

**HUNTER WARD
DOVER HEIGHTS PRECINCT**

Waverley Council Response Report to requests from the February 2023 Dover Heights Precinct meeting

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20 February 2023	<p>MOTION 1 - DHP requests that council officers consult with the DHP executive about design details of the Cliff Walks projects so that materials used will not degrade in the salty environment.</p> <p>DHP implores council officers to do these best to minimize tea staining and corrosion when choosing the composition of any stainless steel used in the project</p>	<p>Council’s Director of Assets & Operations advised the following:</p> <p><i>Thank you for your continued engagement on the Clifftop Walkway project and suggested changes for balustrade material.</i></p> <p><i>As you are already aware the Development Application for the project, which included material reviews, has been completed and approved. Council have now awarded the contract and materials are being purchased to commence the Diamond Bay section of the boardwalk first.</i></p> <p><i>Council has had to make a modification to the Eastern Reserve portion of the works to replace boardwalk with a suspension bridge due to a land slip that occurred below the end of George St. Council has submitted a Section 455 application to modify this part of the works which covers the design change from boardwalk to bridge and expects approval to be given in the next few weeks.</i></p> <p><i>Council have consulted on the material selection and finishes with the Australian Stainless Steel Development Association to avoid the tea-staining that has occurred at Hugh Bamford Reserve which has only a 320 grit finish. Based on this consultation, the stainless steel specification has been specified to be marine grade 316 Stainless steel with a 600 grit polished finish to all members which will then be electropolished. This is very similar to the sample photograph you have provided. At this point we therefore are not considering any other balustrade material changes to the design.</i></p> <p><i>Majority of decking material to be used on the board walks will be sustainably sourced kiln dried Australian hardwood with smaller areas of fibre reinforced plastic decking (FRP) at lookouts.</i></p>	Assets & Operations	Complete

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		<p><i>The clifftop boardwalk balustrade design is consistent with the coastal walk design and coastal fence design providing a consistent look and feel across Waverley.</i></p> <p><i>The infill timber post panel on the coastal fence is sustainably sourced kiln dried Australian hardwood which will naturally turn a silver grey over time and become visually a recessive element and provides a softer visual appearance as preferred by the community. It is not a structural element and deliberately not in contact with the ground to ensure a longer lifespan. We do not plan to reconsider this consulted and approved design and are in the process of upgrading and replacing coastal fences with the adopted design but with the higher specification of stainless steel finish to prevent tea-staining.</i></p> <p><i>We appreciate that this does not meet your expectations for the project as you have recently to me and previously communicated. However the decisions have been finalised and the priority for Council is to get the boardwalk built and reopened for the public to enjoyment as soon as possible based on the approved and tendered design.</i></p>		
20 February 2023	<p>MOTION 2 - DHP requests that the New Tree Policy clause 5.5.1 Pruning and Maintenance be amended as follows:</p> <p>'Council will consider tree pruning to retain a previously established view if it can be clearly established that the pre existing view existed before the council tree(s) were planted and that the view was blocked or impeded by the growth of the council planted tree(s)</p>	<p>Council acknowledges the Dover Heights Precinct request.</p> <p>The Policy reference is in 5.5.1 Pruning and Maintenance - Council will manage tree health and reduce associated risks, through best practice tree pruning programs. Regular maintenance and tree audits will ensure high quality delivery standards are met. Council will prune trees in the public domain to address safety concerns, promote tree health and structure, as well to provide minimal clearances for roads, pathways and properties.</p>	Assets & Operations	Complete

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		<p>Tree pruning will not be permitted for the shedding of leaves, fruit, flowers, reduce animal noise or droppings, or to facilitate views. Council will consider tree pruning to retain a previously established view if there is a history of the identified tree(s) being pruned to restore pre-existing views.</p> <p>And 5.4.5 Tree Planting and Selection “New plantings in the public domain will consider the impact on views and appropriate size species will be selected and placed as not to impede pre-existing views.”</p>		
20 February 2023	MOTION 3 - Yet again, DHP requests that council retain the original fence alignment in Rodney Reserve and stop encroaching into the reserve with the proposed new coastal fence	<p>Council has included this motion into the Coastal Reserve POM consultation report which is currently being finalised.</p> <p>Please note there will be two more rounds of feedback for this project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will collect further feedback on key ideas that were raised in the first phase of the consultation. • Round 2 consultation will include a presentation to the various Precincts. Date to be confirmed following approval from Council to commence Round 2 consultation. • Once the POM has been drafted it will be placed on public exhibition. 	Assets & Operations	In progress

Next meeting: 8 May 2023