

8. DRAFT SKATEBOARDING, IN-LINE SKATING AND FREE STYLE BMX CYCLING STRATEGY

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The purpose of this report is to report back to the Board the comments made by members of a sub-committee appointed by the Board to offer comments on the Draft Skateboarding, In-line Skating and Free Style BMX Cycling Strategy.

Board members will recall that this matter came before the Board at its meeting on 1 December 1999 and that a subcommittee of Aaron O'Brien, Erin Baker and Liz McRostie was appointed to consider this matter and to present comments on behalf of the Community Board.

The subcommittee members offer the following comments:

1. Time scale

The time scale offered was too short. It is recommended that a time scale of at least six weeks is needed to provide enough time for consultation between elected members, staff and the community.

2. Methodology

- Wider consultation should have included Community Board input at an earlier stage.
- The Hagley Park Management Plan is not mentioned. This document would be worth consulting and cross checking with the information contained in the Draft Skateboarding, In-line Skating and Freestyle BMX Cycling Strategy.

3. Considerations in Designing Skatepark

- Adequate skate proof facility for spectators should be considered. This would cater for families and general public.
- Adequate entry and exit off skate facility for skaters waiting to use the area.

Recommendation: That these comments and any additional comments that Board members may wish to offer be forwarded for consideration by the Skateboarding, In-line Skating and Freestyle BMX Cycling Strategy Steering Group.

Chairman's Recommendation: For discussion.