

SUBMISSION TO THE ENVIRONMENT, PARKS AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

1. **FILE NUMBER**

CA20/938099

2. **TITLE**

Petition requesting a new skate park be built in Runcorn

3. **ISSUE/PURPOSE**

To respond to a petition requesting a new skate park be built in Runcorn.

4. **PROPONENT**

Andrea Kenafake, Divisional Manager, City Planning and Sustainability

5. **SUBMISSION PREPARED BY**

Sue Baker, Program Officer Community Initiatives, Parks Policy and Planning, Parks and Natural Resources, Natural Environment, Water and Sustainability, City Planning and Sustainability

6. **FOR RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL**

For recommendation to Council

7. **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the information in this submission be noted and the draft response, as set out in Attachment A, be sent to the head petitioner.



**Andrea Kenafake
DIVISIONAL MANAGER
CITY PLANNING AND
SUSTAINABILITY**



**Councillor Fiona Cunningham
CHAIR
ENVIRONMENT, PARKS AND
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

8. **BACKGROUND**

A petition containing 26 signatures requesting a new skate park be built in Runcorn was presented to Council at its meeting of 1 September 2020 by Councillor Kim Marx, Councillor for Runcorn Ward.

Council is committed to establishing and maintaining a diverse network of quality facilities that meet the needs of the broader skate, scooter and BMX community. Council currently has a network of more than 35 skate facilities within Council parks, and is aware that skate parks are very popular with the community. New skate facilities are planned according to citywide priorities, based on a hierarchy of facility scales and types, ranging from single skateable elements along existing pathways, through to larger skate facilities catering to a diverse range of users. Council's existing skate facilities are intended as active recreation facilities and are for the use and enjoyment of the broader community.

The Infrastructure Design Planning Scheme Policy in *Brisbane City Plan 2014* states Council's desire to provide district skateboarding and BMX facilities within three to five kilometres of most residences. There are existing skate facilities in suburbs neighbouring Runcorn, namely Kuraby Skate Park in Wally Tate Park, Kuraby, and Sunnybank Bowl in Les Atkinson Park, Sunnybank. These facilities ensure that all residents of Runcorn are within three kilometres of an existing skate park.

The development of a skate facility in Runcorn is not a priority for Council at this time. However, there may be an opportunity in the future for the establishment of a skate facility in the general area, depending on considerations including funding allocation and ability to locate an appropriate site. The request for a skate facility in Runcorn will be considered as part of any future plans to expand the network of skate facilities in Brisbane.

It is recommended that the information in this submission be noted and the draft response, as set out in Attachment A, be sent to the head petitioner.

9. **FUNDING**

Not applicable

10. **CONSULTATION**

Councillor Kim Marx, Councillor for Runcorn Ward, was consulted and supports the recommendation.

11. **CUSTOMER IMPACT**

Nil

12. **OPTIONS**

Option 1 – Approve the recommendation

Option 2 – Do not approve the recommendation

(Option 1 is the preferred option)

NB: If the officer's recommendation is not followed, then the reasons for departure from that recommendation should be recorded here.

Attachment A
Draft Response

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While Council acknowledges your interest in the development of a skate facility in Runcorn, I can advise this is not a strategic priority for Council at this time. However, there may be an opportunity in the future for the establishment of a skate facility in the general area depending on considerations such as funding allocation and the ability to locate an appropriate site. Your request will be considered as part of any future plans to expand the network of skate facilities in Brisbane.

The above information will be forwarded to the other petitioners via email.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Ms Sue Baker, Program Officer Community Initiatives, Parks Policy and Planning, Parks and Natural Resources, Natural Environment, Water and Sustainability, City Planning and Sustainability, on (07) 3403 9523.

Thank you for raising this matter.