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PROJECT: New Master Plan for Marina Reserve, St Kilda

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THE DESIGN CONSULTANT SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE PREPARING THE DRAFT MARINA RESERVE MASTERPLAN?

All comments received up until Monday 31 May 10am were referred to the design consultant.

ID	COMMENT DETAILS	COMMENT	AGREE	DISAGREE
83	By: dtamelbourne On: 20 May 2010	<p>After hearing the comments last night at the second Community Workshop my opinions have changed on the Marina Reserve Masterplan.</p> <p>In short, the Preliminary Design discussed last night gets my 'thumbs-up' with more detail needed in the following area;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World class skate facilities, with details sourced from world champion skaters (skateboards, inline and BMX) 2. Other skate disciplines provided for including Roller Derby, Artistic, Speed and Hockey see link S.5 and S.6 for info http://fulltext.ausport.gov.au/fulltext/1998/wa/dimplay.asp 3. The impact of removing all car parking needs to be better considered. Currently the design is 'half-baked'. 4. How to draw people to the North edge of the reserve needs attention. Currently the design falls short in detailing the necessary improvements of the waters edge and the weather station area. One suggestion was to include a replica lighthouse where the weather station is currently, with a viewing platform at the top for the public. Great attention to the North edge would not only improve the amenity for users, but also increase the 'capable guardians', thus improving the level of safety and security for everyone. 5. What are the key sight-lines, what trees and shelters have been chosen and why have these been chosen? Currently the effect on views from the road, across the reserve out to sea, by the trees and built forms is not clear. <p>These points are the priority for the design consultant if they are serious about developing the reserve for more people to use and enjoy.</p>	2	7

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92	By: Forresidentsandskaters On: 21 May 2010 In Response To: 83	<p>DTA has some good points. I too give a thumbs up to the preliminary design. But I should add some extra thoughts for the designers as they get into the detail.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The path that is to go round the edge of the reserve should not become a race track. Pedestrians and dog walkers will certainly use this and should not travel in fear of racing skaters or cycles. A granitic path or humps might be used to discourage wheeled traffic - although wheelchairs should be accommodated. 2. The planned landscaping intends a mounding at the road side with a sunken skate facility obscured behind it. I do think it is important to protect the views of the residents, but it is also important to make the area attractive to passing traffic who may be encouraged to come back with the family or use the space in the future. To that end the trees that will line the roadside boundary must also provide visual exposure to the reserve. 3. Can the weather station at the Eastern tip of the reserve be moved to allow use of the reserve at that point? 4. There was much debate about the car park at the second Workshop. My vote is strongly to support the reduction in car parking spaces. If the surrounding streets are already full at peak times, the situation can't get any worse for residents, and visitors will be encouraged to use public transport. 5. The north end of the car park is currently shown as an exit. But exit could easily be at the southern entrance and this would give more scope to design useful space at the north end. Also there would be only one crossing point for cyclists and others using the beach cycle path. 6. Should the main cycle path run to the East of the car park? This would minimise conflict between cyclists and people letting children out of cars in the car park - pedestrians would not have to cross the path. <p>Good luck. It's going to be a great public facility.</p>	1	5
94	By: kanegoldsworthy On: 21 May 2010 In Response To: 83	<p>I agree on the skatepark - not sure how to fit a roller derby in - maybe that should stay indoors, fleestyle skatin space should fit easily in the current design.</p> <p>However, I disagree that the nothern edge needs attention to encourage use. This area should be buffered for ecological restoration for indigenous plants and animals. The view is just as great even when you are a little set back. The view would be improved ten fold if there was wildlife and a natural environment in your back drop.</p> <p>Please support a 25 metre buffer from the rock wall for penguin habitat, etc. Think about the future (sea level rise) and allow for biodiversity.</p> <p>Plus the whole site is missing a wetland system (including saltmarsh) - this could treat the run off in a series of detention basins that could filter run off before discharge into St Kilda beach.</p>	8	2
136	By: redrose22 On: 27 May 2010 In Response To: 94	<p>How much room do you think there is? Think your calculations go back to school. Think the Triangle would be a much better option with more space.</p>	5	0

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144	By: dtamelbourne On: 27 May 2010 In Response To: 94	<p>I am new to this landscape and eco design detail, so can you clarify the comments above and give examples of similar treatments for;</p> <p>1. "25m buffer from the rock wall for penguin habitat". Are you suggesting to leave the North edge of the reserve (from the weather station to the beach) as is, so the penguins can use this habitat? Surely you're not talking about the breakwater rock wall, are you? I thought the North edge would do well for indigenous animals and plants if it was given a major overhaul, and maintained after the redevelopment.</p> <p>2. "Wetland system (including saltmarsh)". Are you suggesting a wetland system replace the car park, the low area of the reserve? I thought the intention was to create as much open space as possible.</p>	2	0
113	By: petert On: 24 May 2010 In Response To: 83	How about an indepth analysis on critical issues such as proximity of skate park to residents, impact of an over 50% reduction in parking, surveillance impacts, public lighting and demographic impacts.	7	2
137	By: redrose22 On: 27 May 2010 In Response To: 113	What about the broken bottles..	3	0
160	By: mgawenda On: 28 May 2010 In Response To: 113	I agree with petert. strongly. I am most concerned about the impact on residents of this development. There simply has not been enough work done on the issues raised by petart. And by the Mayor and Cr. Serge Thomann. How exactly does this plan impact on us, the residents and ratepayers. Seems to me that this should be the primary consideration.	4	1
91	By: aderham On: 21 May 2010	The consultant should thoroughly investigate and audit exiting possible sites as well as this site. Council is yet to give a coherent and compelling reason for this site and any compelling or coherent reasons for not using either Albert Park or Elwood skate areas - unless I have simply missed seeing them.	8	8
93	By: Nick Kilderry On: 21 May 2010	<p>The design consultant only needs to look as far as the existing skate facility in Bondi Beach as a perfect example on which to model their Marina Reserve Master plan. Rather than hiding the skate facility away in a corner, the Waverly council picked a prominent position right on Bondi Beach to build a world class skate park which now stands a showpiece on the famous Beach strip. Bondi's skate park has not only been well received by skateboarders, local residents and tourists it has been heavily featured in many movies, TV shows and advertising campaigns and now seems to be nearly as famous and identifiable as the beach itself.</p> <p>Due to the size of the area in the St Kilda Marina reserve I feel that a properly planned skate park could exist as an iconic centrepiece without disturbing the visual appeal of the location.</p> <p>As a proud local resident I'm looking forward to St Kilda outdoing Bondi and providing a skate park and surrounding recreational area that only adds to the vibrant culture already existing in St Kilda. I actually can't believe that this hasn't happened a lot sooner.</p>	7	9

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95	By: Renton On: 21 May 2010 In Response To: 93	<p>I agree. Bondi is the perfect model. A skatepark that showcases spectacular skateboarding. Skateboarding that can be watched by spectators creating passive entertainment for visitors without the necessity for all visitors to physically use the bowl.</p> <p>Also, implementing design features that make the skatepark a catalyst for a community of users, rather than just a facility. Creating obstacles that bring older skaters, younger skaters, beginner and pro all together. Creating a community that will teach younger users the great culture of skateparks, and to respect the park, and take care of it.</p> <p>Such a skatepark will be amazing. It will bring atmosphere to the marina, and St Kilda, create a community of people whose common goal is to have fun and will bring people together of all walks of life with the common goal of shredding a skatepark..</p> <p>A world class pool, with a smaller bowl and street obstacles is the way forward. I can't wait.</p>	7	7
104	By: resmarineprd On: 22 May 2010 In Response To: 93	HAVE YOU SEEN THE PHOTO OF THE BONDI SKATE PARK FULL OF SAND .MAYBE NOT SUCH A GREAT LOCATION.	5	5
114	By: Steve Gourlay On: 24 May 2010 In Response To: 104	If one draws geographical comparisons of both locations ie Bondi, we know this is an open ocean surf beach so it would be expected that if there is a massive storm some sand may get washed up the beach. However as we all know Pt Phillip is a protected Bay and will not suffer from such stormy conditions therefore Marina Reserve is a perfect location for a world class skate facility.	1	6
118	By: MP Resident On: 25 May 2010 In Response To: 114	Wind moves the sand not surf It is far more windy at St.Kilda than Bondi	5	0
132	By: redrose22 On: 27 May 2010 In Response To: 114	Bondi is a much larger space and does not have penguins. it will be interesting to see all of you who want this park - will use it.. take the kids along on your bicycles.. needs a toilet block or are people just going to hide in the dip along with the broken bottles. People really lack foresight.	3	1
148	By: Brent On: 28 May 2010 In Response To: 104	No I have never seen that in all the times I have gone to Bondi to skate & take photos & would like to see such a photo. I have 300 or more photos of Bondi with no sand in it. Only ones of skateboarders who are the best in the world skating it while residents & visitors watch & enjoying the entertainment. Please send this picture to my email...brent.shingley@yahoo.com, because all I think you are doing is a scare campaign for your own selfish gains.	1	2
173	By: greenspace On: 28 May 2010 In Response To: 148	<p>To: Brent</p> <p>Have emailed said photo to you with bowls full of sand and walls and surrounding areas heavily graffitied (and no, this photo has not been "photo-shopped" - what you see is what you get. As for your comment "for our own selfish gains", I was born and bred in St Kilda and have a strong sense of guardianship and communal duty to protect our sensitive coastline against what I believe to be an inappropriate development. I believe a skate park in St Kilda would be an asset - located in the St Kilda Triangle district or Albert Park - not the Marina Reserve, which I fear, if this project goes ahead, will become a community liability.</p>	2	1

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176	By: Brent On: 29 May 2010 In Response To: 173	<p>I thank you for that & have contacted the people who maintenance the Bondi Skate Park, here is the guy that is responsible for that clean up & responses...John Fox Williamson 29 May at 10:01</p> <p>IT'S ONLY HAPPENED ONCE - VERY VERY BIG STORM, KING TIDE AND HUGE SURF. STORM BLEW ONSHORE FOR DAYS. MY LOCAL SKATECREW HAD THE SKATEBOARD PARK DUG OUR AND IN OPERATION IN 2 DAYS - ABSOLUTELY NO EXPENSE, TROUBLE OR INCONVENIENCE TO COUNCIL</p> <p>YOU WOULD NEED A SUBSTANTIAL STRETCH OF SAND AND EXPOSURE TO AN OCEAN FOR THIS TO HAPPEN ANYWHERE ELSECOULDN'T HAPPEN AT ST. KILDA !</p> <p>THE SKATEPARK WAS THE QUICKEST AND EASIEST THING TO REPAIR AND RE-OPEN AFTER THE STORM - REST OF BONDI WAS A WRECK FOR WEEKS.</p> <p>WE GOT HIGH PRAISE FROM COUNCIL FOR OUR RESPONSE</p> <p>John Fox Williamson 29 May at 10:04</p> <p>You can see in top right of picture the entire boardwalk along the beach was 1/2 metre under sand as well</p>	1	2
177	By: Brent On: 29 May 2010 In Response To: 176	Also as we both know the triangle & Albert Park were rejected.	1	3
178	By: resmarineprd On: 29 May 2010 In Response To: 177	<p>Now that the council has thankfully rejected the massive over development of the Triangle .They have the opportunity to design it as a non or low commercial park land area. It is a great chance to build a skate park .Close to all services and no need for the kids to cross Marine Parade .This would also be more protected from the from the elements.</p> <p>Why cant the council look at this site and create a skate park the size skates wont.</p>	3	1
199	By: greenspace On: 30 May 2010 In Response To: 176	<p>Glad to hear that Bondi Skateparks maintenance team are on the ball when it comes to getting rid of sand. Pity they can't address the graffiti issues with as much enthusiasm and success.</p> <p>To compare these two sites is ludicrous. The Bondi skatepark has TWO main roads between it and the nearest residential area, namely Queen Elizabeth Drive and Campbell Parade. The mix of buildings in QED consist of shops and cafes, the area being largely business oriented, with far more distance between residents and skate park than in the Marine Parade model. This section of Marine Parade is PURELY RESIDENTIAL. We do live with the noise of traffic, jet skis, drunks etc on a daily basis. That's why it's so important to have an area of undeveloped peace and quiet for EVERYONE to enjoy.</p>	2	1
105	By: Sk8mum On: 22 May 2010 In Response To: 93	I'm delighted with the proposed improvements to Marina Reserve. The fact that Convic is designing the park is a fantastic thing -- they are the best at creating beautiful, comfortable, usable spaces. I just hope they seize this opportunity to incorporate a really good bowl, that will not only draw people in the local area, but from interstate as well.	4	6

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131	By: resmarineprd On: 26 May 2010 In Response To: 93	<p>Thumbs down for me</p> <p>No pedestrian crossing is needed at Blessington st .There are two other crossings one at Cavell St and the at Dickers St .Both less than 400mts away.</p> <p>No toilets ,. there are public toilets at the south side of Donovans Restaurant .Again the same distance.</p> <p>No extra lighting or flood lights.This will attract a bad element at night with load music and drinkig etc. There has been a problem over several years , with hoons invading the car park at 2.00/3.00am doing burn outs and booming music .On most nights the Police were unable to attend .By having gates installed at the entrance ,the problem has been manageable . I don,t see any gates in this new plan .</p> <p>We have a problem with shade structures and the height of trees .As this will interfere with site lines and views from Marine pde residents.</p> <p>I keep readig what an icon the Bondi skate park is .Well I,ve looked at a photo of this place ,full of sand and covered in graffiti .I,m not sure if the location is that great. So can we look forward to the Marina Reserve being covered in graffiti like Bondi and every other skate park.Lets not make this development detrimental to the local environment.</p> <p>Also it appears this skate facility is not coming up to some skaters needs. Maybe it,s a good opportunity to move the location to the St Kilda Triangle .Close to transport,shops,cafes,toilets and lots of space .At a site in this location a skate facility could be built to cater for all needs .This would not be near any residential areas ,and will be highly visual and safe for the kids .The rest of the Triangle could be developed at a later date as a non commercial park with large underground car parking .The whole Triangle could become an area Port Phillip residents are really proud of .</p> <p>The Council have done the right thing stopping the over development of the St Kilda Triangle ,so lets do the same for the Marina Reserve.</p>	5	2
147	By: Brent On: 28 May 2010 In Response To: 93	This is exactly what I believe & I'm sick of residents creating a scare campaign for a place which will increase the use of a area that is used minimally.	2	4
101	By: Marine parade resident On: 21 May 2010	<p>The overall project is terrific. The pedestrian crossing especially is appealing. However please consider the following.</p> <p>1. Consider improving the drain on the north edge of the project. Currently with an onshore wind and a high tide the flow of water from the drain is impeded and the water backs up flooding the Blessington and Marine Parade Intersection. The water from the drain can be quite polluted and the beach area becomes quite black and offensive after substantial rain events. Other drains in the area are protected by break water structures to prevent beach sand from interfering with drainage. Better still would be an extended drain pipe out into the bay, similar to the one at the pier just north of the project.</p> <p>2. The design description mentions resilient vegetation for the foreshore, but the sketche have gums that are not appropriate. Resilient shrubs of medium height would be more suitable to this area.</p>	6	2
102	By: rugby On: 21 May 2010 In Response To: 101	I agree with the above. not happy with the flood lights and the toilet block being directly opposite residential housing though	6	2
133	By: redrose22 On: 27 May 2010 In Response To: 102	Small Toilet block can be added to the restaurant and Marina. If rain water was harvested - we could have a drinking fountain - imagine that.. in fact we could turn the site into a campsite..	1	2

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117	By: MP Resident On: 25 May 2010	At the first meeting to discuss the design of the Skate Park the position of the park was not discussed as Serge had already said that the skate park would not be near the road but would be in the area near the sea towards the lighthouse. The proposed skate park appears to be at the same location as was previously rejected by the D.S.E. Also at the first meeting no one discussed a Pedestrian Crossing. Previously when asked how skaters would get to the park Serge had said that they would cross with the lights at Luna Park. Things that were agreed on by the majority at the first meeting were: No Lights No Toilets No shade cloth It appears everyone's needs are being considered here except the residents.	9	0
149	By: Brent On: 28 May 2010 In Response To: 117	It sounds like, it should be a place that is unwelcoming for anyone to visit would be satisfactory. The Residents have had more say in this project than any skate park I have ever had anything to do with. At most councils, the residents have not had this much input, & I think the council has been very respectful of the residents. But it seems the residents are happy to have drug users roaming the streets but if a child on skateboard comes near their house it is an issue.	1	2
167	By: MP Resident On: 28 May 2010 In Response To: 149	How many Skate Parks are in residential areas? residents have to live with this - skaters can leave	2	1

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119	By: Have Your Say Coordinator On: 25 May 2010	<p>This comment was added by resmarineprd at 10:00am on the 23rd May 2010.</p> <p>It was inadvertently loaded by the user to another area of the forum so we have transferred and copied it below so that it is located in the correct forum.</p> <p>Thumbs down for me.</p> <p>No pedestrian crossing is needed at Blessington St .There are two other crossings , one at Cavell St and one at Dickens St . Both less than 400mts away.</p> <p>No toilets,. there are public toilets at the south side of Donovans Restaurant .Again the same distance.</p> <p>No extra lighting or flood lights .This will attract a bad element at night with loud music and drinking etc. There has been a problem over several years , with hoons invading the car park at 2.00/ 3.00 am doing burn outs and booming music .On most nights the Police were unable to attend .By having gates installed at the entrance ,the problem has been manageable . I don't see any gates in this new plan .</p> <p>We have a problem with shade structures and the height of trees .As this will interfere with site lines and views from Marine pde residents.</p> <p>I keep reading what an icon the Bondi skate park is . Well I've looked at a photo of this place , full of sand and covered in graffiti . I, am not sure if the location is that great . So can we look forward to the Marina Reserve being covered in graffiti like Bondi and every other skate park .Lets not make this development detrimental to the local environment.</p> <p>Also it appears this skate facility is not coming up to some skaters needs .</p> <p>Maybe it's a good opportunity to move the location to the St Kilda Triangle .Close to transport , shops, cafes ,toilets and lots of space .At a site in this location a skate facility could be built to cater for all needs .This would not be near any residential areas ,and will highly visual and safe for the kids .The rest of the Triangle could be developed later as a non commercial park with a large underneath car parking .The whole Triangle could become an area Port Phillip residents are really proud of.</p> <p>The Council have done the right thing stopping the over development of the St Kilda Triangle ,so lets do the same for the Marina Reserve.</p>	5	3
150	By: Brent On: 28 May 2010 In Response To: 119	<p>Why is the use of a new public facility for families & teens such an issue when St Kilda is notorious for its crime & drug problems? Why is it that if a facility is to be created for the greater good it is frowned on by residents who are at risk of being mugged by young people who have no where to go in St Kilda so resort to crime & drugs rather than something positive. If you think graffiti is such an issue, I believe not creating anything that can be drawn on should be your policy, including any walls or brick buildings. That last comment is just as absurd.</p>	0	4
198	By: resmarineprd On: 30 May 2010 In Response To: 150	<p>Why not put pressure on the council too move the skate park to the Triangle .You would end up with a much better facility , in the middle of St Kilda .And no complaints from the residents ,because there a non.</p>	3	1

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120	By: Have Your Say Coordinator On: 25 May 2010	<p>This comment was added by Nudge at 12.52pm on the 23rd May.</p> <p>It was inadvertently loaded by the user to another area of the forum so we have transferred and copied it below so that it is located in the correct forum</p> <p>One puzzling item is that the planners have put a childrens playground right next to the skate park. Isn't that the reason why the original skate park was disallowed in Albert Park? Some issue about being close to a school. Are our St. Kilda children different from Albert Park children?</p>	7	1
126	By: RichisPort On: 26 May 2010 In Response To: 120	You only need to visit Albert Park to see the residents are treated better there. Raised pedestrian crossings every where in a quiet suburb. Port Melbourne's Bay Street is significantly busier with known fatalities of pedestrians yet has no raised pedestrian crossings. There has also been significant spending in visual appeal within Albert Park which isn't consistent with the resident population or rate revenue.	2	0
125	By: RichisPort On: 26 May 2010	Seems like more money spent in St Kilda while other areas of Port Phillip continue to miss out.	5	0
134	By: redrose22 On: 27 May 2010 In Response To: 125	There's more space in Port Melb for skate park - but alas - there's one there already.	2	1
127	By: Tim O On: 26 May 2010	<p>We are residents directly opposite the Marina reserve and I am disgusted at the proposal of a toilet block directly opposite our property. It is not necessary when we have public toilets 100 meters away at Donovanâ€™s restaurant.</p> <p>The design of this project is not considered!</p> <p>I will not lose our precious beautiful water view to a toilet block!</p> <p>Please remove this toilet block all together or place it in space that its doesn't effect the residents!</p>	8	0
135	By: redrose22 On: 27 May 2010 In Response To: 127	Put toilet block next to Mayors' house. He's big on development	3	1
142	By: greenspace On: 27 May 2010	<p>Before wasting any more \$'s of rate payers money, the design consultant should consider putting down tools until such time as an appropriate site within the now defunct triangle is selected. There are numerous alternatives now made available that will enable Convic, if they are successful in re-tendering, to build (I keep hearing the phase "world class")skatepark within these environs in a safe, viable format that will indeed be an exciting venture, pleasing everyone.</p> <p>I would ask the hard-core skateboarders if they are honestly happy with this token gesture currently presented? I get the distinct feeling it's a matter of "we've waited so long for a skatepark and this is better than nothing".</p> <p>There are other options.....</p>	3	1
143	By: Dr Ray Roberts On: 27 May 2010	<p>The Marina Reserve is currently a designated off-leash dog park. I do not believe it will remain so if skate boarders are introduced to the area? Off leash dogs cannot share space with skate boarders. Why cant they skateboard on existing bike paths.</p> <p>In this currently rather pleasant area, a skateboard park will be an eyesore. Why not build it near the Luna Park complex.</p> <p>I am totally opposed to the construction of the skateboard facility.</p>	4	2

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145	By: dtamelbourne On: 27 May 2010	Consider if the following pages and linked documents have been read by those suggesting other locations, those opposing the development, and others. http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/marina_%20reserve_%20masterplan.htm http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/3214.htm http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/default/Independent_assessor_report_June_2009.pdf	0	0
146	By: MarineResident On: 28 May 2010	I wish to lodge an objection to the proposed Marina Reserve preliminary design application. 1. There is insufficient detail provided. Sectional views are necessary to provide clarity in regards heights and the grade of the terrain. 2. The Skate Park and children playground facility should be next to the BBQ area, closer to the beach, thus grouping all facilities together. The Southern area should be the open grass area, as the terrain is naturally flat and most used by dog lovers 3. Boom gate access to the carpark area (North and South ends) is compulsory. This feature is currently in place and adequately protects the neighbourhood from Hoon activities and unnecessary congregations after 11PM each night. 4. Planned lighting for the park to be abolished. The proposed development is not taking into consideration all the environmental issues and I believe it will comprise the unspoilt beauty of our Historical Lighthouse point. This spot with it's open green area creates an important local icon with it's Exceptional Panorama at night. It has a tremendous value to not only local residents, but also tourists, passing by traffic, naturalists and all lovers of beauty. Once again, I beseech the Council to reconsider it's planning and save this extraordinary place. Let's preserve our unspoilt panorama of the Lighthouse, because it will be literally priceless to generations unborn.	5	0
169	By: MP resident and mum On: 28 May 2010	As a resident of Marine Parade and mum of 6 and 4 year old boys I can't wait for the skate park and, by the way, think it is a great idea to have a playground next to the skatepark - that way its easier for families since kids of all ages are happy and the little kids often love just watching the older ones do tricks at the skate park. A couple of comments: Could someone please have a look at Riverslide Park and maybe discuss with the YMCA and City of Melbourne the nature of their partnership to manage the skatepark. Having a daily presence through the YMCA at the skatepark seems to alleviate issues of drugs/drinking/undesirable behaviour generally at the park as well as providing the opportunity to conduct skating lessons and activities and have some experts there to help. Plus for the parents, to be able to sit down and have a coffee while watching the kids skate is fabulous. They seem to have the atmosphere right in terms of keeping it cool for the kids of all ages (esp providing Saturday bbqs and DJ plus skateshop) while also providing a level of supervision of the space. Noting the comments already made, I checked out some photos of the Bondi skatepark and my initial reaction is that that would be way too steep and scary for younger skaters. Is it possible to have a park with a range of slopes and activities that caters for all levels? A pedestrian crossing of Marine Parade at Blessington Street would be excellent - we see loads of people already crossing there on a daily basis and it is quite dangerous for them.	1	3
170	By: resmarineprd On: 28 May 2010 In Response To: 169	Put the skate park the St Kilda Triangle ,all the space you need to build a skate area ,safe ,central location,transport,cafes ,pedestrian crossing. The skate park is not coastal dependent.	2	1

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180	By: dtamelbourme On: 29 May 2010 In Response To: 169	<p>Consider detailing as part of the master plan how a joint initiative with another City of Port Phillip department or an independent organisation like YMCA will be part of the Marina Reserve Masterplan.</p> <p>Today I heard (between chasing my little boy away from the edge of the lake) about an 'Open Mic' session held last weekend for the multicultural Hip-Hop Academy at the Footscray Arts Centre. With a bit of support the youth in our community can do more than graffiti, be violent or break the law. With a bit of support they can do great things.</p> <p>Some readers will tune-out here, but this is important. The benefit to the youth and the community is fundamental to, and far out weigh the fears of MP residents, the future of the Marina Reserve.</p> <p>http://www.footscrayarts.com/site/project/hip_hop_academy/?phpMyAdmin=8558248b73c9023fbc8d13e1b6d4a65c</p> <p>How will youth events (such as the Hip-Hop Academy Open Mic but for skaters) be part of the new Marina Reserve? This feature of the development is exciting. This is a reason why so many are so interested in the skate park. This benefits the whole community.</p> <p>When my two boys grow up they will choose where they play, where they walk and when they do it. If they had the choice to watch skating at the Marina Reserve, or to join in, that would be a positive thing.</p> <p>I for one would be happy to volunteer my time for a joint initiative with the new Marina Reserve for the benefit of the skaters.</p>	0	1
181	By: resmarineprd On: 29 May 2010 In Response To: 169	I,m not sure if you mean the Riverslide skate park at the Alexandra Gardens or the one in Cranbourne.Both are in large park areas and dont infringe on the local residents . So now you want DJ,S and a skate shop. You can have this a the Triangle but not here.	2	1
187	By: Brent On: 29 May 2010 In Response To: 181	Yeah totally agree with that its would be not in the interest at all to have commercial activity there as well. the Riverside is nex t to the Yarra in the city near Swan st.	2	0
188	By: Brent On: 29 May 2010 In Response To: 187	The Triangle has already been rejected & would just make the process go on until the Council found another site after the Triangle was obviously rejected again.	1	2
182	By: sally On: 29 May 2010	I am not opposed to skate parks ,but I am opposed to this one as it is far too close to residential housing .There are other venues and many have been suggested eg:Abert Park Swimming Centre ,Point Ormond Park . The Council seem determined to ignore this along with the hunreds of signitures collected by residents .Who signed the objecting to this skate park.	3	2

CLIENT: City of Port Phillip

PROJECT: New Master Plan for Marina Reserve, St Kilda

ID	COMMENT DETAILS	COMMENT	AGREE	DISAGREE
193	By: Brent On: 30 May 2010 In Response To: 182	<p>It was found in the Leader Newspaper that 77% found the site not to be wanting. I'm sure if I did a door to door campaign I would get many signatures also.</p> <p>The issues are it will either destroy an open space, encourage crime or create noise. Firstly I think it will allow an area to be well utilised for the greater good of the community. It decreases crime & makes kids more healthy & lastly will not create noise because it is too far away from residents to be heard especially with grid locked traffic & Semi Trailers in between the residents, which must be allot more intolerable than people on Roller blades & skateboards.</p> <p>All these points have been taken into account on thousands of occasions over 11 years & I respect the St Kilda Council for being so democratic in its process, although it must be intolerable.</p> <p>I have helped build 2 skate parks in residential areas & their was little to no consultation with local residents, so I cannot see them as doing any wrong by residents.</p> <p>The constant demonising of a sport I love has always upset me greatly & it has made it hard to even be allowed to do it in public. This is the reason we need a place like this.</p> <p>Finally Sally it does not matter where it goes their will always be someone who will object to it, the policy of a minority of local residents will always be "its alright to have one but not near me!"</p>	1	2
194	By: Brent On: 30 May 2010	<p>To the design consultant, I think when it comes to the design that it have a full size Combi, Clover or Kidney shaped Pool with 1ft vert & at least 11 ft transitions & 1 ft vertical in the largest area & also with moulded coping. It also should be world class in case it is decided to have a world cup Contest during the St Kilda Festival, which I think would be a fantastic Sporting achievement for Melbourne.</p> <p>Secondly a snake type bowl area with multiple bowls & heights & a spin be included so you can transfer from one part of the snake to the other. I also think this area should have an island & a replica of a tram barrier for rail slides. Which would be a great inclusion to make it original & to respect the city we live in.</p> <p>Thirdly it should also have a street obstacle area with split levels. I was also thinking of the place many of us older skater used to ride in Little Collins St which had a 60 degree wall for dropping into with steps next to for jumping down.</p> <p>It is also important to have a 4 ft fence round the area so other parts of the Marina area can be separated for other uses such as for of leash area, playgrounds & picnic area.</p> <p>It is very important to have a toilet there also even though people have objected to this, it is a necessity for the comfort & cleanliness of the area.!</p>	1	2
195	By: Brent On: 30 May 2010 In Response To: 194	Here are my ideas... http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=1137114434&v=wall&story_fbid=117617538280477#!/photo.php?pid=30654519&id=1137114434	1	1
196	By: Brent On: 30 May 2010 In Response To: 195	Here is another... http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?pid=30635385&id=1137114434&fbid=1264624252518#!/photo.php?pid=30635369&id=1137114434&fbid=1264615252293	1	1
197	By: Brent On: 30 May 2010 In Response To: 196	If these links don't work, please info me.	0	2