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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the developments of the Portable Skateboard ramps requested by West Spreydon School last year.

Legal advice about the health and safety requirements was sought and the report is attached. The cost of this legal advice from Buddle Findlay came to \$800.

The Board requested that staff ascertain the demand for portable skateboard ramps by all Spreydon Heathcote schools before allocating money toward the project. A covering letter and brief survey was sent out, and of the 12 surveys returned only West Spreydon School and Glenelg Health Camp School were interested in using a portable skateboard ramp. The main reason for this lack of interest was the health and safety requirements (see attached covering letter).

Currently the Leisure Unit in conjunction with the Parks Unit are developing a metropolitan strategy to guide skateboard provision. The strategy will look at needs across the City and make recommendations to Community Boards in June or July this year. Portable ramps may well come into the provision picture as a short term or a re-locatable resource. If this is the case a more portable ramp model could be investigated which would subsequently reduce the Health and Safety requirements of schools which in turn could affect demand.

All community feedback regarding skateboarding in Spreydon Heathcote will be fed into the Leisure Unit to assist in the development of this strategy.

Recommendation: That the Board defer consideration of the West Spreydon School request pending development of a metropolitan strategy.