

A SENSE OF PROFOUND DISAPPOINTMENT prompts me to ask to speak tonight with a notice of 2 days.

DPS has been fighting against this skatepark for over 6 years gathering over 4,000 signatures against 1600 of which tabled in parliament all to no avail.

Yes the park has lots of empty spaces for people to recover from COVID, sit talk relax and walk.

Residents are going to be very disappointed as almost everybody in the area thinks it has been abandoned. In particular residents of Nautique will be virtually on top of it.

The structure is to be built on a reclaimed swamp with a layer of clay plus a layer of concrete applied on top. This will deprive the tree roots of aeration.

**Council has ignored the advice of GML heritage consultants and we finally can read the the HIS which states that the facility will impact the large open lawns and” have a cumulative effect on the open character of the park providing another active park facility with built infrastructure”.**

Heritage Act section 60

The S60 fast track cannot be used to obtain heritage approving following an integrated application. In addition a S60 fast track approval cannot be modified, except for minor administrative corrections. The major works (or standard) s 60 approval pathway is for activities that have, or would have the potential to have, a moderate or greater impact on the heritage significance of a State heritage item.

Considering council is in debt to some \$6 million and the skatepark estimated at \$1.8 millions is it under private financing arrangement? Or will it be covered by ratepayers?

It seems our council is suffering from a lack of transparency

Thank you

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- The news that the skatepark is due for probable ratification next Monday is profoundly disappointing to all in the Darling point Society and the Double Bay Residents association. After so many well reasoned objections the stated position of the majority of Woollahra Council officers is simply not acceptable to a majority of taxpayers.
  - The objections are reasonable and have not been addressed, they include:
  - No forecast of the actual cost to be borne by ratepayers

- No consideration of future green space needed for residents and ratepayers
  - The appropriation of previous green space for minority use
  - The doubtful half life of skateparks in other locations
  - Serious health and safety risks to very young children
  - The real risk of unsightly graffiti stains in a public park
  - Inadequate provision for 24 hour supervision
  - Plus the ready availability of alternate sites
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- The council has ignored the advice of the heritage consultant GML Heritage to reduce the footprint of the proposed Youth facility to minimise its impact on the state heritage listed park.
  - **The Heritage Impact Statement (HIS) identifies that the proposed Youth facility will impact the original open lawn areas of the park and have a “cumulative impact on the open character of the park, providing another active park facility with built infrastructure”.** The “large open spaces” are still “still relatively intact” was identified as “rare” in the assessment of park’s state heritage significance.
  - The HIS says the proposed Youth Facility will “Visually dominate the near views of the park particularly at its entry” and will be visible on approach from New south Head Rd.
  - The proposed Youth facility will likely be used by Council staff as evidence that the Council is providing “family friendly” community facilities to accommodate the proposed uplift in density in the Edgecliff Commercial precinct. Whilst technically true, the new facility will lead to a diminution of passive green open space in the area.