarding the proposed pump track. However, has the wider community been consulted as to the best location for such a facility? The identified site is not a suitable location for various reasons and more suitable locations should be investigated. Some other areas which could be more suitable are listed below:
 - Next to the high school which is currently being built.
 - Next to the skate park on David Madew Oval.
 - As part of the sporting complex to be built at Poplas Innovation.
- Residents such as myself and others whom I have spoken to were not notified or consulted by council about this proposal. I found out about this proposal through a resident who had found the information themselves and passed on the information.
- The only communication that I have received from council about this proposal has been in response to emails which I have sent them. These responses from council have seemed like generic responses.

JERRABOMBERRA PUMP TRACK **COMMUNITY SUBMISIONS**

- The area is currently used by walkers and children who play on the climbing frame. The proposed site would become an obstruction.
- The proposed position is much closer to private property than other developed parks/playgrounds in Jerrabomberra. Some sites to compare this to are Dixon playground, Acacia Dve playground, Alan McGrath playground, Coachwood playground and the skate park at David Madew Oval.
- The highlighted area on the notification is very close to the fences of the local residents. This will cause privacy issues. Can council confirm that the highlighted area is accurate to the location in which the proposal is planned to be built?
- Other pump tracks in nearby areas are approximately the size of four netball courts. Can council confirm that the size of the highlighted area is accurate to the planned proposal?
- One of the reasons stated for proposing the site is that it is between the local primary & secondary schools. The path around the lake is on the path that would be taken to access the pump track. This path is not able to handle additional bike traffic as well as walker. It is not wide enough to safely fit a walker and a bicycle rider.
- Council indicates the pump track is for use by primary school aged children through to adolescents. With the older age group in mind, it again is inconsistent with council planning of other parks that are designed for an older age group, such as skate parks. the pump track at the Googong and skate parks in the wider Queanbeyan area have been positioned with consistent parameters. They are across the road from housing and back onto either sporting amenities or other public land that has other facilities to support the development. They are not adjacent to residential properties, and they have car parking facilities available for the users. This is not consistent with the proposed pump track location at Jerrabomberra. Some parks to compare this to are:
 - o Queanbeyan Skate Park at Moore Park
 - o Railway Skate Park, Henderson Road
 - o Jerrabomberra Skeate Park at David Madew Oval
 - o Googong Skate Park, Wellsvale Drive
 - o Googong Pump Track, Heazlett Street
- People are attracted to Jerrabomberra for it's open spaces. Many residents will agree that the creek area is one of the more serene areas in Jerrabomberra. It would be very disappointing to lose such a beautiful area.
- There is no parking at near 2 Waterfall Dve. Recently there was a fitness program which was being held in this area. When this was being held vehicles were parked on the side of the road which caused other road users to drive on the wrong side of the road leading up to the roundabout, which almost caused accidents. This also caused safety issues for the residents trying to reverse out of their driveways. The residents near the roundabout are unable to see traffic exiting the roundabout onto Waterfall Dve. Vehicles parked on the opposite side of the road to the houses will cause residents to have to reverse onto the incorrect side of the road to get out of their driveway. Vehicles pared on the same side of the road as the houses would further reduce the visibility of residents reversing out of their driveways.

Please respond to this email at your earliest convenience. I would like to invite you to meet in person to discuss this project with myself and/or a group of some of the residents who will be directly effected by having the proposal built at 2 Waterfall Dve.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. I look forward to to hearing back from you.

I received the QPRC notice in my mail box about the proposal to build a Pump Track at the Jerrabomberra Creek Park (2 Waterfall Drive Jerrabomberra).

I am concerned that this will bring a group of unsupervised teenagers into what is a quiet residential area. The current play area at that location tends to be used by adults with young children. I foresee that older children will migrate from the proposed pump track to the younger children's play area (likely causing vandalism) and loiter around the area causing issues for the neighbourhood. This area feeds into the walking track around the lake and I would not want the path round the lake to become a racing track for those on bikes going to the pump track.

The proposed asphalt pump area will cause water run off which will need to be drained into the creek to prevent run off to the houses on the lower side. The proposed pathway to the proposed pump track will end up needing to be linked to the pathway around the lake due to the amount of traffic crossing from the lake area to the pump track.

Encouraging teenagers to come to an area and play where there are no public toilets is not appropriate. They teenagers will resort to using the local area as a toilet.

I suggest a more suitable area for the proposed pump track would be between the current Jerrabomberra primary school and the new high school in the area near the skate park in the David Medew Oval area. That location would be more consistent with the existing sport facilities in the area and has public toilets available. This area is also serviced by the wide paths which can more safely accommodate pedestrians and those travelling to use the pump track.

Email 1

I refer to the May 2023 QPRC notification on this matter.

As a nearby resident at XX Eucalypt Rise I am appalled at, and strongly against, the proposed location for this track.

From the outset, let me assure you that I am not a 'wowser' or 'party pooper' and am all for BMX, scooter, skateboard, bike riding, etc, having done and enjoyed all these things in my youth, and fully encourage these activities and other healthy pursuits for kids. BUT ONLY IN THE RIGHT OR APPROPRIATE LOCATION.

Your suggested location is not right or appropriate for a number of reasons:

- the proposed track is way too close to existing residences and would definitely be quite noisy (especially in the warmer months)
- people driving down to use the park and parking in the vicinity would exacerbate the existing substantial traffic congestion in the area and thereby increase hazards to cars and pedestrians
- not trying to be negative, but I think the track will, in all likelihood, eventually attract undesirable louts and loutish behaviour such as drinking, swearing, loud noise, possibly drugs, fights, etc; this is unfair to the wider general community which currently uses/enjoys the park already in relative peace and quiet and the nearby residents; unfortunately, this sort of outcome is nothing new and has happened at many similar types of parks where young people congregate
- the park is a beautiful natural pristine community area which many existing little kids, families, and a wide variety of wild life currently use and enjoy, and it should not be spoilt by the construction of a pump track for the self interest of a small group such as BMXers
- there are many other existing and more appropriate locations for a pump track such as: the existing Scar BMX track at nearby Karabar is readily available for possible expansion to incorporate a pump track; ditto the existing skateboard/scooter park at main Jerrabomberra sports ovals; the area near Jerrabomberra tennis courts, basketball court, could be used;

and the area near the new Tralee regional sports precinct could easily incorporate the inclusion of a pump track which would be close to the Jerrabomberra schools.

I have canvassed a number of nearby residents on this matter and all are in opposition to the construction of a pump track at the proposed Jerrabomberra creek park location.

I urge QPRC to agree to change the location for the proposed pump track.

For your consideration and action please.

Email 2

I now understand the new sports hub at Tralee will include such a pump track. Thats a good spot.

Why do we need *another one* on the Waterfall Drive rerserve? Surely we are not envisaging a pump track 'on every corner'?

Seems unnecessary and doubling up. Scarce funds should be used in a better way.