

7 September 2015

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Manly Oval Carpark and Whistler Street Carpark Site Lease Plans

Many residents and precincts are strongly opposed to Council's plans to build a car park under Manly Oval and to enter a long term lease agreement for the Whistler Street carpark site. Most precincts oppose the plans outright; all want much more information.

The main reasons for concern are:

- * the paucity of information from Council, lack of clarity and changing plans
- * what parcels of land are involved, and their future uses
- * whether the claimed benefits to ratepayers justify the financial costs and risks
- * whether these plans will squeeze out other works and services
- * whether the expenditures are the best use of ratepayers' rates and levies
- * possible degradation of the Manly village atmosphere
- * traffic flow and congestion uncertainties
- * possible loss of heritage values
- * and possible inferior quality of the playing fields

On behalf of the communities we represent, we ask that these issues be addressed by Council and at the very least, more substantial planning and financial evaluation be published.


We also ask that while this occurs, Council hold in abeyance any further action on these substantial commitments until the next council elections, when with the benefit of more information, Manly residents could make their views clear and Council could act accordingly.

That is, Council should not proceed to call for tenders or enter into commitments until these steps are fulfilled and until after the next election.

Yours sincerely,

Signed:


Chair, Clontarf Precinct


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Chair, Ivanhoe Precinct


Chair, Ocean Beach Precinct


Chair, Fairlight Precinct


Chair, North Harbour Precinct