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Waverley Council Response Report to Motions from February 2021 Dover Heights Precinct meeting

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22 February 2021	Motion 1 - DHP requests that council defers a final decision on the fence alignment the peer review of the geotech report of Rodney Reserve until all of the details of the original report and peer review can be fully studied by DHP and concerned residents.	<p>Motion was forwarded to the Director Community Assets and Operations, to the Executive Manager Infrastructure Services and to the Open Space Planning Manager. At its meeting on 2 March 2021, Council resolved the following:</p> <p>OC/5.3/21.03 Rodney Reserve Coastal Fence - Geotechnical Review (A20/0475)</p> <p>MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION Mover: Cr Wakefield Seconder: Cr Wy Kanak</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Based on the recommendations from a geotechnical assessment and advice provided in 2019 and peer review of geotechnical reports completed in 2020, aligns the fence parallel to the sports field at Rodney Reserve, at the top of the embankment set back a minimum of two metres landward from the slopes crest to ensure the fence minimises its impact on the stability of the embankment. 2. Installs a 1.6-metre-high fence as specified in Council's Public Domain Technical Manual, with post and concrete footings designed by Council's structural engineers. 3. Notes that the proposed height of 1.6 meters is a compliant height at this location. 4. Notes that the new fence will conform to Council's preferred coastal fence design. 5. Uses stainless steel 2205 in the fence replacement at Rodney Reserve as an alternative to the current coastal fencing prototype as a trial of this material. 	Community, Assets and Operations	Action in progress
22 February 2021	Motion 2 - Considering that here are no hard rules about the location and height of a fence near a playing field and that Dover Heights residents are more concerned with the ocean views in Rodney Reserve than occasional lost balls, and considering that the fence is already sufficiently distance from the playing	<p>Motion was forwarded to the Director Community Assets and Operations, to the Executive Manager Infrastructure Services and to the Open Space Planning Manager. At its meeting on 2 March 2021, Council resolved the following:</p> <p>OC/5.3/21.03 Rodney Reserve Coastal Fence - Geotechnical Review (A20/0475)</p> <p>MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION Mover: Cr Wakefield Seconder: Cr Wy Kanak</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Based on the recommendations from a geotechnical assessment and advice provided in 2019 and peer review of geotechnical reports completed in 2020, aligns the fence parallel to the sports field at Rodney Reserve, at the top of the embankment 	Community, Assets and Operations	Action in progress

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	field, and that the additional cost of the higher fence might be better spend on higher grade steel, DHP request that the entire new fence in Rodney Reserve be 1.2 meters high which is the proposed height of the fence in every other section of Rodney Reserve.	set back a minimum of two metres landward from the slopes crest to ensure the fence minimises its impact on the stability of the embankment. 2. Installs a 1.6-metre-high fence as specified in Council's Public Domain Technical Manual, with post and concrete footings designed by Council's structural engineers. 3. Notes that the proposed height of 1.6 meters is a compliant height at this location. 4. Notes that the new fence will conform to Council's preferred coastal fence design. 5. Uses stainless steel 2205 in the fence replacement at Rodney Reserve as an alternative to the current coastal fencing prototype as a trial of this material.		
22 February 2021	Motion 3 - DHP notes that moving the new fence 2 meters to west of the current fence in Rodney Reserve would decrease the size of the reserve by approximately 300 square meters. DHP requests that the new fence in Rodney Reserve should NOT be placed anywhere to the west or landward of its current location.	Motion was forwarded to the Director Community Assets and Operations, to the Executive Manager Infrastructure Services and to the Open Space Planning Manager. At its meeting on 2 March 2021, Council resolved the following: OC/5.3/21.03 Rodney Reserve Coastal Fence - Geotechnical Review (A20/0475) MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION Mover: Cr Wakefield Second: Cr Wy Kanak That Council: 1. Based on the recommendations from a geotechnical assessment and advice provided in 2019 and peer review of geotechnical reports completed in 2020, aligns the fence parallel to the sports field at Rodney Reserve, at the top of the embankment set back a minimum of two metres landward from the slopes crest to ensure the fence minimises its impact on the stability of the embankment. 2. Installs a 1.6-metre-high fence as specified in Council's Public Domain Technical Manual, with post and concrete footings designed by Council's structural engineers. 3. Notes that the proposed height of 1.6 meters is a compliant height at this location. 4. Notes that the new fence will conform to Council's preferred coastal fence design. 5. Uses stainless steel 2205 in the fence replacement at Rodney Reserve as an alternative to the current coastal fencing prototype as a trial of this material.	Community, Assets and Operations	Action in progress

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22 February 2021	Motion 5 - DHP requests that council TRIM council planted street trees that are blocking iconic views as per resident requests	Motion was forwarded to the Executive Manager Asset Maintenance. As per our Tree Management Policy, Council will not prune a tree to create a view. View pruning will only be considered where it is requested to retain a previously established view and there is a history of the identified tree/s being pruned to restore the pre-existing view. Council will continue its policy that no individual exclusively own a view, but rather that the amenity provided by trees outweighs the amenity of views.	Community, Assets and Operations	Action in progress
22 February 2021	Motion 6 That at the Eastern Entrances to Raleigh Reserve from both Liverpool Street and Lyons street. A covered picnic table with bench seating be provided. The tables could be placed at the centre of the existing white fences which would then have minimal if any Blockage of views etc from the neighbouring houses. These	Motion was forwarded to the Open Space Planning Manager. Thank you for your feedback on seating at Raleigh Reserve. Each year Council officers make recommendations for inclusions in the upcoming years Capital Works Program. These recommended works are then determined by the elected Councillors and projects are approved within a specified budget for the year. As you will appreciate, Council receives numerous requests for various works to be carried out within Council' open spaces. Your request to include seating and shade in Raleigh Reserve will be included in our list of works to be considered in future budgets.	Community, Assets and Operations	Action in progress

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	amenities would greatly enhance our local open space for both locals and the many tourists who frequent this area as well as bringing us into line with most other parks in our community. NOTE - there is Bin at Lyons, none at Liverpool			
22 February 2021	Motion 7 - DHP requests that Sydney Water NOT place any fencing on the west side of Dudley Page reserve so the unobstructed views of the Harbour can be preserved.	The Dover Heights Precinct Committee have followed this up directly with Sydney Water.	Sydney Water	Action in progress
22 February 2021	Motion 8 - DHP requests that council cover the Dudley Page gym with Shade Cloth.	Motion was forwarded to the Open Space Planning Manager. Thank you for your request for shade over the fitness station in Dudley Page Reserve, Council can investigate the proposal with the owner of the Reserve which is Sydney Water. Please note that we know from past consultations with Sydney Water, that there are very strict limitations on additional structures on the reserve given the location of the underground dam. Concerns raised by Sydney Water are in regard to any additional 'loading' on the surface either by new works or their construction and limitations of excavating for such works like footings.	Community, Assets and Operations	Action in progress

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