



East Esplanade Public Amenities Upgrade

Community Engagement Report – December 2018

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1. Background

In response to actions identified in the recently adopted East Esplanade Landscape Masterplan and the East Esplanade Reserve Community Safety Management Plan, Northern Beaches Council is proposing to upgrade the public amenities building at East Esplanade Reserve.

A concept design was prepared proposing:

- four additional toilets (resulting in six in total)
- a change room including baby change facilities
- accessible amenity
- outdoor showers.

The concept was exhibited for community consultation from Friday 26 October until Sunday 25 November 2018. During this time a total of 66 submissions were received.

2. Engagement Objective

The engagement strategy defined the objective for this project was to raise awareness about the draft concept within the local community, site users and key stakeholders.



3. Engagement Approach

The engagement provided opportunities for the community to comment both online and in writing via email.

Council sought to understand the level of support and hear concerns on the draft concept design, through an online comment form. Engagement techniques included:

Stakeholder management

Northern Beaches Council staff spoke with reserve users and adjacent stakeholders to understand their needs.

Online

The Northern Beaches Council website and Your Say project page¹ provided the community with access to published documents including the concept design and frequently asked questions.

Promotional strategy

To ensure broad community awareness, and promote opportunities to comment on the project during the engagement period (26 October – 25 November 2018), notification was delivered via the following channels:

- email notification to stakeholder list – Community Engagement Register project specific
- direct mail out to property owners in the vicinity of East Esplanade Public Amenities.
- Manly Daily advertising - 27 October 2018
- onsite signage at East Esplanade Reserve
- online
 - via Council's website (northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au)
 - Your Say project page:
(https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/East_Esplanade_Amenities).

All notifications promoted the project was open for comment and information on how to Have Your Say.

4. Key Findings

During the 28 day engagement period 66 comments were received from residents and interested parties, received via Council's Have Your Say project page and written comments by email.

The overall response reflected support for the upgrade, with minor changes suggested to the plan, change themes included:

- inclusion of urinals
- objection to unisex amenities
- design elements.



Of these comments two opposed the proposal:

- expressing concerns over the area already being too busy, with no parking.

5. Evaluation and next steps

Comments will be reviewed and considered, and where possible implemented into the final design prior to proceeding to tender with the finalised plans.

Appendix I

Community comments

*The comments below are a snapshot of those received during the engagement process and not the full list of comments.

Community Comment
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 6 toilets is insufficient. I request a minimum of 8 female toilets and 4 male toilets + urinal. Your photo shows the crowds in this area. Ferry commuters will be using these toilets as the current wharf toilets lack security and cleanliness.2. Separate Male and Female toilets for safety reasons3. Good examples exist at the Artist Precinct at Mosman and the Armoury at Homebush4. Cleaners on site at busy periods
<p>Please amend the plan to include urinals. The toilets will be a mess without urinals available and many won't wait in line for a cubicle and will just urinate outside regardless. As a mother of boys, I feel qualified to please request that council includes urinals, as anything less will lead to an unhygienic mess. Thank you.</p> <p>Ps. Not sure about the unisex toilet idea either... it's asking for trouble.</p>
<p>The bulk and scale and overall size is too large for the area and encroaches too far along the wall and into the park</p>
<p>All good..... finally. A long time coming..... thanks.</p> <p>Had to smile with "possible re-location of juvenile Norfolk Island pine". I commented on the ridiculous position when it was first planted straight under the fig, but never received a response from Council as to why someone thought it was a good idea in the first place! I have been vindicated! :-)</p> <p>Not sure about the timber deck that has just been built under the fig in the centre of East Esplanade..... it will be a terrible mess when the fruit drop each year??</p>
<p>Please ensure there are enough toilets as this area is packed in hot weather.</p> <p>Also that amenities are open at night.</p>
<p>About time. Decent toilet facilities for this area are long overdue</p>
<p>I think it's great you're upgrading the toilets, and having more than 6 would be preferable. But I guess that's a question of space. Urinals however are a must! They would ease the demand on the toilets here.</p> <p>Thanks</p>
<p>I'm a long term resident on Wood street, this area is already way too crowded on the weekends. It's already a nice natural place. Please don't destroy this area. Also what about parking, it's almost impossible to get a park already.</p>
<p>I do not like unisex toilets. I hope a parents' room is planned.</p> <p>Thank you for this opportunity to comment.</p>

Appendix II Advertising and Promotion

Manly Daily News: 27 October 2018

East Esplanade, Manly - public amenities

We're proposing to extend the public amenities to include:

- Additional toilets
- Accessible facilities
- A change room including baby change facilities
- Outdoor showers

Comments close: Sun 25 Nov

Community Engagement Email 27 October 2018



Dear <NAME>

As a resident with a registered interest in Council projects, and in particular the East Esplanade Landscape Masterplan, we thought you'd be like to know about the proposed East Esplanade public amenities upgrade.

The concept design includes:

- accessible amenity
- additional unisex toilets
- change room with baby change facilities
- outdoor showers

[View the plans](#)

Have your say

- [Online](#)
- In writing to the CEO, Northern Beaches Council, PO Box 82, Manly NSW 1655, Marked 'East Esplanade public amenities upgrade'

Comments close Sunday 25 November 2018

If you wish to be removed from this particular project database, please let us know and we'll update our records.

For further information on the East Esplanade public amenities upgrade please visit our [project page](#).

Regards

Eliza Halsey

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East Esplanade public amenities

Upgrade concept plans

We're proposing an upgrade to the amenities block at East Esplanade Reserve which will include:

- four additional toilets
- a change room (including baby change facilities)
- accessible amenity
- outdoor showers

Full details and concept plans are available online.

Learn more and 'Have Your Say'

Online: northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

Enquiries: Senior Project Officer, Building Assets on 1300 434 434
Comments close Sunday 25 November 2018



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