

Cabarita Wharf car park improvements

Community Consultation Report

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	Introduction

1 Executive summary

The NSW Government is improving the car park at Cabarita Wharf as part of the Transport Access Program – an initiative to deliver modern, safe and accessible transport infrastructure across the state.

Transport for NSW sought feedback on the proposed car park improvements during a consultation period from Monday 12 March to Monday 26 March 2018. The aim of the consultation was to obtain community feedback on the proposal to inform the addendum to the Review of Environmental Factors.

We received 17 comments on the proposal. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to consider our proposal and provide feedback.

2 Introduction

Work to upgrade Cabarita Wharf started in February 2018. Consultation on the review of Environmental Factors for the wharf upgrade was carried out in November and December 2017. As the area surrounding the car park was identified as an area of Aboriginal heritage significance an addendum to the Review of Environmental Factors that assesses the car park upgrade is being prepared. Consultation with Aboriginal community groups has started and will continue throughout the duration of the upgrade. The addendum to the Review of Environmental Factors will outline the details of the proposed upgrade, potential impacts and how these will be managed.

2.1 The proposal

Transport for NSW is proposing to upgrade the car park at Cabarita Wharf. The upgraded car park would provide 15 new car spaces, a new retaining wall and a new turning circle.

3 Consultation approach

3.1 Consultation objectives

The proposals preferred option was on display for community and stakeholder comment from Monday 12 March to Monday 26 March 2018.

The purpose of the community consultation was to:

- · inform community members about the car park upgrade
- seek comment, feedback and suggestions from the community on the upgrade
- continue to build a database of interested community members and stakeholders to continue to engage with as the proposal develops.

3.1.1 Method of consultation

There were a number of activities conducted during the consultation period to give the community and stakeholders a chance to learn more about the proposal and have their say.

Community members and stakeholders were encouraged to provide feedback, leave comments and make submissions via phone, email, or online.

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4 Consultation Summary

4.1 Overview

We received comments from 16 individuals and one community group. The comments we received have been summarised and responded to in the below table.

Matters Raised	Our Response
Additional disabled spots should be provided.	The upgraded car park will include an additional two disabled parking spaces. This means that the car park will provide four disabled parking spaces, which is above the requirement.
The spaces should not be too narrow.	The spaces will be compliant with Australian Standards. Generally, the width of each space will be 2.4 meters, which meets the current standard.
Motorbike parking should be provided.	The option of providing dedicated motorbike parking will be considered as we further refine the design.
Covered parking should be provided.	Covered parking will not be provided as part of the upgrade to the car park. Providing a cover would impact the urban and landscape designs of the foreshore and would also have an impact on the vegetation and mature trees surrounding the car park.
The upgrade should add more than just 15 additional spaces.	Modelling was carried out when developing the design for the car park at Cabarita. Patronage data demonstrated that there would be a demand for 44 spaces up to 2036. The upgraded car park will provide spaces for up to 50 cars, which exceeds future demand.
How much will the car park be extended into the park?	As the land surrounding the car park was identified as an area of Aboriginal heritage significance the final design will not be finalised until Aboriginal Heritage investigations have been finalised. One of the aims of the project is to provide a design that limits the loss of parkland and has minor visual impact. Once we have completed our heritage investigations we will be able to provide exact measurements.

An integrated approach is needed in the area. The car park should not be viewed in isolation and other key traffic flow and safety issues should be addressed.	In planning for both the Cabarita Wharf upgrade and the upgrade to the car park we considered all modes of transport in and around the wharf and car park area, current land use and user behaviour. We also identified and included key areas of improvement having regard to future demand, accessibility and safety.
Will aboriginal artefacts or knowledge of these areas be used as part an educational display/signage to inform visitors as to the importance of these areas in co-operation with local aboriginal groups.	An Aboriginal Heritage investigation is being carried out in and around the Cabarita car park. The result of the investigations will inform the car park design, layout and scope of work including any educational signage opportunities.
Educational litter signage should be provided.	Educational litter signage will not be provided as part of the upgrade to the car park. As Cabarita Park is under the care of the City of Canada Bay Council, we will pass this request on for their consideration.
More bins should be provided.	New rubbish bins are being provided on the new wharf as part of the Cabarita Wharf Upgrade. No bins will be provided in the car park.
Fishing line tubes for waste fishing lines should be provided.	As fishing is prohibited on the ferry wharf fishing line tubes will not be provided.
CCTVs should be installed in the car park to ensure safety and security.	CCTV cameras will not be installed as part of the upgrade to the car park. As part of the upgrade lighting will be installed around the car park area, which will increase safety for those using the car park in the dark.
Will additional trees be planted in Cabarita Park to make up for those that have to be removed to extend the car park?	Our environmental assessment for the car park upgrade will outline and assess the impacts to the existing trees and vegetation.
Trees should be planted around the car park to provide shade	Replacement plantings will occur following construction.
The current trees above the cark park should be trimmed.	The City of Canada Bay Council owns and maintains Cabarita Park. We will pass your comment about the trees needing to be trimmed on for their consideration.

When will construction of the car park start and how long will it take?

Timing for the car park upgrade is still to be confirmed as we are in the process of carrying out Aboriginal Heritage investigations in and around the car park.

The results of these investigations will inform the final design and program of works. We will continue to keep the community updated about the car park upgrade.

