



Clarence City Council

Seven Mile Beach Trial Disc Golf Course
Consultation

Community feedback

December 2023

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Disc Golf Trial Consultation

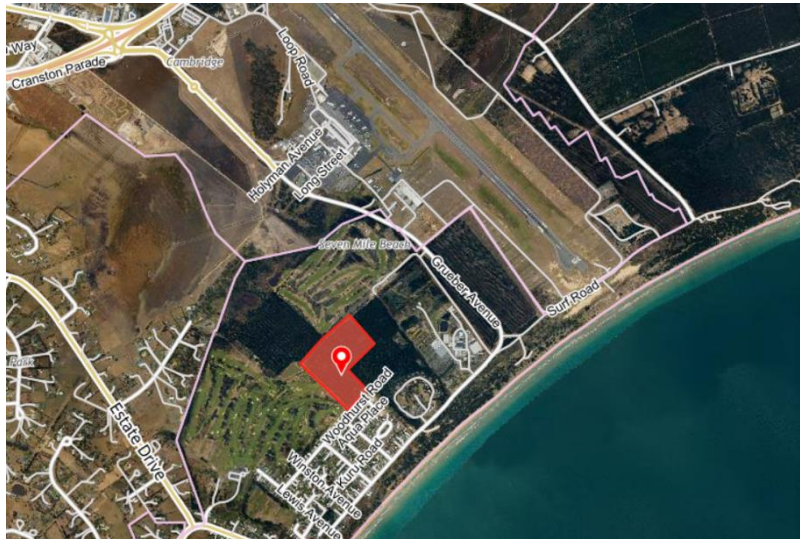
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What the Community saw on council Your Say project page

BACKGROUND

Council has been looking to trial a Disc Golf course in Clarence for several years. Over time we have considered a range of locations and the pine forest at Seven Mile Beach was identified as a feasible site for a trial period (see location and course details here).



The popularity of Disc (frisbee) Golf is growing in Australia and currently there is only one free public course in the greater Hobart area. Subsequently there has been growing interest in the development of a free course on the eastern shore, and Council has considered to trial a half course of nine baskets as a way to determine community popularity.

Our next step is to hear what the community thinks about the project and provide feedback about the location.

Share your thoughts

Please share your thoughts in writing or in person in any of the following ways until Friday, 15 December 2023:

- 1) Take our survey (below). The survey is a great way to have your say on the proposed trial and anything you think we should consider.
- 2) Visit us at the 'Come and Play Day' pop up disc golf course on site at Seven Mile Beach on Saturday 9 December from 10am until 1pm. Ask questions and learn the basics of the game.
- 3) Written submissions can also be provided until close of business on Friday, 15 December 2023

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The sport

Disc golf is a sport where players must traverse a playing course by throwing a disc (Frisbee) from a Tee to a Basket. Similar to the rules of golf the aim of the game is to complete each basket in the fewest number of throws possible. The player must play each shot from where their disc has landed and the play is only complete once the disc has landed in the basket.

The course (proposed layout)

The fairways for the Seven Mile Beach course have been planned so as not to disturb the existing pathways within the forest. The fairways do not cross any existing paths but will create additional walking routes for walkers to explore. There is no need for tree felling as the trees, shrubs and the shape of each fairway provide challenges for the players as they move through the course. So, unlike traditional Golf, disc golf courses have very little impact on the existing environment.

A key outcome of the design is that there will be no change to the forest aesthetically or environmentally. No grasses or plants will be added, and fairways will only be marked by fallen tree limbs already on site. The baskets are unobtrusive and will be mostly invisible except when viewed directly from a fairway.



General Benefits that are proposed

- Disc Golf is an equitable and accessible sport needing only minimal equipment to participate (disc/ frisbee).
- The installation of the baskets - which make up the course - will not impact existing uses or users of the pine forest and will not require the removal of any trees.
- The sport can be played and enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities. It can be played by families, friends, social and school groups, for fun or competition.
- Having a free, unstructured and low impact sport in Seven Mile Beach can bring social, health and economic benefits to the community.
- The fairways and linking tracks of the disc golf course will also provide additional pathways and loop options for walkers and runners who use the forest.

What are the next steps?

Council will consider all the feedback received on the proposed trial and determine if and how it should proceed. If there are no significant changes required to the proposed design, we will aim to begin works in early 2024.

If the trial goes ahead, we will have a second survey open for the duration of the trial to capture ongoing feedback from the community using the success criteria developed using community feedback. Further information will be provided on this page prior to the trial commencing.



Consultation methodology

- **Timeframe:**
 - Four weeks from 17 November to 15 December 2023
- **Key consultation approach and activities:**
 - Your Say survey online
 - Pop up 'come and play activity' on 9 December had 64 registrations
 - Aim was to reach a good mix of ages
 - Ideally residents from Seven Mile Beach and across Clarence
- **Responses:**
 - 253 survey responses
 - 42 survey responses from residents of Seven Mile Beach
 - Open ended comments in this report are from resident responses
 - Strong response from the Disc Golf community as the consultation coincided with the Australian Disc Golf Championships held in Hobart
 - Email submissions were also received (see appendix) from Seven Mile Beach residents
- **Communication and promotion key moments:**
 - Council website and featured on council Your Say page
 - Weekly Facebook posts throughout consultation period
 - Eastern Shore Sun ads
 - Flyers and surveys in foyer of council and at the Seven Mile Beach Store
 - Corflutes at entry points to the Pine Forest and Day Use Area 1



Key tools used in detail

Survey

The method gave the highest volume of responses and is easy and accessible for most. The survey had a focus on understanding the level of support for the trial. There were also questions to understand measures of success of a potential trial. The survey was available across the full consultation period. We know from other recent engagements that the many members of the community, within and surrounding the study area, are comfortable using our Your Say platform.

This survey was also available at Chambers and at activations.

Individuals could also call and be taken through the survey to further reduce barriers to engage.

Pop ups – come and play day

‘Come and Play Day’ pop up disc golf course on site at Seven Mile Beach on Saturday 9 December from 10am until 1pm. A successful day with 64 registering to attend and others dropping in. There was an opportunity to ask questions and learn the basics of the game.



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Location

- Responses from right across Clarence and beyond
- 253 survey responses overall with
- 101 within Clarence and
- 42 survey responses from residents of Seven Mile Beach



Clarence

Seven mile beach, tas	42
Howrah, tas	13
Acton park, tas	11
Lauderdale, tas	7
Geilston bay, tas	5
Montagu bay, tas	4
Lindisfarne, tas	3
Sandford, tas	2
Grasstree hill, tas	2
Bellerive, tas	2
Rokeby, tas	2
Tranmere, tas	2
Oakdowns, tas	1
Risdon vale, tas	1
Clarendon vale, tas	1
Rosny, tas	1
Rosny park, tas	1
Richmond, tas	1

Tasmania

Hobart, tas	15
Sorell, tas	4
Midway point, tas	4
Burnie, tas	4
Kingston, tas	3
South hobart, tas	3
West hobart, tas	3
Claremont, tas	2
North hobart, tas	2
Mount nelson, tas	2
Derwent park, tas	2
Rosetta, tas	2
Brighton, tas	2
Lutana, tas	1
Berriedale, tas	1
Moonah, tas	1
Huonville, tas	1
West moonah, tas	1
Launceston, tas	1
Chigwell, tas	1
Dodges ferry, tas	1
Blackmans bay, tas	1
Mornington, tas	1
Lower sandy bay, tas	1
Sandy bay, tas	1
Dynnyrne, tas	1
Runnymede, tas	1
Bonnet hill, tas	1
New town, tas	1
Carlton river, tas	1
Gagebrook, tas	1
Margate, tas	1
Hillwood, tas	1
Nicholls rivulet, tas	1
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Austins ferry, tas	1

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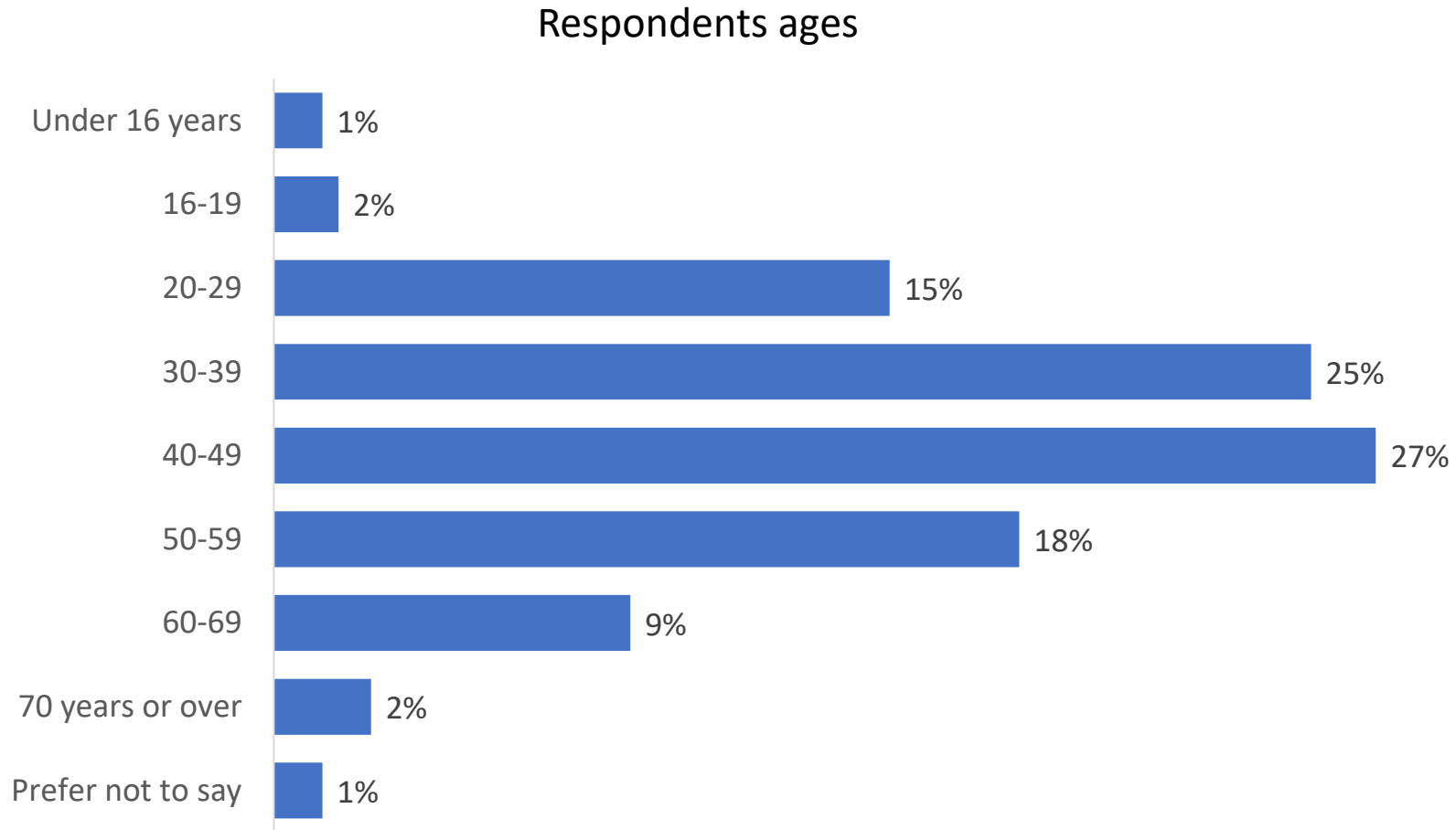
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Dawesville, wa	1
Hamilton east, nsw	1
Canberra, act	1
Brunswick east, vic	1
Brisbane city, qld	1
Ballarat central, vic	1
Corinda, qld	1
East melbourne, vic	1
East geelong, vic	1
Flagstone, qld	1
Peregian beach, qld	1
Penrith south, nsw	1
Alfredton, vic	1
East maitland, nsw	1
Oakleigh, vic	1
Adelaide, sa	1
Mackay north, qld	1
Westminster, wa	1
Jindabyne, nsw	1
Carlingford, nsw	1
Latrobe, tas	1
Mount gambier, sa	1
Ararat, vic	1
Bexley north, nsw	1
Bassendean, wa	1
Happy valley, sa	1
Bonnells bay, nsw	1
Darlington, wa	1
Callcup, wa	1
Geelong, vic	1
North sydney, nsw	1
Eastwood, nsw	1
Kin kin, qld	1
Kinross, wa	1
Molong, nsw	1



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Age

- Age breaks broadly reflecting the diversity in the area.

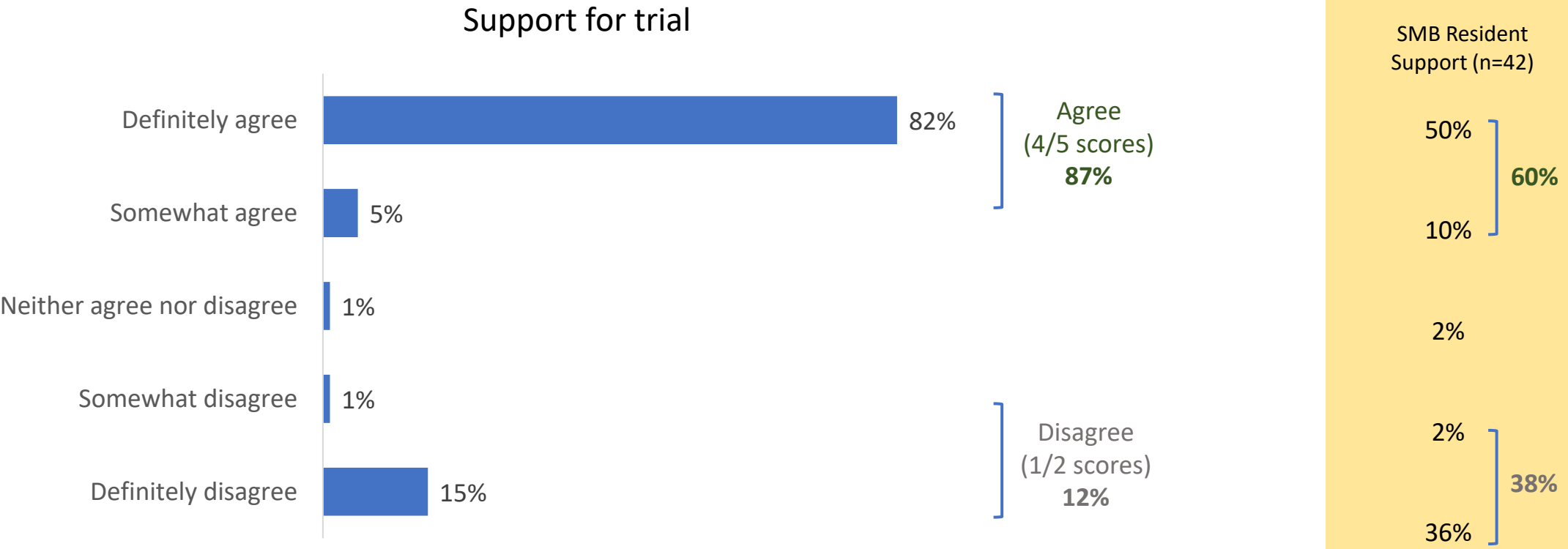




Overall support

Level of support for a Disc Golf trial

- There is support for the trial within Seven Mile Beach and from potential visitors



How much do you support the proposed Disc Golf Trial?
Please answer on a scale of 1-5 where 1 is strongly disagree, and 5 is strongly agree.

n=252 all respondents

Reasons for support (60%) for trial

- Another fun activity in the area the key reason for support
- The proposed location and minimal perceived impact on both the environment and other users are other key reasons for support



Another activity to do

Will be great to have another local recreational activity

It is great to have activities and resources that families and children can take part in.

Cause it's a fun activity

Something more to do in the area I live in + I would use it with my school students

Good fun family activity

New and interesting activities needed in Seven Mile Beach! Great for young people in the area that have nothing on offer.

Great community activity.

It will be a good way to get the members of seven mile beach to be involved in a social activity

Outdoor exercise promoting healthy lifestyle.

It will be fun to do with the kids while walking.

Getting kids outside and off the screens can only be a good thing!

Cheap/accessible

Cheap, minimal equipment needed, accessible to all

An accessible sport for all ages and ability levels. Great for families to play together.

Minimal impact/Positive impact on area

A fun activity that will have minimal impact on the environment.

Live locally good usage of a space that won't impact on other uses and will provide an additional recreational option for the community

Sensible, non invasive use of an under utilised parkland space which provides options for low impact exercise

Because it encourages people of all ages to go out and have some fun in the Forrest. It is an activity that isn't harming anyone or anything and I think it should stay.

It won't impact myself. I do walk my dog's regularly in this part of the forest, but as no part of the course is on the walking tracks I have no issue.

Good use of space and promotes physical and social opportunities for all ages

It will provide good outdoor exercise and activity and make use of an otherwise under utilised area.

Can we have more?

Development of the pine forest in Seven Mile Beach is important, it needs to happen and the fact that the council are proposing ideas is great. One issue that is present is the proposed ideas. Yes, frisbee golf is a growing sport but there are more people engaged in other growing sports such as mountain biking and many people in seven mile beach already do this. So, an inclusion of other sports in the pine forest would be ideal.



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How much do you support the proposed Disc Golf Trial?

Please answer on a scale of 1-5 where 1 is strongly disagree, and 5 is strongly agree. (only local resident comments shown)

n=42 Seven Mile Beach residents

Reasons for not supporting (38%) trial

- Concerns around sharing spaces across multiple activities
- Concern around potential parking and traffic issues and more visitors coming to the area
- Concerns about impact to peaceful enjoyment and disruption to wildlife



Increased traffic and parking issues

We don't need more traffic and our open space used for be fit of non-residents.

The forest is not looked after at all at the moment. There are informal structures and bike paths/obstacles that need cleaning up before any formal activity is started in the pine forest. I am also concerned about conflict between current users and disc golf players. There is no mention of car parking. There is no mention of expected increases in traffic flow.

Sounds like a great idea, but I have concerns around parking and bringing extra cars to the village which already has parking issues and poor roads.

Disturbance to wildlife/Reduction of peace

Disturbance to animals and birds. Lack of trust that trees will not be disturbed looking at where the tracks will go.

This is a superb passive walking area. No where else has a forest on their doorstep. Walking in the forest is silent and the only sounds are birds. In summer it is permanently shaded and in winter, no wind enters it. The local children have made bike tracks and built forts, like children used to do in my youth. During covid, it was teeming with adults and children from all over and many have retained their love of it. It is also daytime home to a large number of wallabies, who graze the gardens of the whole suburb at night. Extra people will drive them out - to where? I fear our peace and tranquility will disappear and an invasion of "tourists" will take over our beloved area. I walk in their every day and have done for over 40 years, along with many other locals who cherish it also.

The ambience in the pine forest is how I reflect and experience the space, have done since 1982, I dont want it changed by human intervention. Birds and wildlife can't complete surveys. If you believe people will park at DayUse Area 1 you are dillusional. Who takes notice of No Smoking signs

Conflicting uses/sharing spaces

I do not support this, this whole area gets utilised by children walkers and their dogs etc. it does not need to happen. Find another site.

It will affect the people who use it already. Not a place for another commercial venture

In terms of priorities around recreation funding for the SMB area, disc golf is well at the bottom. I'm not sure how this would support the families living in the area who desperately need more social infrastructure and age appropriate recreation.

This part of the pine forest is currently the only thing that older children have in SMB. They adore exploring this forest, building forts and their own pump track with jumps. Also the parking being at day use area 1 is unrealistic. Instead I would think the gravel areas at the pine forest and on-street parking in Aqua Place will be taken up.

I believe there will be a conflict of interest between dog walkers, runners & the disc golf group - for use of newly opened trails.

Attempting to walk while disc being thrown around, dangerous.

Is space is already heavily used by the local community for dog walking, riding and imaginative play having disc golf will limit these other uses. People will have to be wary of the discs and the players. I believe it is not safe.

Dogs won't be allowed there. It's awesome dog area

It says the parking is at the playground, money really needs to be put into upgrading the toilet facilities and playground first. For the amount of people visiting this area particularly in the summer and near the airport so a lot of tourists they are an embarrassment and disgrace compared to whats available in almost every other area.



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Measures for success (or not) of the trial

- Input was sought from the community on appropriate measures of success to use in addition to council strategic priorities.
- If the trial goes ahead this input will be used in an ongoing survey to assess the trial itself



Successful trial measures

Adding this activity as an option for people without it impacting on existing users of the area

As someone who has no intentions on using this naffness my measure will always be impact on residents. So it's all about impact on amenity and traffic (parking and road deterioration).

By people participating and enjoying the game

By the amount of people using it.

For it to stay in place and for families and children to be using it.

General use of the course, impact on other users being minimal. Environmental impacts minimised.

Higher forest usage. No more waste/destruction in the forest

I think it would be an awesome additional to seven mile beach.

It should be a low bar to achieve success based around a key measure involving pragmatic safety. If the course is set so that discs are at low risk of hitting people or animals then it should be a no brainer...

It would be well mapped out and easily understandable

More community consultation should follow and if the underlying response enjoyed and embraced the trial then it should be seen as a success.

More public access and use of this area.

My kids enjoyed it. Easy to identify and follow holes

No impact on current uses or users of this space.

No reports of adverse incidents with dogs - some people do walk their dogs off lead in this area. No issues with parking. There does not appear to be designated parking spots for the disc golf users.

Unsuccessful trial measures

An unsuccessful trial would be a negative response from the community.

Direct negative impact on existing forest users

Exactly as it did this morning. Disturbed forest for birdlife, chemicals smells of spray paint instead of pine and gum and too much footage and rubbish left around.

Hard to understand to long for little kids and just not done right

Idiots abusing the spaces. Setting fires etc

Implementing it without having a plan for the local residents around future investment in recreation and social infrastructure for locals to use.

Interruption to other users of forest.

Traffic parking in wrong area. Noise. Wrong crowds

It's trashed by the community.

Lack of use//no one plays/ not used at all / no one using it (multiple low use comments)

Residents impacted by traffic.

Location being disrespected by those not from the area with rubbish, toilets, environmental damage a potential issue.

More rubbish in the pine forest. Conflict between users or degradation of access for current users. Random parking, increased traffic on already sun standard roads.

More rubbish, cars parked on pine forest area. Conflict by walkers, runners.

Parking /Incidents with dogs may result in dog walkers losing access to the area/Rubbish left

People not parking where you claim they will at DayUse area one, littering, obstructing residents and other visitors choice of well used walking tracks,extra traffic on already congested streets.

People taking over the area and not leaving space for other

Someone being injured. Arguments if people walking dogs through playing areas.

The plays and equipment being a hazard to current users of this space.Traffic /parking

There is lots of inconvenience and noise . There is Fire.

Unused infrastructure or high waste/destruction in the forest.

Vandalism of holes and infrastructure

enough car parking/Would it impact badly on existing paths, bike riding and dog walking areas ?

As part of the proposed trial there will be key success criteria developed and we would like to know what a successful trial looks like for you? (e.g. if the trial was successful and a good idea, how would this be demonstrated?)) Now, what would an unsuccessful trial look like?



Proposed course feedback

Aslong as you leave the kids jumps it's fine
Courses 1, 2 and 3 are all in the vicinity of the informal pump tracks that the children and their parents have built.
Flow looks fine (as a golfer) but not having played disc golf it appears that the distances between some of the baskets and the next tee aren't that close (eg 4 through 9) but I'll leave that to experienced players to determine. Certainly should not be a show stopper.
I think it is awesome to explore the pine forest and have fun at the same time.
It should be in a more suitable location such as the old Rosny Golf Course or the RHGC's Eastern Practice Fairway which they are so keen to offload.
It should be in an area where there is 1.little if any fire risk - 2.adequate parking that will not inconvenience local residents -3.no snakes.
I imagine the members of RHGC will be overjoyed with the inevitable and essential noise that will accompany the experiment.
It's unclear as to what car park it refers.
Looks fine but that is a decent walk to any parking especially for kids, and even when you get to the car park it is mostly already full in summer.
Looks good /Looks great /Looks good. Hopefully will be utilised by many / No concerns
Maybe bring 6 and 7 a bit closer
No parking?
Not interested keep it as it is. We don't need more trees removed and water table rising. Loss of native animals due to activity
Please keep the goals away from the tracks to keep runners/walkers safe
Shorten distances between tee and "green"
The course is located where a lot of dog walking happens. Some dogs are on led some off under effective control however with discs flying through the air there is likely to become a problem between these competing interests.
Yes, move it somewhere else, eg part of Rosny Golf Course, Five Mile Beach
You show a walking path from east to west adjacent to the resort property. In actual fact, the main track is to the south of this by quite a bit and through the first two "fairways". Either your map is incorrect or you intend to take over that track? I feel it would be preferable to locate most of the course in the area behind the fire brigade which is totally unused. There are large trees there and there would be dozens more younger ones if the people cutting the area did not slice off all the eucalypt seedlings that come up. It would also be a good opportunity to plant this area out with a series of all sorts of trees to make it a pleasant walking spot. A much better location for all intended players would be the Rosny golf course and it has oodles of space. But then it wouldn't be able to house the AFL training complex, would it? So much for using it as a recreation area.



Final thoughts shared on the idea



As a local this is not needed
Ask the locals why moved to seven mile the name says it Beach. Come up with beach activities and uses
Bring more things like this to our area
Do it!!
Don't do it please
Frisbees should be colour coded to each hole so that they will be available to everyone at a single hole and stay with that hole.
Go for it
I am fully supportive and hope Council takes a positive approach and looks for ways to ensure it's success.
I live in 7 Mile Beach and use the pine forest regularly to walk my dog. I love the serenity and peace in the forest but I do worry about all the dead pine trees lying on the forest floor. So much dead, dry wood must surely be a fire hazard, and I have made a few enquiries as to who would be responsible for removing this dead wood. Local children also use the forest to ride their bikes and have recently built more ramps to ride over. It's great to see them having fun but this has also led to more litter lying around, e.g. food packets, drink bottles etc. Hopefully the area to be used for disc golf would include some rubbish bins.
If the trial goes ahead I would expect rubbish bin's be installed and maintained as well as proper parking arrangements and traffic management.
It would also be good to see dog poo bins and bag dispensers installed and regular patrols by the dog rangers. The forest is currently littered with dog faeces and discarded bags along with the previously mentioned structures.
If the trial is successful the implementation of another 9 holes should go through.
Is there an area to park for visitors to the area so as others to impact on residents parking?
It's important to have accessible facilities that get people active, playing together and away from computer screens.
Looking forward to it
Let's do it!
Like many suggestions for this area it underestimates how much the local community actually use it, as it is not structured people assume it is not used but it is exactly the fact that it is not structured that makes it a popular space for the local community. I have a friend that enjoys this sport a great deal. I understand that they need more courses. I know Seven Mile seems a good option as it is accessible both by private and public transport but this area is heavily used by dog walkers, bike riders and children playing imaginative games especially on weekends and school holidays. It is used all year not just in the warmer weather.

‘Come and play’ day in photos.

People of all ages came and saw the idea in person and tried it out.





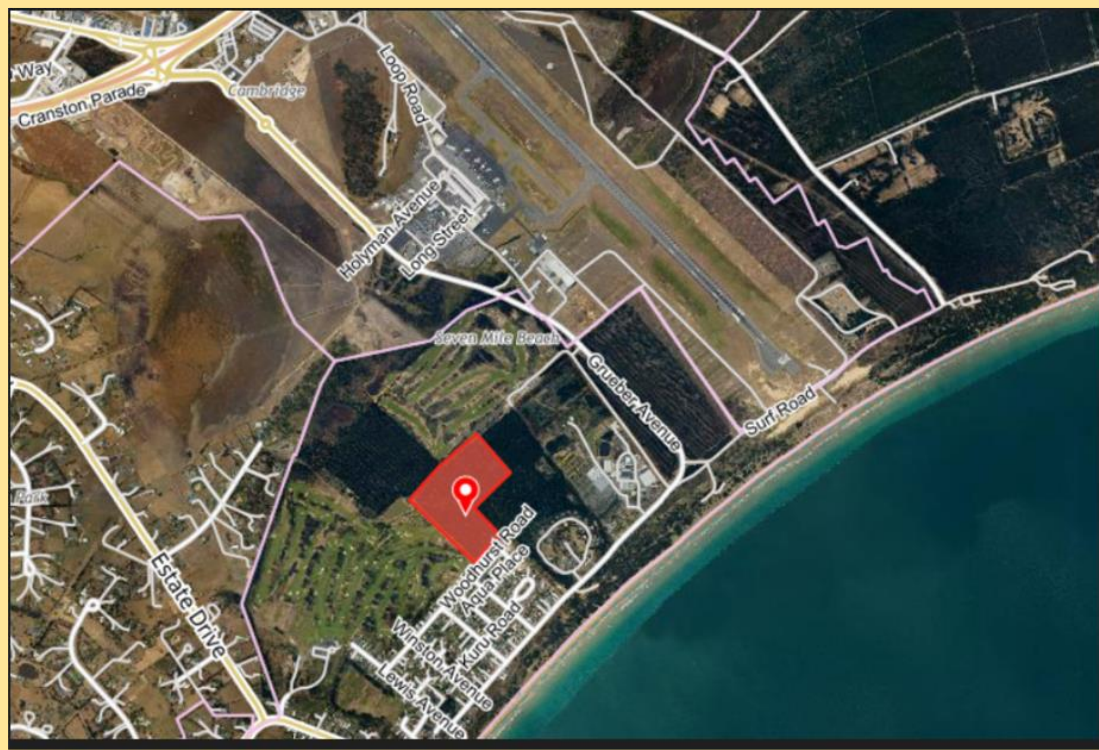
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- Survey demographics and categorisation questions
- Survey (available both online and as a hard copy on request)
- What else was shown – map and course
- Channels
- Submissions



Location and proposed course were also shared for feedback



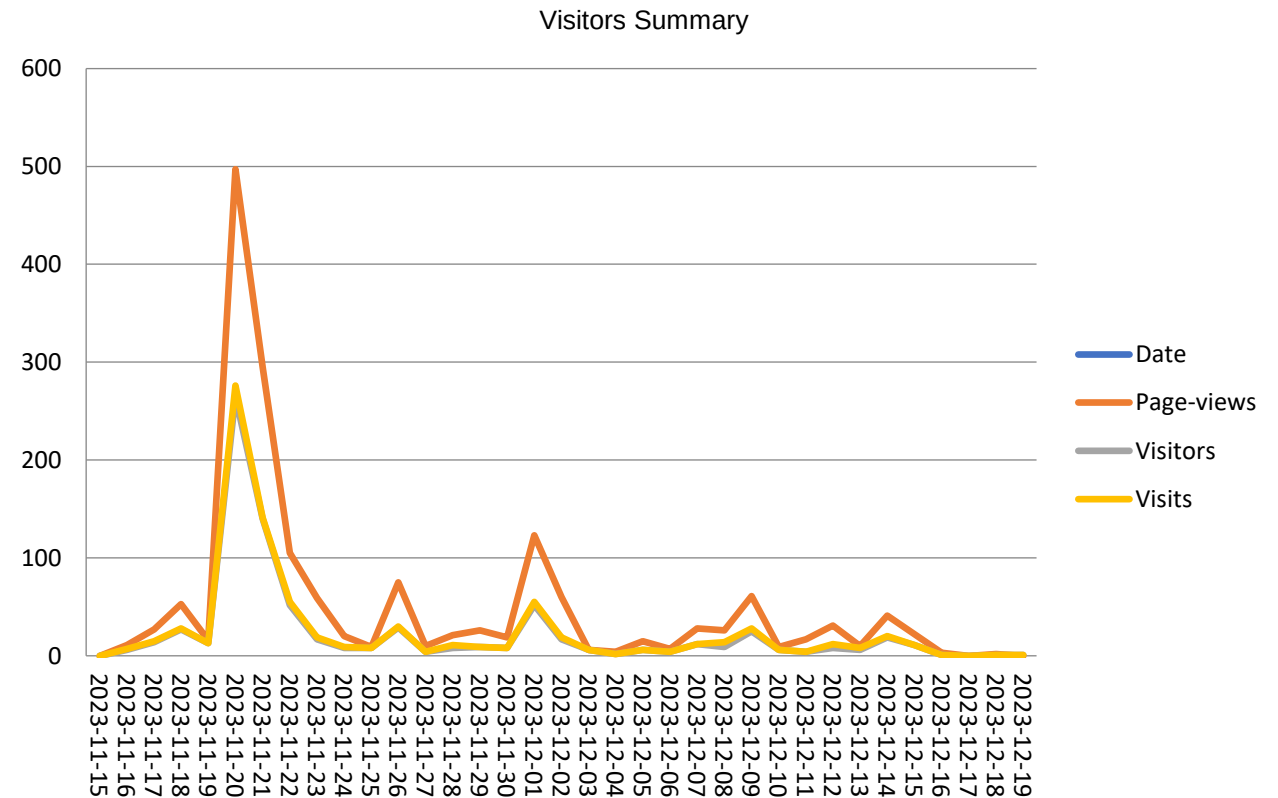
Corflutes were located at key entry points. These were rotated during the consultation for increased visibility



Digital engagement summary

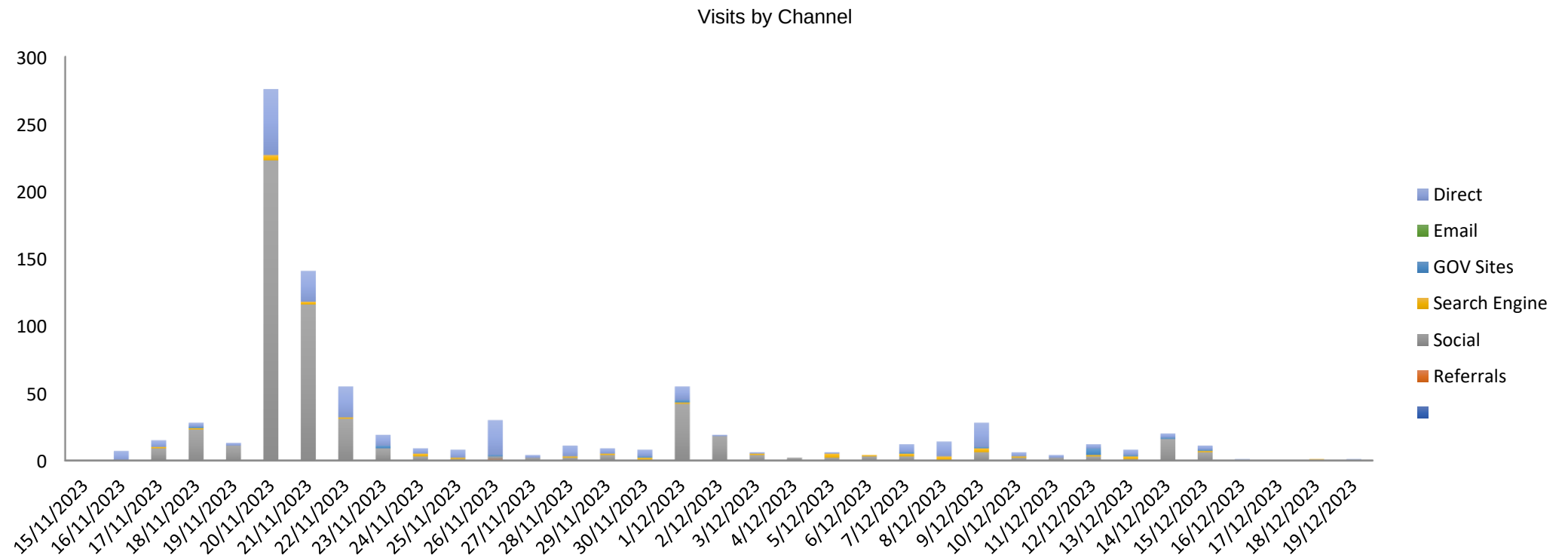
High levels of digital engagement:

- Total page visits was 843
- Aware visitors was 730
- Informed visitors was 1,300
- Completed the surveys was 253



Key channels for website engagement

- Strong response from social media



Other classification questions

Are you a current disc golf player?	
Yes	114
No	116

Are you interested in trying disc golf?	
Yes	194
No	29



What was asked

Online survey

Disc Golf Trial - Community Survey

Clarence City Council is proposing to conduct a trial of disc golf and we are looking forward to hearing what you think.

The survey should take no longer than 2-5 minutes to complete, depending on your answers. We will ask couple of structured questions then provide an opportunity to share your reasons. Lastly, we will ask a few general questions about you.

We are looking for frank and honest answers. We assure you that your responses will be kept strictly confidential and data will be reported in an aggregated form that will not identify you.

You will be submitting this survey as **Alexis Clarke**, to change this [logout](#)

0% answered

1. How much do you support the proposed Disc Golf Trial?

Please answer on a scale of 1-5 where 1 is strongly disagree, and 5 is strongly agree

I support the proposed trial

☐ Definitely disagree ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Neither agree nor disagree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Definitely agree

2. What is the main reason for your level of support?

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3. As part of the proposed trial there will be key success criteria developed and we would like to know what a successful trial looks like for you? (e.g. if the trial was successful and a good idea, how would this be demonstrated?)

4. Now, what would an unsuccessful trial look like?

What was asked

Online survey

5. Do you have any comments on the proposed course layout?



6. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the proposed trial?

7. Lastly, some questions about you...

Where do you live?

Select option



8. Are you a current disc golf player?

☐ Yes

☐ No

9. Are you interested in trying disc golf?

☐ Yes

☐ No

10. What is your age?

☐ Under 16 years

☐ 16-19

☐ 20-29

☐ 30-39

☐ 40-49

☐ 50-59

☐ 60-69

☐ 70 years or over

☐ Prefer not to say

Submissions



Clarence City Council
38 Bligh Street
ROSNY PARK TAS 7018

15 December, 2023

RE: Trial disc golf course, Seven Mile Beach

Tangara Recreational Trails Inc. would like to provide the following comments regarding a disc golf course trial off Woodhurst Road, Seven Mile Beach.

The proposed site at Seven Mile Beach is currently used by walkers, cyclists and is also regularly used as a horse riding area.

We are concerned that the fairways are close to the current tracks, with the discs of some to be thrown towards and adjacent to the passing tracks. Discs skimming through the air, the risk of overthrow, bouncing off trees, and also the resulting noise from the chains on the baskets, could all cause a horse to spook, or in the case of overthrow, a horse/horse rider or another user to be hit. Participants would be of varied skill levels and possibly not familiar with multi-use etiquette. The disc golf strict code of conduct may not always be abided by. It would be distressing to see current activities undermined as a result of inappropriate decisions.

Whilst the sport of disc golf looks enjoyable we do not understand why an area with a well established history of including horse riding, has been chosen for this type of sport. We wonder in the case of an accident who would be liable.

Horse riders share the trail with cyclists, walkers and dogs. Horse riders have recently been caused to share an expansive amount of previously their only exclusive horse riding area with the new Seven Mile Beach golf course on the Seven Mile Beach spit and it is highly likely this will also be the case with the Five Mile Beach golf course proposal as well. Hence, safe horse riding spaces are extremely precious.

The Tangara Trail is unique within the Clarence municipality, with no other similar trails within Clarence, or even Tasmania. It is highly valued by the horse-riding community.

The Tangara Recreational Trails management plan is exceptional in stating very clearly that whilst all tracks are multi-use, no tracks should exclude or compromise horse riding. Consequently, it is imperative that we ensure that all current and future Tangara tracks and reserves are suitable for horse riding.

Horse riding is an important feature of the Clarence community with a substantial number of the rate payers in these areas being horse owners, with horses being regularly ridden in these areas for more than 50 years. The original Tangara Trail network was established by the horse-riding community to provide a safe area for everyone to ride. Providing a complete physical activity, valuable social connections, and attracting horse riders from other municipalities, it is important that the historical, cultural and economic significance of this community is acknowledged.

In conclusion, we do not support this proposed disc golf course in the location off Woodhurst Road, Seven Mile Beach.

The Tangara Recreational Trails committee would welcome discussions regarding the safety aspects of this proposal.

Finally, we wish to note and acknowledge that we really value the positive working relationship we have had with Clarence City Council to date, and would like to reiterate the importance of continuing to work in a respectful and consultative manner with a view to ensuring that the Tangara Trail remains an enjoyable and safe multi user trail network for everyone.

Charmaine Cooney: President, Tangara Recreational Trails Inc.



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Submissions

|To whom it may concern,

The proposed disc golf course in the Seven Mile Beach has not been developed with the local community members social values in mind.

The council have advertised the benefits on the proposal's implementation. The mentioned benefits include bringing social, health and economic benefits to the community. However, this space already provides social and health benefits for the community and the courses implementation will likely diminish this for local recreational users. This space is in constant use from community members. It's a space where locals can safely walk their dogs in summer, as many of our streets do not offer pathways. It's a space where children come to play in groups. Children of varying ages are allowed to enter this space to ride their bikes and create huts from fallen branches. With an increased presence of strangers— families may no longer allow children to go off in groups to engage in outdoor physical activities that provide opportunities for social interaction and development. The forest is a tranquil space, fostering mental wellbeing and this is not the place to develop a disc golf course. I believe that there may be a better location for its implementation. The Risdon Brook Dam is an ideal location for disc golf. It has nearly an identical forest located behind the playground and BBQ areas. Below I have dot pointed some potential benefits of implementing a disc golf within this location compared to Seven Mile Beach.

Benefits for Implementing a Disc Golf Course in the Risdon Brook Dam Pine Forest

1. The Risdon Brook Dam Area is already a no dog zone, therefore there will be no incidents between dog walkers and players.
2. As this zone is dog free there will be no dog faeces that will disrupt disc golf play.
3. The Risdon Brook Dam is a location highly utilised by schools and larger groups, therefore increased presence will be not as significant to recreational users.
4. The Risdon Brook Dam is not a part of a local community or suburbia, therefore there will likely be fewer kickbacks for the Council.
5. There is a large carpark with room for buses nearby the entrance to the forest.
6. There are toilet facilities, barbeques and a park that would be easily accessible for disc golf players.
7. The Risdon Brook Dam is an accessible venue with no nearby golf courses, hence there may be less of a disturbance of economic values for local associated businesses.

Below I have listed some of the issues that may arise from the disc golf course implementation in the Seven Mile Beach Forest

Environmental Issues:

- Habitat Disruption and loss of ecosystem services. Nesting sites for birds, wallabies, owls, animals sensitive to human presence (Noise pollution- school groups)
- Litter and pollution: Increased human presence increases litter. Will a proper streamlined waste management system be implemented?
- An increased fire [risk](#)

Social Issues:

- Conflicts between recreational users.
- Dog walkers may get hit with a frisbee if tracks overlap.
- Frisbee players could step in dog [faeces](#)

- Access and equity for children who use this space for hut building.
- Safety concerns with increased foot traffic for groups of local children who use the [space](#)
- Sense of loss and disconnection for community members
- Health and wellbeing, what if someone gets hit with a disc?
- Loss of community values: connection, peace, tranquillity
- What will stop users from parking in front of houses at the end of Woodhurst as the course doesn't start near the designated carpark?
- Toilets are not nearby the [course](#)

Economic Issues:

- Draw patrons away from existing golf courses.
- Cost of maintenance

In conclusion, I believe that disc golf courses can be beneficial for promoting good social and physical wellbeing; however, the Seven Mile Beach Forest is *not* the location for the course's implementation. Investigating the Risdon Brook Dam recreational area for the implementation of a disc golf course will be beneficial for all associated stakeholders.

Finally, I would like to enquire what is the process that CCC undertake for assessing the consultation feedback and [taking action](#) based on it?

Thank you for taking the time to read over this letter.

Many thanks,

Emily Isaac



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Submissions

Why not include a virtual tour of the proposed “course” for both the 9hole and 18 hole course – and I’d also like to know who has right of way when using the forest. A further question is legal liability in the event a non participant is injured by a “disc” whilst traversing the forest. Is council accepting the liability?

Regards

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