

6 PETITION RESPONSE PANORAMA ESTATE BEACONSFIELD

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RECOMMENDATION

That a letter be sent to the head petitioner detailing the timeline for the provision of a new playspace and new fencing along the southern boundary of Tantallon Blvd Detention Basin Reserve.

Attachments

Nil.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A petition was received from residents within Panorama Estate Beaconsfield regarding the poor condition and coverage of fencing, and the limited play equipment within Tantallon Blvd Detention Basin Reserve.

The existing farm fencing along the rail reserve and southern boundary is in poor condition. The existing play equipment is in fair condition but provides limited play value.

A new and upgraded play space is due to be provided during the 2019/20 financial year. The provision of signage and new fencing as part of a dog off leash area within the reserve is currently being considered as part of the review of Council's Dog Off Leash Policy and new implementation plan. It is proposed to install a new fence

BACKGROUND

Tantallon Blvd Detention Basin Reserve currently is identified as a dog off leash dog area and contains a local level playspace and basketball half court and single picnic table setting. Traffic bollards currently extend along the three reserve boundaries that border the road reserve. A four-strand wire farm fencing exists along the southern boundary of this reserve that adjoins the railway reservation. This fence is currently in poor condition and offers limited protection for people and dogs from the railway line.

The site was assessed as part of the recent Shire wide playspace condition and performance assessment.



The condition of the play equipment has been rated as 'fair' (3), while the suitability and functionality of the play equipment scored low (5). This mean there is very little play value with only a swing, rocker and small slide.

Replacement of the existing farm fence would entail the installation of 1.8 metre galvanised, powder coated chain mesh fence to minimise the opportunity for dogs and children to enter the rail reserve.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Information accessed from the *Fences Amendment Act 2014*. This document states, "...municipal councils and others who own or manage land for the purposes of a public park or public reserve are excluded and the Crown exemption from contributing to dividing fences between Crown land and adjoining land remains unchanged."

Information accessed from the *VicTrack Rail Maintenance Guidelines August 2012* states, "...VicTrack (is) not required to fence or contribute to the fencing of any portion of a railway or tramway."

RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL PLAN

- 1 Our People.
- 1.5 Variety of recreation and leisure opportunities.
- 1.5.1 Provide active and passive recreation facilities to meet the needs of our residents.

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

A petition dated 7 February 2018 was received detailing two areas of concern from 34 residents located within Panorama Estate Beaconsfield:

The condition and extent of current fencing located between the reserve and railway land.

The limited play equipment located within the reserve known as Tantallon Blvd Detention Basin Reserve.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The renewal of the Tantallon Blvd Detention Basin Reserve playspace has been identified to occur within the 2019/20 financial year at a cost of \$50,000 from Council's capital works program.

The upgrade of the off leash dog area has been considered as part of the current review of Council's dog off leash policy. Initial recommendations suggest completing off leash upgrade works (installation of seating, waste and shade provisions) at the Tantallon Blvd Detention Basin Reserve within the 2020/21 financial year at a cost of \$4,000 from capital budgets.

The cost to replace the southern fence along the rail reserve (205 m) with a 1.8 metre high galvanised, powder coated chain mesh fence is \$15,000. The construction of the new fence is proposed to take place in the conjunction with playspace upgrade, in response to the expected increased visitor numbers Council's asset renewal funds will be utilised for this purpose.

CONCLUSION

Consideration for the site includes:

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- The renewal and upgrade of the playspace from a local level playspace to a neighbourhood level playspace and be co-located with the existing basketball half court, including some fencing along the southern boundary to restrict unauthorised access to the rail corridor to occur in the 2019/20 financial year.
 - Retention of the off leash dog area at a neighbourhood level, to occur in the 2020/21 financial year.