

Jacci Viney

From:
Sent: Thursday, 8 May 2014 9:22 AM
To: Jacci Viney
Subject: re Foreshore development DA

Dear Jacci,

i am in favour of this Foreshore development but with a comment or two.

1. I wonder if the weather has been considered ie strong westerly winds will mitigate against usage rather a lot. You may laugh but one plus of the "opera House ' was that it had a seat/wall on every side and you could get some shelter. no matter which way the wind was blowing. I never used the BBQ but it was often and sometimes still is, a place i drove into when waiting to go to a meeting after first shopping. Important when you live out of town
2. The current toilet is also relatively sheltered and i see no need for a new one. Upgrade it, and upgrade the Library one too and save money by using the same septic systems. Also you can drive into the existing toilet see point 1
3. Make some provision for a shelter buffer so that the exercise equipment can be used on the not so good weather days. That shelter will need to be strong!
4. i got a photocopy of the DA and needed a magnifying glass to read it. i went to the Council website and it is all upside down - annoying. This surprised and disappointed me as generally Council documents are easy to read

Thank you for the opportunity to comment

7 May 2014

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10:11am.

Dear Raoul

Whitemark Foreshore Redevelopment Proposal

I am writing in response to the current advertising of the development on the Whitemark Foreshore.

As a resident of the Esplanade for over nine years, and someone who has walked the Whitemark foreshore and beach on an almost daily basis during this time, I am well aware that the current facilities are in need of an upgrade and welcome the inclusion of new barbeque facilities in the proposal.

During summer the beach is used extensively by locals and visitors alike. Almost all activity is in the area around the access to the recreational boat ramp and south towards the Golf Club boundary. This may be in part because this is where the current facilities (such as they are) are located, but I believe it is because this area is more user friendly, having plenty of off-street parking, a reasonably open grassy area, and a gradual descent to the beach. It is also well away from effluent discharges at the Whitemark Wharf.

In contrast the area to the north of the boat ramp, but south of the main wharf has more restrictive off-street parking, a steeper descent to the beach and a fluctuating population of rats and snakes inhabit the vegetation. Perhaps Council might consider removing the boxthorn and other vegetation which provides them with their habitat as the first stage in the redevelopment.

Kayakers on their way from the Victoria to mainland Tasmania mostly set up camp adjacent to the current toilet block, to the eastern side of the small stands of sheoak which afford their tents some protection from the westerly winds. Particularly important when they sometimes become weather bound and cannot leave for days.

In the Whitemark Foreshore Redevelopment Proposal the following was mentioned: *Alternatively there is the possibility of reinstating and upgrading the existing toilets behind the Library which could then become the primary location for public toilets in Whitemark thereby avoiding the cost of additional toilets on the site.*

Surely if Council is to provide new and upgraded recreational facilities on the foreshore then a toilet block should be part of those facilities. However I cannot see the logic in locating the toilets at a different site when there is an existing septic waste disposal system already in place.

Several years ago a recreational craft sank on the northern side of the main Whitemark Wharf. The two men who entered the water in the boat hole to retrieve the boat became ill for several days afterwards. In the interests of public health and safety, I hope Council would conduct extensive testing of the water in this hole at low tide, before promoting the area as a safe place for family recreation.

Yours faithfully



5 June 2014

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Dear Mr Harper,

RE : APPLICATION FOR PLANNING APPROVAL DA2014/00016 - FORESHORE MASTER PLAN

Thank you for your letter of 26 May 2014 notifying Tasports of a planning application relating to the Whitemark Foreshore Master Plan.

Having reviewed the master plan document, it is apparent that certain elements of the plan rely on the Council securing Tasports owned land for the longer term. The plan states that "...the primary focus for the redevelopment will be at the northern end of the central zone" Which is on Tasports land. Furthermore, preliminary concepts include the creation of a prime commercial site and potential redevelopment of the wharf storage shed (Area B) and the potential use of a cleared area as a septic waste soakage area associated with any future development (Area C) both of which are also on Tasports owned land.

Initial discussions between the you and Tasports State Operations Manager, with input from Tasports former Property Manager, considered a short term lease at a peppercorn rent over the Council's facilities on the foreshore that had encroached onto Tasports land. In light of the content of the master plan, it would seem more appropriate for Tasports consider the long term future of the Whitemark foreshore area in the context of future development by the Flinders Council.

At this point in time I am unable to grant Tasports support for the master plan until the future of the Whitemark foreshore and wharf has been discussed with the appropriate internal parties. I will endeavour to coordinate these internal discussions provide further advice to you as soon as possible.

In the meantime, if you wish to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me on telephone 6222 6099.

Yours sincerely,

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