

Brooklyn Community Association



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Dear Mr Head

Re: Brooklyn Place Plan Process _ Survey Results

The Brooklyn Community Association (BCA) executive would like to convey our thanks for the significant amount of work that Council has undertaken to develop the Brooklyn Place Plan Discussions Paper(s) and collate the survey results, and the spirit of collaboration that Council has shown throughout this process. Please pass on our thanks to all the members of your team who have assisted in achieving this significant milestone towards the Brooklyn Place Plan. We would like to make special acknowledgement of the professional way in which Julia Morton and David Johnson have guided the process to date and communicated with the communities.

Following our discussions yesterday with Julia Morton, David Johnson and Louise Gee, we would like to request that the upcoming report to Council includes a recognition that there is no acknowledgment in the Guiding Principles of Brooklyn “as a location for those people who have chosen to make Brooklyn their home” as the primary principle. We know from comments from residents that this is a significant deficiency in the Principles, and that many respondents to the survey were guided only by those Principles listed as the mechanism did not make it easy to add additional items.

From Brooklyn resident’s and the collaborating Associations’ viewpoints, we disagree with Helen Christensen’s statement that “The focus isn’t firmly agreed between the associations and Council – car parking or Brooklyn place?” The community’s focus is clear and unequivocal. Parking must be addressed before other issues.

Together with Council and Dangar Island League (DIL), we look forward to continuing our collaborative approach to seeking resolution to the decades old problem of lack of suitable parking options in and around the Brooklyn village and waterfront areas.

Through the ongoing Place Plan process, the Brooklyn community welcomes the opportunity to create a more liveable town centre and waterfront village atmosphere, productive and sustainable Brooklyn businesses while respecting and protecting its unique natural environment and celebrating its rich heritage.

We sincerely thank you and your team for your support to date.

Kind regards

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