



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COVERSHEET

The following information is provided pursuant to section 28 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016*.

FOI reference: 21-123

Information to be published	Status
1. Access application	Published
2. Decision notice and schedule	Published
3. Documents	Published
4. Additional information identified	n/a
5. Fees	waived
6. Processing time (in working days)	20 days
7. Decision made by Ombudsman	n/a
8. Additional information identified by Ombudsman	n/a
9. Decision made by ACAT	n/a
10. Additional information identified by ACAT	n/a

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [TCCS\\_FreedomOfInformation](#)  
**Subject:** FOI Request  
**Date:** Tuesday, 16 November 2021 9:50:50 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Good morning,

**RE: FOI REQUEST COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SOUTHERN MEMORIAL PARK DEVELOPMENT**

I write to request under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* any documentation related community feedback given regarding the Southern Memorial Park Development.

I ask that my request be transferred to other entities that may hold relevant documents.

Duplicate documents may be excluded.

Should you require any further information or clarification about my request, please contact my office on [REDACTED].

Kind regards,

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**ACT**  
Government

Transport Canberra and  
City Services



Dear 

### **Freedom of Information Request - Reference 21-123**

I refer to your application for access to government information received by Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) on 16 November 2021 under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (FOI Act). It is my understanding that you are seeking access to the following government information:

*"Any documentation related community feedback given regarding the Southern Memorial Park Development."*

A decision is due on your application by 14 December 2021.

#### **Authority**

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General under section 18 of the Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the FOI Act.

#### **Decision on access**

In accordance with the FOI Act, a search was conducted of records held by TCCS. This search identified 25 records (103 pages) as relevant to your request. These records are detailed in the schedule at [Attachment B](#).

In reviewing the information within these documents, I have decided to provide you with partial access to these records. This is because some of the information is outside of the scope of your request.

My decision is detailed in the below statement of reasons.

#### **Statement of Reasons**

In making my decision on disclosing government information, I must identify all relevant factors in schedule 2 of the FOI Act and determine, on balance, where the public interest lies. In reaching my access decision, I have taken the following into account:

**Factors favouring disclosure in the public interest (Schedule 2, Section 2.1)**

- Schedule 2.1(a)(i) - promote open discussion of public affairs and enhance the government's accountability;
- Schedule 2.1(a)(ii) - contribute to positive and informed debate on important issues or matters of public interest;
- Schedule 2.1(a)(iii) - inform the community of the government's operations, including the policies, guidelines and codes of conduct followed by the government in its dealings with members of the community;
- Schedule 2.1(a)(iv) - ensure effective oversight of expenditure of public funds; and
- Schedule 2.1(a)(viii) - reveal the reason for a government decision and any background or contextual information that informed the decision.

**Factors favouring non-disclosure (Schedule 2, Section 2.2)**

- Schedule 2.2(a)(ii) - prejudice the protection of an individual's right to privacy or any other right under the *Human Rights Act 2016*.

I consider that it is in the public interest to release most of this information found to be relevant to your application. However, in some instances, I have found disclosure of some information to be contrary to the public interest; specifically personal information relating to third parties.

Personal information means information or an opinion whether true or not about an individual whose identity is apparent or can be ascertained from the information or opinion. The *Information Privacy Act 2014* prescribes how government collects, uses, shares, and stores this information.

I have considered the reason that TCCS has come into the possession of the personal or sensitive information together with the Territory Privacy Principles. As a general rule an agency that holds personal or sensitive information about an individual that has been collected for a particular purpose must not disclose the information to a third party without consent (*Information Privacy Act 2014* - Territory Privacy Principle 6).

I have further found that disclosing this information is likely to prejudice an individual's right to privacy or any other right under the *Human Rights Act 2004*, particularly as the information is not otherwise readily available to the public. In this instance I have found that, on balance, the disclosure of the personal or sensitive information is contrary to the public interest.

**Charges**

In accordance with section 107 of the FOI Act, no fee is applicable as you are a member of the ACT Legislative Assembly.

**Online publishing – disclosure log**

Under section 28 of the Act, TCCS maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Your original access application, my decision and documents

will be published in the TCCS disclosure between 3 – 10 business days from the date of this decision.

Your personal contact details will not be published. You may view the TCCS' disclosure log at <https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/about-us/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log>.

**Ombudsman review**

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the Act. You have the right to seek an Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is published in TCCS' disclosure log or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

If you wish to request a review of my decision, you may write to the Ombudsman at:

The ACT Ombudsman  
GPO Box 442  
CANBERRA ACT 2601  
Via email: [actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au](mailto:actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au)

**ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) review**

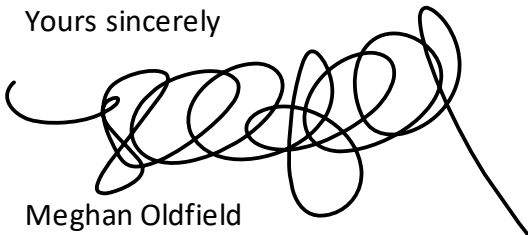
Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under section 82 on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision.

Further information may be obtained from ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal  
Level 4, 1 Moore Street  
GPO Box 370  
CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601  
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740  
[www.acat.act.gov.au](http://www.acat.act.gov.au)

If you have any queries concerning the directorate's processing of your request, or would like further information, please contact the TCCS FOI team on (02) 6207 2987 or email to [tccs.foi@act.gov.au](mailto:tccs.foi@act.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



Meghan Oldfield  
Information Officer

14 December 2021

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST SCHEDULE

Please be aware that under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016*, some of the information provided to you will be released to the public through the ACT Government's Open Access Scheme. The Open Access release status column of the table below indicates what documents are intended for release online through open access.

Personal information or business affairs information will not be made available under this policy. If you think the content of your request would contain such information, please inform the contact officer immediately.

Information about what is published on open access is available online at: [https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/about-us/freedom\\_of\\_information/disclosure-log](https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/about-us/freedom_of_information/disclosure-log)

### Factors favouring non-disclosure:

Schedule 2.2(a)(ii) - prejudice the protection of an individual's right to privacy or any other right under the *Human Rights Act 2016*.

Reference Number	Description
<b>21-123</b>	Community feedback given regarding the Southern Memorial Park Development

Folio number	Reference number	Page number	Description	Date	Status	Reason for non-release or deferral	Open Access release status
1	1	1 - 23	Southern Memorial Park - consultation feedback summary	23 November 2021	Partial access	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)	Information disclosed will be published on the <a href="#">TCCS Disclosure Log</a> with the applicant's personal information redacted.
	2	24	Email - Southern Memorial Park	15 April 2021	Partial access	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)	
	3	25	Email - Alternative options at the Southern Memorial Park	19 April 2021	Partial access	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)	

<b>4</b>	<b>26</b>	Email - Southern Memorial Park	19 April 2021	Partial access	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)
<b>5</b>	<b>27</b>	Email - Southern Memorial Park	22 April 2021	Partial access	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)
<b>6</b>	<b>28 – 38</b>	Email - Have Your Say comments on Southern Memorial Park masterplan	3 May 2021	Partial access	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)
<b>7</b>	<b>39</b>	Drop-In_Tugg#1 (2).docx	6 May 2021	Partial access	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)
<b>8</b>	<b>40</b>	Drop-In_Woden#1	8 May 2021	Partial access	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)
<b>9</b>	<b>41</b>	Email - Southern Memorial Park	12 May 2021	Partial access	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)
<b>10</b>	<b>42</b>	Email - Southern Memorial Park	18 May 2021	Partial access	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)
<b>11</b>	<b>43 - 44</b>	Drop-In_Woden#2	20 May 2021	Partial access	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)
<b>12</b>	<b>45</b>	Drop-In_Tugg#2_Summary	22 May 2021	Partial access	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)
<b>13</b>	<b>46 – 47</b>	Drop-In_Weston.Creek#1	22 May 2021	Partial access	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)
<b>14</b>	<b>48 – 51</b>	Email - WCCC comments for Southern Memorial Park	31 May 2021	Partial access	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)
<b>15</b>	<b>52</b>	Drop-In_Weston.Creek#2.docx	3 June 2021	Partial access	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)
<b>16</b>	<b>53</b>	Email - Feedback on Southern Memorial Park	5 June 2021	Partial access	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)
<b>17</b>	<b>54</b>	Email - Memorial Park	6 June 2021	Partial access	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)
<b>18</b>	<b>55</b>	Email - Southern Memorial Park	6 June 2021		

	19	56 - 62	Email - Proposed Southern Memorial Park and Crematorium Draft Masterplan (Have YourSay)	7 June 2021	Partial access	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)	
	20	63 – 64	Email - Southern Memorial Park submission AF_	7 June 2021	Partial access	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)	
	21	65 - 68	Email - FW_ Southern Memorial Park Submission by Tuggeranong Community Council	14 June 2021	Partial access	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)	
	22	69	Email - Feedback on Mugga Cemetery	16 September 2021	Partial access	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)	
2	23	-	YourSay – Southern Memorial Park consultation data	24 November 2021	Partial access	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)	
3	24	1 - 31	Southern Memorial Park Masterplan Review, Engagement Report	December 2021	Full access	Not applicable	
4	25	1-3	Southern Memorial Park, Listening Report	December 2021	Full access	Not applicable	
Total number of documents: 25							

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Southern Memorial Park - have your say!  
[Southern Memorial Park](#)

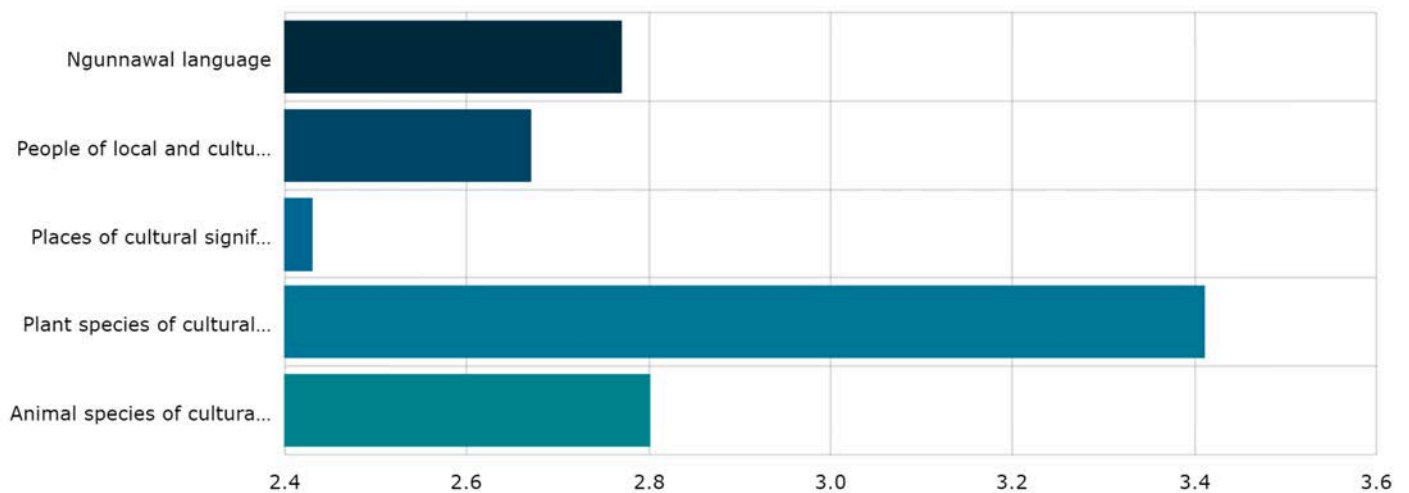
113  
Contributors

122  
Contributions

## Contribution summary

1. Please prioritise each of the below into the right column with the theme you feel strongest about at the top.

Ranking | Skipped: 11 | Answered: 111 (91%)



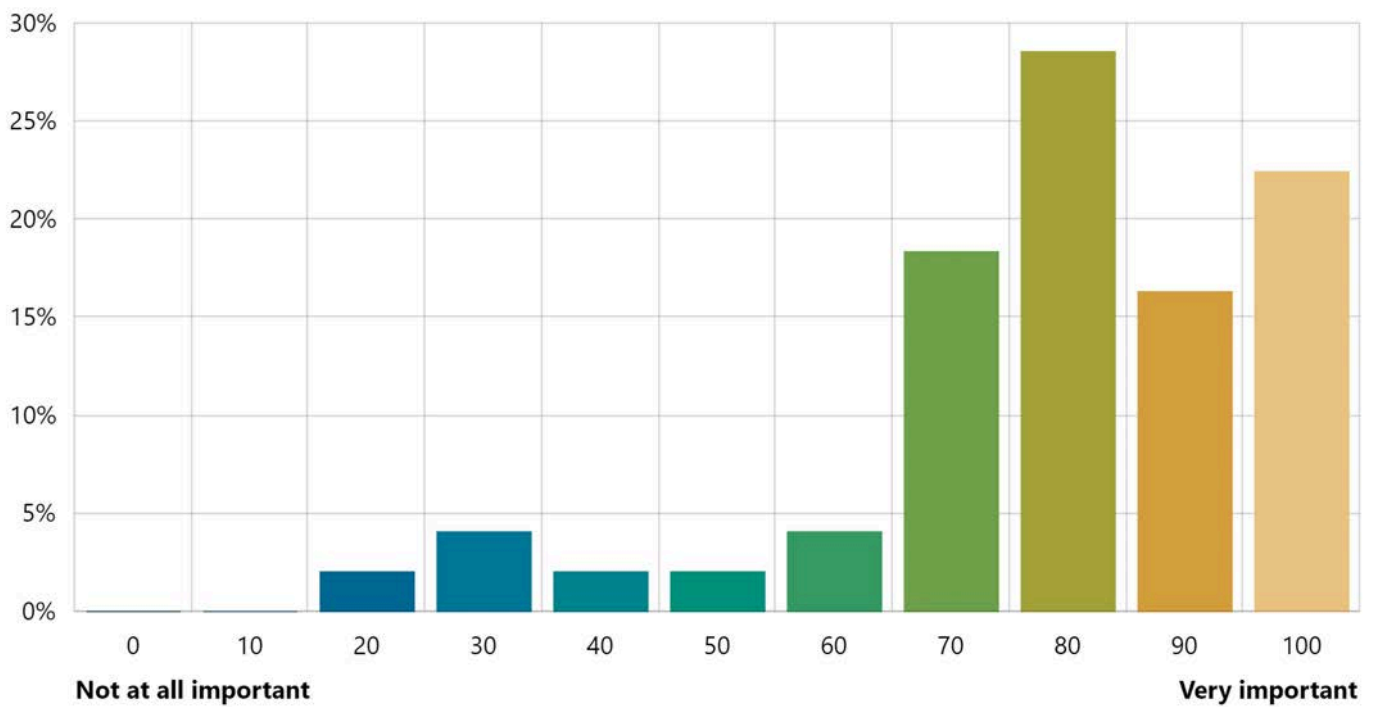
	1	2	3	4	5	Count	Score	Avg Rank
Ngunnawal language	35.64% 36	6.93% 7	12.87% 13	15.84% 16	28.71% 29	101	2.77	2.95
People of local and cultural significance	20.39% 21	16.50% 17	19.42% 20	17.48% 18	26.21% 27	103	2.67	3.13
Places of cultural significance	8.00% 8	19.00% 19	25.00% 25	31.00% 31	17.00% 17	100	2.43	3.30
Plant species of cultural significance	28.57% 30	33.33% 35	17.14% 18	12.38% 13	8.57% 9	105	3.41	2.39
Animal species of cultural significance	15.53% 16	24.27% 25	23.30% 24	20.39% 21	16.50% 17	103	2.80	2.98

Score - Sum of the weight of each ranked position multiplied by the response count for the position choice divided by the total contributions. Weights are inverse to ranked positions

Avg Rank - Sum of the ranked position of the choice multiplied by the response count for the position choice divided by the total 'Count' of the choice

## 2. How important is a high-quality visitor experience to you?

Slider | Skipped: 73 | Answered: 49 (40.2%)

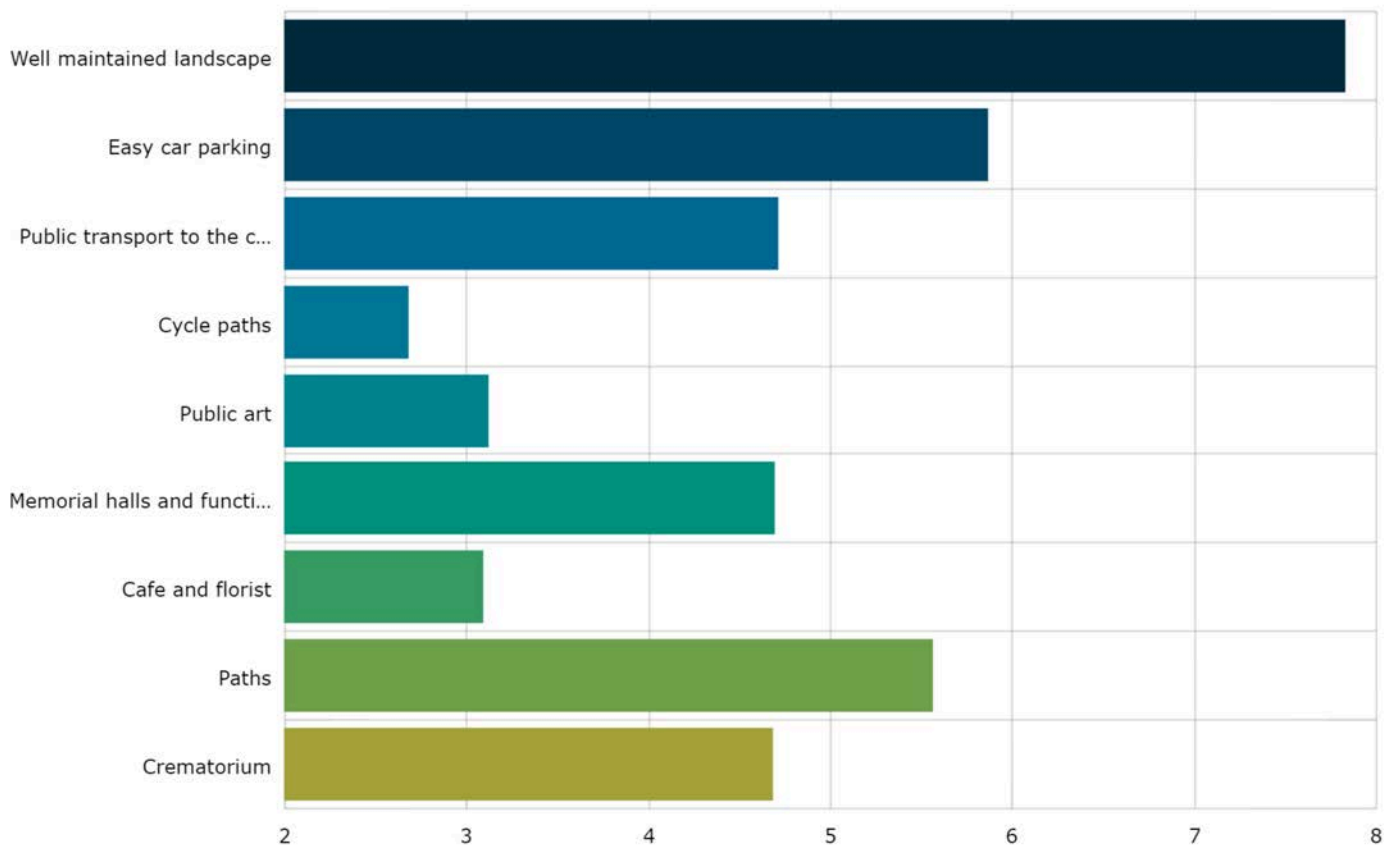


Count	Average	Med an	M n	Max
49	78.78	80.00	20	100

0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
0%	0%	2.04%	4.08%	2.04%	2.04%	4.08%	18.37%	28.57%	16.33%	22.45%
0	0	1	2	1	1	2	9	14	8	11

### 3. What elements will help create a high-quality visitor experience? Required

Ranking | Skipped: 3 | Answered: 119 (97.5%)



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Count	Score	Avg Rank
Well maintained landscape	55.93% 66	14.41% 17	7.63% 9	11.86% 14	6.78% 8	2.54% 3	0% 0	0.85% 1	0% 0	118	7.82	2.11
Easy car parking	9.91% 11	25.23% 28	18.92% 21	16.22% 18	11.71% 13	7.21% 8	2.70% 3	3.60% 4	4.50% 5	111	5.86	3.72
Public transport to the cemetery	9.26% 10	5.56% 6	17.59% 19	13.89% 15	15.74% 17	12.96% 14	9.26% 10	10.19% 11	5.56% 6	108	4.71	4.81
Cycle paths	1.02% 1	7.14% 7	5.10% 5	3.06% 3	9.18% 9	11.22% 11	17.35% 17	15.31% 15	30.61% 30	98	2.67	6.76
Public art	0.97% 1	5.83% 6	5.83% 6	8.74% 9	10.68% 11	9.71% 10	18.45% 19	23.30% 24	16.50% 17	103	3.11	6.41

Memorial halls and function halls	5.71% 6	15.24% 16	14.29% 15	13.33% 14	11.43% 12	16.19% 17	12.38% 13	7.62% 8	3.81% 4	105	4.69	4.69
Cafe and florist	1.89% 2	2.83% 3	8.49% 9	5.66% 6	9.43% 10	11.32% 12	17.92% 19	24.53% 26	17.92% 19	106	3.08	6.54
Paths	5.41% 6	18.02% 20	18.02% 20	19.82% 22	14.41% 16	15.32% 17	8.11% 9	0% 0	0.90% 1	111	5.56	4.04
Crema torium	15.38% 16	14.42% 15	11.54% 12	9.62% 10	10.58% 11	8.65% 9	8.65% 9	8.65% 9	12.50% 13	104	4.68	4.64

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Avg Rank - Sum of the ranked position of the choice multiplied by the response count for the position choice divided by the total 'Count' of the choice.

4. Please detail below any additional element/s you think would help create a high-quality visitor experience: Required  
Short Text | Skipped: 61 | Answered: 61 (50%)

Sentiment

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Tags

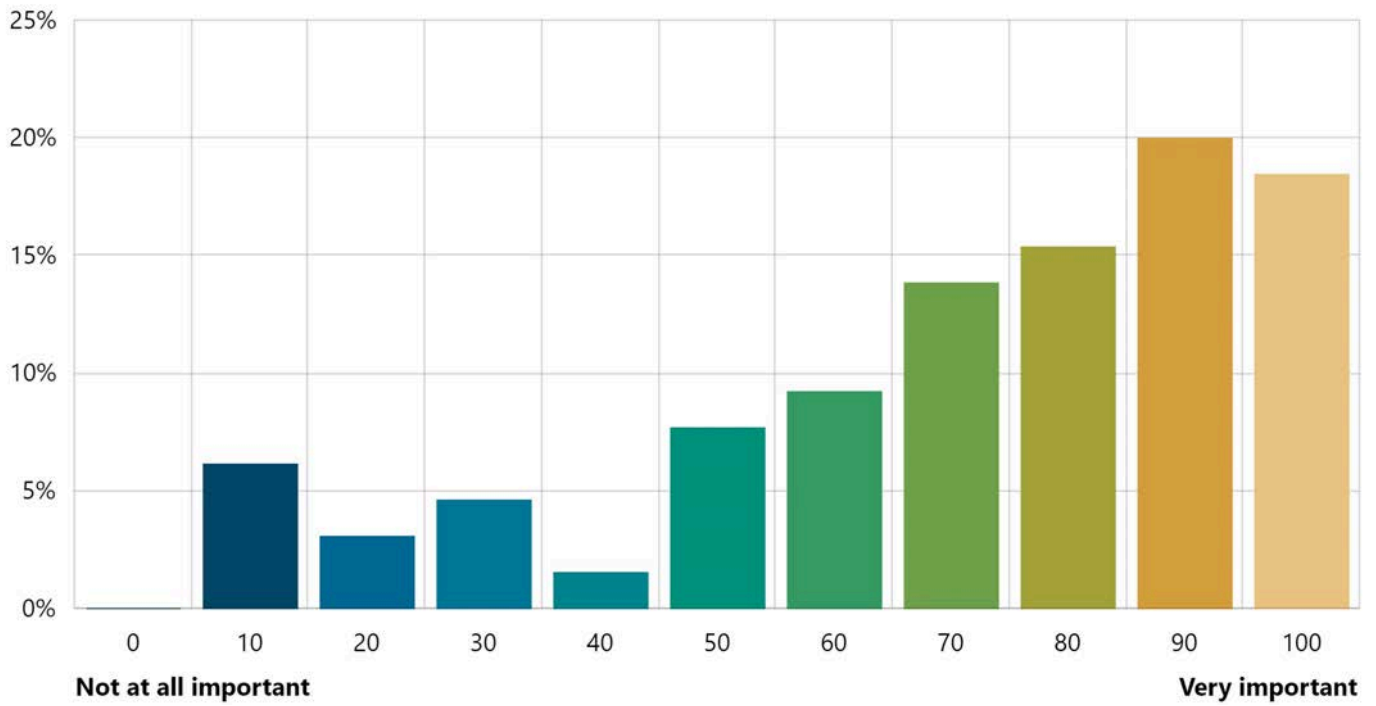
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Featured Contributions

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5. How important is engaging with the community to you?

Slider | Skipped: 57 | Answered: 65 (53.3%)

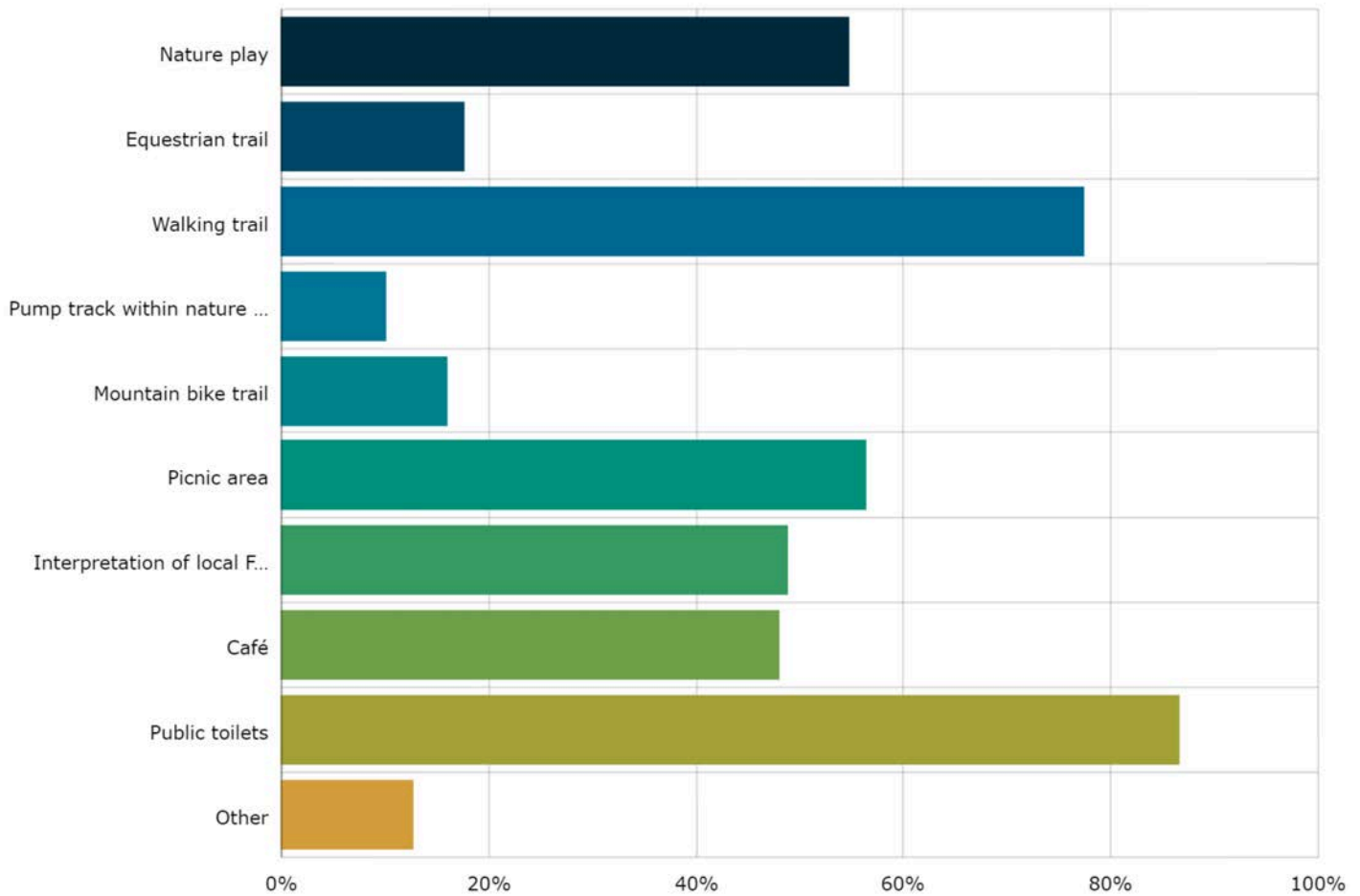


Count	Average	Med an	M n	Max
65	71.08	80.00	10	100

0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
0%	6.15%	3.08%	4.62%	1.54%	7.69%	9.23%	13.85%	15.38%	20.00%	18.46%
0	4	2	3	1	5	6	9	10	13	12

6. As part of a commitment to encourage the local community to use the Southern Memorial Park, which kind of recreational activities would you like to see incorporated? Required

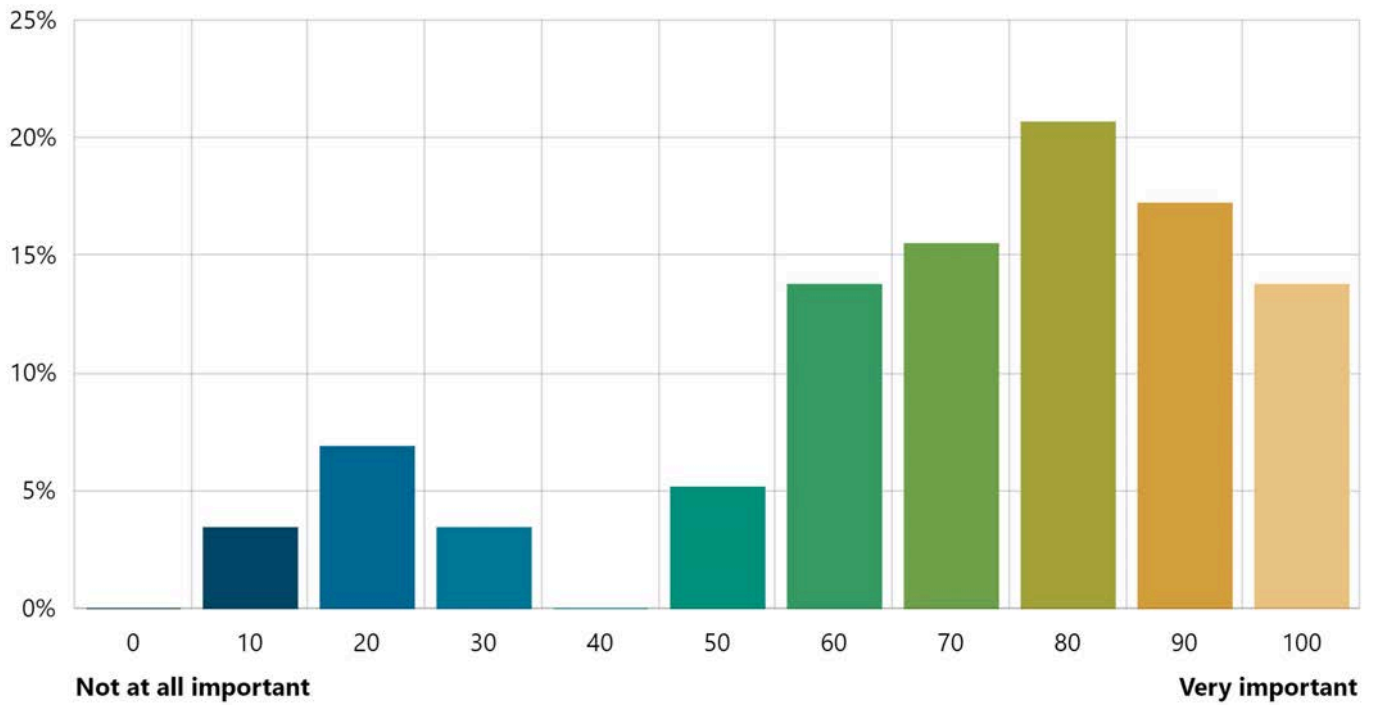
Multi Choice | Skipped: 3 | Answered: 119 (97.5%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Nature play	54.62%	65
Equestrian trail	17.65%	21
Walking trail	77.31%	92
Pump track within nature play	10.08%	12
Mountain bike trail	15.97%	19
Picnic area	56.30%	67
Interpretation of local First Nation heritage and cultural	48.74%	58
Café	47.90%	57
Public toilets	86.55%	103
Other	12.61%	15

7. How important is reflecting the chosen site and its cultural history to you?

Slider | Skipped: 64 | Answered: 58 (47.5%)

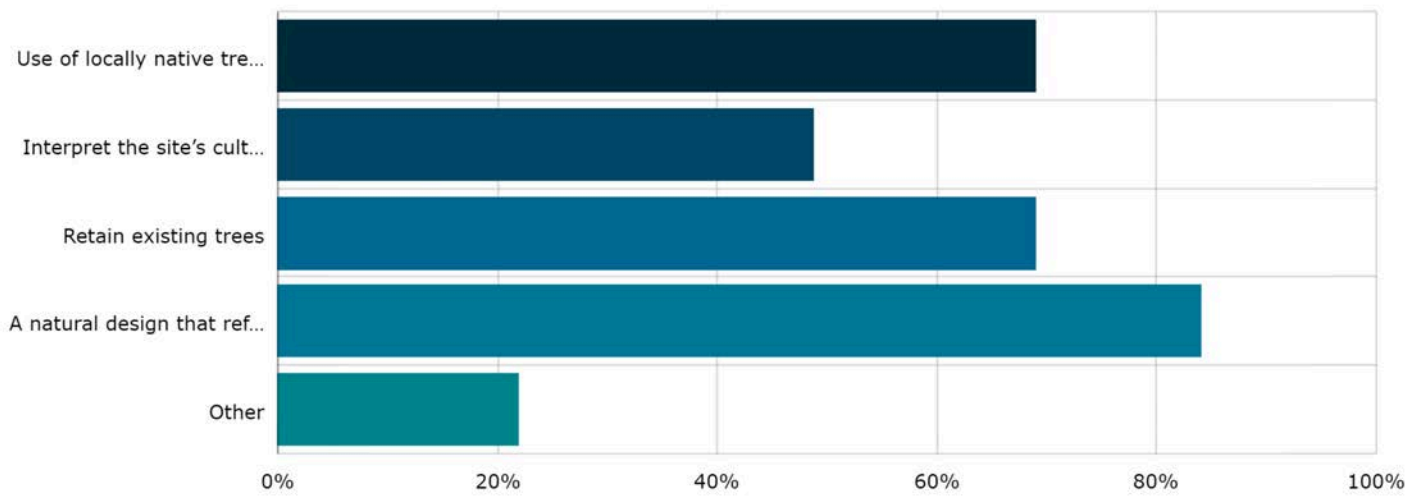


Count	Average	Med an	M n	Max
58	70.34	80.00	10	100

0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
0%	3.45%	6.90%	3.45%	0%	5.17%	13.79%	15.52%	20.69%	17.24%	13.79%
0	2	4	2	0	3	8	9	12	10	8

### 8. What elements are important to create a 'Bush Cemetery' for the 'Bush Capital'? Required

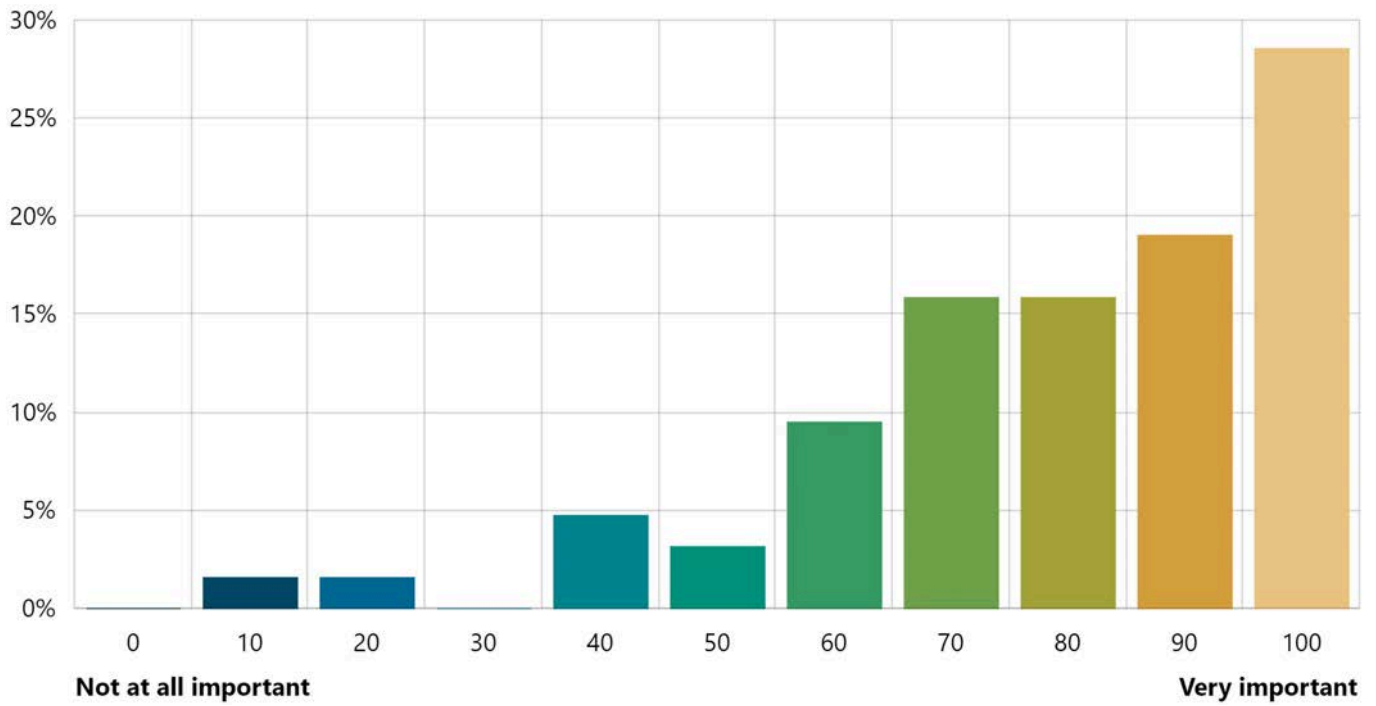
Multi Choice | Skipped: 3 | Answered: 119 (97.5%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Use of locally native trees and plants exclusively	68.91%	82
Interpret the site's cultural history	48.74%	58
Retain existing trees	68.91%	82
A natural design that reflects the layout of the land	84.03%	100
Other	21.85%	26

9. How important is developing a memorial park for the future to you?

Slider | Skipped: 59 | Answered: 63 (51.6%)

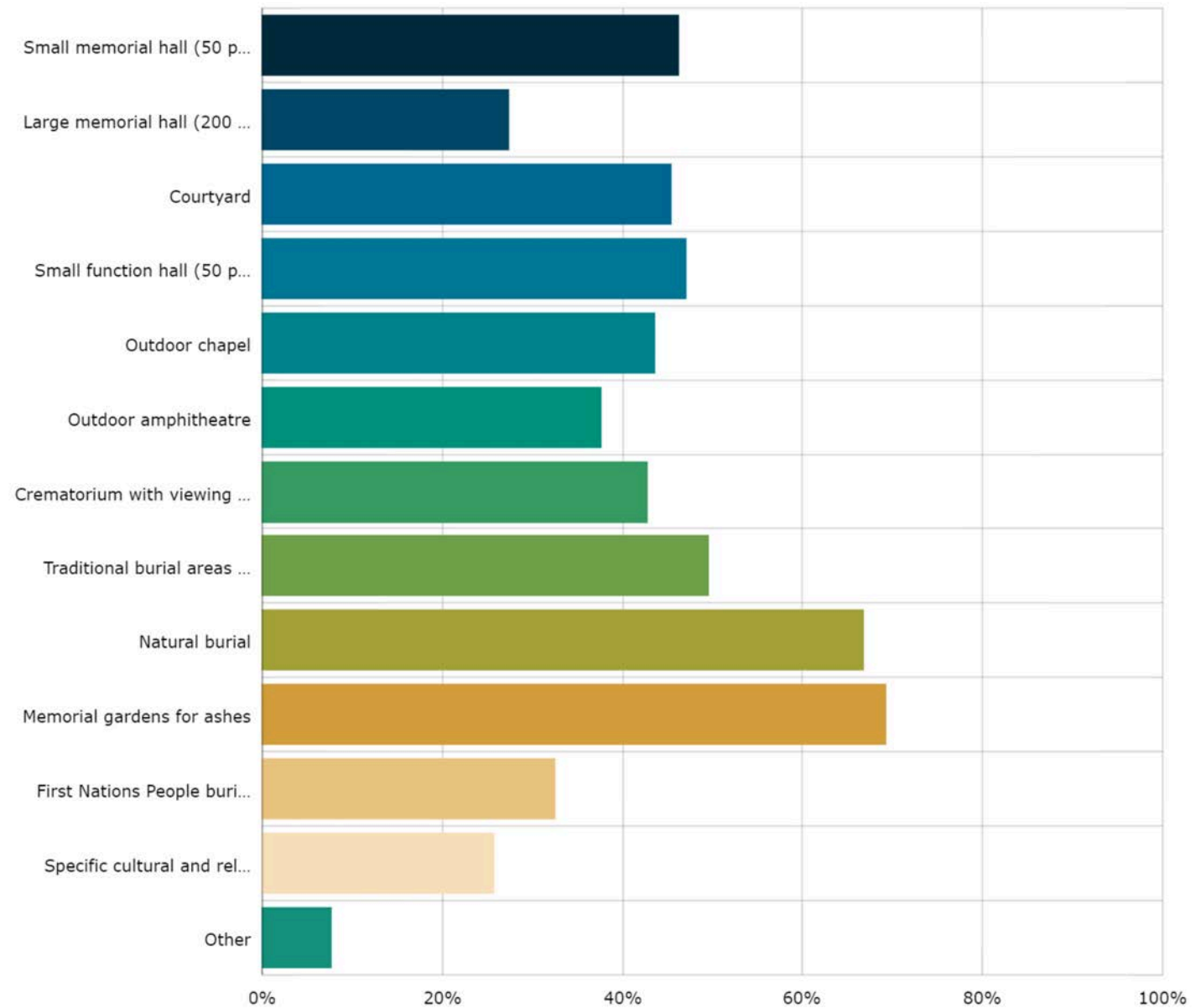


Count	Average	Med an	M n	Max
63	79.21	80.00	10	100

0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
0%	1.59%	1.59%	0%	4.76%	3.17%	9.52%	15.87%	15.87%	19.05%	28.57%
0	1	1	0	3	2	6	10	10	12	18

10. Which of the different proposed facilities and amenities will suit your personal interment rites and traditions? Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 5 | Answered: 117 (95.9%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Small memorial hall (50 people)	46.15%	54
Large memorial hall (200 people) with additional overflow space	27.35%	32
Courtyard	45.30%	53
Small function hall (50 people) and large function hall (200 people) that can be combined into one large space (250 people)	47.01%	55
Outdoor chapel	43.59%	51
Outdoor amphitheatre	37.61%	44

Crematorium with viewing room	42.74%	50
Traditional burial areas – memorial, and lawn graves	49.57%	58
Natural burial	66.67%	78
Memorial gardens for ashes	69.23%	81
First Nations People burial area	32.48%	38
Specific cultural and religious burial areas	25.64%	30
Other	7.69%	9

11. If you selected 'Specific cultural and religious burial areas' in the previous question, please provide more details.

Short Text | Skipped: 93 | Answered: 29 (23.8%)

Sentiment

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Tags

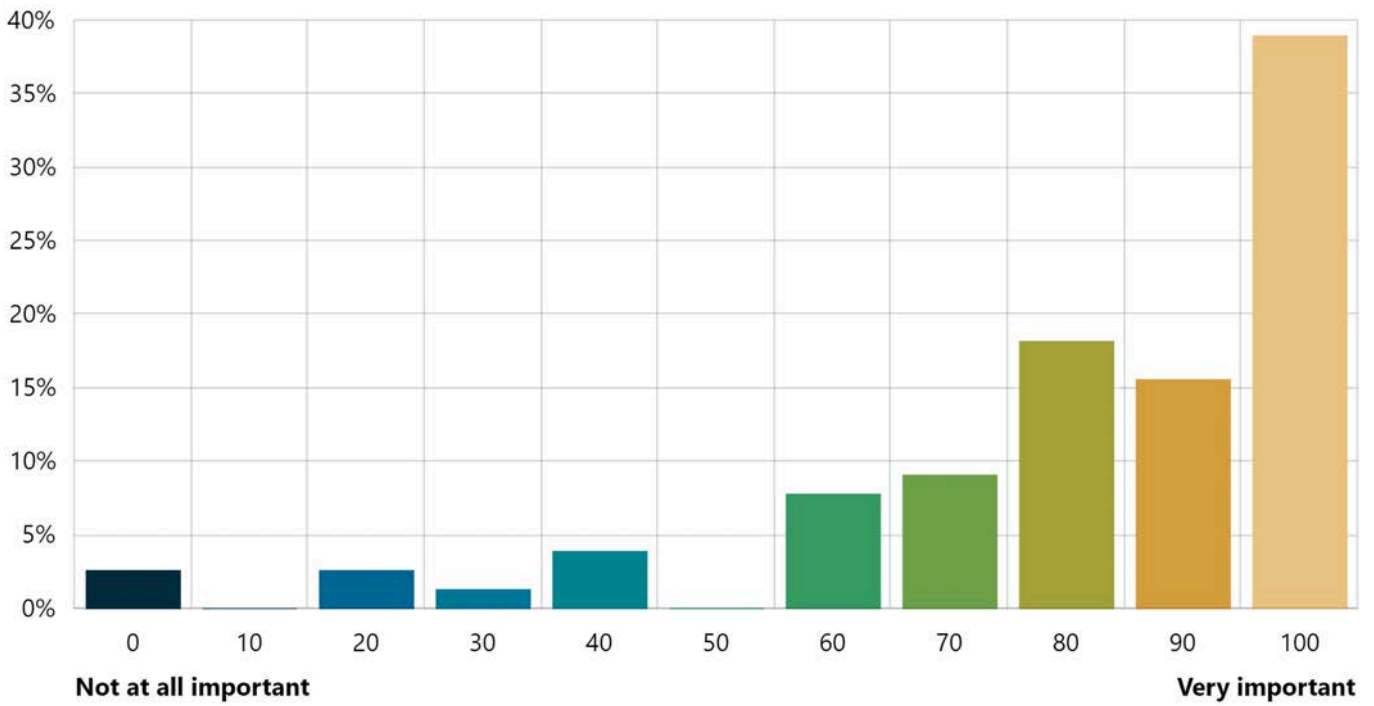
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12. How important is restoring the natural landscape and showcasing sustainability to you?

Slider | Skipped: 45 | Answered: 77 (63.1%)

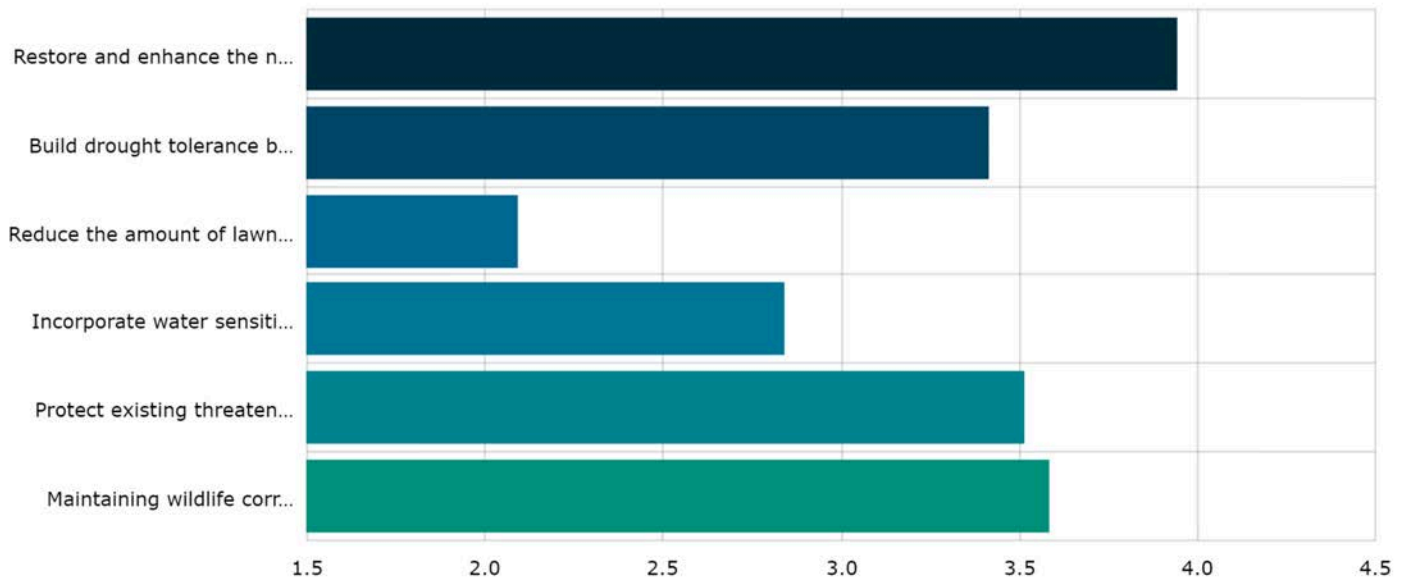


Count	Average	Med an	M n	Max
77	81.04	90.00	0	100

0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
2.60%	0%	2.60%	1.30%	3.90%	0%	7.79%	9.09%	18.18%	15.58%	38.96%
2	0	2	1	3	0	6	7	14	12	30

### 13. How do you believe this could best be achieved? Required

Ranking | Skipped: 3 | Answered: 119 (97.5%)



	1	2	3	4	5	6	Count	Score	Avg Rank
Restore and enhance the natural waterways	31.48% 34	19.44% 21	17.59% 19	17.59% 19	11.11% 12	2.78% 3	108	3.94	2.66
Build drought tolerance by using native plants	17.92% 19	19.81% 21	18.87% 20	20.75% 22	16.04% 17	6.60% 7	106	3.41	3.17
Reduce the amount of lawn used in the burial areas	13.40% 13	5.15% 5	10.31% 10	10.31% 10	17.53% 17	43.30% 42	97	2.09	4.43
Incorporate water sensitive urban design (WSUD) across the site	8.33% 9	18.52% 20	13.89% 15	18.52% 20	18.52% 20	22.22% 24	108	2.84	3.87
Protect existing threatened local native	25.00% 26	18.27% 19	22.12% 23	10.58% 11	16.35% 17	7.69% 8	104	3.51	2.98

vegetation and ecological communities that are on the site

Maintaining wildlife corridors through the site	16.22% 18	25.23% 28	18.02% 20	17.12% 19	13.51% 15	9.91% 11	111	3.58	3.16
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Avg Rank - Sum of the ranked position of the choice multiplied by the response count for the position choice divided by the total 'Count' of the choice

14. Please detail below any additional element/s you think would help in restoring the natural landscape and showcasing sustainability?

Short Text | Skipped: 89 | Answered: 33 (27%)

Sentiment

No sentiment data

Tags

No tag data

Featured Contributions

No featured contributions

15. Do you have any general feedback you'd like to provide about the revised masterplan for the future Southern Memorial Park?

Long Text | Skipped: 36 | Answered: 86 (70.5%)

Sentiment

No sentiment data

Tags

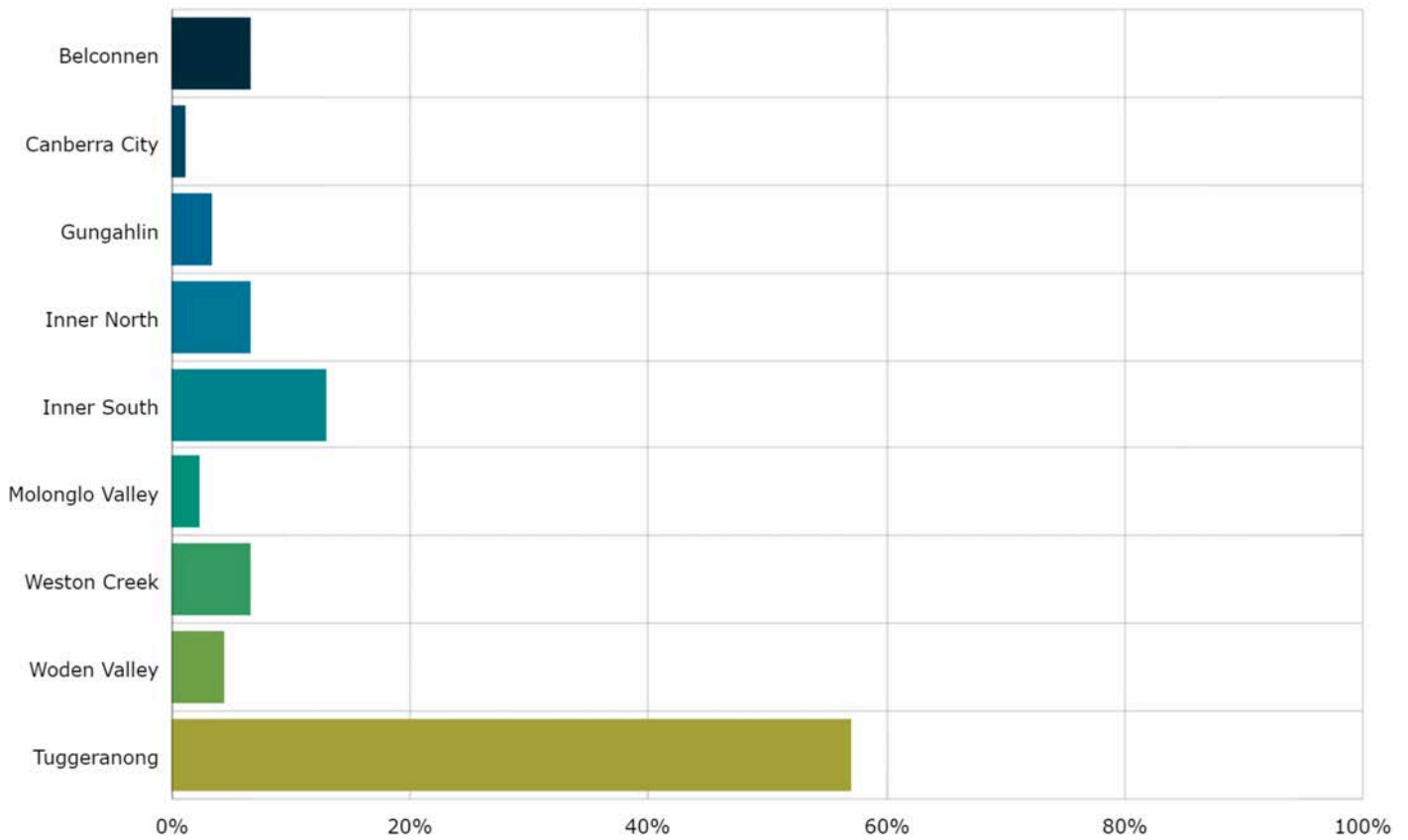
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Featured Contributions

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### 16. In which region of Canberra do you reside? Required

Select Box | Skipped: 29 | Answered: 93 (76.2%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Belconnen	6.45%	6
Canberra City	1.08%	1
Gungahlin	3.23%	3
Inner North	6.45%	6
Inner South	12.90%	12
Molonglo Valley	2.15%	2
Weston Creek	6.45%	6
Woden Valley	4.30%	4
Tuggeranong	56.99%	53
Tota	100.00%	93

### 17. What is your age? Required

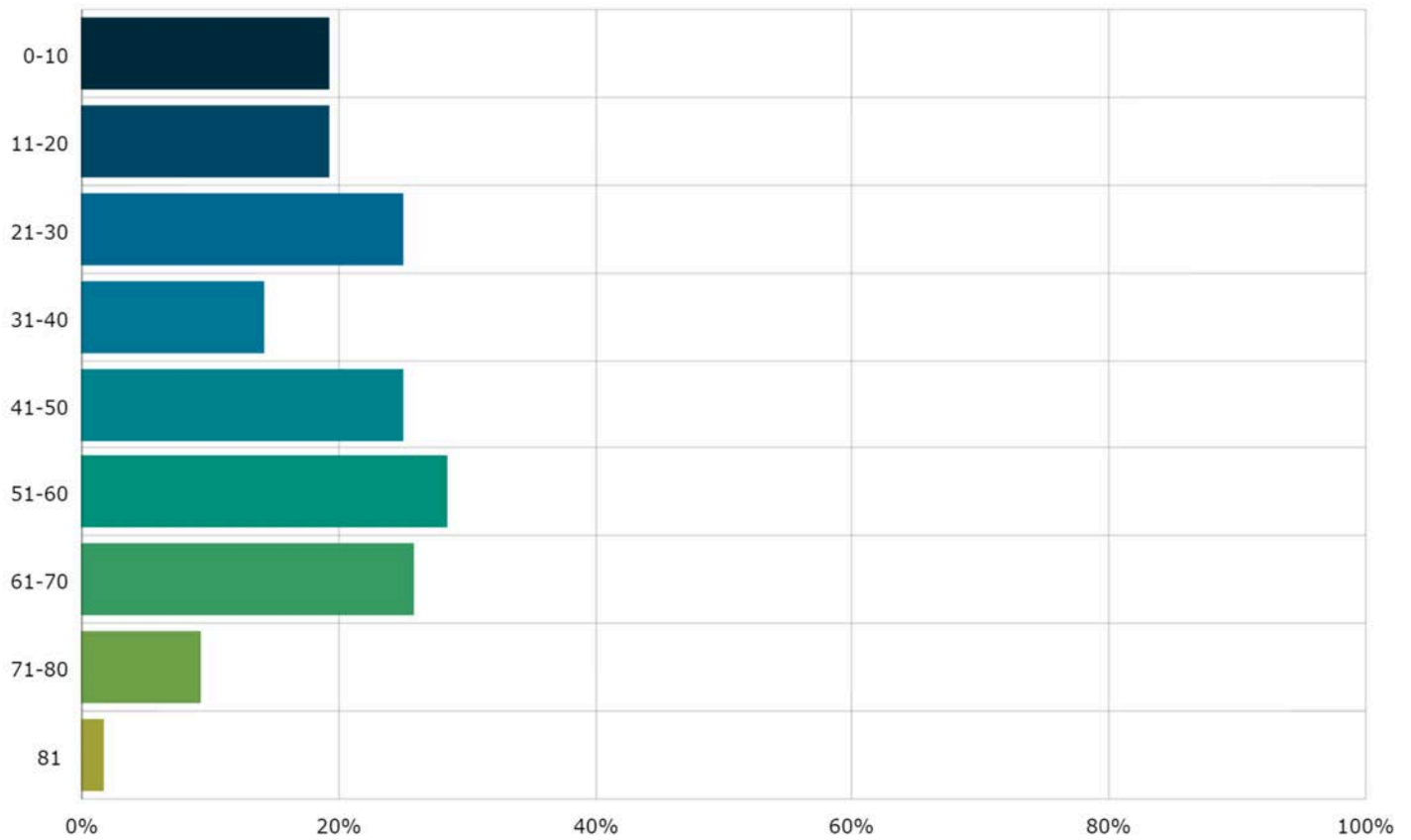
Multi Choice | Skipped: 3 | Answered: 119 (97.5%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
0-10	0%	0
11-20	0%	0
21-30	10.08%	12
31-40	11.76%	14
41-50	21.85%	26
51-60	22.69%	27
61-70	24.37%	29
71-80	9.24%	11
81	0%	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>119</b>

18. Which of the following best describes the age of those living in your household? Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 120 (98.4%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
0-10	19.17%	23
11-20	19.17%	23
21-30	25.00%	30
31-40	14.17%	17
41-50	25.00%	30
51-60	28.33%	34
61-70	25.83%	31
71-80	9.17%	11
81	1.67%	2

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Southern Memorial Park  
**Date:** Thursday, 15 April 2021 5:11:53 PM

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I am absolutely appalled that the ACT Govt would even consider this site as a suitable place for a memorial Park/Cemetery. I cannot think of a more inappropriate place to bury a loved one opposite the Mugga Lane tip. In the warmer months the smell from the tip is just disgusting. This is such an insult and so disrespectful to the dead. Please, please find a more peaceful and suitable location.

Thankyou,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [TCCS\\_CommunityEngagement](#)  
**Subject:** alternative options at the Southern Memorial Park  
**Date:** Monday, 19 April 2021 9:30:45 AM

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Hello Team,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback to Southern Memorial Park masterplan. I am interested to know about the possibilities of the ACT Government taking a lead in a bringing an environmentally friendly and more humane alternatively which is likely to appeal many in our community looking for affordable and beautiful alternatives. We know many are choosing cremation due to the cost of burial, and concerns over space and maintenance of grave sites. The composting approach not only addresses the space problem, but also addresses environmental issues.

See this link about an initiative in Washington State, USA, currently looking to move into California and elsewhere:

<https://recompose.life/>

We have local and regional knowledge, and I think we (the ACT) could pioneer this in Australia. The Southern Memorial Park is a brilliant opportunity to create this alternative. It would complement the design and vision for this space, and has the potential to provide a much more acceptable way to honour our deceased loved ones.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss this with you, and help develop this initiative.

I am currently supporting Tender Funerals Canberra Region, a not-for-profit, community-led funeral service. As you may be aware, this group has recently spoken to Minister Chris Steele about their need to find a Home. Co-location at the SMP would be a brilliant way to ensure our community has improved understanding of their options and an option for affordable funerals without compromising on a meaningful ceremony.

Can we arrange a time to talk about these possibilities?

[REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [TCCS\\_CommunityEngagement](#)  
**Subject:** Southern Memorial Park  
**Date:** Monday, 19 April 2021 12:20:19 PM

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OFFICIAL

Good afternoon

In reviewing the masterplan I can say that I would like to visit the park on a regular basis. I was grateful to see the sign go up on the site advising residents that a park would go there – I am a little concerned now though as I've reviewed the masterplan and the Government appears to be missing the opportunity to add a very large child-friendly playground to the park. At the moment the ACT only has a few good playgrounds and parents are driving significant distances to get to them – Moncrieff, Kambah Adventure and Arboretum Pod playground are those which I've spent hours upon hours of driving to get our child to. It would be great to have one installed in the far south to cater for the huge number of children (and reduce fossil fuel burning to get to those in the north).

I do not need feedback – Just getting my comment in.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [TCCS\\_CommunityEngagement](#)  
**Subject:** Southern Memorial Park  
**Date:** Thursday, 22 April 2021 2:32:10 PM

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Hello,

I live on the south side of Canberra and Long Gully Road is where we go to the tip. It is an industrial area. Frankly having the southern memorial park opposite the tip feels **very disrespectful** - garbage one way and bodies the other side! This is definitely NOT how I want to think of my loved ones when the time comes - as garbage.

None of the lovely drawings of the site address this issue. Nor do the plans address how the Government will deal with the issues associated with Long Gully Road - rubbish on the road, the dust, the odorous smells, the ugly mattress facility, the very messy recycling depot and the industrial looking solar panel farm (which I ordinarily love).

At least at Gungahlin the access road from Gungahlin Drive is stately and appropriately attractive even if it is near an industrial area.

It just feels like yet another case of the south side of Canberra being treated as lesser citizens to the north side.

Regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [TCCS\\_CommunityEngagement](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Have Your Say comments on Southern Memorial Park masterplan  
**Date:** Monday, 3 May 2021 12:47:58 PM  
**Attachments:** [Comments on SMP Proposal v4 combined reduced.pdf](#)

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Dear all,

Please find attached some comments on the Southern Memorial Park masterplan.

I will appreciate acknowledgement of receipt.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Southern Memorial Park  
draft masterplan**

“Have Your Say” comments  
lodged 3 May 2021 at  
communityengagement@act.gov.au

  
Macarthur

**Preamble**

I applaud the general design concept of the Southern Memorial Park, it has the hallmarks for the park to become a unique, much appreciated, cemetery in a wonderful bush setting that may serve the ACT well for a long time.

I would have ticked the proposal for the cemetery at Hume with a straight pass, were it not for the controversial inclusion of a commercial incinerator and other concerns that have come up in scrutinizing the proposal.

**Crematorium – climate change concerns**

I am at a loss why the ACT Cemeteries Authority should build and operate yet another publicly-funded crematorium whereas current demand in the ACT is already well-served by the privately-operated Norwood crematorium [1] and the special-needs crematorium that the ACT government has provided recently [2]. The ACT may currently have a high rate of cremation, 75% versus 66% in NSW [3], but its population is very climate change-conscious and this rate is likely to come down with newly-available provisions for natural burial at the Gungahlin Cemetery [4] and at the Southern Memorial Park. The ACT Cemeteries Authority, as an ACT Government agency, is obliged to act in accordance with the ACT government’s legislated goal of reaching net zero emissions by 2045 [5]. It is hard to see how promotion of yet more gas-fired cremations can be justified. The Southern Memorial Park is expected to serve the ACT community for another century, a century that will see unprecedented climate change. The ACT Cemeteries Authority has an unique opportunity to explore newly-developing, climate change-friendly, disposal facilities like alkaline hydrolysis [6][7] and human composting [8]. It should be pro-active as an innovative leader in meeting changing demands of a highly progressive jurisdiction. Long-time locking-in of the ACT to yet another incinerator does not rate highly in terms of climate change prevention.

**Crematorium – pollution concerns**

The ACT Cemeteries Authority contracted Heggies for an air quality impact assessment of a crematorium proposed on block 1676, which is the same block as intended for the gas-fired power station proposed in 2008 and abandoned in 2009. The then-indicated location of the

crematorium is about the same as in the present proposal for the Southern Memorial Park. The Heggies report was completed in late 2009 [9].

The Heggies study was based on one gas-fired cremation unit with a cremation time of about 75 minutes per body, 400 to 600 cremations per year with a maximum of 8 cremations per day carried out between 7 am and 7 pm. The CALPUFF package was used for modeling. Provision for a second cremation unity was indicated but was not included in the modeling.

The main conclusion of the Heggies report was that “*Predicted concentrations of pollutants are between 2 and 15 orders of magnitude below the relevant assessment criteria.*” [9, p32]. On this basis documentation provided for the present “Have Your Say” engagement [10-12] state “*A meteorological model has been prepared for the site. The study found that emissions from modern crematorium are minimal and unlikely to be noticed by people nearby or in the area.*” [12, p42]. On the face of it the conclusion reached in the Heggies report would negate any concerns about pollution emanating from the crematorium.

However, scrutiny of modeling aspects detailed in the Heggies report do raise concerns, in particular for Particulate Matter pollution:

- Dispersions of PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> particles were studied, but not for the more relevant finer particles. The fine PM<sub>1</sub>, ultrafine PM<sub>0.1</sub> and nano PM<sub>0.05</sub> particles are the more dangerous pollutants as they can travel farther [13, pp13-15], can enter the bloodstream through the lungs and can result long-term in cognitive impairment[14];
- The modeling found that PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> particle concentrations would be 2 orders of magnitude below the relevant Criterion over 24 hours and 3 orders of magnitude below the relevant Criterion on an annual basis. However, representations of concentrations averaged over long periods are not particularly relevant as cremation is a stop-start process that can produce much higher concentrations over short periods and resulting puffs of concentrated pollution may travel far before dispersing;
- The relevant maximum allowable Criteria are expressed in weight/volume (i gram/cm<sup>3</sup>) and defined for sealevel and room temperature (20°C). These Criteria need adjustment for local P and T conditions. Elevation at the site of the proposed crematorium is 630 m, meaning that the local air is 7% less dense than at sealevel. Local temperatures will frequently reach over 40°C in summer with progressing climate change, meaning another reduction in air pressure of up to 13%, and a compound reduction in the density of local air of up to about 20% [21, p28]. Incineration will produce about equal amounts of pollutants at sealevel and room temperature as at 630 m and over 40°C, but in such less dense local air residents in the suburbs and workers at Hume will have to breath in more air for the same amount of oxygenation and consequently will breath in more pollutants. The relevant maximum allowable Criteria have not been adjusted for local conditions in the Heggies report [9, pp16, 28], constituting a flaw of not-unconsiderable implications;
- The unique “ridge-and-valley”topography of the upper reaches of the Jerrabomberra, Tuggeranong and Woden valleys was not considered in the modeling. These ridges, Fadden Ridge and Isaacs Ridge in particular, are pronounced and north- south aligned. Prevailing northwestern and southeastern winds can form standing eddies on the leaside

of the ridges, concentrate pollution above the populated valleys and drop particles on the population. Such effects were demonstrated in the CALPUFF study conducted by Pacific Air & Environment for the gas-fired power station conducted in mid 2008 [15] (Figure 1). Yet the Heggies study did not extend to the ridges and concerned only “sensitive receptors” in a region of low topography about 2.5 km around the crematorium site. The CALPUFF modeling in the Heggies report is based on a Digital Elevation Model (DEM) with a resolution of 90 m and on therefrom derived gridded data with grid distances ranging from 30 km to 300 m [9, p21]. The DEM and the grids are far too coarse to properly capture the effects of the ridge-and-valley topography. Geoscience Australia nowadays offers free access to a 5 m resolution DEM [16] that will allow proper capture of the ridge-and-valley effects in studies using much finer grids than applied in the Heggies study;

- The “Have Your Say” documentation [10-12] provides annual estimates for traditional and natural burials, yet no estimates for cremations. The SMP proposal [10, p3] shows two cremation units rather than the single unit underlying the Heggies study, potentially doubling their pollution estimates.

The Pacific Air & Environment CALPUFF study for the gas-fired power station identified pollution “hotspots” in Fadden, upper Wanniasa, upper Farrer, Macarthur, Hume-Tralee and Chisholm [15] (Figure 1). The pollution-concentrating effects of the pronounced ridge-and-valley topography of the upper Jerrabomberra, Tuggeranong and Woden valleys makes the upper Jerrabomberra Valley a particularly poor choice for siting a crematorium and probably one of the worst possible locations in the ACT.

### **Urgent need for an air quality monitoring facility at Hume**

The ACT currently has three air quality monitoring stations, in Monash, Florey and Civic. Hume is the ACT’s main industrial area and the only area earmarked for heavy industry. The Hume industrial complex is currently expanding to the south and will be expanding further to the west after the forthcoming re-alignment of the Monaro Highway.

There is currently no facility to monitor the air quality in Hume, despite the workforce there being engaged for up to half their days in heavy physical work requiring more oxygenation than for the more sedentary activities of workforces elsewhere that are guarded by the three air quality monitoring facilities. Air quality in the area is also affected by emissions from the recycling hub at the Mugga Lane-Monaro Highway intersection, emissions from the Mugga Lane tip, emissions from the methane burners at the tip, and emissions from traffic on the Monaro Highway. Rush-hour idling of vehicles at in particular the Isabella Drive-Monaro Highway intersection during winter fog periods can cause smog conditions.

Clearly there is an immediate need for a dedicated air quality monitoring facility at Hume with facilities at least equivalent to those available at the Monash, Florey and Civic stations, and preferably also with facilities capable to monitor local levels of the more dangerous  $PM_{10}$ ,  $PM_{2.5}$  and  $PM_{0.5}$  particles. Construction of such a facility is urgently required to establish a reliable pollution database to provide the local base line data required in air quality modeling studies but missing in the Heggies report.

A local pollution baseline capturing year-round local weather-dependent pollution variations is currently missing, yet is an essential ingredient for realistic pollution modeling in further CALPUFF or CALPUFF-like studies to be carried out on emissions from the proposed crematorium facility at the Southern Memorial Park.

### **Deceptive split approval process**

The proposed staged approval process seems designed to favour merit track assessment over impact track assessment [12, p42] and to avoid impact track assessment of a crematorium. Staged approval is a well-known management trick [17] to avoid in-depth scrutiny of controversial elements of a complex development proposal. It constitutes poor, if not deceptive management, and should not be allowed to happen.

The four proposed stages of development should be scrutinized in their entirety through the impact track stream at the start of the assessment process prior to any stage 1 development. This way the impact of a proposed crematorium can be properly scrutinized at the greenfield stage. Stages 2 to 4 can then be assessed further through the impact or merit tracks as appropriate when assessment is due.

### **Protruding western boundary of the Southern Memorial Park**

Mapping information provided with the “Have Your Say” documentation [10-12] is not particularly informative. Maps shown do not include a scale indicator and do not show topographic contours, making it hard to locate the proposed developments within the present landscape. Significant structures like the 110 KV power lines are not shown, nor is the pending re-alignment of the Monaro Highway indicated. Appendices A-K [11, p3] may show such detail, but these have not been provided.

It seems that the western boundary and part of the southwestern boundary of the Southern Memorial Park extend westward beyond the Centennial Trail and the 110 KV power lines, with the Centennial Trail doubling there as the service track for the HV power lines [10, p1]. Presence of the high voltage power lines at the proposed boundary of the Southern Memorial Park will preclude establishment of screening trees as already planted over the past decade in crucial strips elsewhere along the boundaries of the Southern Memorial Park. This would not matter much if the western and southwestern boundaries of the SMP are to be left as is so that the natural burial section can blend in with the natural vegetation of what is left over of the Southern Wildlife Corridor. However, any substantial fencing-off of the western and southwestern boundaries of the Southern Memorial Park would be of serious concern as such a physical boundary would reduce the Southern Wildlife Corridor from its original width between the suburb of Macarthur and Mugga Lane-Long Gully Road to a very narrow strip indeed that will restrict or may impede wildlife movements.

The southwestern protrusion of the SMP may provide the space required for a sizable natural burial section. It should be realized that there are two kangaroo burial pits present within this protrusion [18][19] (Figure 2), courtesy of the cruel kangaroo culls executed by the ACT Government [20]. These burial pits should be respected.

It would be concerning if the Southern Memorial Park management would be entrusted with “maintaining a sustainable kangaroo population” [12, p77] without pertinent specification that this should be done through non-lethal means, like fertility control, in the park itself and in adjacent feeder areas of the Wanniasa Nature Reserve and Isaacs Ridge Nature Reserve.

### **Shrinking Southern Wildlife Corridor**

Development of the Southern Memorial Park will further intrude on the Southern Wildlife Corridor whose functionality is already limited by the Mugga Lane solar farm and southward extension of the Hume industrial complex. Open western and southwestern boundaries of the Southern Memorial Park so as to allow unimpeded wildlife access are a must to preserve the Southern Wildlife Corridor as a functional unit.

Provision of wildlife overpasses and/or underpasses across Isabella Drive and the Monaro Highway are sorely needed to preserve access to, and exchange with, the NSW wildlife corridor across Pemberton Hill, southeast of the Southern Memorial Park and south of the Tralee and Environa Homesteads (Figure 3). Over/underpasses should be constructed as part of the forthcoming realignment of the Monaro Highway.

### **Bushfire corridor**

The Southern Memorial Park is located in a fire corridor. The 2003 fire tornado that swept over Mount Taylor and Farrer Ridge was stopped thankfully at Fadden Ridge. Had this disastrous fire not been stopped on this ridge which overlooks the Southern Memorial Park site than the Hume industrial and the now-developing housing estate at Tralee would have been directly in its path. Plantings at the proposed cemetery should preferentially be of a fire-retardant nature. Yet screening plantations to the NW, S and SW of the Southern Memorial Park seem made up of fire-prone gum trees.

### **Co-location of natural burial and cremation facilities may be objectionable to many**

It is unclear whether the “Outdoor performance space/Amphitheatre” [10, p 2] is meant to serve as a function space for natural burials, or whether the “Function halls” [10, p3] in the main visitor centre are meant for this. As one who is interested in a natural burial, I would object to having my sent-off function conducted next to a crematorium. I expect many others of my ilk would be likewise uncomfortable with presence on-site of an incinerator.

### **Development timetable is not conducive to natural burials**

The proposed timetable is deceptive [10, p4] . No natural burial spaces will be provided in the first construction phase of the Southern Memorial Park, 0-5 years. They will only become available in the second construction phase that may extend at best from 5-50 years and likely only from 15-50 years. It seems that the main natural burial area will only be developed in stage 3, 50-85 years hence.

This is contrary to the earmarking of the Southern Memorial Park as a designated place for natural burials.

It seems from the proposed timetable that for the first 15 years of operation of the Southern Memorial Park natural burial may only be available at the Gungahlin Cemetery. If so, this would leave any argumentation in tatters that there would be a need for a southside crematorium whilst there are already two northside crematoria in operation!

### **Provision of electric transport on site**

The proposed development of the Southern Memorial Park seems heavily geared to movement by car across the park. The bush setting appeal of the park would be improved by a more accentuated provision of pedestrian access, provision of electrified transport where needed and limitations placed on car movements. This would limit the need for the many car parks that are indicated on the plan, improving the bush setting. It does not make sense to have the three western car parks at the highest points in the landscape, just where the lookouts are planned [10, p4]. What a waste of more elevated viewing areas and what eyesores looking up from less elevated areas seeing cars parked higher up.

A main parking area for cars and stops for busses can be provided opposite the main Mugga Lane entrance within the low grounds of the Mugga Lane tip.

Installation of solar panels on the roofs of the work compound and the main visitor facilities, combined with battery storage, will provide renewable power for site operations and an EV fleet. Unused space earmarked for, but not yet allocated to, traditional and/or natural burials may also be used for temporary expansions of solar farm facilities, further reducing operational cost of the Southern Memorial Park.

### **Smelly spray pools at Mugga Lane tip**

The main entrance to the Southern Memorial Park is located close to the spray pools of the Mugga Lane tip. These pools can give off a very bad smell on occasion. Ways to limit such odours should be explored.

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## Figures

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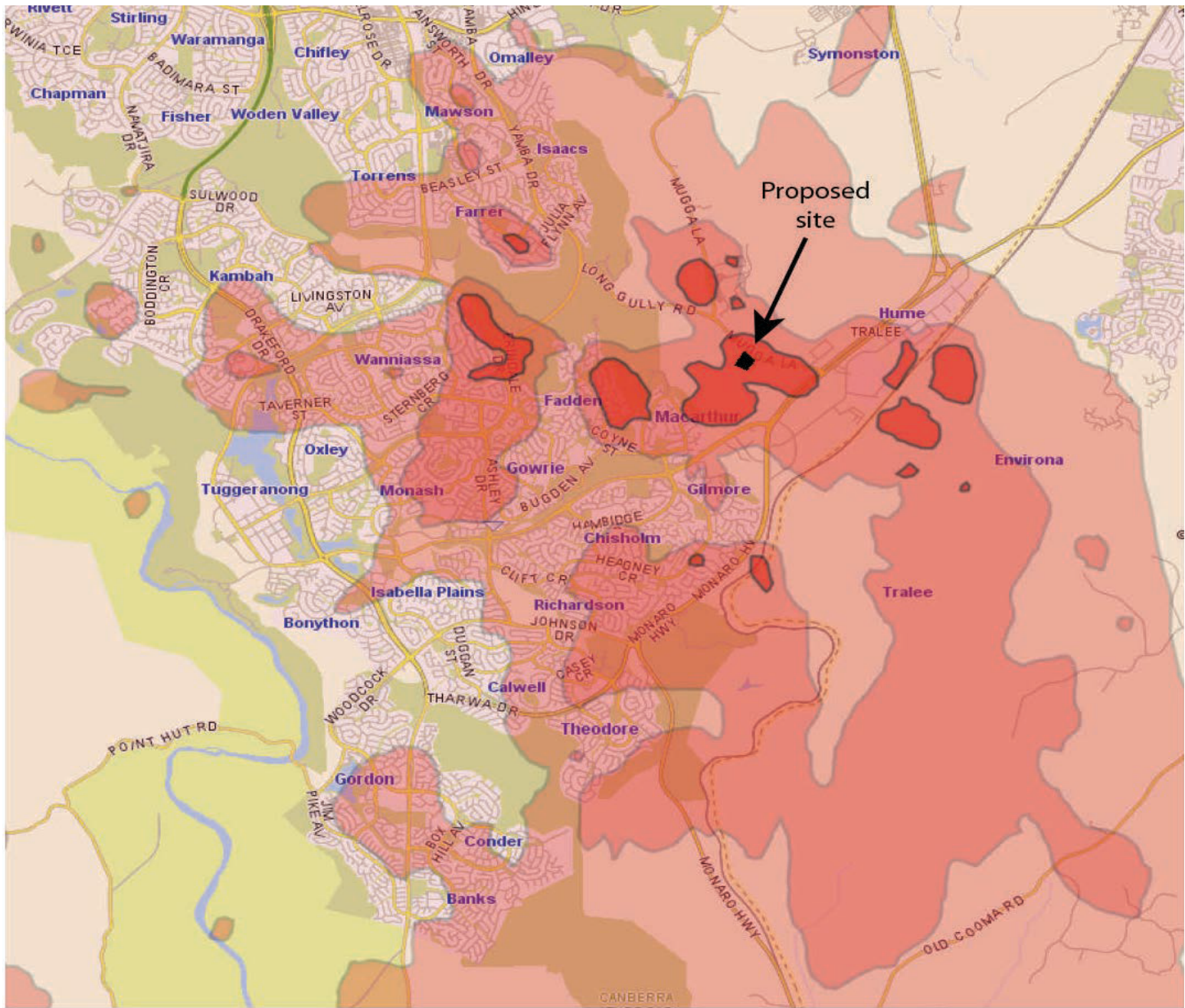


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Figure 2 Existing kangaroo burial pits in the SW part of the Southern Memorial Park [18][19]. The new pit dates from 2011-2013 and contains kangaroo remains from culls in 2012 [20] and 2013. The old pit contains remains from kangaroo culls a few years earlier, with only a shallow cover.

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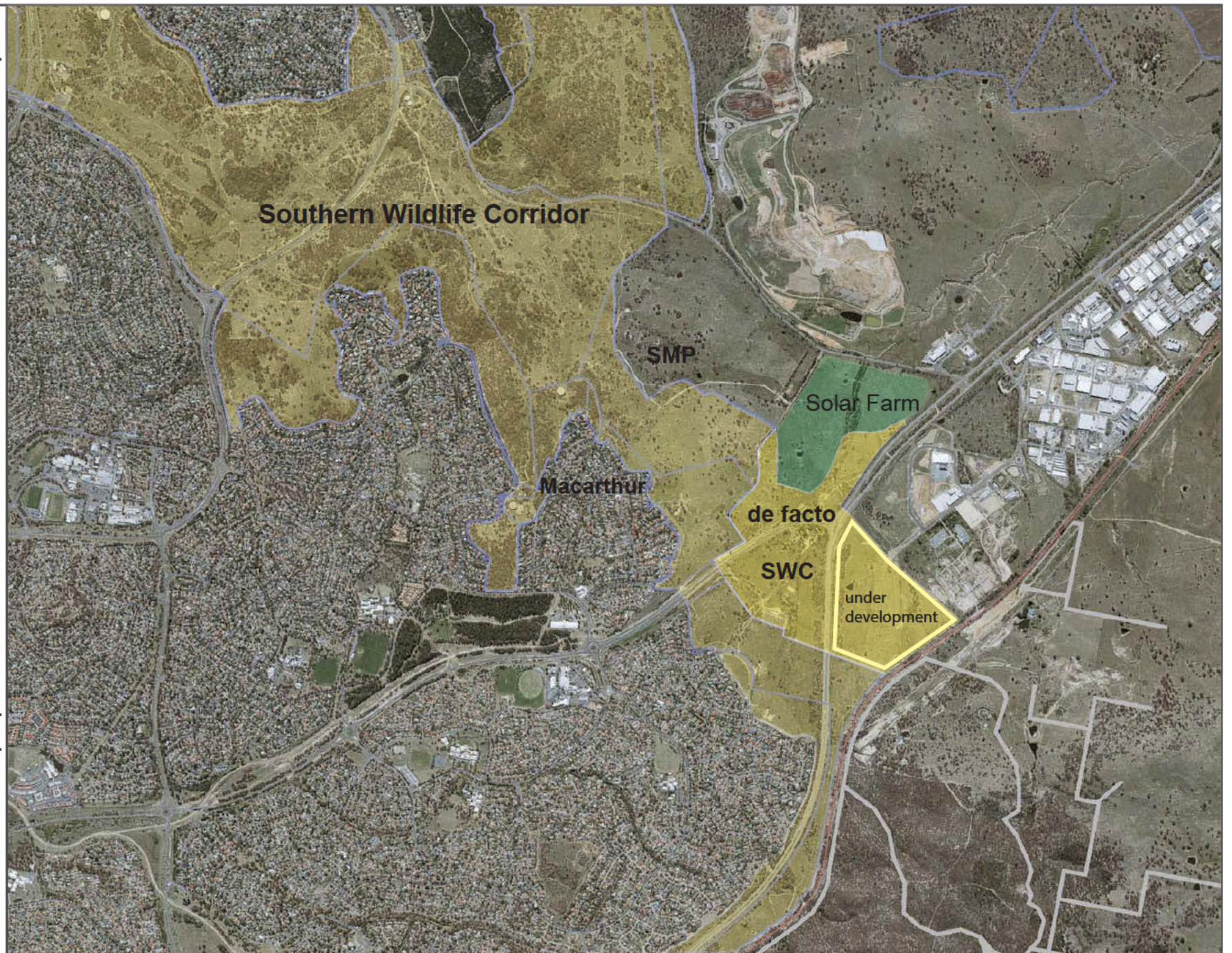


Figure 3 Shrinking Southern Wildlife Corridor. Notice the narrowness of the corridor between the Southern Memorial Park and Macarthur.

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Comments with refence to the above:

15 people recorded as above

- \* Where is it?
- \* Interested and supportive of the SMP Masterplan proposal. (1-14)
- \* Build as shown on the plan – don't change as is often the case with urban development (2)
- \* What is this park? (4)
- \* Interested in the SMP plan and approved but build another hospital first (5)
- \* About time this started – make it nicer than the one at Gungahlin (6)
- \* No issues with the design proposal but was concerned that the community consultation for site selection was not fully finalised; would have liked the issues raised regarding the crematorium to have been resolved (14)
- \* Objection to SMP proximity to the Waste Depot – location not supported (15)
- \* Some of the people who stopped had not been aware of the proposal despite the media.
- \* Passer-by comment – didn't want to engage but said "don't need another cemetery in Canberra – get people out of Canberra and build in a regional area"
- \* One person did not want updates as on previous occasions TCCS had also sent unrelated and unwanted emails.

Note: All people were informed that of the cemetery site context – including location next to the Hume Waste Depot which was not seen as a concern.