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Submission – Opportunities Plan 2018

Preamble:

Cottesloe Foreshore is a unique place. It is known around the world because of photos that showcase Indiana. To the locals the Cottesloe pylon is a 'heritage' marker.

The *Opportunities Plan* is just that ... an opportunity Cottesloe Council is taking to establish a high quality re-vamp for car park 1. Cottesloe Council should not pull back into mediocrity because of costs. The benchmark for Cottesloe should be quality design and quality workmanship as is evident at the Esperance foreshore. Bespoke furniture is essential with practical limestone walls for seating, stainless steel fencing and limited but elegant signage that will provide an image that Cottesloe seeks to maintain. Therefore **Option C is the preferred option - \$1,194,875** - Include turf, trees (Norfolk Island pines trees), **bespoke furniture**, irrigation and lighting.

Cottesloe is BEACH. It is already a RECREATION AREA. There should be no need to include a multi-use sports court, water-play facilities and plaza areas that detract from the beach and an unspoiled environment.

Ratepayers generally are concerned by the *Opportunities Plan* mud-map that has little details and no costing. Supplementary parking is an obvious issue.

Opportunities Plan feedback:

- **Zone A** – Beach Interface Zone – presumably limestone terraces and lawn will remain as is. However, an improved view of the pylon and Rottnest when travelling west down John St would be welcome. (A stately pine tree to replace the rubbish bins?)
- **Zone B** – Elevated Community Seating Zone. There are no details on which to make an informed comment. 'Elevated' seating would appear to be unnecessary.
- **Zone C** – Passive recreation zone – presumably grassed area. Limestone seating around the base of Norfolk Island pine trees would enhance the area.
- **Zone D** – Central Community Gathering Space – what is the purpose of this? Residents do not want music, noise or entertainment in what is already a busy thoroughfare. Continue the passive recreation zone C into this area. People will gather informally as suits their needs. A designated gathering space appears unnecessary.
- **Zone E** – Active Recreation Zone – an unnecessary inclusion. Remove from plan.
- **Zone F** – Possible Reconsideration of Existing Chess Amphitheatre – the current rotunda is an important seating area, close to the existing play area. Its current size is an intimate area with uninterrupted views.

Further comments:

- **Possible On-street parking** as shown along Marine Pde should be short-term parking eg 'No Standing'/'Drop off only'.
- Consider **traffic calming** for Marine Pde to improve safety for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists. Encourage safer, more responsible driving and potentially reduce traffic flow.
- **Zone E** could become short-term parking (1 hr?)
- **Possible cycle access** as shown should be removed for safety reasons, as cyclist must be separated from pedestrian access.
- **Formal cycle access** as shown along Marine Pde (separated from pedestrians).
- What is envisaged for the three '**Nodal Point/Lookout**' areas? There is no need to provide formal lookouts. People walk and stop according to their own needs. Any formal structure is unnecessary. Keep the pathways open. **Remove Nodal Point lookouts** from the *Opportunities Plan*.
- **Alfresco seating** on Overton Gdns median strip is not supported by residents. Overton Gdns is a busy with traffic both sides of the median strip.

While capital costs may be relatively easy to establish, maintenance and whole of life costs are important factors to consider. Quality infrastructure must reflect the reputation Cottesloe already has as Perth's most popular beach. Off the shelf furniture is simply not acceptable.

In conclusion:

- Cottesloe is always buzzing with people who want to be part of the wide grassy lawns, the long stretch of white sandy beach, blue water and blue sky. Attracting people to Cottesloe is not difficult.
- Keep the vistas looking west open and clear of structures.
- Replicate the look and feel that is south of Indiana with a similar look and feel north of Indiana – strategically placed Norfolk Island pine trees, grassed areas.
- Less is more – do not clutter the area with frenetic activity.

The *Opportunities Plan* mud-map offers little substance on which to make informed comments. Cottesloe Residents and Ratepayers are anticipating further community consultation will take place when plans are refined and detailed costs are applied.

