

Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting

to be held at the Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough
on Tuesday 8 August 2023 commencing at 7:00pm.

Attachments

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**Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held
Tuesday 6 June 2023. The meeting commenced at 7:00pm.**

Councillors present:

Cr Ben Ramcharan	Sugarloaf Ward (Mayor)
Cr Natalie Duffy	Edendale Ward
Cr Peter Perkins	Ellis Ward (Chairperson Planning Matters)
Cr Frances Eyre	Swipers Gully Ward (Chairperson Consultation Matters)
Cr Geoff Paine	Wingrove Ward (Deputy Mayor)

Officers in attendance:

Carl Cowie	Chief Executive Officer
Vince Lombardi	Chief Operating Officer
Blaga Naumoski	Director Governance, Communications and Community Safety
Corrienne Nichols	Director Communities
Rosa Zouzoulas	Director Planning, Environment and Strategy
Jeremy Livingston	Director Culture and Performance
Rowena Cairns	Acting Manager Governance and Property
Nichole Johnston	Manager Community Partnerships
Leigh Northwood	Manager Strategic Planning and Environment

1. Welcome by the Chair

2. Acknowledgement of Country

Acknowledgement of Country was read by the Chairperson Consultation Matters
Cr Frances Eyre.

3. Apologies

An apology for this meeting has been received from Cr Karen Egan.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Geoff Paine

SECONDED: Cr Natalie Duffy

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council) notes the apology of Cr Karen Egan.

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A request for a leave of absence was received by Cr Richard Stockman.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: **Cr Geoff Paine**

SECONDED: **Cr Ben Ramcharan**

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council) accepts the leave of absence for Cr Richard Stockman for the meeting being 6 June 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Disclosure of conflicts of interest

Nil

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5. Confirmation of Minutes

Confirmation of the minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 11 April 2023.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Natalie Duffy

SECONDED: Cr Geoff Paine

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council) confirms the minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 11 April 2023 (**Attachment 1**).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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6. Officers' reports

PCC.005/23 Review of the Governance Rule - Meeting Procedures - Hearing of Submissions

Item: Consultation Matter

Distribution: Public

Manager: Blaga Naumoski, Director Governance, Communications and Community Safety

Author: Rowena Cairns, Acting Manager Governance and Property

Summary

This report provides Council with the feedback of the community engagement undertaken in relation to the Draft Governance Rule – Meeting Procedures (**Attachment 1**).

Following endorsement for public consultation, Council's Draft Governance Rule – Meeting Procedures was open for community consultation for the period 1 March 2023 to 30 March 2023 inclusive.

A total of ten (10) submissions, including two written submissions, were received. Submissions and Attachments are contained in (**Attachment 2 and 3**).

Officers will now use the feedback from the community together with the submissions heard at the Planning and Consultation Committee meeting and bring a report to the 27 June 2023 Council Meeting for endorsement of the revised Governance Rule – Meeting Procedures.

The following people addressed the Committee with respect to this item:

- 1 Michael Dove
- 2 Jim Connor
- 3 Henry Haszler

Motion

MOVED: Cr Geoff Paine

SECONDED: Cr Peter Perkins

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Acknowledges and notes the 10 submissions from members of the community who provided feedback on the Draft Governance Rule – Meeting Procedures (**Attachments 2 and 3**).
2. Considers the feedback contained in the submissions during the finalisation of the Governance Rule – Meeting Procedures.
3. Considers the presentations made to the Committee during the finalisation of the Governance Rule – Meeting Procedures.
4. Receives a report at the 27 June 2023 Council Meeting to consider endorsing the Governance Rule – Meeting Procedures.
5. Resolves the confidential un-redacted copy of the written submissions to the Governance Rule - Meeting Procedures (**Attachment 3**) remain confidential on the grounds specified in the definition of confidential information in section 3(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

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PCC.005/23 Review of the Governance Rule - Meeting Procedures - Hearing of Submissions

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Geoff Paine

SECONDED: Cr Peter Perkins

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PCC.006/23 Draft Neighbourhood Character Strategy - updated draft and proposed Phase 3 Engagement (Close the Loop)

Item: Consultation Matter

Distribution: Public

Manager: Rosa Zouzoulas, Director Planning, Environment and Strategy

Author: Leigh Northwood, Manager Strategic Planning and Environment

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the updated Draft Neighbourhood Character Strategy (NCS) (**Attachment 1**) for consideration of approval to put the draft out for programmed Phase 3 engagement (close the loop).

Changes to the draft NCS are a result of a detailed analysis of submission responses to Phase 2 engagement and hearing verbal submissions to the February 2023 PCC on the matter. The recommendations also include feedback from the Project Working Group (PWG). See below for detail with regard to the breadth of changes made to the draft and the locations of such changes within the document, however key changes include among other matters:

- a) Additional and clarified definitions within the draft including definitions for canopy tree and amenity tree and 'muted tones';
- b) Introduction of a section within the NCS clarifying the interrelationship and tensions with climate action and Environmentally Sensitive Development (ESD) and how other policies/strategies work in this space and support the NCS;
- c) Review of approximately 20 mapped Neighbourhood Character Precincts (i.e. submitters who are not satisfied with their identified Neighbourhood Character Precinct for various reasons) noting 4 areas have had applied Neighbourhood Character Precinct changed as a result of this review;
- d) Further consideration of colour (particularly 'muted tones') and materiality both in built form and fences;
- e) Further consideration in the design guidelines as to the role of canopy trees in side setbacks vs front setbacks (defining what a canopy tree is for Nillumbik);
- f) New Section 8.0 Implementation added the Draft NCS. This includes discussion with regard to technically how the objectives and design guidelines in an adopted NCS could be effectively implemented into the planning scheme noting this section also identifies a proposed expansion of the Significant Landscape Overlay (SLO) and introduction of Schedules to the Residential Zones to implement a variation above the performance standards set by ResCode to achieve the Preferred Character for each neighbourhood character precinct; and
- g) Identification of further work to support implementation of the Neighbourhood Character Strategy is also recommended in the latest draft including preparation of a vegetation and landscaping guidelines document to support the delivery of the various landscape outcomes intended in the NCS.

Engagement on the draft NCS has been an iterative process, and the first two rounds of engagement on the draft Neighbourhood Character Strategy had very different intents. It is noted the purpose of Phase 3 engagement (close the loop) is to ensure all community

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feedback relevant to the draft strategy has been considered and clarity is provided as to how feedback has been considered, where changes have been made accordingly, and if not why. Phase 3 engagement is proposed for five weeks through June/July.

As per the project program, the updated Draft Neighbourhood Character Strategy is programmed to be brought to the September Planning and Consultation Committee meeting where any submitters will be invited to speak.

The following people addressed the Committee with respect to this item:

1. *Carlota Quinlan on behalf of Eltham Community Action Group*

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Ben Ramcharan

SECONDED: Cr Natalie Duffy

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Notes the draft Nillumbik Neighbourhood Character Strategy, which is provided as **Attachment 1**;
2. Endorses the draft Nillumbik Neighbourhood Character Strategy for Phase 3 engagement through June and July (for 5 weeks); and
3. Notes that a report is scheduled to be presented to Council's Planning and Consultation Committee in September 2023 that will present feedback to Phase 3 engagement on the draft Nillumbik Neighbourhood Character Strategy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Officers' reports

PCC.007/23 Draft Biodiversity Strategy - community engagement approach

Item: Consultation Matter

Distribution: Public

Manager: Rosa Zouzoulas, Director Planning, Environment and Strategy

Author: Leigh Northwood, Manager Strategic Planning and Environment

Summary

Council is in the process of developing a new Draft Biodiversity Strategy. It will provide strategic direction for Council action to support the protection of Nillumbik's biodiversity.

This report seeks endorsement of the proposed Stage 1 community engagement process in relation to the development of the new Draft Biodiversity Strategy.

The community will be invited to contribute to the development of the Draft Strategy during a community engagement period from 26 June to 30 July 2023 (stage 1).

Once the Biodiversity Strategy has been drafted, the community will subsequently be invited to provide comments on the Draft Biodiversity Strategy in 2024 (stage 2).

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Natalie Duffy

SECONDED: Cr Geoff Paine

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Notes the Biodiversity Strategy Community Engagement Plan (**Attachment 1**).
2. Endorses the proposed Biodiversity Strategy Stage 1 community engagement period (26 June – 30 July 2023) and process as follows:
 - 2 online stakeholder workshops
 - 2 school workshops
 - 2 place-based pop ups
 - Liaison with Council advisory committees and Youth Council
 - A dedicated Participate Nillumbik webpage
 - A survey.
3. Requests that officers make the report "What we've already heard from our community – A collation of recent Shire community consultation findings to inform the Nillumbik Biodiversity Strategy in 2023" (**Attachment 2**) available to the public on Council's website.
4. Requests officers to brief Council on the findings of the Stage 1 community engagement at a future date.

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7. Supplementary and urgent business

Nil

8. Confidential reports

Nil

9. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 7.42pm.

Confirmed:

Cr Peter Perkins Chairperson Planning Matters

Cr Frances Eyre, Chairperson Consultation Matters

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Onsite Wastewater Management Plan

2024-2029

DRAFT

Draft Onsite Wastewater Management Plan 2024-2029

This document is the first **draft version** of the proposed Nillumbik Onsite Wastewater Management Plan 2024-2029 developed for public release and consultation.

The appearance, format and some content is likely to change after the public consultation period has concluded; to incorporate public feedback and the graphic formatting necessary to prepare this draft as a final strategic document of Council.

Acknowledgement of Country

Nillumbik Shire Council respectfully acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as the Traditional Owners of the Country on which Nillumbik is located, and we value the significance of the Wurundjeri people's history as essential to the unique character of the Shire. We pay tribute to all First Nations People living in Nillumbik, give respect to Elders past, present and future, and extend that respect to all First Nations People.

We respect the enduring strength of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and acknowledge the ongoing impacts of past trauma and injustices from European invasion, massacres and genocide committed against First Nations People. We acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded.

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people hold a deep and ongoing connection to this place. We value the distinctive place of our First Nations People in both Nillumbik and Australia's identity; from their cultural heritage and care of the land and waterways, to their ongoing contributions in many fields including academia, agriculture, art, economics, law, sport and politics.



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Executive Summary

Under section 29 of the *State Environment Protection Policy (Waters)*, councils that manage onsite wastewater management systems (OWMS) within its municipality are required to develop a *Onsite Wastewater Management Plan* (OWMP) in consultation with the local water authority and community.

The purpose of the Nillumbik OWMP is to:

- Identify current responsibilities, practices, procedures and obligations for domestic and commercial wastewater management within the Shire of Nillumbik;
- Identify and prioritise the main environmental and public health risks posed by wastewater within the Shire;
- Improve and enhance the public health and environment protection measures undertaken by Council to address the identified wastewater threats within the Shire; and
- Assist with long term planning and development of un-sewered areas in the Shire.

This OWMP will provide an informed and targeted direction, through the Action Plan, for Council and its wastewater partner agencies to action the strategies that address the wastewater issues facing the Shire over the next five years. This Plan will be implemented in conjunction with other key strategic Plans of Council including the *Council Plan 2021-2025*, and the *Integrated Water Management Strategy 2013*.

The Council Plan 2021-2025 identifies four themes, the review and update of the Domestic Wastewater Management Plan 2021-2023, falls under the theme of Council being responsible and accountable, with the objective *to facilitate the best possible outcomes for our community, by demonstrating strong leadership and working actively to achieve the community's objectives*. Strategies to achieve this include, good governance, risk management and services and programs.

The action plan of this OWMP will satisfy the Council strategy, *to seek to enhance community safety, public health and amenity and the environment, through improved planning and community engagement, prioritising fair and transparent approaches to managing compliance and enforcement*. This will be achieved through a collaborative approach with Council's internal and external wastewater management partners.

Specifically, the OWMP provides Council with a:

- Planning tool to enable long term strategies to be developed for wastewater management;
- Framework to facilitate decision-making and policy about individual OWMS installations, including enforcement and compliance options.

As part of the development process for this Plan, data was reviewed on Nillumbik's existing domestic wastewater profile in addition to current National, State and Local government policies, standards and legislation. Work previously undertaken in the development of *Nillumbik's Domestic Wastewater Management Plan 2021-2023* has also provided a development platform for this OWMP.

Analysis of the data currently available to Council indicates that:

- There are approximately 4,600 existing on-site OWMS in the Shire, however Council does not have records for approximately 17% of these systems.
- Historically, Nillumbik has a significant proportion of older OWMS that were legally permitted (under previous lower standards) to discharge their wastewater off-site.
- Almost 1,000 properties contain OWMS with permits to discharge effluent close to the ground surface (15cm from the ground surface) or to surface waters such as dams.
- Less than 20% of OWMS receive regular maintenance as required by their permit conditions.

The Onsite Wastewater Management Plan which have been divided across **5 key areas**:

1. Information and Data Collation
2. Education and Awareness
3. Sewer connection and Community Sewerage Program (CSP)
4. Regulation and Enforcement
5. Collaboration and Review.

In order to implement these recommendations a range of resources must be committed. Structured co-ordination of Council's existing environmental strategies and combined internal capacity toward implementation of the objectives is necessary to maximise the Shire's wastewater management and catchment protection position.

The actions of the Plan have been set across a 5-year timescale. This is to allow enough time for the scope and objectives of the Action Plan to be properly resourced and implemented.

1. Introduction

Domestic wastewater pollutants are derived from everyday household chemicals, sewage and greywater that discharge into OWMS, the reticulated sewerage system or the environment. When different OWMS overflow during heavy rain or as a result of damage, failure or overuse, wastewater can leak out of systems into the local environment and waterways. The source of this pollution is almost entirely due to failing or older OWMS within the Shire.

The environmental impacts associated with domestic wastewater are due to the many pollutants it contains, including:

- human faeces and waste products;
- particles of food, dirt, lint;
- oils and greases; and
- chemicals derived from detergents and other cleaning products.

These pollutants can build up in the soil, damaging its structure, altering soil acidity/alkalinity balances and harming plant growth.

Wastewater pollution can also present human health risks, cause odours and attract vermin and insects. Microbial contaminants such as bacteria, viruses and algal blooms pose significant public health risks. The excess nutrients present in domestic wastewater can harm aquatic life and cause waterway conditions to become toxic.



Figure 1: Greywater discharge to street culvert in Howell Road, Plenty



Figure 2: Blackwater leakage and pooling at Kent Hughes Road, Eltham



Figure 3: Wastewater overflow at a property in North Warrandyte

There are approximately 4,600 OWMS in use in the Shire, with a significant proportion of these not performing satisfactorily. This results in threats to human health and environmental pollution of land and local waterways. System failure is often due to poor maintenance and management practices by property owners and occupiers. In many cases, these systems do not comply with the current wastewater standards having been approved under the lower treatment and discharge requirements of now superceded standards; with many systems (historically) approved for offsite discharge.

1.1 Overview of onsite wastewater treatment plants in Nillumbik

Onsite wastewater treatment plant means a treatment plant for the bacterial, biological, chemical or physical treatment of sewage generated on site. For example, a septic tank system, a wet or dry composting toilet, aerobic treatment and sand filter (EPA, publication 1974). Across Nillumbik the two most common methods of wastewater treatment are primary treatment septic tank systems and secondary treatment often via an aerated wastewater treatment system (AWTS) or sandfilters.

Primary treatment (often known as septic tanks)

The modern primary treatment system is usually a concrete or plastic in-ground tank that has two internal chambers separated by a baffle. The tank holds and treats wastewater from the kitchen, bathrooms, laundry and toilets. The tank houses a living ecosystem of bacteria that decompose the organic material, treating the solids and wastewater before it is drained into the natural environment by means of an effluent disposal system, most commonly via absorption trenches.

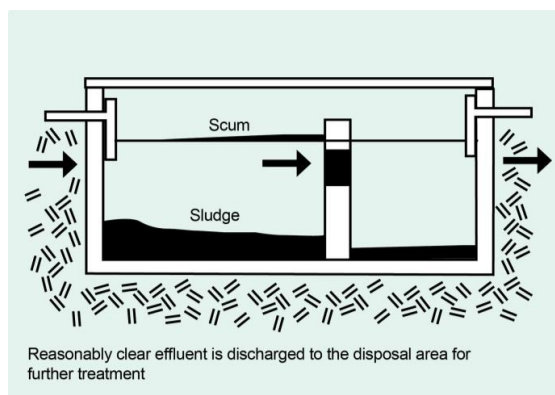


Figure 4: Cross-section of a properly functioning primary treatment tank

Absorption trenching incorporates perforated PVC piping to transport wastewater allowing it to pass through stone aggregate before being absorbed into the existing earth surrounding the trench. Trenching is one type of land application system available; and is the type of land application predominantly utilised for primary treatment systems.

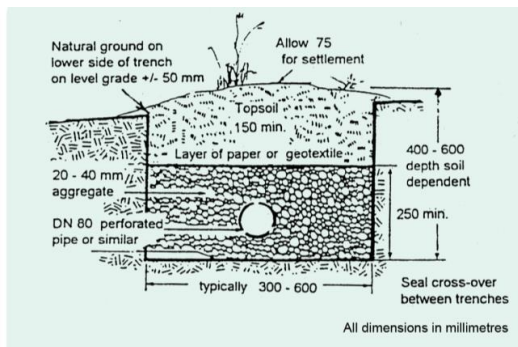


Figure 5: Cross-section of a typical absorption trench

The main maintenance requirements specific to primary treatment system is the removal of the build up of solids every 3-8 years. This occurs via a pump-out of the accumulated sludge performed by specialist contractors; and is commonly referred to as “de-sludging”. If these solids are not removed, they can carry over to the disposal area, causing odour problems and the trenching to fail.

Typically primary treatment systems have no moving parts and generally require no power.

Secondary treatment

Secondary treatment systems pass wastewater from a primary treatment tank into a second treatment process, this can include aeration (often by electrically powered blowers) or via polishing filters.

The current most common secondary treatment method of aerated treatment systems (AWTS) also use clarification and disinfecting chambers with sludge return to the primary treatment tank. Aerated treatment systems require regular maintenance by a suitable service technician, as well as a reliable power supply. The tank requires pumping out approximately every five years. See Figure 5 below.

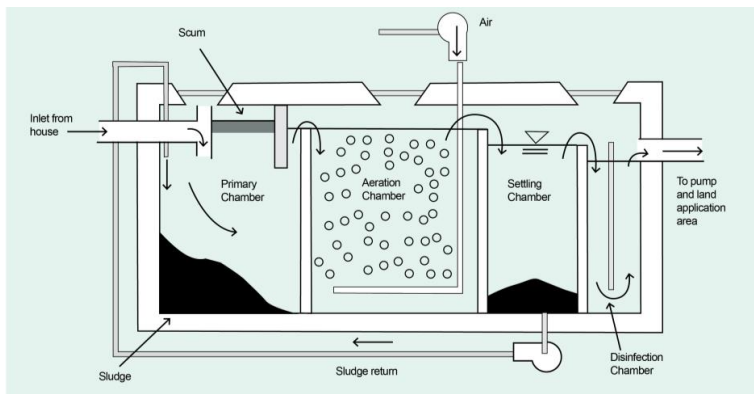


Figure 6: Typical schematic of an aerated wastewater treatment system

AWTS are designed to discharge their (secondary) treated wastewater to land via sub-surface drip irrigation. Sub-surface drip irrigation can only receive secondary treated wastewater in order to function properly.

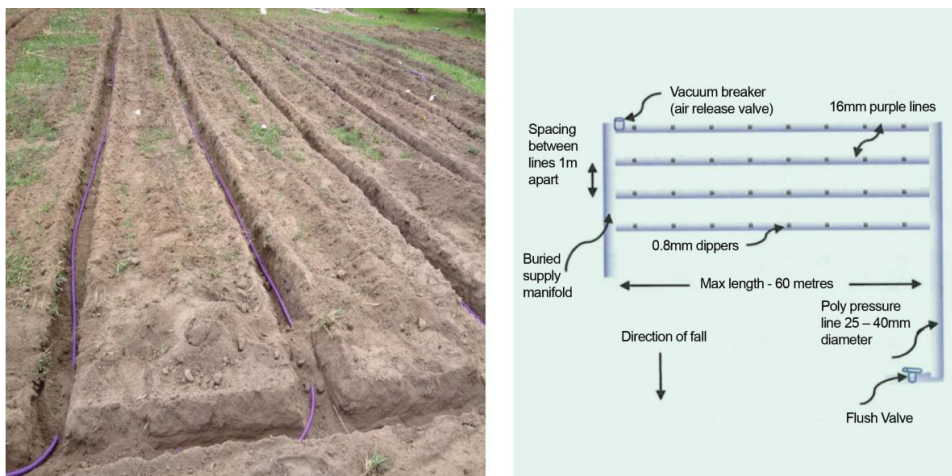


Figure 7: Images showing typical sub-surface irrigation layout

Other types of systems found within Nillumbik include:

- Older 'Split' systems;
- Septic into Sand Filter systems;
- Composting Toilets; and
- Worm Farm systems.

1.2 Overview of reticulated sewerage in Nillumbik

Over the last decade from 2013 there has been considerable activity relating to the provision of reticulated sewer services in Nillumbik, this has included the provision of reticulated sewer to :

- approximately 180 properties in the Eltham/Research (2013/2014)
- nearly 1,000 properties across North Warrandyte (2015/2016)
- 300 properties in Eltham South, completed in November 2022

1.3 Unsewered townships

Reticulated sewerage has been provided to Greensborough, the majority of Eltham, Eltham North, Diamond Creek, North Warrandyte and parts of Plenty, Research, Wattle Glen and Hurstbridge. The remainder of the Shire is unsewered and those properties not located within the Yarra Valley Water CSP will continue to rely on OWMS to treat and contain all wastewater within the property boundary for many years to come.

This means that properties with primary treatment systems will be required to ensure that there is sufficient available space to accommodate a reserve area (as per the Code of Practice) in the event that the system fails. In order to prevent failure owners and occupiers will need to ensure adequate monitoring and maintenance to provide proper operation of systems.

The following table shows the number of properties in areas are not on the CSP and are not expected to be connected to a reticulated mains sewer network, due to the distance from the existing network and the size of allotments being large enough to adequately manage and contain all wastewater on site with sufficient area for reserve if required.

Township	No. of properties with WTS system
Arthurs Creek	191
Bend of Islands	116
Christmas Hills	160
Cottles Bridge	236
Kangaroo Ground	450
Kinglake / Kinglake west	1
Nutfield	60
Smiths Gully	140
Strathewen	75
Watsons Creek	27
Yan Yean	10
TOTAL	1,294

Table 1.: Property data for developed allotments that will remain on OWMS.

1.4 Policy and Legislative framework

There is a comprehensive and complicated policy and legislative framework around domestic onsite wastewater management which includes several State Acts and subordinate legislation, along with guidelines, Codes, Australian Standards and local policies.

In July 2021 the *Environment Protection Act 1970* was superseded by the *Environment Protection Act 2017*, which establishes a new framework for the environmental protection and is underpinned by the general environmental duty (GED) and duties for waste, contaminated land and incident notification and management. Much of the content of SEPP (Waters) has been replaced by the Act, its Regulations and the Environmental Reference Standard (ERS), or through new guidance published by EPA. A limited number of clauses in the SEPP (Waters) will remain in force under the Environmental Protection Transitional Regulations 2021. This has allowed time for the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action [DEECA (formally known as Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning)] and the EPA to consult with duty holders to identify the most suitable replacement instrument to address these clauses.

However where content is not directly replaced under the new legislative framework, or EPA has not yet published new guidance, the information in those clauses of SEPP (Waters) may continue to provide a useful source of information to aid duty holders and regulatory decision-makers.

Victorian State Legislation

Environment Protection Act 2017

Water Act 1989

Planning and Environment Act 1987

Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008

Local Government Act 1989 and 2020

Building Act 1993.

Subordinate legislation, Policy, Codes, Strategies and Guides

Environmental Protection Transitional Regulations 2021 – retain limited State Environment Protection Policy (Waters) clauses

Environment Protection Regulations 2021

EPA Publication 1974: Regulating on-site wastewater management systems (local government toolkit)

EPA Publication 1976: Guidance for owners and occupiers of land with an OWMS equal to or greater than 5,000 litres on any day (including septic tank systems)

EPA Code of Practice - Onsite Wastewater Management (891.4) July 2016

Onsite Wastewater management plans risk assessment guide: final report (DELWP, 2022)

Victorian Land Capability Assessment Framework (January 2014)

VCAT Decisions & Precedents

National Standards

Australian/New Zealand Standards and JAS-ANZ Certification

Nillumbik Shire Council Strategic Plans and Policies

Nillumbik Planning Scheme

Council Plan 2021-2025

Shire of Nillumbik Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025

Nillumbik Climate Action Plan 2022-2023

Nillumbik Integrated Water Management Strategy 2013

1.5 Roles and Responsibilities

Environment Protection Authority

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is responsible for the protection of the Victorian environment by developing policies and guidelines, encouraging best practice environmental management and maintaining a complaints register. EPA also performs a regulatory and enforcement role to protect the quality of the environment.

The EPA's responsibilities in relation to the management of domestic wastewater disposal are as follows:

- Developing policies and legislation in relation to domestic wastewater disposal.
- Developing and reviewing the *Code of Practice – Onsite Wastewater Management* and other relevant publications.
- Approving the type of domestic wastewater treatment systems that can be installed in Victoria via the Australian Standards Certificate of Conformance process.
- Providing advice to local Councils where required.
- Approval of systems discharging more than 5,000 litres on any day

Nillumbik Shire Council

Under the *Environment Protection Act 2017*, Environment Protection Regulations 2021 and through the *EPA Code of Practice - Onsite Wastewater Management*, Council (in particular, Environmental Health, Planning and Building Services) is responsible for:

- Providing educational information and advice regarding onsite wastewater management to the community;
- Ensuring new residential subdivisions in unsewered areas are provided with reticulated sewerage - or that the allotments are capable of treating and containing all domestic wastewater on site;
- Issuing permits to install or alter onsite wastewater management and issuing a certificate to use the OWMS;
- Refusing to issue a permit if the system does not hold a current Certificate of Conformance or if the site is unsuitable and/or the area available for the treatment and disposal of effluent is not sufficient;
- Ensuring that OWMS are operating correctly and that property owners comply with conditions on OWMS permits and certificates; and
- Submitting an annual report to the EPA on OWMS activity.

Landowners and occupiers

A landowner's wastewater responsibilities consist of the following:

- Connecting to the mains sewerage system where it is available (in a declared sewer area) and the existing WTS does not meet EPA standards at the time the sewer (connection point) became available;
- In unsewered areas, obtaining a permit to install or alter an OWMS before a building permit is issued and any OWMS installation or alteration works commence; and
- Obtaining a certificate to use the system once installation has been completed and approved.

With regard to the on-going maintenance of a OWMS, it is the land occupier's responsibility to ensure that:

- The maintenance requirements of the OWMS are implemented, including de-sludging (every 3-8 years, depending on the system loading), and any specified monitoring conditions under the permit (including annual sampling);
- If the system type is a secondary treatment plant – it undergoes maintenance checks every 3 months by an accredited maintenance provider;
- The effluent disposal area remains clear from development, impermeable surfaces and unsuitable vegetation; and
- Copies of all maintenance, based on the type of system in use, is provided to Council in accordance with permit conditions.

OWMS Installers (Plumbers) and Maintenance Providers

OWMS Installers are responsible for:

- Ensuring that any plumbing work is either undertaken by a licensed plumber, or under the direct supervision of a licensed plumber;
- Only installing OWMS approved for installation in Victoria (with a current JAS-ANZ Certificate of Conformance); and
- Ensuring that all of the plumbing work complies with the Plumbing Regulations 2018 the Plumbing Code of Australia (Volume 3 of the National Construction Code) and any referenced Australian Standards relevant to the plumbing work undertaken; and issuing a compliance certificate for any plumbing work valued at \$750 or more.

Compliance certificates must be issued by licensed plumbers for specific plumbing work carried out in Victoria. A compliance certificate signed by a licensed plumber is a certification that their work complies with the prescribed plumbing standards.

A licensed plumber is not able to issue a certificate for plumbing work that has been carried out by someone else, except in limited circumstances.

OWMS Maintenance Providers are responsible for:

- Ensuring that they are an accredited maintenance service provider;
- Ensuring that any maintenance plumbing work requiring a compliance certificate is either undertaken by a licensed Plumber, or under the direct supervision of a licensed Plumber; and
- Ensuring that any wastewater pumped out of a OWMS as part of a maintenance service is only disposed of at a licensed facility.

Standards Australia and JAS-ANZ

Standards Australia develops internationally aligned Australian standards (AS) and participates in standards-related activities that deliver benefit nationally. Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand also work together to develop joint standards (AS/NZS).

Although Standards Australia develops and publishes different national standards they are not responsible for enforcing, regulating or certifying compliance with those standards. The responsibility for system assessment and the evaluation of minimum performance requirements for OWMS sits exclusively with the accreditation authority JAS-ANZ (Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand) and is carried out by the accredited certification body; Global Certification Pty Ltd (GC) under the GC Domestic Wastewater Treatment Units (Septic Tanks) certification scheme. OWMS that pass the certification scheme are provided with a Certificate of Conformance. Only systems with a valid Certificate of Conformance can be installed in Victoria.

JAS-ANZ utilise the published joint Australian/New Zealand Standards for on-site domestic wastewater as the basis for the majority of the performance criteria applied to their certification scheme (for OWMS). For example, the current certification scheme for secondary treatment systems requires the different manufactured systems to have completed and passed a comprehensive testing program by 2020 based upon the requirements of AS/NZS 1546.3:2017 *On-site domestic wastewater treatment units: Part 3: Aerated wastewater treatment systems* to receive a Certificate of Conformance post 2020.

Yarra Valley Water

Yarra Valley Water (YVW) is the local water authority for supplying and maintaining reticulated water and sewerage services to the Shire of Nillumbik (and across their catchment). YVW works in partnership with local councils in planning and implementing appropriate infrastructure developments; determining which properties are unable to contain wastewater within their boundaries and to recommend priorities for the provision of sewerage services. They are the key primary authority in setting the scope and direction of the extension of mains sewerage infrastructure across the Shire through the continuing rollout of the Community Sewerage Program (CSP).

Melbourne Water Corporation

Melbourne Water (MW) is the regional drainage authority for Metropolitan Melbourne and is also the Waterway Manager for natural waterways within Melbourne Metropolitan of which Nillumbik is a part. Melbourne Water is responsible for:

- Major trunk services for stormwater, sewer and reticulated water;
- Monitoring and maintaining the ongoing viability and health of major waterways and major catchments; and
- Providing information on floods and their control.

Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning

The Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action (DEECA formally known as DEWLP) is responsible for the management of Victoria's natural resources (water, land, etc.).

DEECA was also responsible for the management of the Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage Program (CTWSSP). This State Government program was initiated in 2004 to:

- Introduce sewerage solutions to rural and regional towns that have critical public health and environment problems.
- Introduce new water supplies or upgrade existing water supplies.
- Identify sewerage needs to prevent future risks to public health and the environment.

The CTWSSP saw the State Government invest \$42 million over a number of projects across the State. Nillumbik Shire Council was unable to apply for funding through this program to improve domestic wastewater management in rural areas and townships, as the municipality did not meet the rural or regional criteria. Council has previously advocated to the state government for an expansion of the program, however was unsuccessful in getting the funding criteria expanded.

2. Nillumbik Profile

The Shire of Nillumbik is an interface Shire located approximately 25 kilometres to the north-east of Melbourne's central activities area and extends to the Kinglake Ranges. It has the following characteristics:

- An area of approximately 430 square kilometres, 80 percent of which is non-urban.
- The non-urban land uses within the Shire are predominantly rural residential, hobby farms and conservation bush blocks, but also include various agricultural activities such as grazing, piggeries, poultry farms and vineyards. A significant area of land is covered by native forest.
- The Shire is generally bounded by the Yarra and Plenty Rivers and the Kinglake Ranges.
- The municipality includes the urban areas of Diamond Creek, Eltham, Eltham North, Plenty, Research, Wattle Glen and parts of Greensborough.

- Low density residential development generally exists around Eltham, Eltham North, Plenty, Yarrambat, North Warrandyte and Research.
- A number of smaller townships and communities are dispersed throughout the municipality and include Hurstbridge, Panton Hill, St Andrews, Arthur's Creek, Christmas Hills, Cottles Bridge, Doreen, Kangaroo Ground, Nutfield, Smiths Gully, Strathewen and Watson's Creek.

The Council has a strong environmental focus and a keen desire to maintain and enhance the natural values of the Shire which attract both residents and visitors alike. The Council actively promotes responsible environmental management practices, both within the Council and to its residents. The Shire includes one of Melbourne's Green Wedges and has a reputation for its protection and preservation of the natural environment.

2.1 Receiving Waterways and Catchments

Nillumbik is a critically important water catchment area for greater Melbourne. There are five significant waterways in Nillumbik:

1. The Yarra River;
2. Plenty River;
3. Diamond Creek;
4. Watsons Creek; and
5. Arthurs Creek.

The Yarra River forms the southern boundary of Nillumbik, snaking alongside the Bend of Islands, Kangaroo Ground and North Warrandyte.

Diamond Creek runs through the centre of Nillumbik, taking in the townships of Diamond Creek and Hurstbridge.

The Plenty River forms part of western boundary of Nillumbik. The headwaters of the Plenty River provide the water supply to the Yan Yean Reservoir.

These waterways provide stock and domestic water, form important habitat links and are a recreation resource for current and future generations. (Source: *Nillumbik Biodiversity Strategy 2012*).

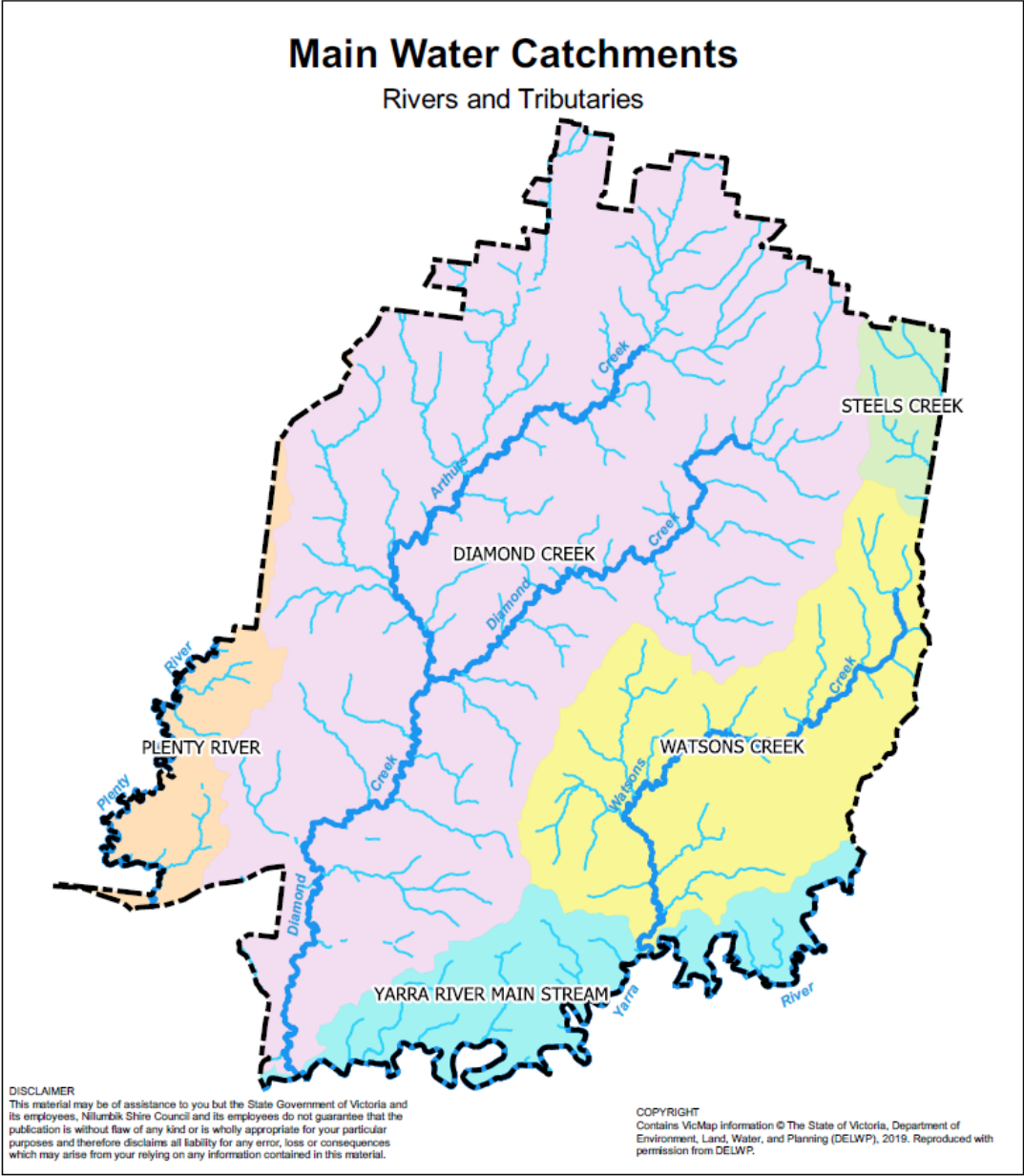
Arthurs Creek, Running Creek and the Upper Diamond Creek all form the headwaters of Diamond Creek. Running Creek meets Arthurs Creek at the township of Arthurs Creek and the Upper Diamond Creek joins Arthurs Creek at Hurstbridge.

There are four main water catchment areas within Nillumbik:

- Diamond Creek
- Plenty River
- Watson's Creek
- Yarra River Main Stream.

Using these catchments is a way of simplifying the assessment of the values and threats posed by domestic wastewater and failing systems. This allows management actions to be prioritised to the catchment areas of highest priority.

Figure 8 (below) shows the location of the above four main catchments within the Nillumbik Shire boundaries; including the rivers and tributaries within them.



2.2 Yarra Valley Water Community Sewerage Program

As a result of many properties in Melbourne being built before sewerage infrastructure was available, over 14,000 homes in the northern and eastern suburbs of Melbourne are using a range of different OWMS to manage their domestic wastewater, many of which do not meet current acceptable standards.

These substandard systems present a potential risk to public health, local waterways and the environment. As such, an identified proportion have been placed on the Yarra Valley Water Community Sewerage Program to be provided with a sustainable sewerage service at a cost of more than \$400 million (until 2032).

Council will continue to work with Yarra Valley Water in the development of the Nillumbik Community Sewerage Program (CSP). The priority and timing of the development of effective wastewater services in areas within Nillumbik are determined based on the following factors:

- Level of risk to the environment and/or human health posed by failing OWMS systems;
- Level of interest from residents to connect to a reticulated sewerage system;
- Number of residents/properties likely to be affected by the provision of a reticulated sewer service;
- Degree of difficulty in the design and construction of reticulated sewerage systems;
- Costs involved in the different possible wastewater solutions; and
- Priority in relation to other townships/areas serviced by YVW.

As a result, larger rural properties beyond the inner “township” zone of the townships throughout the Shire where the above criteria are not met, will not be included in the CSP and are likely to require OWMS management permanently.

Nillumbik is in direct competition with other municipalities also serviced by Yarra Valley Water with regards to the CSP. The priority for towns or areas to be provided with a reticulated sewerage supply is determined through the risk prioritisation schedule developed by YVW.

The next YVW prioritisation process will occur in 2026.

The number of properties currently on the CSP and the cost to YVW for the implementation of the program often results in significant delays for the provision of reticulated sewerage. It is therefore important that Council continues to work in partnership with YVW and their prioritisation timeframes. Nillumbik Shire Council was successful in the 2021 prioritisation process resulting in 7 of Nillumbik’s CSP areas recognised as higher priority and now within the top 10 priority areas for YVW. Council’s work to collect data in relation to the risks for human health and the environment has facilitated the inclusion of more properties and bringing some areas forward expected sewer connections from 2032 to 2026/27.

Table 1 Compares the previous Nillumbik CSP scheduled dates for the provision of reticulated sewerage between the 2016 and 2021 Prioritisations initiated by YVW.

2016 Prioritisation results			
CSP Area	Township/Area	Number of lots	Project dates
BA012	Eltham (North) / Research	180	complete
BA004A/B/C/D	North Warrandyte	975	complete
BA005	Eltham (South)	~300	complete
CSA007	Hurstbridge / Wattle Glen / Diamond Creek	~75	2031/32
CSA042	St Andrews	~117	2031/32
CSA041	Panton Hill	~119	2031/32
CSA040	Yarrambat	36	2030/31
Total remaining for connection		347	2030/32
2021 Priorisation results			
CSA063	Research	5	2027
CSA060	North Warrandyte	7	2033
CSA080	Eltham	21	2028
CSA073	Hurstbridge	51	2030
CSA007	Diamond Creek	30	2028
CSA079	Wattle Glen	51	2028
CSA042	St Andrews	126	2029
CSA041	Panton Hill	110	2028
CSA040	Yarrambat	52	2026*
CSA050	Plenty	53	2029
CSA078	Yarra Glen (Christmas Hills)	5	2042
Total remaining for connection		511	

Table 1: CSP timetable showing all the included Nillumbik Townships (data supplied by YVW is subject to change dependant on design and funding requirements) *The timing of the Yarrambat Sewerage Project may be influenced by Stage 2 of the Yan Yean Road Upgrade Project.

Figure 9 (below) shows the extent of Yarra Valley Water's existing Sewer Catchment Area (i.e. areas serviced with sewer) and areas that are on the Community Sewerage Program (CSP); that have not yet been provided with a service. The 'township' areas listed on the CSP, are limited to properties within a centralised area of the township. It does not include larger, more rural properties on the outskirts and surrounds.

This map demonstrates that following completion of the Nillumbik CSP, on-site domestic wastewater management will still require significant input and management on a permanent basis.

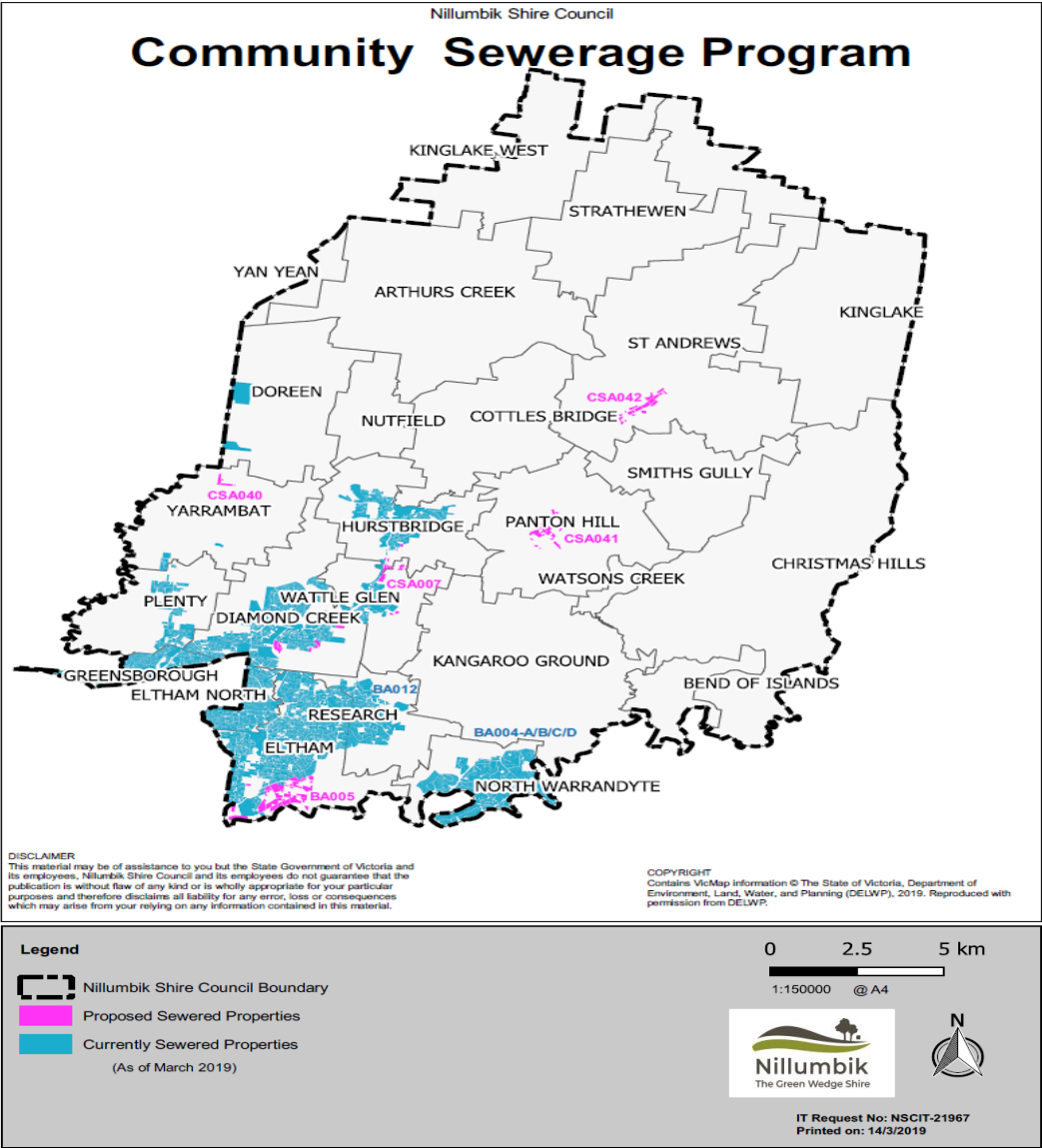


Figure 9: Sewered/Unsewered and CSP areas (see Appendix 2 for detailed maps of individual CSP Areas)

3. RISK ASSESSMENT

3.1 Onsite Wastewater risks

A primary objective of the OWMP is to identify and implement strategies aimed at minimising the impact of existing or potential risks to human health and the environment. All wastewater generation and/or discharge is seen to be a risk with potential harm to human health or damage to the environment. Wastewater risks that need to be considered, their cause and key impacts are described in Table 3.

Risk	Cause	Key Impacts
Failed systems with off-site discharge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Damaged effluent disposal drains/trenches Increased loading from extensions to dwellings Design criteria not complied with Faulty installation New works & activities impacting on disposal area Age of the system Septic tank full Poor maintenance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nutrients Pathogens Odour Visual amenity Oxygen depleting material Local land degradation Pollution of water courses Pooling of effluent causing mosquito breeding
Treated off-site effluent discharge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pollution of water courses Local visual amenity Demand on Council drainage infrastructure
Treated on-site effluent discharge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local visual amenity Pollution of groundwater
Untreated off-site sullage (grey water) discharge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poorly maintained system with sand filter not functioning Sand filter bypassed to stormwater Septic tank full Permitted system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nutrients Pathogens Odour Visual amenity Oxygen depleting material Local land degradation Pollution of water courses Demand on Council drainage infrastructure
Ineffective regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Failure to comply with permit conditions Ineffective database Non-connection to sewer Unclear regulatory responsibilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liability Increased incidence of preventable pollution and environmental degradation Increased risk to public health
Re-use of waste water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed re-use Low water supply Poor management by individual residents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pathogens Odours

Table 3: Wastewater threats

These risks have been identified by incorporating information from:

- literature reviews;
- a review of complaints;
- discussions with Council staff;
- field inspections;
- YVW regarding the extent of sewerage provision across the Nillumbik catchments

3.2 Risk Management Approach

A OWMP risk assessment methodology has been developed for councils to assess the risk of OWMS at a sub catchment and catchment level, published by DELWP, 2022.

The guide outlines the following objectives to be considered when assessing risks associated with OWMS:

- Onsite wastewater systems and their effluent are appropriately located and managed through a consistent risk assessment process
- Human health and environmental risks are minimized, particularly for potable water supply and environmentally sensitive areas.

The methodology of the guide is in alignment with ISO 31000 Risk Management and includes, risk identification, risk analysis and, risk evaluation and treatment.

Using the guide Council will develop a risk management plan to inform ongoing monitoring of OWMS throughout the Shire, particularly in areas where reticulated sewer is not a viable option for wastewater management.

The risk management plan will be developed by using the following the risk assessment structure:

Initiation: defining the scope and context to the risk management plan

- Determine sub catchments and catchment areas for assessment, identify endpoints

Risk Identification: data collection

- Collect data and allocate data to risk band levels for each risk factor

Calculate consequence

- Determine consequence through calculation of contaminant loads from risk factor data

Likelihood assessment

- Determine likelihood for each risk pathway. Calculate likelihood from risk factor band level data

Risk analysis

- Calculate risk rating for each sub catchment risk type and pathway

Cumulative risk

- Calculate risk rating for specific endpoints and review results

After the risk treatment plan is developed (within the life of this 2024-2029 plan), options of more complexity such as delivering a program of monitoring inspections and liaison with property owners will have delivery plans developed to manage the detailed nature of implementation.

Regular monitoring and review of the risk treatment plans, including track implementation of the delivery plans will be undertaken. This will include the stakeholder engagement and reporting of implementation progress as required as part of the ongoing development of Council's OWMP.

4. Management focus areas

The focus area for Council's management of onsite wastewater is informed by several main factors, including Council's statutory duty and key stakeholder strategic priorities (YVW, MW, EPA & DEECA). The Council's capacity to undertake wastewater management programs, along with the community's engagement feedback and the risks posed by ineffective and non-complaintant OWMS together determine the plan's objectives.

4.1 Focus Areas

The **OWMP 5 focus areas**:

1. Information and Data Collation
2. Education and Awareness
3. Sewer connection and CSP prioritisation
4. Regulation and Enforcement
5. Collaboration and Review

A summary description of the 5 focus areas and their objectives follow.

4.1.1 Information and Data Collation

Information and data collation is a critical primary phase of the Action Plan that must be completed before effective risk-based interventions can be undertaken. The quality and extent of the information Council holds for individual wastewater treatment systems (OWMS) directly influences the quality and extent to which subsequent actions can be conducted.

Improved accuracy of data collected by Council assist Yarra Valley Water with prioritisation calculations, as more accurate data tends to lead to a more favourable prioritisation ranking of any Community Sewerage Program area. Data around the precise location of each OWMS greatly helps with the design of the reticulated sewerage network.

Information and data collation objectives:

- Collation and auditing of all current and historic OWMS information into a single information management system to identify information gaps, provide status reports, improve risk assessment data and accuracy of information on OWMS currently operating within the Shire.

4.1.2 Education and Awareness

Conducting targeted education and awareness programs will contribute toward the objectives of the Action Plan and provide a solid foundation for increasing community and industry awareness levels around wastewater responsibilities and requirements; and subsequent compliance and monitoring activities.

Education and awareness objectives:

- Implementation of wastewater education and information strategies for OWMS owners in Nillumbik to achieve increased awareness of their responsibilities and improved OWMS maintenance management practices.

4.1.3 Sewer Connection and CSP Prioritisation

Connection of properties to reticulated sewer effectively eliminates the existing and potential environmental and human health risks that could originate from properties due to its wastewater. It is the most effective solution available from an environmental and public health perspective; particularly for Nillumbik.

To this end, educating owners of properties in declared (sewer) areas about the requirement to connect and facilitating the connection occurring is a key objective Council can undertake to significantly improve the environmental and public health outcomes for the Shire.

YVW effectively re-prioritises their complete listing of the CSP townships (and therefore the included properties within them) every five years. The last CSP re-prioritisation occurred in 2021. It is important to note that much of the data collation, risk and land capability assessment activity that determines the final re-prioritisation of the CSP list occurs in the years leading up to each re-prioritisation year. Nillumbik's success in having CSP areas move up the prioritisation schedule highlights the imperative for Council to be proactively engaging with YVW in the CSP advocacy actions

Sewer connection and community Sewerage Program objectives:

- Advocacy into Yarra Valley Water's Community Sewerage Program.
- Encourage property owners to connect to sewer (in declared areas).

4.1.4 Regulation and Enforcement

Council has several statutory responsibilities relating to wastewater control under a number of different Victorian Acts, including the:

- *Environment Protection Act 2017*; the
- *Building Act 1993*; and the
- *Planning & Environment Act 1987*

These responsibilities include activities such as:

- Ensuring that approved planning permits contain the necessary wastewater conditions for unsewered and sewer development

- Ensuring that OWMS Permits contain all the necessary wastewater conditions for the land-based constraints of the installation site and the type of system being installed.
- Approval of new OWMS installations and alterations of existing systems
- Monitoring the maintenance reporting requirements for different systems
- Building Act “Consent to Use” requirements
- Addressing wastewater non-compliances and complaints

There will always be a requirement for Council to undertake regulation or enforcement activities in relation to different wastewater issues and non-compliances that pose an immediate risk/threat to the environment or human health. This is an integral part of Council’s statutory responsibility. However, Council’s enforcement policy is generally based on the premise that enforcement is the last tool employed when education and mutual co-operation on a compliance issue has not been successful. The exception to this, is when a wastewater non-compliance poses an unacceptable immediate threat to human health and safety and it is necessary to employ an enforcement measure from the onset to address it.

The recent introduction of the new *Environment Protection Act 2017* and *Environment Protection Regulations 2021*, have established the ability for Council to enforce maintenance of OWMS to both owners and or occupiers (ie rental tenants), via infringements, Notices and if required Prosecution. Council’s regulation and enforcement is guided by the EPA Publication 1974: Regulating onsite wastewater management systems: local government toolkit. The toolkit clearly provides the legislative requirements of owners and operators of OWMS under the GED and Council’s investigative and enforcement processes to follow

Regulation and Enforcement Objectives:

- To ensure all unsewered site developments are capable of adequately treating and containing all effluent on site prior to planning approval
- To investigate and enforce where required, correct operation and maintenance of OWMS

4.1.5 Collaboration and Review

To maximize the impact of the different actions and projects identified in the OWMP Action Plan, there must be integration and co-ordination of Council’s internal resources. Internal collaboration is a key component to achieving the successful implementation of the OWMP.

Likewise, external collaboration and consultation is also a critical factor, specifically required under *SEPP (Waters)*, in the development of the OWMP and its subsequent implementation. Strengthening relationships with key external partners and stakeholder agencies such as YVW, the EPA, MAV and EHPA is a fundamental element in improving the level of collaboration, consultation, information and resource sharing between agencies.

Council has developed a comprehensive Community Engagement Program that is applied to the majority of Council projects. Community engagement and collaboration is recognised by Council as a foundational component to any project that involves or affects the community. It is an approach that Council supports and advocates.

Collaboration and Review objectives:

- Regular review of plan as per legislative requirements.
- Advocate for and contribute to reform of the wastewater legislative framework..

The above 9 objectives have been developed into a series of separate strategies and falling under the **5 focus areas** in the **OWMP Action Plan**. These are detailed below under section 4.2.

4.2 Action Plan

Nillumbik Shire Council actively promotes responsible environmental management practices. By preparing and adopting the Onsite Wastewater Management Plan (OWMP), Nillumbik demonstrates its commitment to improve the management of domestic wastewater within the Shire. The successful implementation of the OWMP Action Plan can largely be contained within the existing Environmental Health budget and allocation of resources, along with some cross organization development of solutions; such as improved use of technology to achieve greater compliance. External funding will also be sought, including grants, from Melbourne Water and the State and Federal governments.

The following is Council's Onsite Wastewater Management Action Plan for the 2023 to 2028 period.

Onsite Wastewater Management Action Plan

Focus area: information and data collection

Objectives	Strategies
All wastewater information is readily accessible in a single database and enables identification of areas of critical concern and confirm number of unsewered properties	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Digitalise all records for wastewater systems onto a single database - historic hardcopy information verified and uploaded to Council database 2. Undertake data cleansing of existing information in database, to remove duplicates and removal of sewer connected properties 3. Conduct onsite inspections of properties without records to confirm onsite wastewater management method
Maintain accurate database of properties sewered by Yarra Valley Water	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regularly update and upload property connection data obtained from YVW to GIS and database systems

Develop Risk prioritisation plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Utilise the onsite wastewater plans risk assessment guidance developed by DWELP 2022, to develop a risk based approach to ensure appropriate systems are installed throughout Nillumbik and identifying areas of high environmental or health risk 2. Conduct regular water sampling of waterways to assist with evidence based risk assessment.
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Focus area: Education and Awareness

Objectives	Strategies
Improve education and awareness of wastewater management responsibilities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase distribution of Council education publications to new wastewater system owners, new residents/owners and real estate agents 2. Ensure wastewater management information on Council's website is relevant and easy to understand

Focus area: Sewer Connection and Community Sewerage Program

Objectives	Strategies
Advocacy into Yarra Valley Water's Community Sewerage Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quarterly collaboration meetings between YVW and Council to implement CSP 2. Assist YVW with relevant information and data for design proposals throughout Nillumbik CSP areas 3. Assist YVW with community engagement during design consultation and implementation of CSP infrastructure
Encourage property owners to connect to sewer (in declared areas)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In conjunction with YVW provide communications to properties that have sewer available but have no connection record 2. Ensure retention of any secondary treatment systems at a declared property is based on evidence of compliance with EPA requirements (EPA Publication: 891.4) 3. Ensure declared properties that cannot show evidence of compliance are connected to sewer

Focus area: Regulation and Enforcement

Objectives	Strategies
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All unsewered site developments are capable of adequately treating and containing all effluent on site prior to Planning approval	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain up to date and relevant wastewater specifications and standard conditions for planning permits 2. EHOs undertake specialist training in wastewater management
Ensure all OWMS are operated and maintained in a way that minimises risks to human health and the environment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enforce the Environment Protection Regulations 2021, utilising the <i>Regulating Onsite Wastewater Systems: Local Government Toolkit</i> (publication 1974, May 2021)

Focus area: Collaboration and Review

Objectives	Strategies
Regular review of plan as per legislation requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct annual internal review and assessment of the progress of the action plan 2. Conduct 3-yearly audit and report on the progress of the plan and publish report to Council's website 3. Review and update the plan every five years 4. Conduct community engagement every 5 years as part of review and update of the plan
Advocate for and contribute to reform of the wastewater legislative framework	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advocate for improvements to legislative framework 2. Provide input into proposed legislation and standards pertaining to onsite wastewater management or reticulated sewer

5. Funding and budget allocation

The Domestic Wastewater Management Plan will require the allocation of budget and resources throughout the full 5 year implementation. The majority of actions will be absorbed into the existing Environmental Health budget, the current *Domestic Wastewater Officer* role being key to achieving some priority actions including the collection and collation of data associated with all existing OWMS throughout the Shire. Where there are specific projects, funding in the form of grants may be applied for from the State Government and other peak associations. Additional funding may also be sought in the respective budgets for each year of the plan.

Appendix 1: Community Engagement

Nillumbik Shire Council has a comprehensive Community Engagement Program structure in place that is applied to the majority of Council projects.

During the implementation of the 2019-2023 Domestic wastewater management plan (DWMP), Yarra Valley Water commenced the CSP prioritisation program in 2021, as part of the data collection for the prioritisation it became evident that a significant focus of the 2023-2028 OWMP would be on reticulated sewer provision. The resulting community engagement consisted of a survey of the Community Sewerage Program areas of Nillumbik.

Onsite wastewater management survey

The primary tool used to capture the resident's feedback and inform the priorities of the next plan was a 'Domestic Wastewater Survey'. All residents within the Community Sewerage Program (CSP) areas of Nillumbik were invited to participate in the survey via mail or via an online version of the survey available to residents on the Participate Nillumbik website.

The CSP areas consist of the townships of St Andrews, Panton Hill, sections of Plenty, Wattle Glen and Yarrambat and outer areas of Eltham, Diamond Creek and Hurstbridge. A total of 342 surveys were distributed via mail with 62 respondents providing a total response rate of 18%

The survey consisted of eleven questions. Grouped into two parts, the first to find out about existing onsite wastewater management systems, including what type of systems and the issues associated with them. The second part consisted of questions about whether people would be interested in opportunities to improve wastewater management, including options to connect to a piped sewer system and Council services.

Conclusions

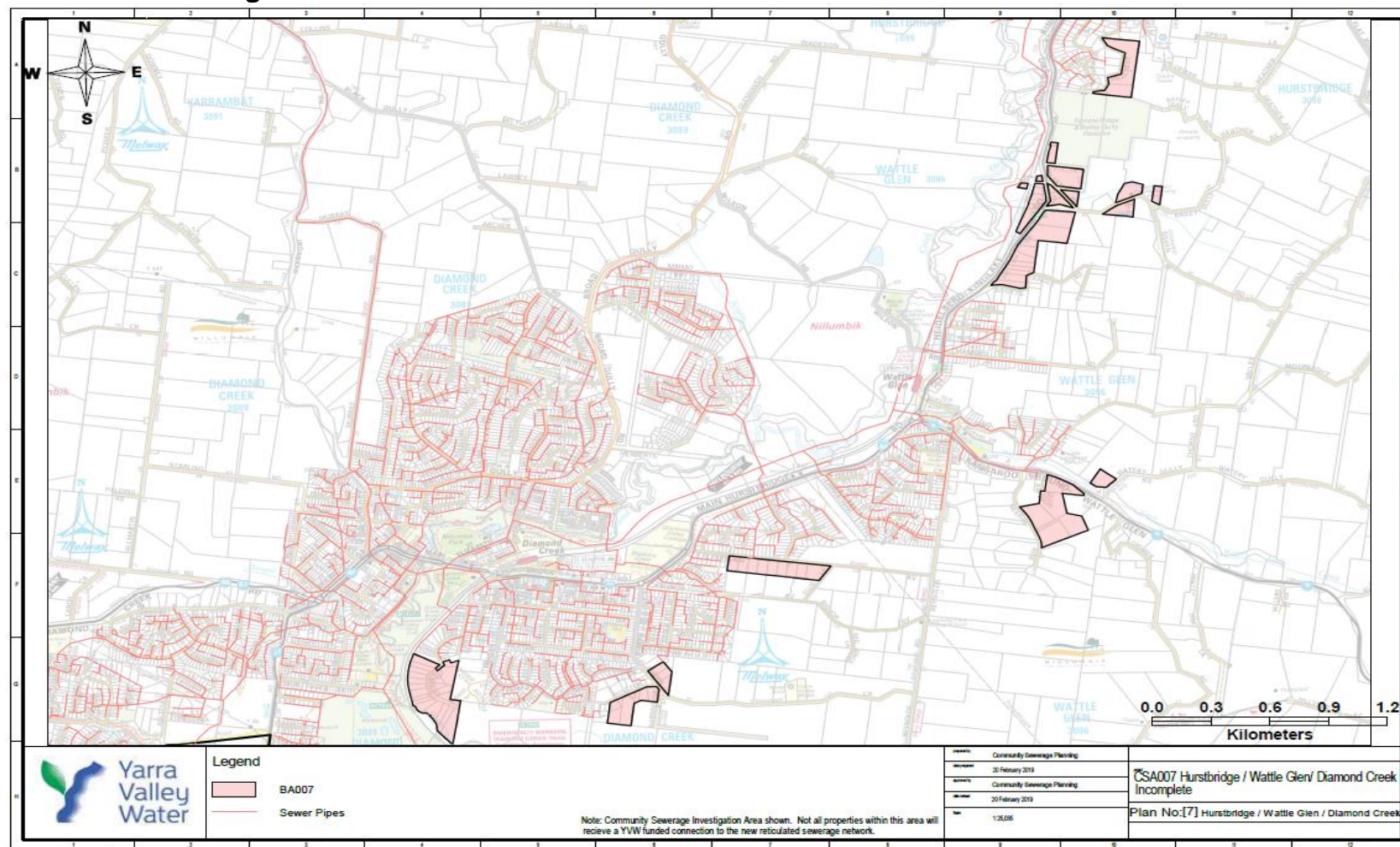
The results of the survey show that within the community sewerage program areas there is an interest in connecting to sewer, wastewater reuse and increased opportunities for education or information about wastewater systems.

The interest in connection and wastewater reuse will be provided to the local water authority, Yarra Valley Water to assist with any design decisions for potential future sewer provision, particularly in township areas away from existing sewer networks.

The interest in additional information and updates can be addressed by Council via increasing the education opportunities to residents who own or operate an onsite wastewater systems throughout the Shire and will be added to the action plan of the 2023-2028 Onsite Wastewater Management Plan.

Appendix 2: Community Sewerage Program areas (to be updated by YVW for final draft)

CSA007 Hurstbridge / Wattle Glen / Diamond Creek



Yarra Valley Water comment:
This servicing plan shows the properties which are currently proposed to be serviced, following Yarra Valley Water's assessment and reprioritisation undertaken in 2022.

The properties marked for servicing on this map may be subject to change, along with the servicing type (e.g. gravity sewer connection or pressure sewer connection). The list of properties to be serviced and the servicing type will be further investigated during the design of this community sewerage project.

The proposed sewer alignments are also indicative only and may be subject to change.

Servicing Strategy: CSA042 St Andrews

LEGEND

- Gravity > Low Risk CoS
- Gravity Alignment/Added
- Pressure > Low Risk CoS
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- Proposed Sewer
- Existing Sewer
- Investigation Area (CSA)
- Streams
- Other CSA
- Required Pumps**
 - Booster Pump Station
 - Pumping Station

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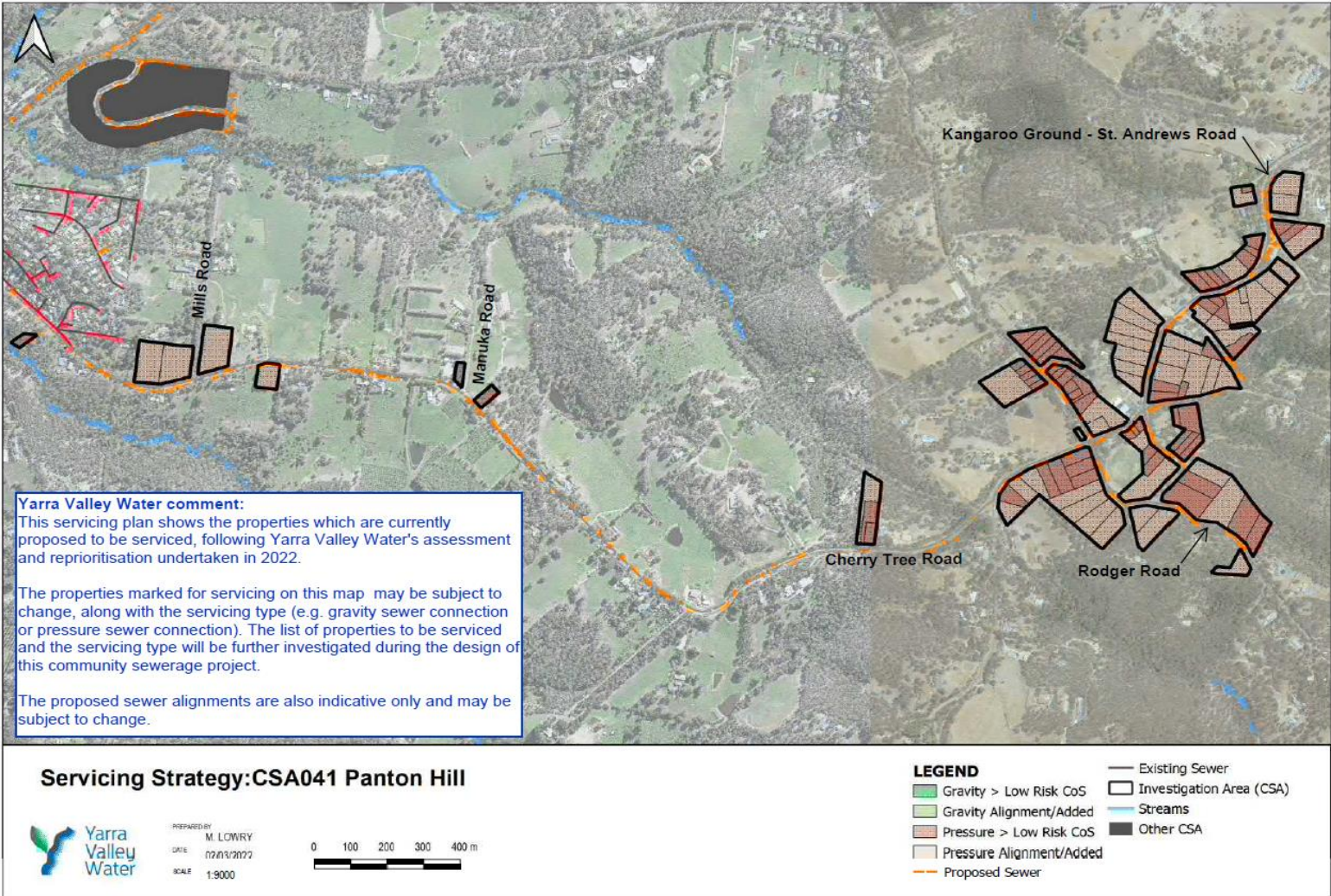
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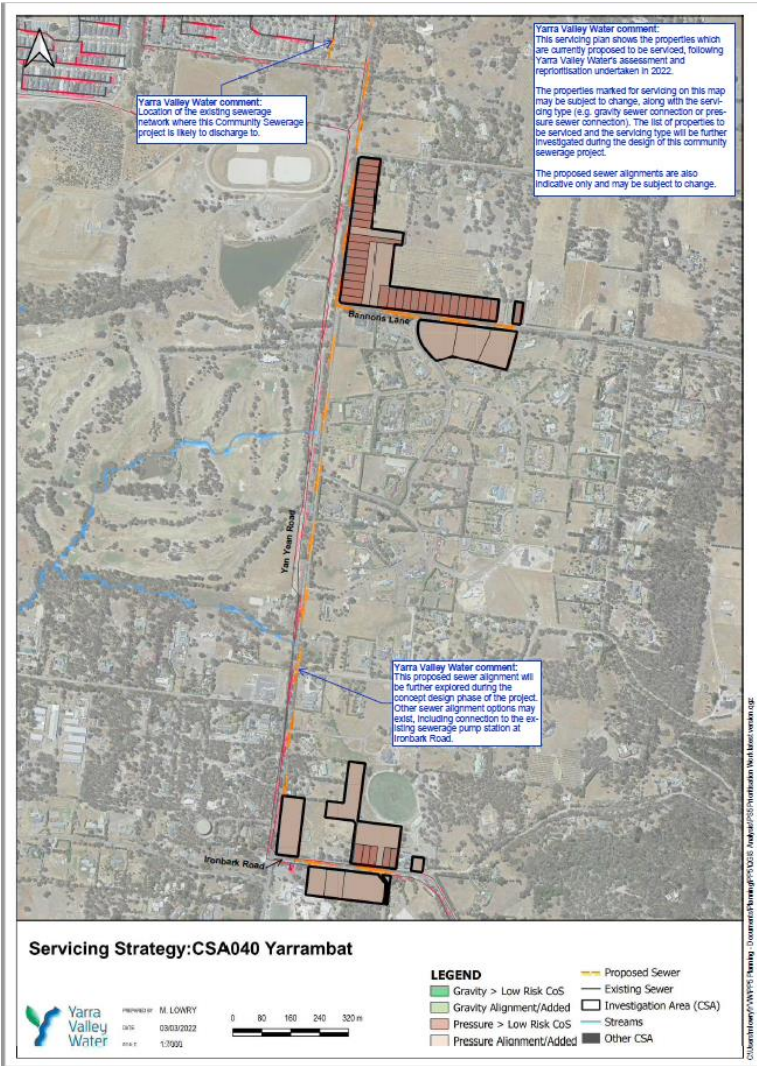
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CSA040 Yarrambat



Glossary

- **AWTS:** Aerated Wastewater Treatment System.
- **CSP:** Community Sewerage Program.
- **COC:** Certificate of Conformance (provided by Standards Australia).
- **Desludging:** The removal of sludge and sediment from the wastewater treatment system.
- **DELWP:** Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.
- **Domestic Wastewater:** Wastewater arising from a domestic dwelling. Domestic wastewater can comprise of blackwater (toilet waste) or greywater (sullage waste from bathrooms, laundry and kitchen appliances), or a combination of both.
- **Effluent:** Combined wastewater coming from (leaving) a domestic residence and/or coming from (leaving) a wastewater treatment system. It is a direction-based term used for wastewater exiting a household or treatment system.
- **EPA:** Environment Protection Authority.
- **GIS:** Geographic Information System.
- **Greywater:** Domestic wastewater that does not contain toilet waste. Also known as sullage.
- **Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand (JAS-ANZ):** Is an accreditation authority and framework, with the purpose to enhance national, trans-tasman and international trade via accreditation to achieve international recognition for the excellence of Australian and New Zealand goods and services. JAS-ANZ provides a certification mark for use on goods and services that meet their accreditation requirements.
- **Land Capability Assessment (LCA):** A method used to assess the capability of land to manage on-site wastewater disposal, which recommends whether effluent can be adequately treated and retained on-site.
- **MAV:** Municipal Association of Victoria.
- **MW:** Melbourne Water.
- **OWMP:** Onsite Wastewater Management Plan.
- **Primary Treatment System:** A wastewater treatment system that treats the effluent to a primary standard.
- **Secondary Treatment System:** A wastewater treatment system that treats the effluent to a secondary standard.
- **SEPP:** State Environment Protection Policy (Waters).
- **Sewage:** Any wastewater containing human excreta or domestic wastewater.
- **Sewerage:** The infrastructure system (drains etc.) used to carry, treat and dispose of sewage.
- **YVW:** Yarra Valley Water.
- **OWMS:** Onsite Wastewater Management System, the generic term used to refer to all available types of on-site wastewater treatment and disposal systems across both primary and secondary treatment systems.

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This detailed site plan illustrates the layout of the Community Center building and its surrounding outdoor spaces. The building footprint is centrally located, featuring an 'Entry' area, a 'Winter Garden', and various interior rooms including a kitchen, dining area, and restrooms. Key outdoor features include a 'Veg. Bed' (vegetable garden) adjacent to the winter garden, a 'Landscape Area' with trees and shrubs, and a 'Stage Area' with a 'Yarning Circle' and 'Walk' area. The plan also shows 'Access Paths' connecting different zones, a 'Bike' parking area, and a 'Landscape Area' with a 'Veg. Bed' near the stage. The building is surrounded by a 'Landscape Area' with trees and shrubs. The plan includes a north arrow and a scale bar.

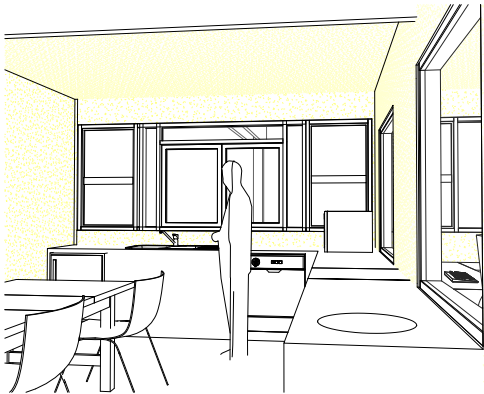
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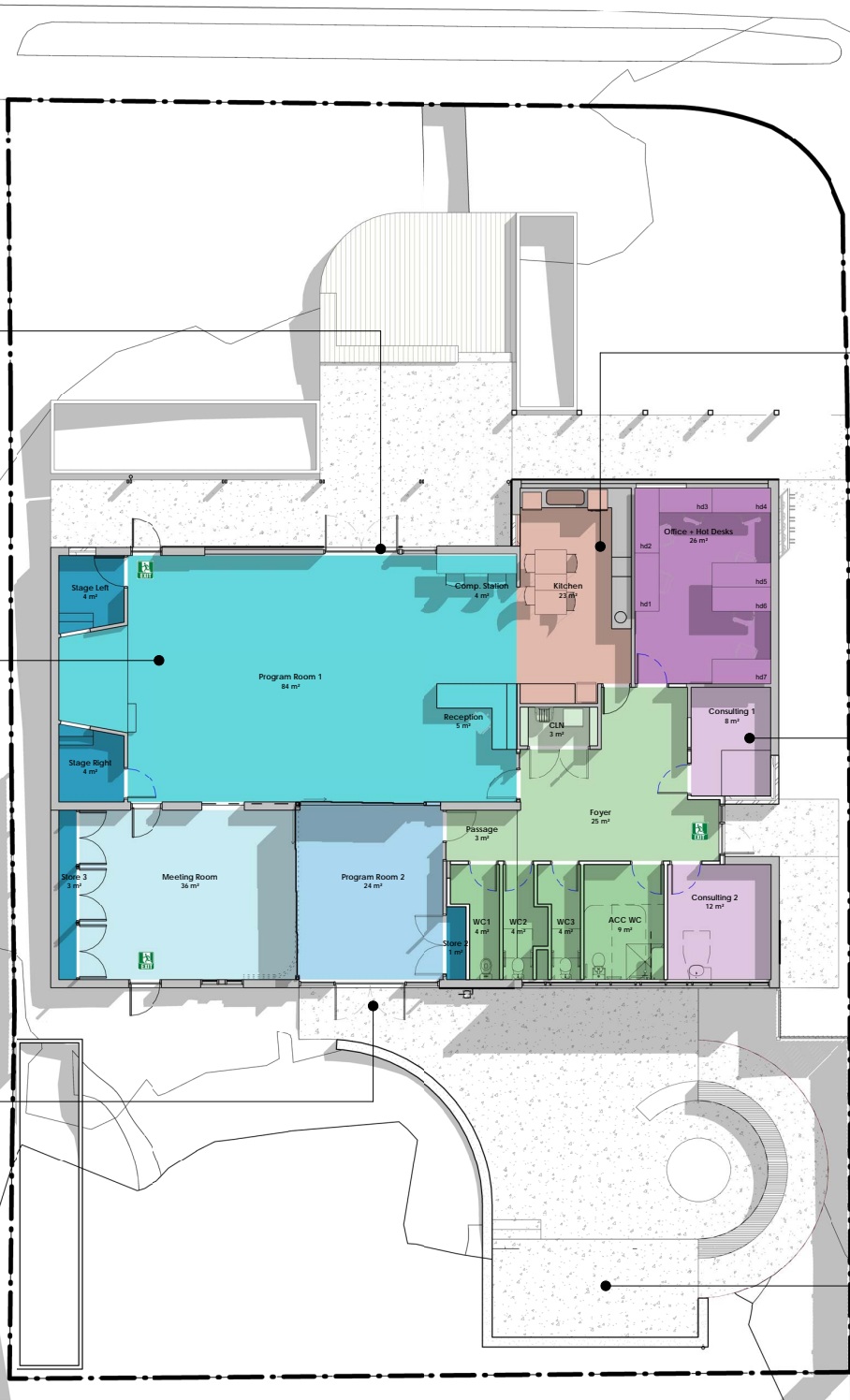
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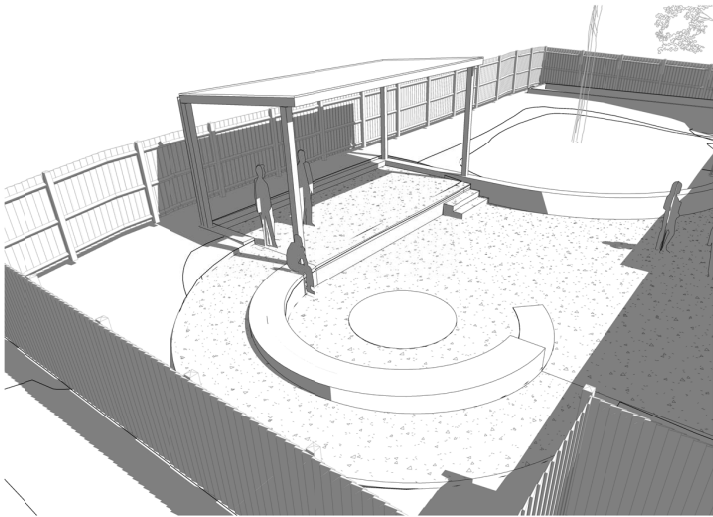
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Community Engagement Report

Nillumbik Youth Hub



Project Background

Nillumbik Shire Council has received \$300,000 under the Victorian Government's Youth Hubs grant program 2022-23, which will be matched by Council to support the establishment of the first youth hub for the Shire by mid-2024.

As part of this project, Nillumbik is redeveloping its community facility located at 32-34 Elizabeth St, Diamond Creek, into a dedicated, stand-alone youth hub to provide centralised support for young people 12-25 years old. The draft concept plans include scope for:

- Upgraded modern facilities, featuring an entry, foyer/reception, kitchen upgrade, one large multi-purpose room, two program rooms, office space, two consulting rooms
- IT - equipped rooms to support delivery of hybrid programs and meetings
- Accessible and ambulant toilet facility with shower facilities
- New floor finishes, repainting throughout and upgraded building services
- New outdoor covered area, including improved access, seating and shade

The community engagement period on the draft designs for the Youth Hub ran from 30 June – 25 July 2023 on Council's participate Nillumbik website.

In line with Nillumbik's Community Engagement Policy, and in an effort to reach as many people as possible, a range of promotional tools and information resources were used to encourage and support meaningful participation.

How we engaged

The below table outlines the various methods used to engage with the community.

Website	Total of 669 visits to the participate Nillumbik website
Posters	A total of 200 posters were available and displayed across the shire
Postcards	A total of 200 postcards were made available and distributed to stakeholders
Social media	A total of 13 social media posts and 2 paid targeted ads reaching a total of 13,960 people and engaging 540 people
Video	A total of 1,349 views were received on the Youth Hub video
Newsletter	Articles were posted in Nillumbik News, the Youth e-newsletter and other community newsletters.
Word of mouth	Information was shared with a range of stakeholders and networks through emails and meetings during the engagement period.

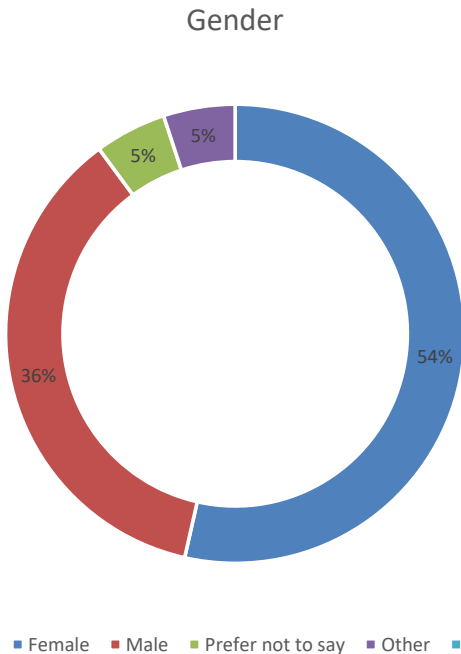
Community were invited to provide feedback on the draft designs for the Nillumbik Youth Hub between 30 June and 25 July by completing an online survey available on Participate Nillumbik, or participating in a workshop hosted by Council’s Youth Development team.

Survey

A total of **85** responses were received from the online survey provided on Participate Nillumbik. The following provides a breakdown on the demographics of respondents to the survey.

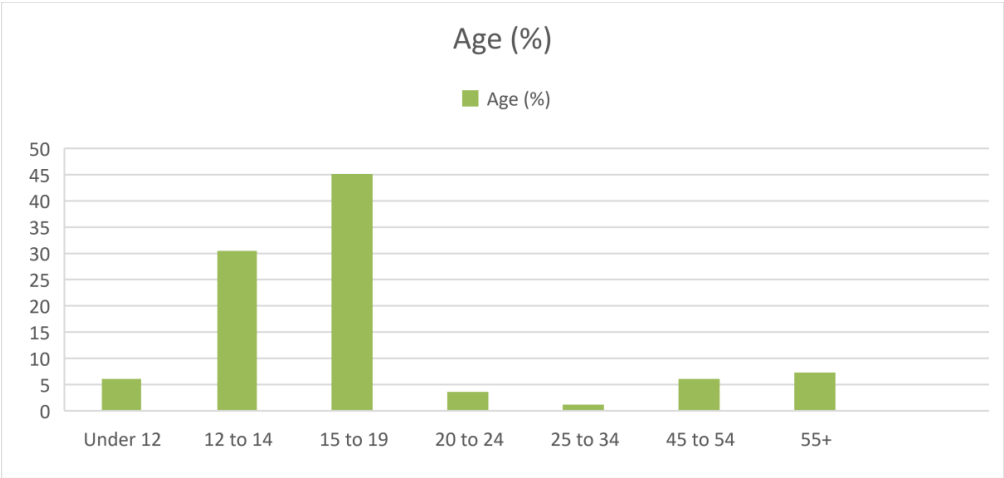
Gender

Majority of respondents to the survey identified as Female (54%), followed by Male (36%) and Other (5%). An additional 5% of respondents also preferred not to say.



Age

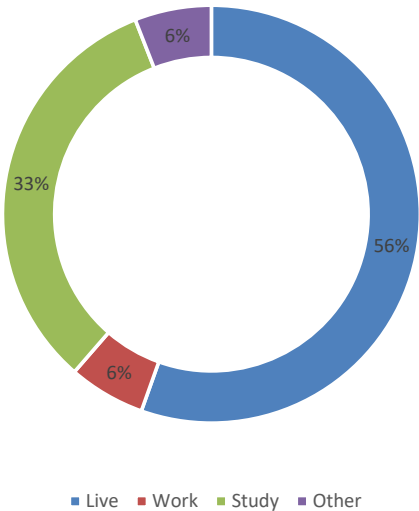
Age of the respondents to the survey varied between under 12 and over 85, however a significant amount of respondents were aged between 12-25 years old (approximately 76%).



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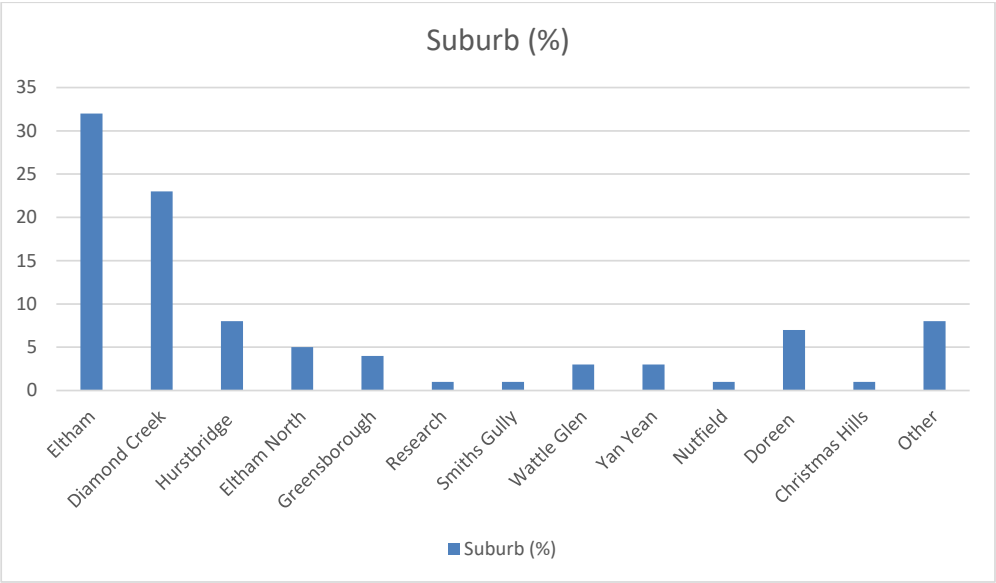
Majority of respondents said they either lived (56%) or studied (33%) in Nillumbik.

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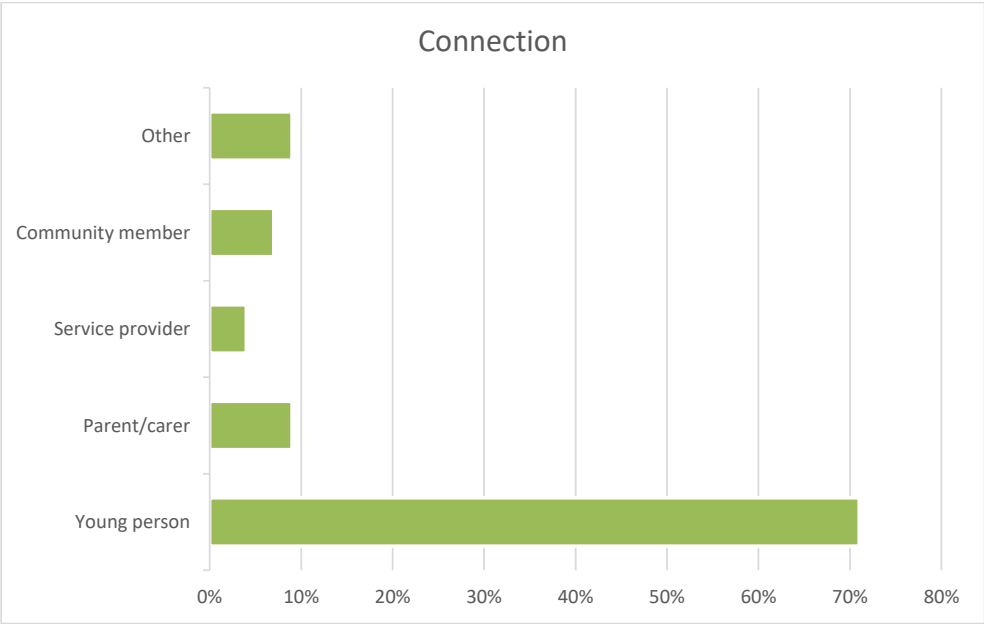
Suburb

A significant number of respondents listed that they live in Eltham (32%) and Diamond Creek (23%). Other respondents were spread across a range of suburbs including Hurstbridge, Wattle Glen, Research, Greensborough, Eltham North, Doreen, Smiths Gully, Christmas Hills, Yan Yean, Nutfield or outside of the shire ('other').



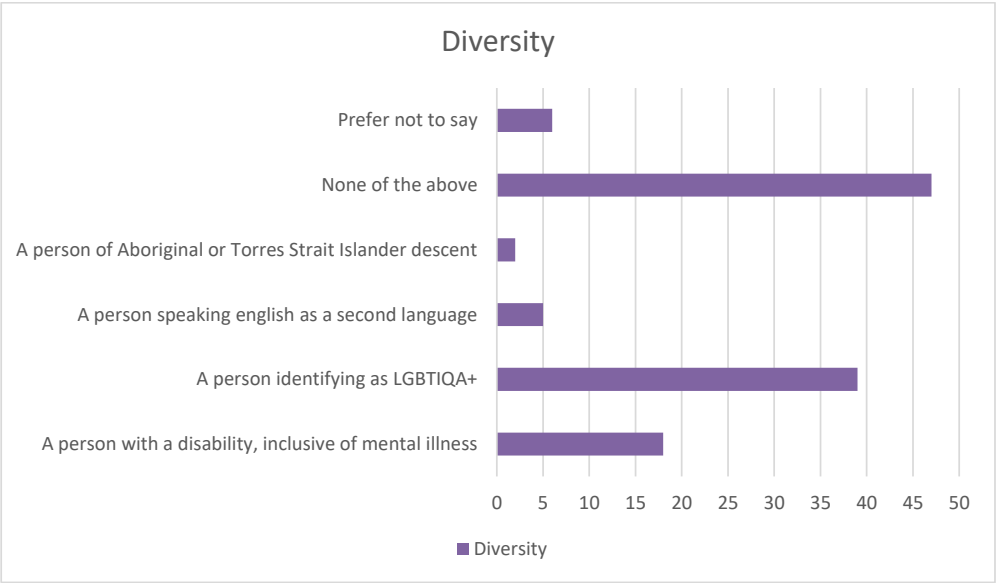
Connection to the project

Majority of respondents completing the survey identified their connection to the project as being a young person (71%). Other respondents included parents/carers (9%), service providers (4%) and community members (7%).



Diversity

Respondents to the survey represented a relatively diverse representation of the community. Significantly, almost 39% of respondents identified as LGBTIQA+. A total of 18% also identified as having a disability, inclusive of mental illness, 5% spoke a language other than English at home and 1% identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.



Stakeholder Workshops

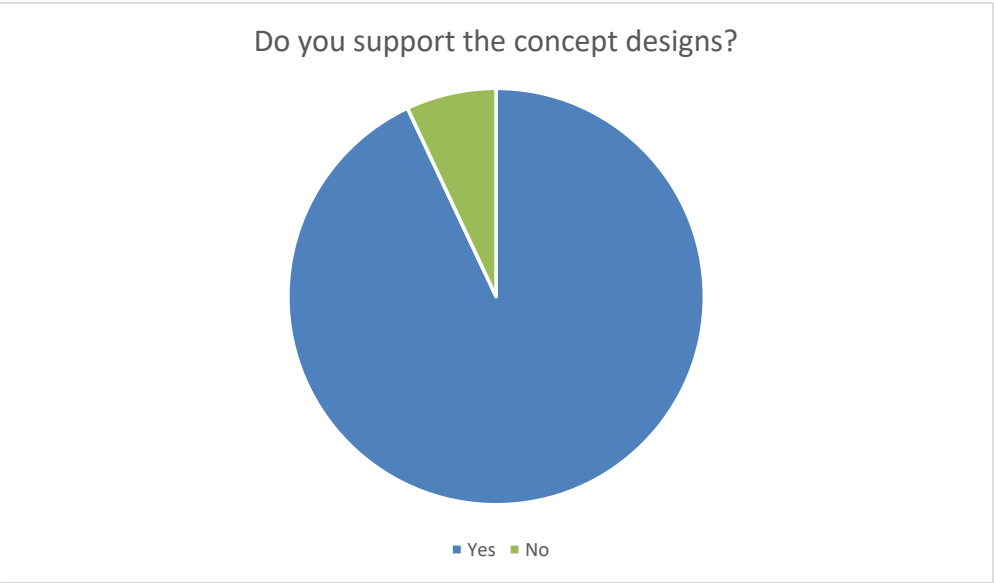
A total of **181** stakeholders participated across 13 workshops held during the engagement period which is summarised in the following table:

Workshop	# participants
Youth Council	10
Youth forum (<i>young people 12-25 years</i>)	10
healthAbility	4
Youth Services	14
Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation	2

Araluen	20
Sacred Heart Primary School	14
Inclusion and Access Advisory Committee	11
Eltham High School	20
Youth Rainbow Social Group	10
Nillumbeats FReeZA Committee	3
Diamond Valley College	45
St Helena Secondary College	18
TOTAL	181

What we heard

Of the 85 respondents to the online survey, over **93%** indicated they support the draft concept plans



Findings

Overall there was overwhelming support for the draft concept designs for the Youth Hub. In particular, there was support across all stakeholders on the flexible programs spaces and outdoor area that can be used for a broad range of purposes, and the modernising of the building to be 'youth' friendly and welcoming.

Young people emphasised the importance of outdoor areas and wanting to see more trees, plants and community gardens. There was also significant interest in the opportunity for the youth hub to incorporate and support a range of different activities young people are interested in including bmx/skate, basketball/netball, gaming, art, table tennis, music and more.

Considerations and opportunities identified by a range of young people, local youth services and other stakeholders who engaged throughout the public consultation period included ensuring the final designs incorporate colour and other opportunities for art and creative design, having flexible and interchangeable furniture for a broad range of uses in the program spaces, ensuring safety for services, staff and young people accessing the space and consideration for minimising transfer of noise between program spaces and consulting rooms.

In addition, accessibility and inclusion were important topic areas emphasised by all stakeholders. Feedback received included ensuring areas within the Youth Hub including the Kitchen, stage and outdoor area are accessible for people with a disability. Other suggestions included incorporating wayfinding signage and consideration of colour contrasting throughout the building and with furniture. Young people also highlighted the importance of visibility, such as displaying the Progress Pride, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags, Acknowledgement of Country, incorporating first nation's artwork and use of Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Language in naming of the rooms.

Environmentally sustainable design was also highlighted as an important consideration, including use of renewable energy, energy and water efficient fixtures and appliances such as LED lighting, recycling/composting systems, use of recycled, recovered and recycled content materials in design, biodiversity and supporting active transport to and from the Youth Hub.

The below table provides a summary of the feedback received during the engagement period from the online survey and stakeholder workshops.

What do you love about the draft designs?

1	GENERAL
1.1	Modern design including the open and flexible program spaces and indoor and outdoor areas.
1.2	Calming and bright

1.3	Open and engaging areas as well as closed quiet spaces for young people to study or hang out.
1.4	Vibrant but not overwhelming colour scheme and welcoming environment
1.5	There is a space for everyone
2	ENTRY/RECEPTION
2.1	The secondary discreet entry for young people off Gibson Street.
3	KITCHEN
3.1	Use of communal cooking space
3.2	Opportunity for youth services to deliver a range of cooking programs and activities with young people
4	MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
4.1	Option for computers and printers important for young people to access for job applications, resume writing, study etc.
5	PROGRAM ROOMS
5.1	Hangout spaces and quiet study spaces are really important
5.2	Program rooms can be utilised for a range of purposes
6	OFFICE SPACE
6.1	Support for proposed office space which will be a shared office space with healthAbility Youth team
7	CONSULTING ROOMS
7.1	Access to a range of support
8	AMENITIES
8.1	A cupboard for communal cleaning equipment, in case people decide to use the kitchen.
8.2	Inclusion of shower and washing machine/dryer can support a range of young people experiencing homelessness or financial insecurity
9	OUTDOOR AREA
9.1	Outdoor stage
9.2	Yarning circle
9.3	Community garden, veggie gardens and opportunities to involve young people in this
9.4	Strong support for amount of greenery and garden spaces provided
10	DESIGN/FURNISHINGS
10.1	The exterior design of the building is safe and welcoming.
10.2	
11	LOCATION
11.1	It's located in a great position, easily accessible to the youth of Nillumbik and in an area frequented by them.
12	ENVIRONMENT/SUSTAINABILITY

12.1	Green spaces and community gardens which can be used to promote biodiversity
13	SAFETY
13.1	
14	ACCESS AND INCLUSION
14.1	Inclusivity and cultural diversity of the space
14.2	Aboriginal cultural elements such as yarnning circle

What would you like to see included, changed or improved?

1	GENERAL
1.1	Ensure young people are involved at each stage
1.2	Ensuring that only youth use the area and not other people
1.3	Ensure the youth hub is inviting for young people
1.4	Open floor plan with glass doors to make everything as spacious as possible
2	ENTRY/RECEPTION
2.1	Reception desk needs to be more secure – i.e., back of staff to the wall for more privacy
2.2	Storage spaces for young people to put bags
2.3	Standard operating hours should be later to better accommodate young people – for example 10-6pm.
2.4	Include information boards with job postings, flyers/brochures for services and other events and relevant information for young people.
2.5	Reception desk shouldn't be too tall – easy to have a conversation over
3	KITCHEN
3.1	Accessible kitchen spaces - consider height of tables for disability access
3.2	Food bank provided for young people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness or financial insecurity.
3.3	Kitchen should be able to accommodate a broad range of cooking and life skill programs
3.4	Double stacked oven would be ideal to better support larger cooking programs
3.5	Tiles where food is and use of simple flooring
4	MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
4.1	Needs to be flexible furniture that can be re-arranged for a variety of activities – including cushions, beanbags, chairs, yoga mats etc.
4.2	Interest in a range of items to engage young people in the space including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Games such as Nintendo switch/PS5/Xbox Board games / puzzles

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recipe books • Skate board, bike and scooter hire • Computers and access to printers • Air hocky / table tennis / pool tables • Instruments such as a piano
4.3	Lighting and good sound equipment for the indoor stage (something like floor lights would be good for music events).
4.4	Speakers built into rooms to listen to music/media
4.5	Incorporate a mini library or book swap and book club
4.6	Side stage access and larger stage if possible
4.7	Amps and music equipment
5	PROGRAM ROOMS
5.1	Interest in a broad range of programs including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tools and woodworking • Art programs • Cooking programs • Bike repair maintenance
5.2	Consider height of tables for disability access
5.3	Use of carpet for indoor spaces instead of concrete
5.4	Study areas for young people to utilise
5.5	Rooms to practice/play/record music (soundproof)
5.6	Tech area to run tech based activities
5.7	A dark room with not a lot of light
6	OFFICE SPACE
6.1	No feedback received.
7	CONSULTING ROOMS
7.1	Access points in consulting room/areas – there should be a safety feature for workers to make a quick escape if needed
7.2	Duress alarms will be an important safety element for staff accessing these spaces
7.3	Doors should swing out for safety purposes
7.4	Consider glass windows/doors for line of sight into consulting rooms, with frosting to still allow for privacy
7.5	Noise levels and privacy need to be considered for these rooms
7.6	Will two consulting rooms be enough?
8	AMENITIES
8.1	A cupboard for communal cleaning equipment, in case people decide to use the kitchen
8.2	Washing machine / dryer

8.3	Phone charging areas
9	OUTDOOR AREA
9.1	Opportunities for young people to play and be active: E.g., Basketball hoop/netball ring, table tennis
9.2	More open gardens and biodiversity to educate younger generations about the environment
9.3	Interest in opportunities for bike storage and maintenance
9.4	Outdoor performance space should include an outdoor projector screen and speakers for movies and performances.
9.5	Add in a drink fountain to the outdoor area
9.6	Add a bike repair station
9.7	Outdoor areas both front and back can be made more therapeutic and sensory with shelter and seating areas.
9.8	More plants and trees such as fruit trees
9.9	Install a BBQ
9.10	More outdoor seating and picnic tables
9.11	More outdoor cooking areas
10	DESIGN/ART
10.1	Interior design / furnishings should be co-designed with local young people
10.2	Some fun and vibrant public art / mural on the outside of the building.
10.3	Front of the building should be orange to align with Nillumbik Youth branding
10.4	The exterior design of the building is important. The outside of the building needs to be able to draw young people in, and feel safe and welcoming
10.5	Would like to see some innovation in the shapes/architecture of the rooms where possible
10.6	Incorporate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artwork
10.7	Utilise wall in outdoor area for mural / street art with young people
10.8	Murals and artwork on walls
10.9	Rotating artwork of young people displayed
10.10	Ceiling design should be modern and not like classroom ceilings
11	LOCATION
11.1	It's located in a great position, easily accessible to the youth of Nillumbik and in an area frequented by them.
12	ENVIRONMENT/SUSTAINABILITY
12.1	Composting and recycling systems
12.2	Encourage active transport – e.g., Bike racks
12.3	LED lights and more plants

12.4	Solar panels
12.5	Energy & water efficient fixtures and appliances
12.6	Use of recycled, recovered and recycled content materials in design
12.7	Biodiversity and green spaces
13	SAFETY
13.1	Defibrillator and first aid kit should be included on site
13.2	Consider security of building particularly tech and equipment
14	ACCESS AND INCLUSION
14.1	Visibility of progress pride flag and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags at front of the building
14.2	Consider other ways to incorporate LGBTIQA+ inclusion such as rainbow stairs and free pronoun badges
14.3	Incorporate cultural diversity in meals / food provided in the Kitchen area
14.4	Separate spaces/programs for older and younger people
14.5	Acoustic considerations for youth with hearing loss and social groups/activities for deaf youth
14.6	Ensure seating/furniture selected is inclusive
14.7	Large car park for disability cars/vans
14.8	Quiet sensory spaces that are separate to rooms with loud colours / lots going on. Make sure to use neutral colours/ limited decorations in sensory room
14.9	Using Aboriginal language for welcome and naming of rooms
14.10	Have fidget toys available
14.11	Trans awareness posters and anti-discriminatory signage

Next steps

Feedback received during the engagement period will be considered by Council at the 8 August 2023 Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting, and where possible reflected in the final design for the Nillumbik Youth Hub.

The final engagement report and designs will be made available on Participate Nillumbik from September 2023. Works on the Youth hub are expected to commence late 2023 and be completed by Mid-2024.

How can participants stay informed?

Register for updates or follow the project on Participate Nillumbik

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30 June – 25 July 2023

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	Yes	No					
23206	1		I love the diversity and the colourfulness of the designs. I love how they are also very inclusive of others.	Bit more calming areas, that don't have much designs.	Not really :)	█	█
23205	1		All the designs are great ideas, but taking some feedback from us could possibly make it better.	Maybe a few things like painting a wall a different colour or redesigning a room.	No.		
23204	1		The colour and how fun it looks.	Make it look really inviting.	Lots of indigenous art and flags :)	█	█
23203	1		the colours and diversity	more sporting activities	more sport things	█	█
23202	1		I like the colourfulness and structure, it would be fun for the youth.	I would like to see an air hockey table or possibly VR for the kids just for fun.	No.	█	█
23201	1		They are nice	Better stuff	No	█	█
23200		1	Buildings	Video games	No		
23199	1		the games	food eating spot	no		
23198		1	The gardens and the outdoors	Video game room.	Nope.	█	█
23197	1		I like how inclusive it is	Less orange, more green grass in the gardens and comfy chairs	No		
23183	1		I think it looks like a fun place to hang out at.	I would add a mini library and an area with pillows as a place to read	No	█	█
23182	1		the colours	a drak room with not alot of light	a good space for people to study like a study area	█	█

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23181	1		I Love the attention to detail on the designs and also the amount of space there is in the rooms and outside	No the designs are perfect and i support the public's choice in their changes and min	No thank you		
23180	1		the vibe/felling of it all	no	no		
23179	1		There is a little bit of space for everyone	Gaming rooms, murals, aboriginal and Torres Strait island art	DnD should be played regularly		
23178	1		I love how it is set up	yes maybe to add art work on the walls	no		
23177	1		there lit	basketball ring	nah		
23176	1		how colorful it is	no	no		
23175	1		the kiten	add a race car bed	no		
23174	1		How it is very welcoming	Add some artworks on the walls. Add some footy goals.	Mabey put in some bookshelves, and more colour.		
23173	1		I like the music area.	I think there should be a quiet room with some plushies	There should also be more amps and stuff.		
23172		1	not much	no don't care	no		
23171	1		I like that it could be a quiet space for children to relax after school	Added storage lockers to keep their things safe	I think they should add some more fun activities and game days		
23170	1		how colourful and creative they are.	led lights and more plants they can be fake.	no		
23169	1		There a good way to advertise the youth hub	I would like to see more varieties of jobs of around the campus	No		
23168	1		How it allows young people to interact	No I think it's good	Nah it's good		
23167		1	I love everything about these designs	no	add picnic tables		

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23166	1		It's lively and colourful	No, everything is fine and looks good	No		
23165	1		The garden and stage area.	More outdoor cooking areas	No		
23164	1		the table tennis table	colours being more modern	washing machine and dryer phone charging area		
23163	1		That they have a nice design	Solar panels	A pond		
23134	1		The open spaces, the yarnning circle and stage area. I love the amount of greenery and garden spaces provided, the program and meeting rooms look very good.	No.	It would be great if a lot of the indoors space is carpet instead of concrete, using local youth art to decorate the space would be cool. Lighting and good sound equipment for the indoor stage (maybe something like floor lights would look cool for music events). Maybe a couple of desks or tables to do work would also be great.		
23131	1		Calming, bright and really well thought	More inviting, maybe like photos or like of an airport or virgin Australia or Jetstar plane.could do with more space. Could be a warm cozy place	Gym, and basketball ring maybe indoor.		
22987	1		Outside space				

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22986	1		the dedicated spaces	no i don't think anything needs changing i like what is here	speakers build into some rooms to listen to music/media	█	█
22985	1		They are fairly open and nice but still have closed quiet areas for people to study or hang out.		Make sure to make it seem welcoming by having many activities for people, this could be puzzles, books board games and general rainbow vibes.	█	█
22984	1		I love the open spaces and the utility of all the different rooms.	I would like to see accessible kitchen spaces.		█	█
22983	1		The music space/stage	A piano for general use, possibly other instruments as well if it's within budget (guitars, drumkit ect.). It'd also be good to have a mini library and a book club of some kind.	We could collaborate with the living and learning centres to run classes more specified to youth	█	█
22982	1		The fact that you have a kitchen	Huge beanbags, lots of big fluffy blankets, frying pans (with vegetable oil), Good books (don't have to be lgbt, young adult ones), Yes to the rainbow stairs, community puzzle	Nope	█	█
22981	1		I love the fact that you can go there and relax and how they have great areas and activities	I wouldn't change a thing	Flowers around the area with Aesthetic plants	█	█

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22978	1		The vibes are good. I liked that a lot of the designs and concepts are super cool and colourful etc. and really felt like spaces for young people with all the murals and community art, outdoor spaces and colourful motifs(?) around. I really like the idea of community gardens, kitchens, and gaming and study spaces for people to hang out and meet each other etc.	From what I've heard and seen it sounds really good and there isn't much that comes to mind in terms of changes.	The idea of lots of different murals throughout the space is really appealing to me, as well as lots of cozy/chill spaces and similar.	■■■	■■■■■■■
22972	1		I love how inclusive, warm and safe they feel. It is also very open and multi-useful.	Maybe some more open garden spaces, to include more biodiversity and help educate younger generations about the environment.	This is rad, thanks council. Also love you guys.	■■■	■■■■■■■

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22971	1		I love the balance between indoor and outdoor space. I love the modular aspect of the available spaces.	In some ways, the spaces are too rectangular/uninspired. I'd like to see some innovation in the shapes/architecture of the rooms (not sure how achievable is this). Some more seating outside the facilities would make the space more welcoming.	It would be good to consider how the individual rooms will operate; whether there is a booking system or it's just walk in... I'd love to see MarioKart or something similar as an easy way for youth to talk/hang out.		
22970	1		I love the stage, outdoor areas and kitchen.	I think that keeping hang out spaces and quiet study spaces is really important. Would love to see an open floor plan with glass doors to make everything as spacious as possible	Can we have in eltham too please		
22969	1		I LOVE the vibrant but not overwhelming colour scheme and the welcoming environment.	There are a few rooms I noticed that lacked the vibrant colour scheme so I would suggest adding some zest to those rooms	Not really I mainly think this is a really good idea and the design was pretty good		
22968	1		I think they are quite colourful and lively. Some bits are a bit cluttered but overall I like the ideas.	I think adding some things into unused or empty space could help.	Not necessarily. I think that as long as everything is neat things would look really nice.		
22967	1		Being able to use the youth hub for many different things/interests.	Rooms to practise/play/record music. (soundproof)	-		

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22966	1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bike rack - Plants - Inclusivity - The music ideas - 	<p>Some of the colours are very bright, and I think duller colours would be nicer, though having some bright colour would be nice, just not whole walls.</p> <p>I think it would be cool to have one of those mini library swap things.</p>			
22965	1		I really like the different designs of rooms and all the colours that were included				
22964	1		Outdoor spaces	More plants maybe a water feature			
22963	1		In general they are nice open spaces that are good for group connections.	Tech area to run tech based activities to encourage in person communications between indoorzy people.	I would like to see some more trees. Fruit trees would be good to help supply the kitchen and provide convenient snacks		
22962	1		<p>Combination of outdoor and indoor designs</p> <p>Use of communal cooking space</p>		Formation of youth clubs would be nice (and they can book spaces in the hub etc)		

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22961	1		Colours, funky designs and art/gaming stuff.	Multiple TVs/consoles for gaming? (Nintendo Switch was there but a PS4/5 or Xbox could work for the older years (seperate to the younger years somehow?)	Nintendo Switch was seen but a PS4/5 or Xbox could work for the older years (seperate to the younger years somehow?)		
22960	1		i love how colourful and energetic they are, i think they are very creative and are very inclusive. they allow youth to bond and can create lifelong connections.	no, i think the designs are great.	no, i think that the designs are good, i don't have any ideas that would improve upon it		
22959	1		inclusivity and cultural diversity	more lgbt representation		████	████
22958	1		The open Areas and range of spaces	Pingpong/pool tables would be nice More greenery			
22957	1		i like the overall design, its very cozy and comforting. the lights are cool	warmer lights	not really it's pretty good	████	████
22956	1						
22697	1		Everything. I just like it will be a cool place.	Animals and petting farm. It would be cool in the outdoor space.		████	████
22696	1		creative, free to others,	tiles where food is, simple flooring,	time to make friends and talk to workers		
22695	1		I like the different spaces and how it will include Aboriginal cultural elements	I would like a swimming pool Cooking classes		████	

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22694	1		I like that is colourful and has a lot of different things	Basketball ring Cultural diversity in meals in kitchen		████	
22693	1		I like the outside area and movie area.	A seperate space for older teens and younger kids.		████	████████
22692	1		There's lots of space and each room has a purpose	A quiet space		██████	
22691	1		Lot of space to hang out and use the kitchen. Lots of good space for young people	Netball ring and swimming pool		████	████
22690	1		colours, inclusive of cultures, new idea,	petting farm, bring your own pet day, movie night.			
22672	1		Office space, communal space both indoors and outdoors, access to support.	Outdoor table tennis or something that encourages physical activity in a social aspect. Maybe an outdoor or indoor projector/screen for movies/YouTube clips to be played and groups to congregate (14 year old son's idea).		████	████

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22670		1	I'd prefer something that keeps our youth active, so I'd prefer basketball court and bmx bike park. I don't think another place good computer and IT hubs is needed. We have libraries with that sort of thing. Keep the kids active	From the way you've laid out your survey, seems to me like you've made up your mind so not sure why you've created a survey that presumes the plans are favourable (ie question 1. Do you support the concept design? followed by question 2. What do you love about the designs?) If the design concept is not liked, then question 2 is ridiculous. As I said, why have the survey when you've already decided?	See answer to question 2 above		
22667	1		Facilities for youth with a range of interests, not just sport.	Acoustic consideration for youth with hearing loss.	Please offer social group/Activities for deaf youth, both Deaf and deaf.		
22660	1		Nice fresh new buildings, look great.	A half court basketball ring & somewhere for kids to repair their bikes, a nice outdoor garden area to sit in the warmer months would be ideal.	Could a BBQ be installed or something like a place for a bon fire.		
22630	1		i love how they are different in their own way but also incorporate a heap of nillumbik like features :)	make the front of the building orange (nillumbik youth branding ;)	N/A		

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22622	1		I love that we will have a community garden I think it's a great way to show we care for the well being of people and the planet and it will be greatly enjoyed by all.	I was wondering what our bin system will be like if we'll have compost paper waste recycling and general waste. As well as what kind of lights will be used, in a lot of schools now to save energy they use lights that turn on by movement and off if they don't sense anyone in the room.			
22618	1		The different zones outside	I'd like to see an area for those who need something a bit more active - a space where it doesn't intrude on other activity areas. Would there be enough room to include a multi purpose area that might have a basketball ring with a multi marked area for basketball, down ball/four square, pickle ball etc? An area where the garden won't be squashed by balls or trampling feet.			

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22613	1		The design is very inclusive and purpose built.	Outdoor areas both front and back can be made more therapeutic and sensory with shelter and seating areas	It would be great for local youth to use the space		
22612	1		Love the outdoor space	Food bank incorporated			
22611	1		The outside ideas which will make this space youth friendly for a garden and music on stage	Maybe an additional consultation space			
22551	1		It's located in a great position, easily accessible to the youth of Nillumbik and in an area frequented by them. I like the discreet access options for them. There's also lots of flexible spaces for use by user groups and drop ins. I can see a lot of programs utilising both the internal and external spaces in various ways.	No. I think the designs are very thorough and obviously take on the feedback from youth in the area about what they would like and what they would use.			
22527	1		It's great that the building is going to be redeveloped to be more modern with both indoor and outdoor spaces.	Some fun and vibrant public art / mural on the outside of the building	Great initiative having a dedicated space for young people.		
22525	1		The diversity of the space.	Adding something like a basketball ring to the space?	Looks amazing!		

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22494					Happy that you are looking to create a Youth Hub. Concerned that you don't have a time frame to provide suitable replacement for the current users of the building. You need to sort that first and it could take years!		
22307			It's not what I like about the design, it is about what young people who will be attracted to use this hub like about the design	If young people from all walks of life like the design I would say yes	How much input has been put in by the young people off all kinds who will use this new hub, if there hasn't been any, I would say don't go ahead until they have had a say. It must be a place where young people feel comfortable going to or it is a pure waste of money. How do I as a 91 year old know what are their preferences, but I know it will not attract the young who need it if it is not welcoming to their age group.		

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22171	1		The options available - lots of different rooms for different purposes Outdoor spaces Kitchen area in the main space	Access points in consulting room/areas - safety feature for workers to make a quick escape if needed	i think the interior design / furnishings should be co-designed with local young people	■	■
22111	1		I like the open spaces. I really like the modern design.	A cupboard for communal cleaning equipment, in case people decide to use the kitchen.	What is being done to insure that the Hub is not abused? How will we ensure that only youth use the area, and not other people?	■	■
22105		1		Basketball hoop and table tennis		■	■
21963	1		The spaces look modern and each area has the ability to hold different events and uses.	Does the space have security glass for the areas that will have tech and TV so the community rates are not paying for replacements	Is there space for the youth to engage in art on the inside or outside of the building.	■	■

Youth Hub – Stakeholder Workshops

Summary of feedback

Youth Forum (*Young people aged 12-25 years*)

Date: Wednesday 5 July 2023, 2-4pm
Location: 32-34 Elizabeth Street, Diamond Creek
Attendees: 10

Summary of feedback

Furniture
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cushions• Beanbags• Yoga Mats
Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book swap, library• Board games, puzzle swap• Recipe books• Skate board, bike and scooter hire for young people that may not be able to afford• Computers and access to printers• Air hockey
Program ideas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tools and woodworking• Traditional Wurundjeri art programs• Cooking programs• Bike repair maintenance programs
Outdoor area
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strong support for yarning circle• Bike repair station in front of facility• Outdoor screen• Outdoor speakers• Front entrance and outside building to be orange• Community garden and veggie patches• Bouldering space• Are to play and be active• Drink fountain outside
General
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Therapy dog• Traditional language visible ie Wominjeka at the entry• Lots of charging stations and PowerPoints• Reception desk needs to be more secure, back of staff to wall• Space to put bags• Consider height of tables for disability access

healthAbility

Date: Tuesday 11 July 2023, 10-11am
Location: healthAbility, 917 Main Road, Eltham
Attendees: Four members of the healthAbility Youth/Reconnect team

Summary of feedback

Consulting rooms
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Team would need access to the consulting rooms and programs rooms to run life skills workshops (cooking, how to look after yourself, washing ect)• Duress alarms would be favourable• Consulting rooms need to have windows to be able to see in from Foyer but with blinds as an option to make space private for GP or nurse appointments.• Noise level could be a concern - programs going on at the same time as the consulting rooms• Consulting rooms need to be sound treated•
Program rooms
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flexible modular furniture, that allows for different spaces and nooks that you can naturally go and spend time with as a group or individual (don't have to chat 1:1 in a consulting room if the young person has a fear of the stigma of going into the consulting room.• Quiet space open for neuro diverse young people while drop in is open.

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Summary of feedback

Kitchen
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Kitchen would need and island bench to use for programsDouble oven stacked would be ideal
Entry/foyer
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Private entranceComputers and printers for clients to access use for resume writing etc.
Outdoor area
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Would be favourable to have some recreational areas that can distract a young person while having conversations, flexible basketball ring
General
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reconnect is a 9-5 program (scope for out of hours work)Tunning into teen’s programs would run in the evenings.Street appeal is important the outside of the building needs to be able to draw young people in.Work with young people on any artwork incorporated into the buildingInclude young people in the governance structure for the Youth Hub

Youth Services workshop

Date: Wednesday 12 July 2023, 10-11.30am
Location: 32-34 Elizabeth Street, Diamond Creek
Attendees: 14
Services represented: Merri Outreach Support Service (MOSS), headspace Greensborough, Youth Projects, Jseuit Social Services, Navigator program, Austin Health Child & Youth Mental Health Service (CYMHS), Banyule Nillumbik Local Learning and Employment Network (BNLLEN), Berry Street, healthAbility, Services Australia.

Summary of feedback

Consulting rooms
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Safety concerns – need for duress alarmsDoors should swing outwardsSome concern around there only two consulting rooms, may need to consider how some of the other spaces can be set up in a way that they can also be used by services when both consulting rooms are booked outSuggestion to coordinate similar services on the same day
Program rooms
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Opportunity for evening sessions for youth worker and parent workshopsNeed to be mindful when managing bookings for the space of the different programs and activities happening in each of the rooms
Kitchen
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Would be great to accommodate cooking and other life skill type programs
Entry/foyer
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Opportunities for safe sex educationJobs boards and job forums with local employersiPad available for young people to use
Furniture
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Flexible, movable furniture that is easy to cleanOpen chair, some with arms, some withoutEnsure seating is inclusive of everyone
Outdoor area
<ul style="list-style-type: none">
General
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Consider later operating hours to better meet the needs of young people (e.g., 10-6pm)Governance structure should include young people – liked idea of having representatives from Youth Council on governance group for the youth hubSupportive of being part of an ongoing governance group for the Youth Hub – meet regularly initially while youth hub is being set upOpportunity to explore sharing of information about clients across services

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Summary of feedback

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Signage around the facility and on program doors for transparency of the programs / services happening from these spaces• Ensure there is a defib and first aid officer on site• Ensure we are getting a broad range of youth perspectives (from 12 to 25) |
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Cultural Consultation

Date: Thursday 13 July, 11-11.30am
Location: Zoom meeting
Attendees: Aunty Julianne Axford and Charley Woolmore from Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation

Summary of feedback

Cultural elements
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Would be great to have a fire pit in the middle of the yarning circle, even if it was portable so could just be brought out when staff are around to supervise• Native planting• Flag poles or another way to represent the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flags• Acknowledgement of Country signage at front of building• If engaging a first nations artist, ensure you are working with young people to support the design and what they would like to see in the space
Use of Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Language
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suggest working with young people around the naming of the rooms within the Youth Hub to decide on a theme and focus for each of the rooms and how they would like them named (for example, names of native animals or plant species)• Council can then work with Wurunderi Corporation on some appropriate names that can be used (to go through appropriate naming process)
General
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Permeable pavements for the environment

Inclusion and Access Advisory Committee

Date: Friday 14 July, 10-12pm
Location: Council Chambers, Civic Drive, Greensborough
Attendees: 11

Summary of feedback

General
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Second exit from counselling room for staff safe exit should an angry / mentally unwell young person block the door• Wayfinding - Colour coded lines on the floor to direct young people with low vision• Colourful/vibrant furniture – colours contrasting for people with low vision• Stage accessibility and hearing augmentation• Acoustics• Equipment to have felty/feeling buttons e.g. Velcro feeling buttons on coffee machines for visually impaired• Equipment to have speaking instructions for people with low vision• Secure mobile phone charging boxes• Sensory consideration – lighting, smells, sound, quiet space, relevant ways to address physical needs e.g. hammock• Quiet space for study in the absence of a local library• Quiet space for people who need to decompress or people who are feeling overstimulated• Lights and power on the outside stage• Gardening for wellbeing – Youth maintaining environment e.g. push mower for grass etc.• Bike repair station• Basketball / netball hoops• Punching bags – release for young people. But ensure these opportunities are balanced with a space for others who may find loud noises overwhelming• Utilise funky handrails rather than the old style

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Summary of feedback

Araluen

Date: Friday 14 July, 11-11.30am
Location: 32-34 Elizabeth Street, Diamond Creek
Attendees: 20

Summary of feedback

Program rooms
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sensory friendly roomColourful rooms (orange, purple, pink)Home economics room (2 ovens 2 sinks realistically needed for cooking programs)Coffee makerKitchen stoolsProjectorBluetooth sound system
Accessibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bigger car park for disability cars/ vansQuiet sensory space separate to rooms with loud colours/ lots going on. Make sure to use neutral colours/ limited decorations in sensory roomSide stage access for drama program e.g. don't have to walk outside to be behind stageSeparate laundry room access, being in the foyer might be confrontational/ embarrassing for young peopleBigger stageStorage facilities with locked key for drama programAraluen use entire space when doing drama program. Will youth hub be closed completely during drama program? Recommended.
General
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bench for people to watch cooking in the kitchen rather than actively participateWifiBike cagePool table that has table tennis add onDecorative lightingBigger stageKeep veranda, good separate quiet space for young people to watch people go by and self-regulateSeparate outdoor space optionsBasketball ringOutdoor performing spaceVeggie gardenTable tennisWater featureSpaQueries around age groups, recognise that young people with a disability have friends across a range of ages that may be a bit older than 25 e.g. 27/28. Will they be welcome to use the youth hub as well?Retain big tree in outdoor area - used to help clients self-regulate

Sacred Heart Primary School

Date: Friday 14 July, 1.30pm-2.30pm
Location: Sacred Heart Primary School
Attendees: 14

Summary of feedback

Furniture
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Swivel chairsChalk boardCouch & blanketsBook shelves and library spaceProjector for moviesDecorative lightingTherapy swings/ chairsPosters and quotesSpace for art to be displayedBright coloursTherapy podsInfo room and deskDifferent languages mural
Activities

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Summary of feedback

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Arcade gamesWriting stationExhibition space for young peopleArt daysLearn a languageTherapy dogs
Program ideas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Study hall with tutorsFish tankBean bagsBring out petsCreate a muralYarning circleMovie nightTutorsNintendo, PS4, XboxJust dance, Wii Fit, Mario KartKnitting clubMovie day/ nightsCooking lessons, competitions & cookbooks
Outdoor area
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Table tennisAnimals/ petting farm (chickens)PlaygroundOval & room to run aroundAboriginal artworkSport roomHerb garden, veggie patch & fruit gardenSwimming poolNetball & basketball courtMosaic created by young peopleMore plantsRock wall
Kitchen
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bubble teaNo nuts/ allergy friendly zonePantryFood from different countriesDrinks
General
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hooks in roof and wall to allow for easy hanging of youth exhibitions/ decorations for eventsQuiet areaWooden ceilingQuestions around if the space will be available for hire out outside of program hours. School would like to utilise projector movie screens/ yarning circle.

Eltham High School

Date: Monday 17 July

Location: Eltham High School

Attendees: 20

Summary of feedback

Outdoor Area
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Outdoor seatingWifi extending outsideSpace to studyIndigenouness flora (like Edendale farm)Natural coloured furnitureOutside covered areasBean bagsLots of greeneryNative plantsSeating spacesAnimals
Multipurpose Room
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cosy spacesSensory rooms

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Summary of feedback

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Glass doors• Open floor plan• Pool & ping pong tables• Carpet flooring• Indigenous artwork
Study Space
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rooms available to book• Colourful• Whiteboards• Separate rooms• Big tables for study groups
Art
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From local schools• Wall dedicated to art - interactive• Art design programs• Youth created murals• Positive posters
Kitchen
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biscuits, tea, coffee• Microwave, toaster, oven, stove, toasties maker• Vibrant colours• Pre-packaged lunches for young people to grab• Bread, fruit (grab and go food)• Dishwasher• Metal bench tops for disinfecting purposes• Free food• Breakfast club• Benches and tables to eat at• Bar stools• Cooking tools
General
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mario cart (activities)• Private booths• Decorative lighting• Positive affirmations• Piano• Tech space• Speaker system• Youth bands performance space• Calendar of events• Welcome in indigenous language• Reception – open and friendly• Pride flags and progress flag

Rainbow Social Group

Date: Monday 17 July
Location: Eltham High School
Attendees: 10

Summary of feedback

Outdoor Area
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consistently very supportive of the outdoor community gardens• Flower patches• Native plants• Landscaping
Main Program Room
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Host a book club• Large bean bags• Blankets (fluffy if possible)• Books available (book swap)• LGBTQIA+ books available• Stage for music performances is a great idea• Piano for general use• Community puzzle that people can work on while they are there

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Summary of feedback

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Board games
Study Space
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Run programs in partnership with living and learning at both sitesTraining for life and job skills
Art
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Big mural on wallAboriginal artStreet art wall in the backyard
Kitchen
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fry pans and vegetable oil spray
General
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Free pronoun badgesHave fidget toys availableFunky furniturePride flags visible from the outside of the buildingTrans awareness posters and anti-discriminatory signageQuite rooms

Nillumbeats FReeZA

Date: Thursday 20 July

Location: Eltham Training Site

Attendees: 3

Summary of feedback

Outdoor Area
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Basketball ringPower outlets for gigsMoveable lighting & seating for events
Multipurpose room
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Storage of movable tables and chairs for eventsWhiteboardSound systemLight projectors for eventsIndoor basketball ringSpace for functions/ presentationsMoveable wall between main program room and other program rooms to make indoor space bigger for eventsPro carpet instead of concrete flooring. Gives space a more welcoming and inviting feelLarge TV/ProjectorBean bags
Art
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Colourful walls with lots of artLike the idea of a youth exhibition space
Program rooms
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Musician upskill programsAbleton and song writing workshopsProgram ideas: sports social group (to discuss sport rather than play), music lessons, yoga/meditation, dance
General
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sensory room for eventsProgressive pride flagsPride flag bucket on tablesLibrary/ book borrowing space

Diamond Valley College

Date: Monday 24 July 2023

Location: Diamond Valley College, Diamond Creek

Attendees: 45

Summary of feedback

Outdoor Area
<ul style="list-style-type: none">CouchesColourful spacesArtwork on walls

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Summary of feedback

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book shelf• Large screen for projector• Carpet• Led lighting• Plants inside• PS5• Ping pong table• Pool table• Undercover area• Basketball court• Tree house
Multipurpose Room
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Storage of movable tables and chairs for events• Whiteboard• Sound system• Light projectors for events• Indoor basketball ring• Space for functions/presentations• Moveable wall between main program room and other program rooms to make indoor space bigger for events• Pro carpet instead of concrete flooring. Gives space a more welcoming and inviting feel• Large TV/Projector• Bean bags
Study space
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Neutral colour scheme• Charger outlets and charging cables available for us• Good lighting (Warm white)• Desks and office chairs
Art
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Posters• Young people’s artwork• Gaming posters ‘
Kitchen
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food available• Mix of food from different cultures• Cooking class• Life skills classes• Before school breakfast
Outdoor area
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fairy lights• Grass• Picnic table• Plants• Fruit trees• Water display• Stepping stones• Zen garden• Support animals
General
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fidget toys• Trampoline• Locker areas• Shower with supplies• Washing machine and dryer• Solar panels• Phone charging area• Arcade games• Small library to borrow books• Sensory room• Modern design• Greetings in different languages• Race car couch• Inclusive colours• Gaga pit• Fire pit• Pride flag• Chalk board• Change artwork every couple of months• Music studio

Youth Hub – Stakeholder Workshops

Summary of feedback

- Chess
 - Uno
 - Card games
 - Gaming room

St Helena Secondary

Date: 25/7/2023
Location: St Helena Secondary College, Eltham North
Attendees: 18

Summary of feedback

Outdoor Area
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outdoor seating• Outdoor bean bags• Like the idea of gardening• Sheltered area• Lots of plants• Wooden decking• BBQ• Comfy outdoor chairs• Basketball hoop• Outdoor tennis table• Outdoor area should be bright/lots of greenery• Like the incorporation of Aboriginal cultural with the yarnning circle• Fire pit
Multipurpose Room
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Like neutral colours• Fruit and snacks should always be accessible• Coffee machine• Bean bags• Projector/TV for gaming• Wall art shouldn't be too busy/too many patterns• Multipurpose games table (table tennis, air hockey, pool)• Ceiling shouldn't be like classroom ceilings• Gaming consoles
Art
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art competitions/gallery• Hub should feature local art by young people
Kitchen
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Like neutral colours• Fruit and snacks should always be accessible• Coffee machine• Simple design• Enclosed space
Entrance/Reception
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Love the idea of light up sign out front• No window swirls• Reception desk shouldn't be too tall/big (easy to have a conversation over)
General
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If we have a notice board it needs to be simple/easy to read

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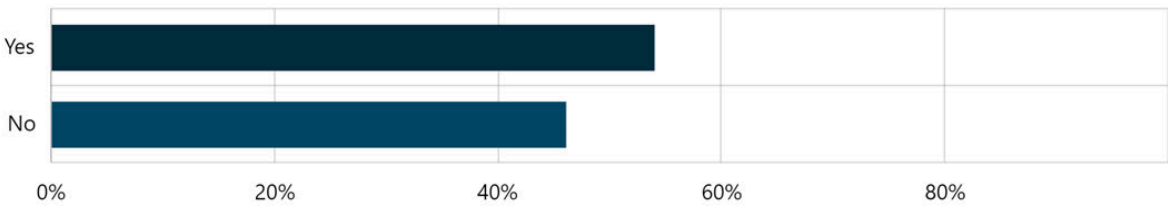
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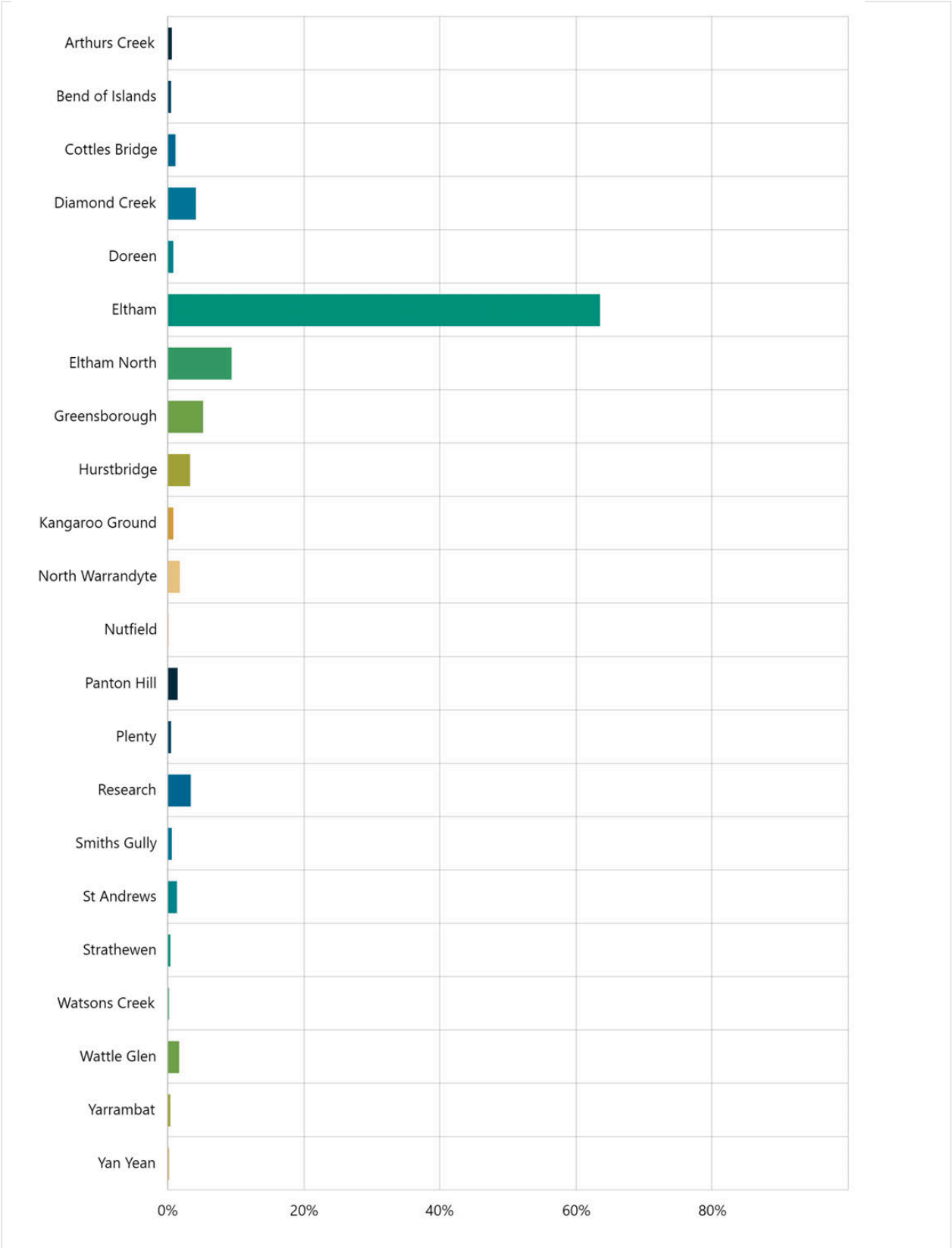
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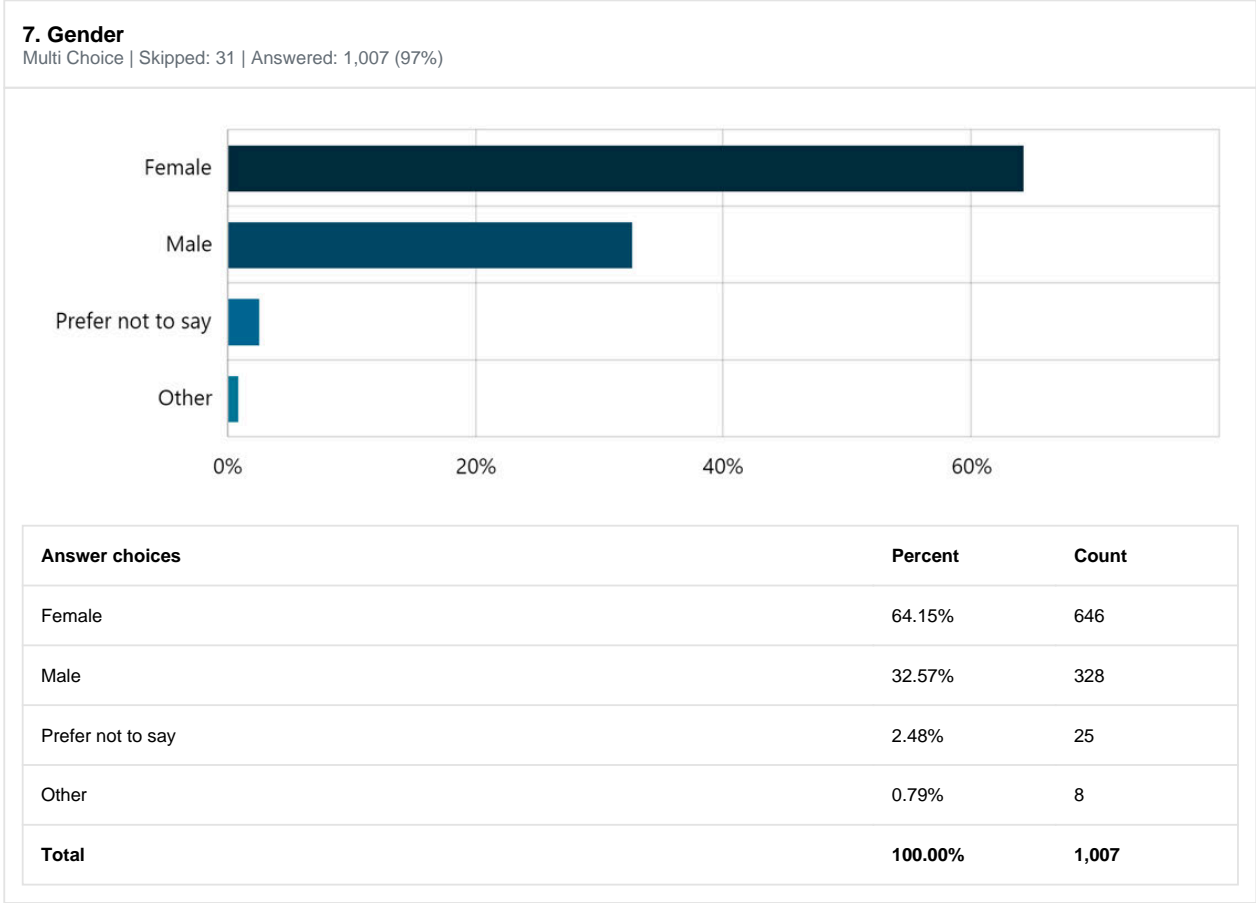
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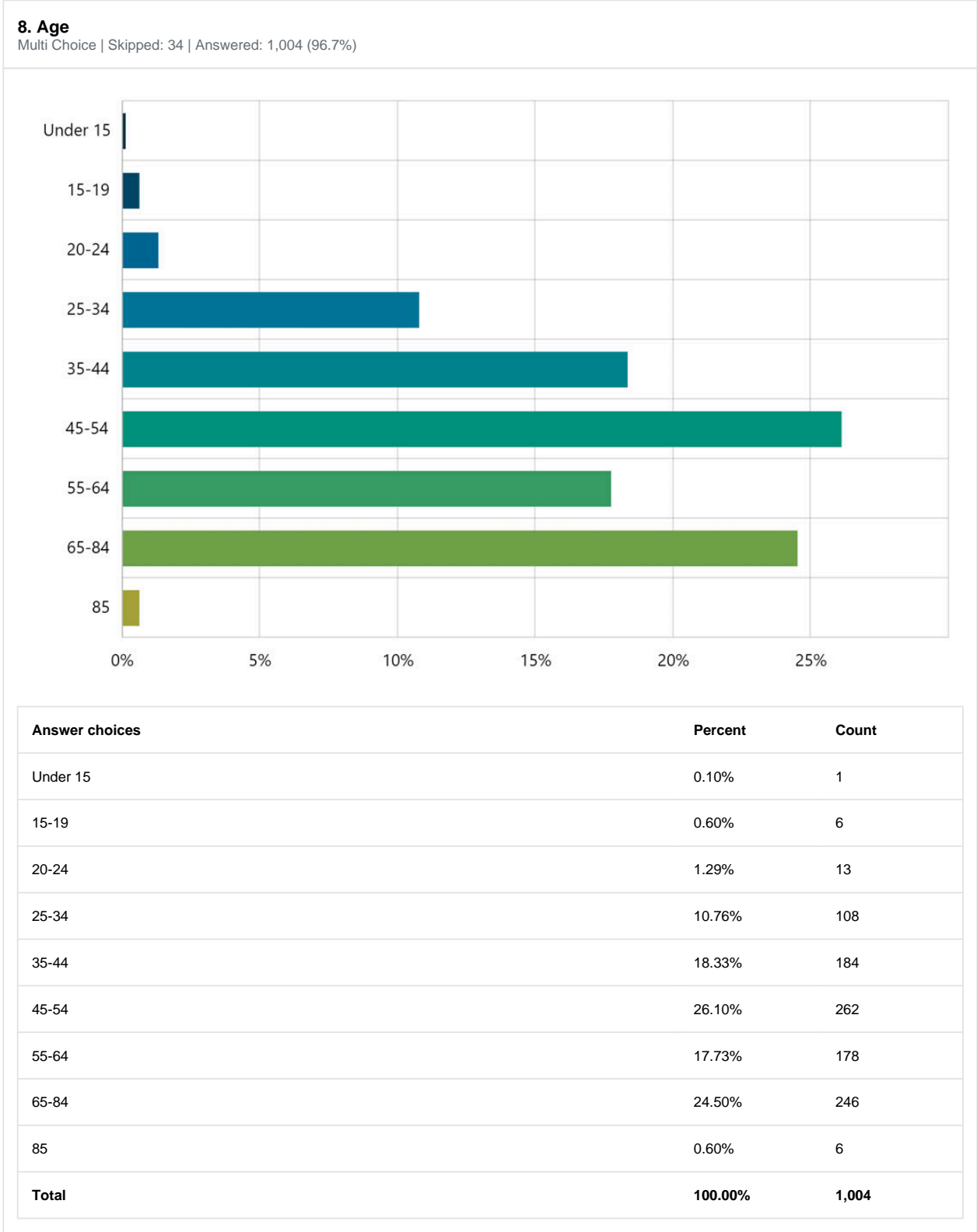
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Diamond Creek	4.07%	38
Doreen	0.75%	7
Eltham	63.45%	592
Eltham North	9.32%	87
Greensborough	5.14%	48
Hurstbridge	3.22%	30
Kangaroo Ground	0.75%	7
North Warrandyte	1.71%	16
Nutfield	0.11%	1
Panton Hill	1.39%	13
Plenty	0.43%	4
Research	3.32%	31
Smiths Gully	0.54%	5
St Andrews	1.29%	12
Strathewen	0.32%	3
Watsons Creek	0.11%	1
Wattle Glen	1.61%	15
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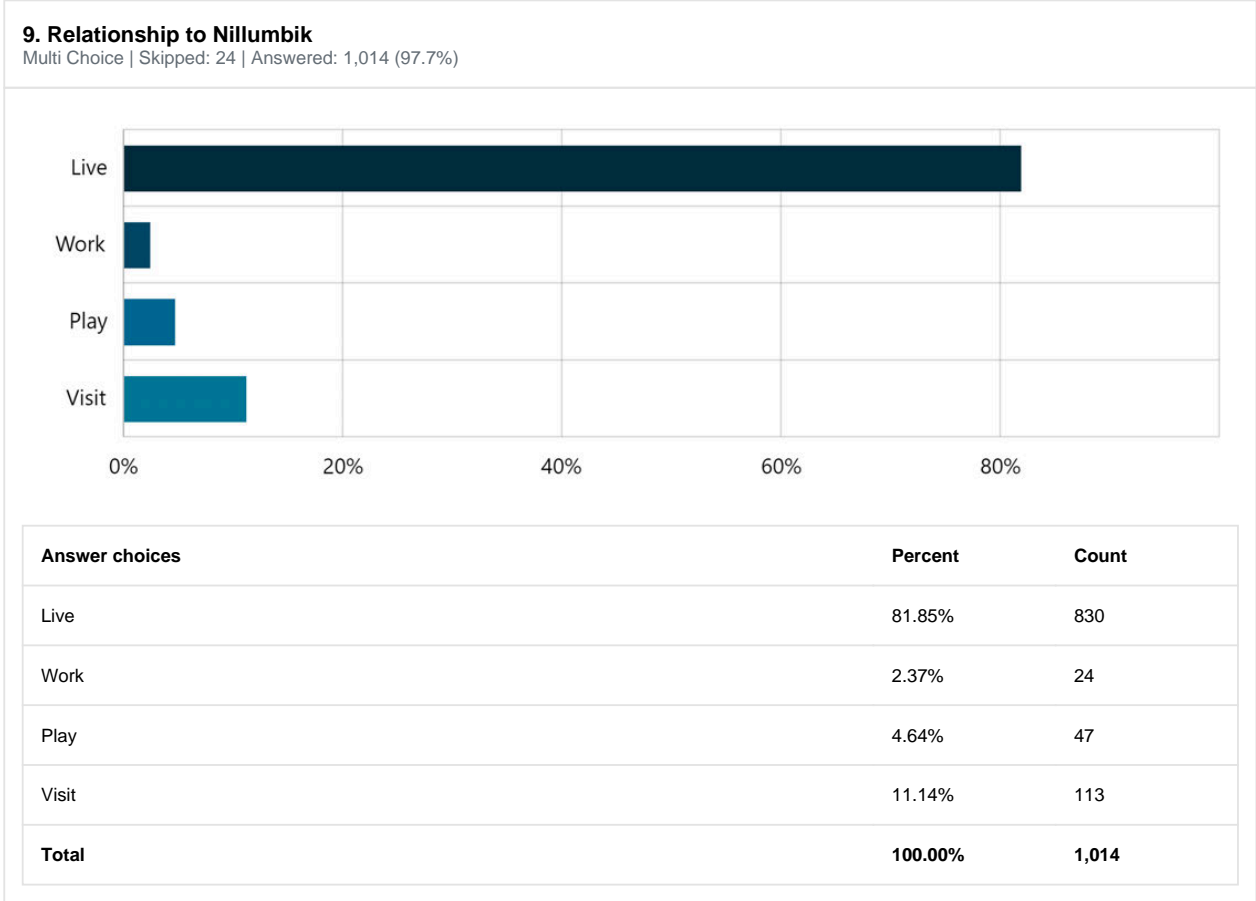


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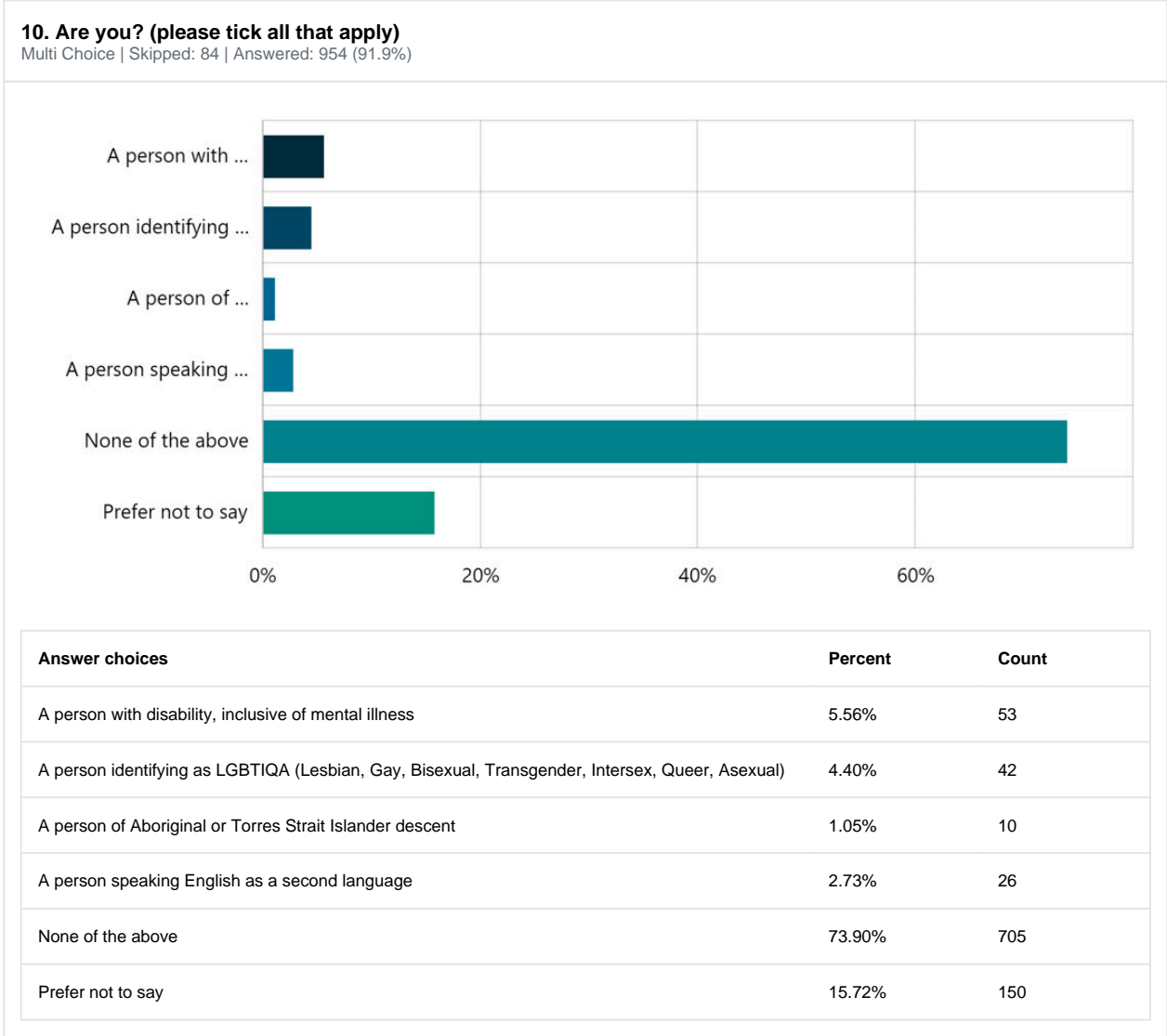


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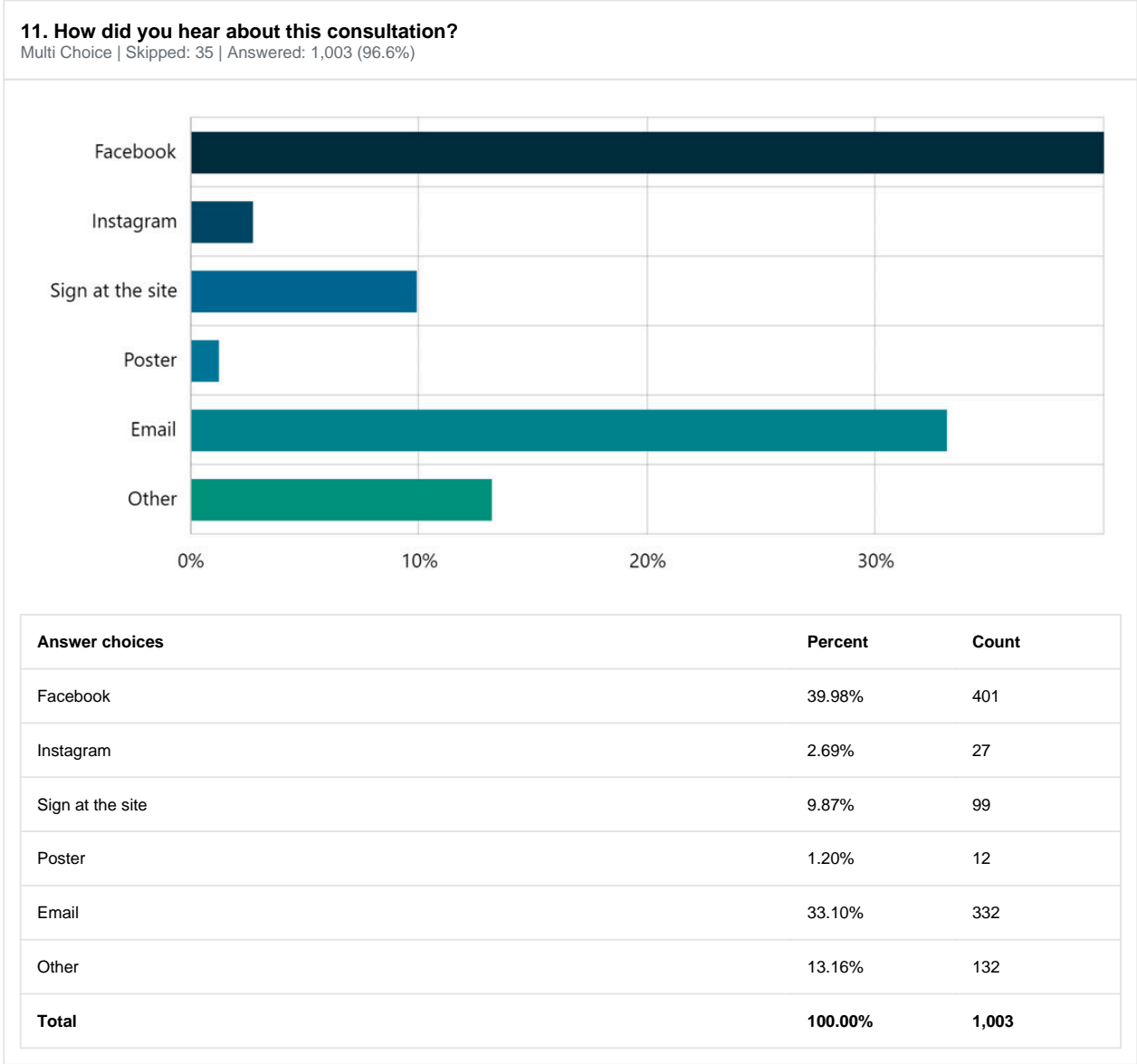


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	Yes	No			
23147		1	I require council to publish more details before I can make a decision.		
23146	1		With growing urban development, urban farms will play a vital role in keeping a close connection to where our food really comes from. Urban farms provide educational opportunities for children and work experience and volunteer opportunities for those interested in making a livelihood from farming or for disengaged youth needing physical interaction and support. As an advocate for food relocalisation and food sovereignty, the proposed Fabbro Fields Urban farm is an initiative I think Council should get behind. The Local Food Connect group are well established, organised and present the opportunity to link produce grown at the urban farm to the weekly farmers market and restaurants. I encourage Council to support Local Food Connect		
23145		1			
23144		1	What soil testing has been done and is food safe for consumption? A lot of locals use the parkland and frankly am appalled at the lack of notification. I live 2 mins away and just happened to see this in Facebook.		

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23143		1	Not sufficient information	■■■	■■■■■
23142		1	Keep it open space and bushland.	■	■■■■■
23141		1	Don't know what an urban farm is. Definitely don't want it to in any way compete or conflict with Edendale Farm . Would support using the land for Allotments where ratepayers without sufficient suitable land could grow vegetables and flowers etc.	■■■■■	■■■■■
23140	1		This historic site is a great opportunity for a small food growing site and an opportunity to demonstrate small scale home growing whilst building a sustainable enterprise. Conservation considerations can be addressed too with land around the Diamond Creek so it's a win for everyone. What's not to like about the local food connect proposal! I'm totally in support. Tx	■■■■■	■■■■■
23139		1	Is it raised gardens or ploughed fields? Neither for me, keep our space as it is, open please	■■■■■	■■■■■

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23138		1	<p>On behalf of the Research Junior Football Club.</p> <p>As our club has grown and recovered from the Covid cancelled seasons, we have had use of Fabro's Fields made available to us for the purpose of training during our off-season, as our ground, Research Park, and nearby Eltham College are used by the Research Eltham Collegians Cricket Club for their season. We would like to express our strong opposition to the Fabro Field Community Farm proposal. We believe that this project would jeopardise the offering we can make to our junior players in the lead-up to the following season and would have a negative impact on our ability to offer a complete sports program. The proposed community farm would encroach upon the limited space available for sporting activities at Fabro Field.</p> <p>In light of these concerns and the potential adverse effects on our football club, we stand in opposition to the Fabro Field Community Farm proposal and ask that alternative locations for the farm be explored.</p> <p>Thank you for considering our perspective.</p> <p>Sincerely,   Research Junior Football Club</p>		
23137	1		Seems to be a great use for a vacant mostly unused block		

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23136		1	Not at this stage anyway. I don't think there is enough information to make an informed decision, and I think any such proposal should be weighed up against other options for the land, such as creating an indigenous plant/biodiversity demonstration site. I don't think just one proposal should be on the table. I would like to see a community consultation about potential uses, rather than just being asked about one option.	■■■■	■■■■■■■■■■
23135		1	I have too many reservations due to lack of discernible details. This presents as a business case masquerading as a community project without more detail to view. Why has council allowed this to progress without the expected details up front?	■■■■■■■■■■	■■■■■■■■■■

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23133		1	<p>Despite very little useful background information provided by Council for this survey, I definitely do not support the idea of an urban farm to be located at Fabbro's fields. There are no details about how much of the land will be used, leasing arrangements, public access, parking, impact on local residents and the nearby Eltham High School and other local groups. I am even confused what the proposed farm is - this website states its an urban farm (i.e. I understand is a commercial enterprise) and yet in last year's Local Food Connect Annual Report 2022, it refers to it as a "Community Farm" (page 4)..... So little information about this proposal and what is available is confusing!</p> <p>Our local community values our remaining public open spaces and they should be preserved as such for local use and recreational purposes at all costs. I am surprised that Local Food Connect who run the Eltham Farmer's Market would even consider setting up a farm to sell produce in opposition to local small business owners who sell fresh produce at their Sunday Farmer's market in Eltham.</p> <p>I do support the idea of a community farm for locals to have their own plots to grow their own veggies etc, preferably at our existing community farm at Edendale. Perhaps if and when Council decides to provide more details on this proposal, perhaps a section of Fabbro's fields could be used as a community farm for locals but definitely not as an urban farm for commercial gain.</p>		
23132		1			
23130		1	Wrong place for it. Keep our open space free for all to use and enjoy please.		
23129		1			
23128		1	No business taking public space here.		

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23127		1	<p>There is scant information about the nature of this proposed farm and the sectors of our community who can access it. If the rumours are accurate, it is as good as private enterprise. A small part of the community, plus non-Nillumbik residents (rumoured to be Local Food Connect) would use this public space for a specific commercial purpose, blocking access to other users.</p> <p>I once ran for council for Wingrove, which includes Fabbro's Fields. I note that one of the special interest groups who offered conditional support on a quid pro quo basis, was the Local Food Connect group. The questionnaire they proffered was quite specific on requirements but not very clear on what benefit there was to the community. I absolutely see the benefit of educated backyard gardening and allotment gardening, but if this is Food Connect, who run the Farmers Market, which is an absolutely for profit, commercial venture, then how is this also not commercial use of public land? If the rumours are not true, then more definitive information would be welcome.</p> <p>Although there has historically been a market garden in that area, there has been a lot of repurposing and development of the land adjacent to the Diamond Creek in the intervening years. The majority of the old Fabbro's farm site has been densely built up and hard paved for housing. The sports grounds and tennis courts have been expanded, paved and flood lit. The CFA site has been developed, and so on. This has left a much reduced wildlife corridor and "wild" land, drastically decreased "dark sky" time and area, greatly altered water behaviour, and generated more garbage and unclean run off into the creek. Even if this is an organic farm, the ground water run off will still include polluting organic matter and nutrients entering the creek and wetlands.</p> <p>Another result is even greater reduction of flat, open-field land for accessible, non-sporting activities, picnics and the like.</p> <p>I am not only wanting more information, which I would welcome, I am actively against the idea.</p>		
23126	1		<p>I think that it's an excellent idea. We need more urban farms for education purposes, to promote local food production and purchase, and to reduce our food miles.</p>		

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23125	1		I think it's a great spot next to the high school - could be tied in with student learning in all sorts of fields. Reduces food miles Increases a sense of community Food availability Teaching people how to grow their own food		
23124	1		I know that LFC has been working on this project for several years. Its site opposite the Eltham High School would be a great resource for the students to learn about sustainable farming practice, where food actually comes from, the economics of farming, and paddock to plate food production. The opportunities to integrate the farm into the school curriculum are many and varied, from maths, economics, science and technology through to agriculture and cooking subjects and more. Having an urban farm so close to Eltham would be a boost to the health and well being of the community.		
23123		1	More information on this proposal is required		
23122	1				

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23120		1	Very little information currently exists on how this farm will be run, potential environmental impacts and the size of the farm. More information needs to be available in a public forum, for the community to make an informed decision on the merits/benefits/externalities of this urban farm proposal.		
23119	1		Please make sure it is all run organically. We do not want nasty pesticides/chemicals running off into the water.		
23118		1			
23116		1	The plan was 2% of the land would be used for growing. And it would be community driven. Outsourcing the whole lot to local grow connect just seems a waste and not giving the community a chance to utilise the land for walking trails, picnics, revegetation the list goes on. Personally I would like to see it return to a healthy floodplain. It will attract so many birds to the area.		

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23115			More information is needed before I can comment eg who bears the costs and maintenance of water, sewage, car parking? How will the creek and floodplain be protected from runoff particularly in case of heavy rain/flood? Who will be able to farm? Do they pay ? Does anyone get paid? Is it closed to the community at large apart from special events? etc etc Size of master plan size.		
23112	1		I live near the boundary of Nillumbik and walk in this area regularly . I would love to see it used as an urban farm.		
23111	1		This is a great opportunity to create a unique community space to enhance sustainability and social connection.		
23110		1	Stay of the grass, finish a corridor for wildlife here.		

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23109	1		<p>What an opportunity this farm presents: reactivating an underused public space, a piece of Eltham's history and next to a bike path and a school!</p> <p>In a post-oil, post-pandemic future, local organic farms will bring resilience to our community. Low food miles, no fossil-based fertilisers, carbon sequestration in the soil, food sovereignty.</p> <p>People will see first hand how their food is grown. They'll see the connections between foods, seasons, soil health and their own health. They can chat to the farmers and buy local, seasonal, fresh food, straight from the farm gate. Perhaps they'll be inspired to volunteer or try growing their own veggies at home.</p>	█	█

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23108		1	Not enough information by Council to the community to be able to make a decision Public Open Space should be preserved to meet the needs of the whole community not one organization Develop a Fabbro Fields Masterplan to ensure that any use of public open space is supported by the community for the community Has Council undertaken a process where a proper investigation of the idea of an Urban Farm on public open space has been provided to the community by way of a formal report to an Ordinary Council meeting so that the community and Councillors are able to make an informed transparent and good governance decision before it proceeds any further?		
23107	1				
23106		1			

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23105		1	In my opinion this piece of land is far too wet, for much of the year, on which to keep animals healthy. Many types of birds use this watery land. Many walkers, runners and dog walkers use the footpath surrounding this open space and by filling it will spoil it. People visiting a farm will need car parking space. There is an excellent farm at Edendale Farm not far away. Do we really need another farm?		
23104	1		Only on part of the site		
23103		1			
23102	1		The proposal provides a wonderful link with Eltham's agricultural past and would provide a community focal point for teaching sustainable food production.		
23100		1	I think you need to provide the Nillumbik residents many more details about proposed urban farm. No information - no deal. I don't approve at this stage but interested to learn more. Thank you.		

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23099		1	I am concerned about the potentially significant loss of more passive open space along the Diamond Creek valley. Additional relevant details need to be provided before the public can knowingly express an informed opinion in this matter. It appears Local Food Connect have been deliberately evasive in not providing details of their proposal so members of the public and Council can identify what they intend for an Urban Farm. The masterplan developed for this property, after extensive community consultation, identified up to 2.5 percent of the total passive open space could be used for a Community Garden. What is proposed by Local Food Connect is an Urban Farm, operated on what appears to be a commercial basis, different to a Community Garden and one that could take over perhaps 50-60 percent of this popular public passive open space. I consider that this consultation process, from a community responsive Council, is disappointing and leaves a lot to be desired.		
23098	1		In partnership with the high school		
23097	1				
23096		1	There is far too little information provided – in fact, almost none at all! Nothing about: environmental impact, both visual and natural; provision of water and sewerage; traffic implications; existing public access; who benefits? and much more besides.		

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23095	1		<p>As a participant of the Health & Well Being Partnership Forum in May 2021 which contributed to the formulation of the high level Municipal Health & Well Being Plan 2021-2025 it is encouraging to see action now being implemented to support an urban farm.</p> <p>I note that on page 18 that Fabbros Field is identified in the priority area FOOD under the strategy 'Promote & Support public & home based food growing' with the ACTION stating 'Support Urban Farm opportunities (Fabbros Field) with IMPLEMENTATION in Years 1-4.</p> <p>Given this Plan not only supports the health & well being priorities of the Victorian State Gov but is also a critical step in achieving the Community Vision - Nillumbik 2040 it was remiss (hopefully not intentional) of Council to not highlight the priority area of FOOD & particularly the strategy & urban farm reference in the Municipal Health & Well Being Plan 2021-22025 to residents as they were formulating their yes/no response. One would assume that the vast majority of residents haven't read the plan & so would be unaware that FOOD is a priority area of the plan. Why is there a need to now ask yes or no when residents have already been consulted & given considerable opportunity to comment or suggest amendments on every aspect of this significant plan before it was finally passed by Council.</p>		
23094		1	I like the open space, great for walking, family activities etc and don't feel there is sufficient information to support the idea.		

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23093		1	This is one of the last great open spaces left in Nillumbik . I am a regular user of this space and love seeing families picnicking , Mother groups, children running, kicking the football and playing cricket. Not to mention a free space to have a dog off lead. Just because you can doesn't mean you should. We already have Edendale farm...do we need another similar facility.	█	█
23092	1			█	█

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23091		1	I've selected "No", but I want to qualify my answer adequately. I'm in support of an urban farm for the purposes of growing plants for consumption - of course, I would like the details of such a proposal - but I am resolutely against any raising of animals for consumption. It is ethically and sustainably unacceptable and Eltham should not perpetuate this practice under any circumstance by establishing a new farm that raises animals. Especially considering the farm would be opposite Eltham High School and that the land is owned by DEECA, it would be irresponsible and backward to establish such a farm. I am, however, fully in favour of a farm for plant consumption (again, provided it is implemented carefully and compassionately).	■	■
23090		1	Not enough info at the moment for community to make an informed recommendation	■	■

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23089	1		<p>I am in full support of growing food in the area in which it is to be used ie bought/consumed, to save petrol miles & greenhouse gases for the grower and buyers. By diversifying our fresh food production areas we have greater resilience from climate tragedies like flood, fire, drought. A bonus is that these small farms often grow food using regenerative and/or permaculture practices thus caring for our planet better than those who use products from the petro chemical industry.</p> <p>I shop in Eltham regularly. Your survey does not include Doncaster East in the choices.</p> <p>Kind Regards, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Doncaster Garden Club</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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23088	1		No clarity from information I have whether there will be opportunity for community involvement day to day, or whether it will be fenced in for control by the employed farmer. Documents write of community links, and educational links, but lack clarity on how it will operate. Community day to day involvement should be a part of the operation. It would need to tread the line between competition with local private producers, and being on public (Nillumbik?) land.		
23087	1		I prefer only part of the area used for farming. Some open space should remain- as there is so little open space in our suburbs. Farming should be organic and care should be taken to not impact the adjoining natural areas of bushland and waterways.		

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23086	1		Clearly, currently, there is not enough information available. I am supportive of this concept provided it only takes up a portion of the site, and not the whole site. I'd like to see the unstructured green space be retained, as proposed in the original master plan. I'd also like to see the legacy of Fabbro carried on, be it in signage or similar, and the concept of growing food here again is in line with history being repeated, which I fully support.		
23085	1				
23084		1	Keep open passive land		

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23083	1		Local Food Connect has a solid history of improving the supply of fresh, locally made and grown produce to the Nillumbik Shire and surrounds. Food is a basic human need. We thrive best when food is healthful, affordable and accessible. Reclaiming the food growing potential of Fabbro's Fields is a clever LFC initiative which will further enhance our food security and our community connection for those who live, work or play in Eltham.		
23082	1		We need more places like this proposed urban farm. It is a great opportunity to enrich Nillumbik and the Eltham community by showing how you can be sustainable, work close to the land in an urban environment.		
23081	1		Fabbro's Fields urban farm will be incredibly valuable for our local community food sustainability and - just as important - social connection.		
23080		1	More trees, no building here and extend barracks bush land as it should have been.		

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23079		1	I am supportive of the idea of an 'urban farm' at Fabbro Fields, however I feel there is not enough public information as to what this would entail and therefore my answer at the time being is no. Some questions I would like addressed: How much of this land would be required to run the farm? How would parking and sewerage be managed at the site? How would this farm impact local biodiversity? Is the site currently being utilised as a wildlife corridor? I believe a more concise plan should be out forward before asking for community input to ensure a more informed response.		
23078		1	Was country, is country. Keep developers out of our floodplains, keep our river lands for environment.		
23077	1		As it was previously a farm, it sounds like a good use of public open space, Thanks.		

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23076	1		I think it will bring diversity to the culture of Eltham. It will give people involved a reason to get up in the morning. It will give people a cause.	████	████
23075	1		There are so many positives associated with this project. I can't imagine why anyone could object to it.	████	████
23074	1			██	████
23073	1		Would be an excellent community hub in the southern part of Eltham, and a valuable educational tool.	████	████
23072	1		It would be great for the community.	██	████
23071	1		This is a critical component of localising food production, modelling healthy food growing and building community relationships	████	██████
23070	1		As long as it is an organic farm that does not use harmful chemical that may creeps into the creek nearby.	████	████

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23069	1		Fabulous potential use of this vacant land which is well positioned and accessible to all with flat road and pathways insitiu. Proximity to high school and sporting centres could enhance community use of project and create more diverse community interest. Beneficial to all especially with growing development of grouped town houses etc with smaller garden blocks. Nillumbik as beginning of green wedge creates considerable shade through heavily treed garden blocks making availability of adequate and essential sunshine for domestic vegetable growing not always easy. Great idea, good luck with proposal.		
23068	1		It would be a great assett to the community		

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23067		1	Whilst a good idea, it's a beautiful open space and some things are best left open. I a regular user of the path and see multi use activation , small kids running, family picnics , mothers groups, dogs off lead to chase a ball, cricket and kicking the footy with no worry about hitting anyone. Just because you have the land and you might be able too, doesn't mean you should. We have edandale , just leave it open....	████	████
23066	1			████	████
23065		1		████	████
23064	1		More needs to be done to save these places that were once a thriving enterprise. The supporters are to be applauded for their efforts to get this project up and running. The council has the easy part just say yes.	████	██████
23063	1		This is a brilliant project and vital for a resilient future in a changing climate.	████	████

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23062	1		I think an urban farm at Fabbro Fields in Eltham would provide an opportunity for the local community to connect by growing fresh food which would tie in well with the popular and well-attended Eltham Farmers Market.		
23061	1				
23060	1		Fabbro's farm was a unique market garden in Eltham. A community garden/farm would be a wonderful celebration of Fabbro and a useful addition to the activities and services available to the Eltham community.		
23059		1			
23058		1			
23057		1	Open space is sacred. Please keep our last space as it is, as it was.		
23056		1	I do not support. Clarke and Park Avenue in Wattle Glen should be sealed, with proper drainage and footpaths, first. Fabbro Fields is not a priority, whereas Clarke and Park Avenue are a serious safety concern and need sealing as soon as possible to avoid certain injury.		

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23055	1		Please include spaces for environmental or sustainable art ... both for the creation of it and display.	■■■■	■■■■
23054		1	<p>It's very concerning that pesticides will wash off into the near by river causing potential fatalities for wildlife such as birds, possums and the very special copper butterfly. They can say organic all they want but there will be no one to monitor what is actually used.</p> <p>It also concerns me that there is no community involvement in this project apart from using high school students for free labour, and a private nfi gets to runs it and keep all the profits. Therefore limiting how many people it actually benefits in our community to just a small few. Furthermore, previous wishes by eltham high school and community to use this area has been knocked back but somehow growing veggies on a flood plain is more important. There has been no transparency as to how long the veggie patches will be allowed to run there, who is going to fund it all and why the funds earned from the produce cannot be put back into a community. Leave it as it is. Green and allowing EVERYONE in the community to keep using it socially.</p>	■	■
23053	1		It will be a very interesting addition for the community, it will be something interesting to go to walks at and for a nice view.	■■■	■■■■■

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23052		1	It is nice to have this beautiful open grass field. I walk this area a lot and enjoy the area as is. Do not want the council using my rate money for a urban farm, when they already have a lovely space at Edendale if you want urban farm land use some of there areas.		
23051		1	There has not been proper consultation. I believe it will be not be open access to the community.		
23050	1		This is such an exciting and excellent opportunity for our community! Our own urban farm, what a fantastic idea!		
23049	1		Fabbros Fields will be a great opportunity to provide a new community space for Eltham residents and visitors. Fabbros Fields will provide a place where people can come together to connect to each other, learn about community food systems and celebrate our rich local indigenous heritage and reconnect to Eltham's vibrant farming history.		

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23047	1		I think this is a fantastic opportunity for our community. The potential for community engagement around local food production, food security and nutritional education, well-being, inter-generational connections, and community connection to place are really exciting. The site is very suitable, given its proximity to schools, the township, bike path, and given its previous use for vegetable production. I hope that Council will do all it can to support this proposal.		
23046		1	As a flood plain area of the Diamond Creek let us leave it alone. We do not have to 'use it' for anything as we are not going to "loose it". It represents a "common area" to thoughtfully walk, cycle, " around or visit for picnics, play games etc. lets keep this open area open for all to enjoy.		

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23045	1		It should be mandatory that urban farms like Fabbro Fields exist in every suburb. Food security should be the most important concern of every council and their constituents.		
23044	1				
23043	1				
23042	1				
23041	1		I am supportive of initiatives that involve improving food security and healthy food eating within a community, and the bringing of a community together. I also feel the initiative would be great education and job wise for Eltham High School and other surrounding schools, with agriculture currently being a booming field.		
23040	1				
23039	1		A very exciting, well-worth project, the wider community can benefit from.		
23038	1		I think this is an absolutely essential addition to the Eltham community for social, climate and educational reasons.		

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23037	1		<p>As [REDACTED] of FoodINC (https://www.foodincubator.com.au/) an initiative being led by Melbourne Innovation Centre and our partners to reduce barriers to entry for food start-ups, we welcome all community investment in the ecosystem of food undertaken in Melbourne's North.</p> <p>An initiative of this nature does however need a range of supporting mechanisms in place such as education/training, value-added activities/spaces e.g. event space, a commercial kitchen/clean energy sources/water infrastructure for it to be an exemplar project. Dropping a bunch of apple bins and mulch onto this site is very underwhelming and leaving it to some eager but unskilled volunteers won't quite cut it.</p> <p>The aim should be for it be an exemplar project and launch the investment project have positive economic development /revenue generating outcomes, so that it could employ a professional community manager, lead gardener etc.</p> <p>Happy to be engaged further on the concept</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
23036	1		<p>The creation of an urban farm at Fabbro Fields will maintain the tradition of farming on this valuable agricultural site; will give the opportunity for locals and especially children to learn about organic farming; will enable the purchase of farm fresh food without the burden of food miles and will provide a valuable compliment to Edendale Farm.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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23035	1		These initiatives are valuable and essential.	■	■
23034		1	Grossly inadequate information has been provided. I haven't the vaguest idea how it would work, what area it would occupy, why this would be a preferred use, what expertise the proponents have, what would happen to any cashflow it would generate. Are we supposed know, guess, or trust that the answers to these and many other questions are consistent with the private use of public land? Is there insufficient detail because the proponents don't possess or are not willing to share it?	■	■
23033		1	Need updated plans, yes/no response to council from residents is totally unacceptable! This was agreed some years ago to be kept as green open space land it is not suitable for an URBAN farm!	■	■
23032		1	I can't support this without being given more information! I don't know what I would be saying Yes to.	■	■

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23031	1		Yes, it would be a wonderful community resource. No only would it revisit the previous use of the land, but it would treat it in a more sustainable way while engaging the community.	██████	██████
23030	1			██████	██████
23029	1		This would be an amazing addition to Eltham. It would benefit young and old and would bring people from other areas into the Shire. This concept will be a bonus for those struggling with high cost of living, mortgage stress and allow people to eat healthy safe food. Too much of the supermarket fruit & vegetables is not fresh, it comes from cool storage and be years old. It will also give people a chance to set up their own food gardens with the bonus of learning and workshops	██████	██████
23028	1		Community participation in this project will be great and promote sustainable food growth and enable purchase or learning and food swap.	██████	██████

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23027	1		Utilising the green space for a more productive use that builds on community engagement is always welcome. As long as sustainable practices such as permaculture are employed (which I believe they will be) then implementing the farm will be great for bringing people together, improving health outcomes, and caring for the land.	██████	██████
23026	1		This would be a wonderful community initiative and I strongly support it. Thank you.	█	██████
23025	1		This sounds like a fantastic community-building initiative. I can't wait to see it up and running.	██████	██████
23024	1			██████	██████

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23023	1		This is just what is needed. Food is going to become far more important in the future (just look at the Ukraine war and its effects on grain as well as the effects of the incredible heat in Europe currently). We are not immune and are facing a likely very hot summer. An educational and productive farm near us as residents will help in coming times to help us cope with what is coming as well as being great for our mental and social health.	█	█
23022	1			█	█
23021	1			█	█
23020	1		The changes to the Fabbro Fields as seen on the master plan seems to be a great addition to the areas and can be a focus point for young and older persons to learn about nature, growing vegies etc. It can be a point of interest for people using the walking path and is a much more user friendly space than just grass. It is suggested the path will be of an adequate width to cater for both walking and bike riding.	█	█

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23019		1	I would prefer that it remained as an unstructured recreational space free from sporting clubs, car parks or specific interest group use.		
23018	1		It would need to be an extension the Edendale community farm and involve education, opportunities for community volunteers and accessible in some ways to the whole community. It can partner with organisations, and will need very good management by someone who is community minded and make the most of it for everyone.		
23017	1		Our family thinks this a great use of this space. We think any initiative that provides the community with opportunity to connect is a fantastic addition to our growing community. We would especially love native ingredients to be grown, and integrated indigenous educational elements to be incorporated in the design.		

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23015	1		If the proposal is for a community based urban farm that would be accessible to all members of the community then I think that this would be a brilliant use of the land. Perhaps not all of the land would be used for the farm. maybe some additional seating and picnic area with shelters could also be included.	█	█
23014	1		it would be fantastic to take the kids there and get involved.	█	█

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23012	1		Urban farms can play a pivotal role in community competence, relatedness and autonomy. There are thousands of examples of these spaces becoming the very 'centre' of community interaction. From this myriad benefits may be realised, ranging from carbon sequestration (small impact) through to food justice (access for those most in need) and positive impacts on mental biopsychosocial wellbeing. I've just moved into the area and would absolutely love to be involved. I'm a technology ethicists, but have done a lot of work on food system transformation at national and international levels.		
23011	1		Keep the walking track. Perhaps make it better lit for evening. Outside of a rural farm it'd be a great space for a music festival.		

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23010	1		<p>Sustain strongly supports this proposal as it aligns with our mission to achieve the design and establishment of healthy, sustainable and resilient food systems that enhance community health and wellbeing, build climate resilience and contribute to local economic development. As one of Victoria and Australia's leading sustainable food systems organisations and a registered health promotion charity, we have championed the expansion of multi-functional urban agriculture since our establishment in January 2016. As a think and do network we have raised the profile of the urban agriculture sector through ground-breaking research (Pandemic Gardening Survey - https://sustain.org.au/projects/pandemic-gardening-survey-report/; and the Growing Edible Cities and Towns report - https://sustain.org.au/projects/growing-edible-cities-and-towns/), national events (three Urban Agriculture Forums - uaf.org.au - and two Urban Agriculture Months - urbanagriculturemonth.org.au), and running urban farms (Melbourne Food Hub farm in Alphington and the Oakhill Food Justice Farm in Preston - oakhillfarm.org.au).</p> <p>Multi-functional urban agriculture brings numerous benefits to communities in Australia and internationally. Over 1 billion people are engaged in it daily producing over 20% of the world's food. With non-linear climate change now a reality, the strain on conventional, broad-acre agriculture in regional and rural areas will increase significantly in the coming years. Enabling projects such as Fabbro Fields in Eltham will be a crucial component of future-focused urban planning for Eltham Shire and other communities in Melbourne as we enter the challenging years and decades ahead.</p> <p>If you require further information please email info@sustain.org.au</p>		
23009		1	Waist of our rates		
23008		1	Should be left as open recreational area		
23007		1	Please just leave it as a lovely open space to be enjoyed. The land is flood prone so a garden will go to waste.		
23006		1	Why not keep this open space free of development? The people's paddock please.		
23005	1				

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23004		1	The current space is beautiful and facilitates a variety of activities by all people. Would be a pity to lose that.	████	████
23003		1	This is a great space that promotes walking, outdoor activities, etc. There are not many flat grass spaces in Eltham so let's enjoy it as it is.	████	████
23002		1	Please leave it as it is- beautiful, natural and green. This is Eltham.	████	████
23001	1			████	████
23000	1		If it is a place where children can learn and grow food. A place where community members can volunteer and gain hands on experience to then use it at home. A place people can swap fresh foods and herbs and gain friendships then yes. If it's purely for a financial gain and benefits solely one group then no	████	████

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22999			<p>There are a number of concerns about the lack of information provided to allow the community to make an informed response in answer to the question 'Are you supportive of an urban farm in Eltham?' at 2 Bell Street, Eltham.</p> <p>In principle I am in favour of land in Nillumbik being made available to allow for the production of locally grown produce, but would like this to take the form of a community garden where volunteers could grow their own produce, as opposed to a commercially run farm.</p> <p>I would not be supportive of a proposal that allowed a farm to occupy the entire 4 hectare area, nor even a large proportion of it. This section of the flood plain of the Diamond Creek is in an environmentally sensitive area – part of the riparian zone that extends from the Yarra River to the Kinglake Ranges, and therefore a significant wildlife corridor. This land would be ideally suited for the creation of wetlands. This would create habitat for frogs, water birds and wetland plants, and would facilitate the movement of other wildlife up and down the creek.</p> <p>There are also issues around parking and congestion outside the high school, as well as run-off into the creek of any chemicals used on the farm.</p> <p>Has any research been conducted on finding other less environmentally sensitive sites in the shire for the purpose of creating an urban farm?</p>		
22998		1	Edendale already exists as an urban farm		
22997		1	Leave it as free space for all to enjoy.		
22996		1	It is expensive and serves little purpose beyond being a pretty place for a walk. Its current configuration or a simple garden would suffice.		
22995	1		Seems fine, I'd like there to be animals		

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22994		1	Please don't take away more open spaces... let the natural environment thrive a little in what's left of the open spaces		
22993		1	I'd like to say "maybe" If unsustainably managed, urban farming and gardening can increase water consumption, use of pesticides or cultivation of non-native species that can threat local biodiversity. If it is sustainably managed, then yes, absolutely!		
22992		1	Need a lot more information as per Eltham Action Group		
22991	1				
22990		1	Need more info. who is paying for infrastructure etc. Why do those not in the white and therefore probably not paying towards it all get a say?		
22989	1		I would like to know more about how the farm would operate, and if there is a social equity aspect to its management.		
22988		1			
22980	1				

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22979	1		better use than that of a off lease dog park. Whole community benefits		
22977		1	There are a LOT of information missing on the proposal. We have so MANY questions but where are the answers? The only document related to this is from 2013?????		
22976		1	I personally love the open space and 1 thought that was the intention when the land was offered to council to keep it as community free space.		

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22974	1		<p>Without knowing the details it is a little tricky to offer full and enthusiastic support, so my “yes” is more of a yes in good faith: that a fit for purpose use will be proposed that doesn’t overuse the land, or create a nuisance, or impact on the local environmental values.</p> <p>If the land would be for food production my main concerns would be 1) any fertiliser run off/ nutrient load going into the creek, 2) if there were any existing soil contamination (but easy to check), 3) the increased risk of weed seeding into bush land.</p> <p>Id be more likely to support a mixed use farm, maybe even having some demonstration purposes (eg permaculture or food forest planting along with some animals) and even better if Eltham High could be involved in some way.</p>		
22973	1		This would be a great use if this unused space creating educational opportunities for the whole community along with providing a source of locally grown food		

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22955		1	This is far too vague a proposal to expect residents to make an informed decision on the matter. What is meant by an urban farm? We already have one of sorts at Edendale. Or do you mean vegetable growing? Or a farm plus a market? What infrastructure would be needed? How much of the land would be used? Eltham needs to preserve as much of its green space as possible.		
22954	1		more local agriculture is needed in a climate emergency to reduce reliance on unsustainable global food system.		
22953	1		The area is also suitable for off leash dog park		
22952		1	I walk around here a lot, I think it's a lovely open landscape and would like to see it stay that way.		

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22951	1		I would like to see it as an extension of the edendale community farm and used for education, community volunteer opportunities and organic production of food. Good management will be essential. I would like to see bee keeping and honey production included in the program. Wonderful project . Maybe some local art sculpture at the entrance.		
22950	1		I belong to a community garden in Diamond creek and favor this type of initiative. Hence, I welcome an urban farm as proposed by council.		
22948		1	At this point I have little information as to what this would entail and hence my lack of support. I also don't know what other options have been considered for the land. For example, was an urban forest considered?		

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22947	1		It looks like the proposal will not use the entire site, which I believe is a good thing. It is important to maintain the walking path around the site and some open area for public use (eg people may like to have a family picnic next to the farm). I support growing food locally and using this as an opportunity to bring people of all ages and backgrounds together, to educate both young people and the general community, and to promote skills and behaviours that contribute to protecting our climate and improving our health and wellbeing.		

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22946		1	<p>I think that an urban farm could be a welcome addition to facilities in Nillumbik Shire but have answered "No" because no details about this have been provided. Residents should have been given an outline of the proposal explaining the extent of the area to be allocated to the farm and whether this will reduce the area currently available for use by the public substantially or not. Also, will the farm have an adverse impact on local biodiversity and the Diamond Creek? If the farm is to be run by Local Food Connect, what is the duration of this arrangement and how will the community be able to access the farm produce? What happens if Local Food Connect does not run the farm to an acceptable standard and what is that standard?</p> <p>I cannot see the logic in Council not considering Local Food Connect's proposal in its initial assessment as there would seem to be no likelihood of establishing an urban farm unless it is run by Local Food Connect. Please give local residents more information upon which to base a response, as those who answer "yes" might then be opposed to the actual farming arrangements and those who answer "no" might later wish to support a more detailed proposal.</p>		
22943		1	<p>I would be supportive of a community garden for the people of Eltham. Which brings together community and access to the fresh produce, such as other suburban community gardens such as in Warandyte.</p>		

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22942	1		What a wonderful idea. I'd love to see a project like this proposal being developed in this space. I wholeheartedly support it.	■	■
22941	1		Supportive, if partial use and useable by people who live locally.	■	■
22940	1			■	■
22939		1	Eltham is a wonderful place to live due to its wonderful open spaces. That location is constantly used by locals for riding, walking, picnics and so much more. We already have edendale. That's enough. Leave commercial farming for areas with much more free acreage. Don't turn eltham into "any other suburb" by using up all the green space.	■	■
22938	1			■	■
22937		1	Edendale already exists for community education. This space is community land and should not be leased or developed for private use.	■	■
22936	1			■	■

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22935		1	I like the space. Im not sure why every available patch of grass has to have something on it. Like the back of the Eltham tennis courts. You've taken up the bulk of the space. Empty patches have value in themselves. We already have a large farm in Edendale. Use a half acre of that and leave fabbos farm for the ducks and plivers and red rumps and galahs the dog walkers, joggers, kids to play kick to kick or throw a frisbee or sit in the sun. Leave the space.		
22934	1				
22933		1	More info required please		
22932		1	Open space is for all of us.		
22931	1				
22930		1	Open space here and taking 42% of the cleared area is not in our communities interest. This company is after a free feed, go away.		
22929		1	Is it an urban community farm or run by a not for profit company? Misleading and confusing information @nillumbik.		
22928		1			
22927	1				

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22926		1	<p>Many Questions - but primarily Parking! Maybe if you give more information or clarify where these "farmers" will park?</p> <p>However.... This beautiful space is like an English common - we have seen many people come here to walk or play or picnic or just sit. It's fine perfect and beautiful just as it is! It doesn't need to be anything else. Thank you Nillumbik Council for keeping it, and our shire, so beautiful.</p>	████	████
22925		1	<p>Eltham has very little open space and this open space should be kept as open space for all to use. A community garden should be done at a location with facilities such as Edendale farm. There is car parking, toilets and food available here. A community garden at Fabbro Fields would bring rubbish, noise and the need for facilities. It would ruin this area.</p>	████	████

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22924	1		I hope the farm will have a cafe or market where public can buy things. Also would be great to get local schools involved.	■	■
22923		1	Access to green open spaces shouldn't be fenced off and only available to those who pay to use space in the urban farm. The majority of residents in ELTHAM have yards and if they wish to grow fruit and veg they already have access to space in their own land. I am completely opposed to this proposal.	■	■
22922	1		I think that it would be really awesome to have a community garden and orchard here - with the rising cost of living this would help a lot of people	■	■
22921	1			■	■
22920	1		Food farm? Needs more info. Would farmers market be held here?	■	■

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22918	1		In principle yes. I'd like a bit more info. Would it be animal or vegetable? Private or public? Would it still be encouraging for people to access at any time? I guess I have more questions than answers but I'm principle, yes a good idea.		
22917		1	<p>NOTE: Please refer to the written submission as submitter requested to make edits to the below via email on Wednesday 19 July.</p> <p>Good long term land use planning requires considered and appropriate community consultation and in relation to the Fabbro Fields land it is necessary to deliver a plan that provides for the best use of the whole of the land. Land use planning undertaken with a bits and pieces approach to public open space will not provide a good result or a good governance approach to the land's overall use for the community. The Nillumbik Shire Council's (NSC) Community Engagement Policy (the Policy) February 2021 states that "Community Feedback was used to inform the policy on how the Nillumbik Shire Council will engage with our community going forward." The community and staff all had input into the development of the Policy. With that in mind the Policy follows the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) and does not provide a referendum model to be used for the NSC's community engagement process. Providing an option for a yes or no response, could be seen as a referendum vote and does not fit within the guidelines of the IAP2 model and is not referred to in the Policy (see Community engagement core values on Page 5 of NSC's policy). NSC's Policy and at a local government level overall, do not have the same legislative powers as the Federal government to undertake a referendum. A Yes or No option does not follow the Community engagement principles (page 7 of the Policy), Clear Objectives, Inclusive and Diverse, Transparent guidelines are examples as stated in the Policy.</p> <p>The Bell Street Masterplan was a process undertaken in 2013, 10 years ago and although reflecting the views of the community at that time, in my experience and knowledge, I understand that with a good governance standard approach the Bell Street Masterplan's should be updated for transparency. This update should be undertaken as soon as possible to obtain the best result for the long term responsible land use planning of Fabbro Fields.</p> <p>There are many ideas in the community and one idea should not be fast tracked over any other and there has been very little or no information provided by the NSC in relation to a one off idea provided by Local Food Connect (the applicant) being put forward.</p> <p>Fabbro Fields is State government owned and Council managed and is public open space. The land is not private property. An application for private use by</p>		

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			<p>any stakeholder without broader community input prior to this idea/plan being brought to NSC with no broader information being able to be provided by NSC for this community consultation is disappointing.</p> <p>There is a lack of transparency in when, how and why the NSC are at the 11th hour calling on community consultation when it seems that the decision may have already been made taking into account the applicant received a grant from the State Government for the project. If this is the case it contravenes the intent of the NSC's Policy which again is very disappointing.</p> <p>The process in this instance is unsatisfactory for providing the opportunity for broader input by the community following the NSC's Council Policy as previously mentioned.</p> <p>It is very unfortunate that the consultation in this case is being taken out of the NSC's hands and played out on Facebook with the applicant running a campaign in support of their application with the purpose of influencing the communities response. The applicant is, as they would, are showing an extraordinary bias designed to push their application to what they would like, which is the Yes vote. With Council managed and community via State government owned land this style of campaign does not, I believe, fit in with proper and fair community consultation. NSC has not provided the necessary information and taken on their own responsibility of providing enough information that is required for a considered, informed and educated response from the community regarding public open space. The applicant's approach to a public campaign also flies in the face of how the community consultation should have been undertaken with NSC showing leadership and controlling the narrative on behalf of the community they represent.</p> <p>I would like to suggest strongly that the NSC take the time and effort to please allow the community to be involved in the updating of a Masterplan for what is now Fabbro Fields and not proceed with the current referendum style process. The confidence and trust of the community is important when decisions of this magnitude is being sought by the NSC from the community and will avoid a divisive position within the community as a whole. It would be great to have everyone on the same page and in agreement.</p> <p>We all have the time so lets please take the time to get a more thorough and community consulted decision for our precious open space which will have an impact on the community for years into the future. Please take more time to ensure that all voices are heard.</p> <p>The current process should be stopped and commenced again to provide a just and fair community engagement process for all the community and stakeholders. A Yes or No vote does not respect the local government's remit of providing and enabling meaningful engagement with the community.</p> <p>Thank you</p>		

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22914	1		It could be a way of feeding some disadvantaged people as well as an opportunity for people to grow and harvest the fruits of their labour. It is currently totally unproductive and a waste of good land.	████	██████
22912		1	Leave it as it is! People utilise the fields for recreational use.	████	████
22911		1	Yes, I support the idea of a community farm there, but need to know how big it would be. Who would use the land and how would it be managed. Would there be a rotation of people farming their plots to allow more people to use the land? Or, will it be a great big garden section that anyone can come and work and collect produce? Great idea but more information needs to be shared with the community first. Thanks, █████	████	████
22910		1	Insufficient detail available so far	████	████
22907		1	Keep this beautiful open space for all.	████	████
22905	1			████	████

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22904	1		This is a very inclusive and beneficial opportunity for the Shire...know where food comes from is only one of the benefits.		
22902		1	Can you elaborate on what an 'Urban Farm' is please? Is it a private company running a farm? If so will there be a shop for the public? Is it a farm run by council with profits to rate payers? Is it a farm for charity organisations? Is it a farm for community members to maintain their own plot? It's a bit hard to agree or disagree to something when you haven't defined what an urban farm actually is!!		
22901	1		I think it is a great initiative to have shared locally grown food in Eltham and I would be a subscriber to this endeavour		
22900		1	Please leave this area as open space for all to share.		

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22899	1		<p>Fabros would bring many benefits for our local community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the production of local healthy organic food - yum - increases the livability of Nillumbik. - climate change is negatively impacting our food system and food supply- makes sense to do our bit to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. - connection with the Eltham high school and the opportunity for a range of education activities (everything from growing food, food production systems, food security, sustainability, etc) (our children went to Eltham high school) - community involvement and connection and positive impacts on mental health. - This is a wonderful idea for our future generations! <p>(Please note I rent in Montmorency and moving back to Eltham)</p>		
22898		1			

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22897	1		<p>It will be important for Eltham High Students to participate in Fabbro Fields. I was a student at Eltham High completing a VET certificate in kitchen operations in year 11 and 12, and I currently study nutrition at university, a project like this would have been extremely valuable for me as a high school student as well as further useful into my university degree. If this project goes through it could help future generations be more mindful about their food consumption and wastefulness, encourage more teenagers and young adults to eat fresh foods and more variety.</p> <p>This is a project I am extremely passionate about as it is extremely important and I wish I could have been apart of it as a teen</p>		

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22896		1	<p>I don't believe Eltham needs this, I would be more supportive of an idea for a community farm where people could have their own plots.</p> <p>However, as an ecologist, I believe this area should be reserved for conservation and open space. I believe there is a natural wetland at this site as it is on a flood plain but it is currently being mowed back to the detriment of its environmental values. I was very sad to hear that this is being done. How about we let that wetland regrow and re-vegetate parts so it can become a valuable riparian habitat area for our local wildlife, especially for frogs, birds and other wetland species, all the while maintaining it as valuable open space for the community. I'm sure there are many local groups that could maintain this area for conservation and Eltham High science students who have an interest in biology/ecology could have programs for monitoring the wetland and species present.</p>		

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22895		1	I would like to see this space kept as an open space. Council has sold or used up too much open space and I fear at this rate the eltham/Nillumbik area will loose it's almost already lost character and appeal. Council you do not need to use up every available open space to please sections of the community, please leave open spaces for all to enjoy and for visual appeal, the place is already overdeveloped!	■■■	■■■
22894		1	Definitely not!!!! We already have a farm in Eltham.	■■■	■■■
22893	1		I would like more detail on what that would look like. What will the farm have,produce etc	■■■	■■■
22892	1			■■■	■■■
22891	1			■■■	■■■
22890	1			■■■	■■■
22889		1	Insufficient information has been given about the impact the proposal will have and how it will operate.	■■■	■■■
22888		1	It's needs to be available to the community not run for profit by a private enterprise. Community garden yes, urban farm no	■■■	■■■

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22887	1		This is a fantastic idea for use of this land.	████	████-████
22886		1		████	████
22885	1		I wouldn't want if take away activity and support from Edendale farm which I believe is a valuable asset. It would need to have a distinctive purpose and I think would be a great move towards local food security.	████	████
22884		1	Open space opposite the high school is important.	████	████
22883		1	I walk my dog here a lot and enjoy the open spaices. Please leave us our open spaice.	████	████
22882		1	A private not for profit should not be running a business on our open space with public funding grants. Keep our open space. Hands out of the cookie jar please.	████	████
22881		1		████	████

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22880		1	<p>I would only be supportive of the original 2.5% of Fabbro Fields being given over to an urban farm, and for that to be available for all the community. If any farm was to be established a lot of construction would have to take place. If the area was not fully sealed off and rabbit proofed it would just encourage more rabbits which are now in PLAGUE proportions in Eltham. It would provide more food for them and therefore more breeding.</p> <p>There would need to have more of the Public Open Space taken over with parking for the project. Also I am not sure what provisions would be made to supply water and sewerage.</p> <p>The danger of the State Government being involved in this project is that more trees would be removed for the project. This has been the case with all local State Government projects. Examples are the huge removal of trees for the Fitzsimons Lane project and the Youth Road Carpark project. If anything is to happen there it could be the planting of more trees. The Nillumbik Shire is losing its tree coverage at a greater rate than a lot of other shires. Basically we need as much Public Open Space as possible to be retained.</p> <p>I</p>		
22879		1	prefer to just keep the area as publicly accessible open space, there is so little flat open space available in Eltham why take away more		
22878	1				
22877		1	Need to keep the open space for families		

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22876		1	The community will not benefit in any way, from an urban farm that is managed by a private group . The community is missing a space for individuals to rent a small plot to grow on (allotments in the UK). I would really like that idea to be considered instead at this or another location. Allotments offer an opportunity for people of all ages to come together and learn new skills. They are a place to help alleviate loneliness and bring communities together.		
22875	1		Gardening helps the physical, mental & general health of participants. It would also be educational & encourage people to grow food in any available space they may have & I assume promote the importance of organic principles.		

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22874		1	We need more details please IT's community land now and you are "giving" it to a group Local Food Connect - Melbourne, who DON'T live in Nillumbik, who will have enough money to pay a Farm Manager!!!! This farm I presume will have fences, hence we won't be able to wander on, picnic, give children space to run and kick a ball or do cartwheels and stop dogs So until I understand what is happening I say NO	■	■
22873		1	Removal of shed would improve this space. An urban farm at Fabbro Fields would require tax payer funded fencing and farming infrastructure, along with ongoing maintenance for years to come. Best purpose would see this space left as just that. Space .	■	■

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22872		1	Leave as is. People enjoy using this as a park and is a convenient open space for kids to play sports, dogs to run around and people to picnic on. Would be a shame to see it used as a farm. I would suggest making an urban farm near the farm edendale farm		
22871	1		It's a fantastic idea. Global temperature instability requires local food solutions and there's heaps of good growing land in town - utilising it seems prudent.		
22870		1	Eltham is lacking in multi-use parklands, currently Fabbro Fields is used by many different people for different activities, keep it that way		
22869	1		I would register for a plot		
22868		1	Given the lack of clarity of what the urban farm actually is and whether this will have community access I don't feel I can provide any answer other than no. Erring on side of caution.		

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22867		1	I may have been able to support the concept of a community farm if further details had been provided. As asked above the survey is asking for a Yes with no details of what's planned	████	██████
22866		1	this is too vague. There is no proposal here, just a vague concept.	████	██████
22865	1		I like the proposal already provided, but I'd like to see it more in keeping with permaculture farming principles.	██	██████
22864		1	A 400m sealed running track/mini athletics track is needed in the area. The very school in Eltham has to travel to Willinda Park Greensborough for their sports carnivals. Please consider this open space for a multipurpose athletics track, that could still be used for footy training etc in the centre when needed	████	██████
22863	1			████	████

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22862		1	I have lived in Eltham since 1954 and from memory and experience this area is part of the Diamond Creek flood plain. I would prefer it be developed with riparian vegetation so it recovers quickly after a flood. We have our precious Edendale Farm.	████	████
22861		1	More information needed - design, environmental assessment etc.	█	█
22860	1		Only concern it's effect on Edendale.	████	████
22858	1			████	████
22857	1		An urban farm sounds good as long as it doesn't result in a proliferation of car parks.	████	████████
22856		1	There is too little information regarding this project to make an informed decision, so NO is the only appropriate response.	████	████

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22855		1	Urban farm could be at Edendale. This land can be used for emergency housing, especially in light of the poor track record Nillimbuk has in fire mitigation and the certainty that we will have other major fires in the area. Being prepared for this with emergency housing at this site would be my preference		
22854	1		no		
22853	1				
22852		1	Eltham is not a farm community. It is a leafy suburb of Melbourne where land for common use is scarce. Using land that is already used by dog owners (the majority of households in the town), children playing, joggers and walkers for an uneconomical farming activity is absurd. I cross the land daily and value it as it is. Inevitably, farming use will require that areas are fenced off with more restricted access than now. Furthermore, Eltham already has a community environment farm and does not need a second.		

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22851		1	Too many questions haven't been answered. My grandkids love to play in that field. Not many other fields that size for playing. How much land will the farm take up? Can anyone use the farm or will the farm only be for the Community Group Local Food Connect? If it's only for them then it really isn't very Eltham friendly. Who will oversee and allocate planting areas? Will you need to pay for a planted area? If individuals can plant can you safe guard your produce won't be taken by others? Will parking be a problem? How much water will be needed? I have a feeling certain kids might enjoy tearing the plants up during the night.		
22850		1	Whilst I understand the history of farming in the site, I do not feel the proposal is fit for a privately run farm. I would rather see this area turned into an athletics track (tan), and or more tennis courts encouraging fitness within the community.		

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22849		1	Too many questions an unclear. Not every open space has to be filled up with human related structures and activity places. Leave it as an open space. Many local people already use it for playing games with kids or dogs, just sit on a blanket and read or have a picnic or play music (local person who practises back pipes. It is also important for many birds like red rumped parrots, ducks, swallows, Galahs, Corellas and the occasional visit from yellow tailed black Cockatoos or Boobook owl. If it is built up they wil loose this habitat at a time when urban development destroys more and more spaces for wildlife.		
22848	1		Have the farm adjacent to the road, however please leave at least 30M space to the path that encircles the field. There should be enough space for an urban farm and leisure/dog walkers. Some considerations: How is produce going to be moved from site? There should be no additional parking built		

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22847		1	No support for a plan with no substance. If this was to be a community farm guaranteed that may chance my opinion		
22846	1		I would want this to be a free local initiative. Seeing as the cost of living is high, this could be an opportunity for people to volunteer and receive goods. I think having it as a paid entry would dissuade people from going.		
22845	1		I walk there every day and see the birds that need open grassland to feed. Galahs, cockies, corellas and especially red dumped grass parrots. I believe that to have a balance of open grassland for these birds and an urban farm would be beneficial to people, animals and insects. I am not concerned with dogs as they have a lot of space already that they can use.		

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22844		1	It is not possible for me to be supportive of an urban farm. The site borders on the Diamond Creek and very careful consideration needs to be given to supporting the health of this waterway for aquatic fauna such as the platypus and terrestrial flora and fauna. The Diamond Creek is very valuable wildlife corridor and any uses in Fabbro Fields must enhance and not detract from its essential contribution to biodiversity in Nillumbik.		
22843	1				
22842		1	Why would you remove more open spaces in Eltham? Terrible idea which will bring rats to Eltham High School due to the proximity to the school! No, I am not supportive of this idea.		

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22841	1		A great initiative from members of the local community and an excellent opportunity for teaching farming skills and connecting people back to where their food comes from. Many people no longer have the opportunity to experience what it takes to produce the food we all rely on to survive.		
22840		1	Please leave as open space		
22839		1	<p>I previously submitted feedback in favour of this farm. I have changed my mind since and would like you to update my vote.</p> <p>The farm will not serve the community, it does not offer plots for residents to use. We are not interested in a commercial enterprise.</p> <p>If you would like to develop this area a little, I would suggest keeping it largely open and untouched, but you could plant up near the footpath with some trees in dispersed around, and make it into an inviting picnic ground when it's dry.</p>		

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22838	1		As long as it can support parking	■	■
22837		1	<p>1) As this field is in a flood plane, has there been an environmental analysis to ensure nutrient runoff's from fertilizer do not enter the nearby waterways?</p> <p>2) Has there been any governance proposed to ensure this public land is not used for private gain. As in users are not permitted to sell produce for profit. Users are restricted to a certain square meterage that is sufficient for their personal use only.</p> <p>3) Has there been any consideration around the proliferation of pests, namely rabbits, that would feed off these gardens?</p> <p>4) Has there been assessment of how pesticides will affect the Eltham Copper Butterfly and other native insects?</p> <p>5) Has there been assessment of how the surrounding native bush areas will be affected but the introduction of non-native species that could invade from wind pollination from the proposed greens?</p> <p>Generally, the land size of homes in Nillumbik is sufficient for residents to have gardens on their own land. This is more suited to inner city councils and not in keeping with keeping with the environmental protections or feel of Nillumbik. Council funds would be better spent elsewhere to address food insecurity and support residents to grow their own plants on their own land, be that native or edible gardens.</p>	■	■
22836		1	Please leave the space. As a wildlife rescuer this area is losing more and more field space. It's unnecessary development.	■	■
22835		1	This area is used extensively by dog walkers and runners in the mornings, and closing it off for a enterprise, social or otherwise is a loss to the community.	■	■ ■

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22834		1	The area would be better used as sporting facilities, The Nillumbik and Banyule areas desperately need more facilities.		
22833		1	<p>We don't need a community farm, we already have edendale and most houses I. Eltham have gardens.</p> <p>It would be preferable to have a playground for kids 4-12 with climbing equipment , something slightly more progressive than the basic playground, with flying foxes, climbing frames etc.. and some picnic areas. A consideration would also need to be car parking as lots of cars park on the side of the road in the no standing.</p> <p>We also don't want all the space taken up as we like watching the hot air balloons take off periodically.</p>		
22832		1			

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22831		1	It is an inappropriate location in so many ways. Access routes, fertiliser and pesticide run off into the river, the impact on wildlife and the environs from such pest control, traffic through streets not designed or maintained for such traffic flow, not to mention that it is being promoted as a community accessible facility when it is intended to be a commercial farm with only paid access for groups. This sort of business belongs on the more rural outskirts of Research/Wattle Glen, not in suburban Eltham on a flood zone park. Never mind the recent community consultation about the use of the site was very strongly in favour of leaving it as it is.		
22830	1		I think an urban farm is a wonderful idea for this underutilised piece of land. I fully support it.		
22829		1	We have Edendale, I thought the plan was for BBQs and retaining the open space.		
22828	1		Seems a reasonable use of the site. We enjoy using the existing paths around the site.		

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22827		1	<p>We have Edendale farm. We do not need a commercial Urban farm on Fabro Fields. Council should reject this commercial approach.</p> <p>Council should plant native trees and plants to integrate Fabro Fields with nearby bushland areas. At most, Council might develop it with gravel walkways, but not concrete and no wooden structures,</p>	█	█
22826	1			█	█
22825	1			█	█
22824	1		As long as community has access to this then it's a fantastic idea. I've really enjoyed CERES in Brunswick. Is a wonderful way to engage the locals. Build that sense of togetherness.	█	█
22823		1	It's literally a swamp like whoever's dumb arse idea it was to turn this into a farm clearly has no idea about farming or land use.	█	█
22822	1		I think it a great idea and another opportunity to get the kids out of the house.	█	█

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22821		1	What do you mean by 'Urban Farm?' Why has this land site been selected when there is an opportunity at Edendale Farm?		
22820	1		<p>The site is presently grassed passive open space with a walking path and a native vegetation corridor between the path and Diamond Creek</p> <p>An urban farm here is an excellent idea will need sustainable management, and this requires an community based organisation like LFC, or its equivalent, that has strong community links and support.</p> <p>The concept put forward by LFC is modest and reasonable. It provides an excellent starting point for further consideration and development to optimise it. That is best done once there has been a decision by the Council to support the broad concept of a community farm being at the site.</p> <p>Part of the considerations will be how to optimise the layout and landscaping / revegetation of the balance land outside that dedicated to the community farm - so that the history, the heritage, and the flood plain function of the site are respected and embodied</p> <p>I also wonder if this is an opportunity to create further improvements to the riparian corridor of Diamond Creek where it passes this site - to improve storm water discharges into it, do more to prevent bank erosion and scour from peak flows, and to improve its amenity for vegetation, wildlife and people?.</p>		

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22819		1	Please leave open space in and around Eltham and in our Shire. We getting to developed in our residential areas without considering how we residents feel about it. Now closing in our few open spaces is not needed. We have a farm already! Edendale.		
22818	1		I am supportive of this initiative if learning programs are in place for all schools not just government state schools, plus some of the produce and money earned from selling office is given back to local charities.		
22816		1	There is not enough information about it. Would the public be allowed in? Will it be fenced? Will the produce be sold? Who will decide what happens on the land? Is council going to lease the land to the group? Why not consider Edendale farm?		
22815		1			
22814	1				

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22813		1	<p>There isn't space for animals and appropriate rotations of paddocks/care of soil and pasture etc.</p> <p>Perhaps fruit/veg/community gardens?</p> <p>Why do we need another Edendale Farm? Put your farm funding there.</p> <p>Think up something new for this space.</p>		
22812		1	<p>There is not enough information, pls supply the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the size of the land required for the urban farm -how will the farm operate? -the length of lease -will the tenant have to restore the land to open space when the lease ends? -the traffic management and parking -the provision of water & sewerage -will any volunteer be able to grow their own produce or take home a share of jointly produced produce? -which sections of the community will be negatively impacted by this project? -the impact of this proposal on the environment -the impact of this proposal on existing community organisations, private businesses& the people who use the area for recreation 		

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22811		1	Ideally, this should go back to the original bushland prior to clearing. We just keep losing the environment here one step after the other. I note that across the road the remnant bush at the lower end of the ELtham School grounds has been just about eliminated in the oval and tennis court redevelopment. The school grounds itself lost many old trees in the last decade. Here is the chance to significantly reverse the deforestation process. May be even score some carbon credits on the process.		
22810	1		Not at this stage.		
22809	1				
22808	1		Not at this stage.		

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22807	1		I do like the idea of a farm, but do worry about vandalism if there's not a presence on site at all hours. So what I'm suggesting is that there be a caretakers/ farmers residence there, but which could be central to a community hub. Another facility that could be provided there is a walking football pitch, which could be used/ watched by all ages and sectors of the community. That would need administration, so that could also be part of the caretaker's duties. Having both of these facilities together would have a synergistic effect, with football players no doubt buying some of the produce, or even swapping.		

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22806		1	<p>I live two hundred metres from this area and if it is dedicated to a small group of people it effectively closes this space to the vast majority of Eltham people.</p> <p>Additionally the investment in infrastructure required for this project including design management water supply and fencing is likely to be borne by the ratepayer and I am not in favor of this usage. Council already charges excessive rates for a really poor set of services.</p>		

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22805		1	There is not enough information on the following: the size of the land required for the urban farm how will the farm operate? the length of lease will the tenant have to restore the land to open space when the lease ends? the traffic management and parking the provision of water & sewerage will any volunteer be able to grow their own produce or take home a share of jointly produced produce? which sections of the community will be negatively impacted by this project? the impact of this proposal on the environment the impact of this proposal on existing community organisations, private businesses& the people who use the area for recreation	■■■■	■■■■
22804		1	More details are needed to make a decision	■■■■	■■■■
22803		1	Not until more information is given. The proposal is vague and does not support the communities needs	■■■■	■■■■
22802	1			■■■■	■■■■

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22801		1	This sounds like a good idea on the face of it, but I think a lot more details about the plan are needed before agreeing to it so without further details I say no at this stage.		
22800	1		Having recently moved to the area from the country, I'm a huge advocate for this initiative. Further educating people on the importance of farming as well as the benefits of fresh foods and the environmental impact, this is such a great thing for our community.		
22799	1		The more green the better.		
22798	1		Are there any opportunities for an allotment ? locals could apply to 'farm' an allotment to produce seasonal vegetables . for their own consumption & to share with locals		
22797		1			
22796		1			
22795	1		This would be a magnificent place for a farm space. Great employment opportunities & great education for sustainable living, Fresh local produce would be available,		

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22794		1	More inf., needed		
22793		1	Leave it as is. Public space. For all the public to enjoy. Enough pocket parks. Enough tennis club extensions. Enough carparks. Just leave the good feel and vibe of our Eltham just as it is. P L E A S E !		
22792	1		I am supportive of an urban farm in Eltham, however, there is a lot of information that will need to be provided to the community, and the finer details could change my thoughts on the urban farm. How much of the current open community space will be used by the farm, who will be able to access to the urban farm and the produce, how long will the lease will be on the land, and if the lease expires, will the land need to be rehabilitated to its prior state? These are some of the questions I have. I think in general it is a good idea but I would need more information to make a final decision.		

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22791		1	I'd prefer the area to be incorporated into the diamond creek setback whilst still allowing access for walking, running on a path with some open mix use space such as existing sports use, dog walking and so on. So essentially keep the same but revegetate 10-20% with native species to allow it to blend into the creek and look nicer. To have an urban garden would contribute clutter and mess that prevails in allotment style farming. I don't support this use from an aesthetic point of view.	■	■
22790		1	This existing public open green space should remain intact for current and future use by all Nillumbik ratepayers..	■	■
22789	1		It would be good to have more information about this but I'm sure that will become available as this moves forward.	■	■
22788		1	Leave the land as passive recreation area or plant it back to bush	■	■

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22787		1	It's No at this stage. I would like to hear more information about how it will operate.		
22786		1	Lately there is a loss of treed and bushland open space in the Eltham area, namely in the form of multistory apartment blocks. The council should be doing all it can to maintain open passive recreational space in the form of planted areas of native flora. The use of this area as intensive farming to me means overdevelopment by an organisation who I have no information about ie are they a for profit commercial organisation. It could mean that the land is tied to this purpose for an indefinite period. A lot more information is required before any decision is made.		

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22785	1		So long as the community can be involved. It could be wonderful for people living with disabilities to have it as a program. Kids in crisis, refugees etc. There are many models like this across greater Melbourne. Starting with what was done with the land at government house. I think it would be good to seek further consultation from these other urban farms and see how the benefit the whole community.	████	████
22784		1	There's no parking for an urban farm. This space is a wonderful open green space and I think it should stay that way. Kids enjoy kicking a footy, flying kites etc.	████	████
22783	1			████	████
22782		1	There is insufficient time to consider this proposal and other possible uses of the land.	████	████
22780		1	Need more information on how it is going to be run	████	████

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22779	1		Community spaces that encourage people to work and play together are essential for the fabric of society. If these spaces can also teach people how to grow food, for enjoyment, to cut household costs and to lower the environmental footprint of our food, then that is a wonderful bonus! Please support the transformation of this space into an urban farm!		
22778	1		Hi. I'm initially supportive and trust that the next steps questions and addresses all environmental requirements, management of the location and doesn't detract from the requirements of community pen spaces. Regards, 		
22777	1		We are blessed with lots of open space in Eltham but not much of it suitable for an urban farm, so I am supportive of Fabbro Fields being used for that purpose.		

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22776		1	It's impossible to give a considered positive response to this question without a great deal more information.		
22775	1				
22774	1				
22773	1				
22772		1			
22771		1	More information please. Best to leave it alone. Clean public space for generations to come much more important.		
22770		1	Need more information		
22769		1	It's a great space as it is. We don't have to fill every available patch of land with things. Let's just leave it as the general us/play/leisure space that it is.		
22768		1	I would need more information to say yes. We currently use the space for family recreation.		

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22767	1		I well remember Morris Fabbro,s market garden a d all its wonderful produce I feel it would mamevhim happy if this type of farm being proposed as he whhad bad M to sell his land as land rates were to high for him to afford to carry on ..		
22766		1			
22765	1				
22763	1		An urban farm would be a great addition to the community. It may function as an informal space for inter generational interactions and knowledge sharing, education, meditation, potential employment through urban agriculture, an additional space to foster nature-focused ideals and interests.		
22762	1				
22761	1				

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22760	1		It's such a wonderful plan. Such a great location and such a wonderful way to get the students of Eltham Secondary involved in food production and sustainable agriculture. It's also a marvellous thing for our local community and will benefit so many people. Nillumbik is so fortunate to have so much beautiful parklands, walking trails, bike tracks and dog parks. The use of the proposed site for an urban farm will not impact on the people of Eltham and surrounds in any negative way.		
22759	1				
22758			What does an urban farm mean? Who are the beneficiaries? Who are the decision makers? Will it be organic? Have the proponents factored in a flooding event? What other options is Council considering? What was Fabbro's gift to the community originally intended to do?		

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22757		1	Please leave Fabro fields as it is for now. It is a valuable and precious recreational / breathing space and the real details are not evident as yet as to what % of the area will be used to create a community garden which in itself is a nice idea so as only used by the community and with a larger area left as recreational. It is precious to our community as we're Frabro and his family. [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
22756		1		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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22755		1	<p>Fabbro Fields currently sits beside the Diamond Creek and complements the bush setting with its open rough paddock. It is surrounded by medium density housing. Currently the public use the creekside environs and trails intensively for recreation</p> <p>Any development at Fabbro Field will require infrastructure like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - fencing able to withstand flood and capable of repelling deer - security lights and cameras - parking - toilets - work place needs like phone & internet, and tea-making - visitor facilities like explicatory notice boards and rain protection - rubbish storing and removal <p>It will be subject to damage from flooding, graffiti, fly-tipping, casual littering (it's next to a school), vandals and ferral animals</p> <p>It will need a manager on call at least 40h per week</p> <p>The land needed for these facilities exceeds the space reasonably available and would destroy any " bucolic" ambience the site currently offers</p> <p>The benefit of such a small "urban farm" to the community is minimal. The management team and management for this site will need a source of funding.</p>		
22754	1				
22753	1		Yes. Only on the condition it's organic and no chemicals are used which would leak into Diamond Creek.		

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22752		1	<p>Leave it as green open space that people can walk through or around on the existing walking path. Open green space provides the lungs for Eltham. I am sure wallabies and other creatures along Diamond Creek use the space at night.</p> <p>There was once an open green area near the Eltham tennis courts that no longer exists. It is now extra tennis courts and a play area. Thats ok but don't use all our open green spaces. Green spaces are important as well.</p>	████	████
22751		1	It should be kept as community land, prefererably restored with indigenous vegetation	████	████
22750		1	Please leave some additional spaces open for the community to use as they wish. Our town has become so built up so it's lovely to just have open space.. so many toddlers and doggos jumping around in the puddles there, flying kites, having picnics and it is safe and accessible. Please leave it alone	████	████

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22749		1	<p>We have not been given sufficient information to make a meaningful response.</p> <p>What about:</p> <p>the size of the land required for the urban farm</p> <p>how will the farm operate?</p> <p>the length of lease</p> <p>will the tenant have to restore the land to open space when the lease ends?</p> <p>the traffic management and parking</p> <p>the provision of water & sewerage</p> <p>will any volunteer be able to grow their own produce or take home a share of jointly produced produce?</p> <p>which sections of the community will be negatively impacted by this project?</p> <p>the impact of this proposal on the environment</p> <p>the impact of this proposal on existing community organisations, private businesses& the people who use the area for recreation</p>		
22748		1	The description of what is proposed is too vague.		
22747		1	Greater information is required		

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22746			Is this proposal for private a working farm or a tourist endeavor which would increase traffic to the area.A reel working farm would be a good use of the land or even conceted to a school for education for a rural life.And city kids to learn about our food chain and where meat come from. But a farm that's really a coffee shop with some livestock around will just mean more traffic in an area which is already drowning in traffic and being small street and mot serviced very well would be desarsterist.And being in a flood zone how would have to bear the cost of rebuild.		
22745	1				
22744			Further info is required. It's inadequate to have only a yes no answer. No detail is pro idea about what the 'urban farm' would entail. It could be great or it could be not, too early to tell		
22743		1	More information please		

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22742		1	Open spaces are becoming a luxury and it's ridiculous that they want to take more.		
22741			I would love some more info about what the farm would involve. Organic? Animals or plants? Are there any more details available to read please?		
22740		1	I consider it should be natural open space only. Edendale Farm is our farm area.		
22739		1			
22738		1	more information please		
22737		1	Please leave our open space as is. Very quickly our open spaces are dwindling in this Shire. It's a great space to fly kites, kick a footy, kids to run around.		
22736		1	It is currently enjoyed by many as an open space. There is no parking for an additional attraction (it's near impossible parking at the high school or leisure centre for sport at the moment). We already have Edendale farm in our community.		

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22735		1	I'm in support of keeping the space as unstructured green and open.	■■■	■■■
22734		1		■■■	■■■
22732		1	I'm supportive of open space left as open space To open - security fencing needed to protect produce Sheds needed Water sewage parking ?? Requirements start to snowball once it gets started	■■■	■■■
22731		1		■■■	■■■
22730		1	Not enough information provided. What is an urban farm? Who benefits from the farm. What impact on wildlife, congestion, parking, water provision, sewage etc. Is the farm for growing food or rearing animals?	■■■	■■■

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22729		1	<p>More information is needed to make a yes decision. Information such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * the size of the land required for the urban farm * how will the farm operate? * the length of lease * will the tenant have to restore the land to open space when the lease ends? * the traffic management and parking * the provision of water & sewerage * will any volunteer be able to grow their own produce or take home a share of jointly produced produce? * which sections of the community will be negatively impacted by this project? * the impact of this proposal on the environment * the impact of this proposal on existing community organisations, private businesses& the people who use the area for recreation 		
22728		1			

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22727		1	<p>You have an obligation to provide transparent and thorough information to the residents and rate payers of Nillumbik but you don't and you fail to do so habitually.</p> <p>Shame job.</p> <p>Public space means public space - what don't you understand about that? Stop privatising everything to make money; it's disgraceful. The area is meant to be open space with a community garden so leave it be and stop destroying the green wedge. Fed up with myopic politicians and corporate-minded approaches to our locale. It's a tired and incredibly selfish act. It's not Nillumbik Shire's role to drink crate terms to residents - you serve the community and you are supposed to protect the environment, not rent it out!</p>	██████	██████
22726		1	There is not enough detail... too many unanswered questions to answer yes at this time	██████	█
22725	1		<p>As long as there is enough open space for residents to enjoy this environment, ie walking etc etc.</p> <p>Small animals would need to be supervised 24/7.</p>	██████	██████

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22724	1		The new dog park in Eltham North should also been used as a community garden.		
22723		1	There seems to be a lot of unanswered questions regarding the site.		
22722		1			
22721	1		It would be beneficial to have a local farm where produce can be made available to the local community. More details on what the farm would provide would be great.		
22720		1	It's the only nearby open green space to kick a football or play, without the worry of strangers in bushland		
22719		1	We will like to have more info from the Council, about the future of the mentioned land proposal.		
22718		1	More detail needed		
22717		1	I have lived in Montmorency for 54 years and feel close enough to have an opinion. I am concerned about the future use this might be put to once the identity is changed, also an urban farm would need considerable infrastructure.		

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22716		1	We have not been given enough details about this proposal.	██████	██████████
22715		1	More details are needed. We should know area involved, information on built structures and be assured that most space is reserved for green space	██████	██████████
22714		1	I would like to see more details of what I'd being proposed.	██████	██████
22713		1	I'd like it to remain a broader community space, not for commercial use. Some part of it could be a community garden as seen in many other councils.	██████	██████████
22712		1	No until more details are known.	██████	██████████
22711	1			██████	██████

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22710		1	<p>the size of the land required for the urban farm</p> <p>how will the farm operate?</p> <p>the length of lease</p> <p>will the tenant have to restore the land to open space when the lease ends?</p> <p>the traffic management and parking</p> <p>the provision of water & sewerage</p> <p>will any volunteer be able to grow their own produce or take home a share of jointly produced produce?</p> <p>which sections of the community will be negatively impacted by this project?</p> <p>the impact of this proposal on the environment</p> <p>the impact of this proposal on existing community organisations, private businesses& the people who use the area for recreation</p>	■■■■■ ■	■■■■■
22709		1	<p>Lack of proposal details. Current open space is available for ALL residents. Proposal would see land being utilized by a small section of the community? and potentially unavailable to the majority of residents. (ie RATEPAYERS)</p>	■■■■■	■■■■■

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22708		1	This area is flood zoned and is used by the community already as a space for kite flying and overflow for Eltham High School ...why does council feel that this land is being under used ...if anything this land should be used to enhance wildlife in the area and not detract wildlife by using all or part of it as an urban farm ...Eltham already has a community farm remember Edendale ...please leave this area to the wildlife that we are seeing quick disappearing especially the platypus	████	████████
22707		1	More detail of the proposal is required for meaningful review	████	████
22706		1	Need more information	██████	██████
22705		1	Extremely concerned about the quality and contamination of the soil from when Fabbros used the land for vegetable growing. Soil testing has been done and apparently there was no proof of any contamination, which I found to be unbelievable.	████	████

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22704		1	The environment is always under threat particularly with more housing being planned and constructed. That is quite a large area to produce food from. Therefore I would hope we could return a large part possibly half of that area back to the environment. Doing that shows everyone that the environment is important. People keeping moving to this area because of the trees. Regards [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
22703		1	Cannot support until there is information about the size of the urban farm vs remaining open space; who and how the farm will be operated? eg for fee, ballot, membership, etc; the length of lease; restoration at lease end; parking; irrigation/water/sewer; will any volunteer or whatever they are be able to grow their own produce or take home a share of jointly produced produce gratis or at cost?	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
22702		1	More details required. How will it work?	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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22701		1	<p>More details required: What about: the size of the land required for the urban farm how will the farm operate? the length of lease will the tenant have to restore the land to open space when the lease ends? the traffic management and parking the provision of water & sewerage will any volunteer be able to grow their own produce or take home a share of jointly produced produce? which sections of the community will be negatively impacted by this project? the impact of this proposal on the environment the impact of this proposal on existing community organisations, private businesses& the people who use the area for recreation Is this a case of valued passive public open space being taken away from residents? What is the environmental impact of the proposal?</p>		
22700		1	More details are required before a definitive yes answer can be given.		
22699		1	Ratepayers have have not been given sufficient information to make a considered response		

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22698		1	The open field is one of, if not the only space that is not assigned to a particular sporting, or other group in the area. It is an open space for anyone and everyone to enjoy. Letting it to an urban farm group would create boundaries (soft or hard). It would also give that group authority.		
22689		1	Please leave the open space as it is! We all love it!		
22686		1	This is a quiet suburban area and the wrong location for this development. A better idea would be a wetland for native birdlife. Locals were already consulted on this about 5-6 years ago and overwhelmingly voted for a low impact park land. The land is currently well used for walking, and passive recreational activities. I vote NO.		
22685		1	Not sure who would maintain this since many people in the area already have gardens. A children's playground would be better utilised. Maybe a farm plus a playground?		

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22684		1			
22683		1			
22682		1	The field is a beautiful open space that I enjoy every day on my walk. Putting something in the field would ruin its tranquility. I want it to stay as it is.		
22681		1			
22680		1			
22679	1		I'd we do not make these spaces to enjoy and toil then we loose the experience for urban communities.		
22678		1	No details and I prefer the open space.		
22676		1	More information is required as this is a riparian zone and vital to keep protected and not commercialised.		
22675		1	Leave it as open space for recreation. We have so little.		

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22674		1	This should be an open community space, with access for all. The current proposal (Local Food Connect) seems to have a more commercial agenda, rather than being a genuine community project. I'm not opposed to a community garden - but that's not what they are proposing. The community benefits of their project seem peripheral. I'd also worry that having farm gate sales would put pressure on parking.		
22673		1	It is parkland used by families to play sports, toddlers to wander in and dogs to run. We don't need a farm. No idea who the food will go to, Eltham residents have large allotments and many grow their own produce, We do not live in an urban built up space that requires a community garden. It is also not accessible to the elderly.		
22671	1				
22669	1		What a wonderful site to bring the Eltham community together.		
22668	1				

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22666	1		There isn't too many opportunities for jobs in animal care in Eltham and it would definitely be awesome to have another spot open up😊		
22665	1		Fantastic use of the space. It's important to have opportunity for the local community to engage with and understand the process of food production.		
22664	1		We were neighbours to Mario Fabbro and built in Ely Street back in 1987 Also been a small farm and would be a great show of respect to the Fabbro family and the donation of the land Wake up Nillumbik		
22661		1	Not until further detailed information is available.		
22659		1	We are in Eltham for space. Please don't clutter and use all the space we have. Let us be free		
22657		1	Should be left as a multi use open space as it is now for all members of the community. The current shed could be converted for farm use rather than the whole space.		

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22655	1		Provided it is used to grow food organically.	■■■■	■■■■
22654	1		I am so excited about this project! It will be a fantastic resource for the community, both in terms of establishing a local and nutritional fresh food, but also as an educational resource for the neighboring schools. I have been hoping for something like this for so long! Something to engage the community, create a resource and educational hub and provide yet another means of securing good sovereignty for the community. We have excellent parkland in the community, but we are crying out for genuine use of land that will really engage community and act as a active and alive resource for the community and generate participation in so many varied ways. Well done!! Cant wait to get involved!!!Can't wait!	■■■■	■■■■
22653	1		Support plan if it organically grown produce.	■■■■	■■■■
22652	1		We need to support the local community and food production as much as possible plus creating fields for pollination, for bees, little insects and wildlife for local areas.	■■■■	■■■■

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22651	1		I am supportive of this, however if it does go ahead I'd personally prefer that this proposed farm does not take up the majority of the land at Fabbro Fields. I am one of the PE teachers at Eltham High School across the road and we rely on Fabbro heavily for school based events such as our school cross country, as well as a number of PE lessons throughout each week. Not being able to use this space would have a major impact on our school in these areas.		
22650		1	More detail about this option and any others needs to be provided by Council before any informed decision can be made. Details should be provided in easy to read succinct format. Thank you		

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22649		1	<p>There is no where near enough information in this process for anyone to make an informed decision.</p> <p>An urban farm can mean all kinds of different set-ups.</p> <p>The potential for farm activity to contaminate the riparian area is significant. This may be in the form of increased nutrient, chemicals, and weed spread. Seed from many plants - including commonly grown brassicas, parsley, roquette - can readily spread.</p> <p>The proximity to the creek makes this an ideal place for revegetating with indigenous flora and turning into a biodiversity hotspot.</p> <p>It is well known that waterways are wildlife corridors and Nillumbik must seek to increase their connectivity and expanse.</p>		

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22648	1		Food security is becoming an increasingly important issue in the context of climate change, the loss of Melbourne's peri-urban farmlands and vulnerability of our food supply chains (as highlighted during COVID). An urban farm at Fabbro Fields would be a great asset to the Shire as an outlet for accessible fresh produce and a model for community connection and education.	■■■■	■■■■
22647	1		An under utilised space at present that could become an asset to the community.	■■■■	■■■■
22646		1	The land needs to be fully accessible to Shire residents. Community garden for the community. It's a precious thing, vacant land on fertile creek flats, and it's our's . Keep it that way.	■■■■	■■■■

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22645		1	We need to conserve as much as land as possible untouched for future generations to balance the impact that the development of other areas are already generating. Also for respecting and protecting the natural environment we currently share with animals and plants of the zone. We don't need an urban farm in a not urban neighbourhood like Eltham. And we already have a model farm run by the community in Edendale. This project is a waste of taxpayers money. In any case, as last resort that land could be used by Eltham High our public school if really necessary.		
22644		1	Concerned about losing another piece of unrestricted open space especially since most of Andrews Park consumed by the tennis club). Do not support more than 50% of area & existing path must be retained. Concerned about setup & ongoing costs and responsibility for the site.		
22643	1				

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22642	1				
22640		1	This is not an area to create a farm due to it's location which is bordered by a narrow road that now has No Standing signs all along it now already indicating that parking is an issue. Even if the farm only uses 2.5% of the land the necessary carpark to service the land will take up the rest and Eltham residents will be worse off for losing yet another green open area. The area should be retained as a green open space and rehabilitated like Barak Bushland which it feeds into.		
22639	1				

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22638		1	<p>I don't support this proposal on the following grounds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It utilizes open land that forms part of the Diamond Creek trail. 2. The site is on a flood plain and the proposed farm will inevitably be flooded. 3. There is no parking and the only option will be to create a car park on the site. 4. It was an urban farm once and that was an eyesore on the environment. 5. Eltham and surrounds is dominated by houses on large blocks and therefore the need for the farm would seem to be low. <p>I could probably think of other reasons but that will do.</p>	████	████
22637	1		The urban farm would be a great resource for locals to build skills and discuss ideas with like minded people.	██	██████
22633		1		████	████

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22632	1		Please can Nillumbik Council prioritise the creation and retention of open, green and bush spaces at every opportunity. Covid was a big eye opener for this necessity for the health of our Community. My family fully supports an Urban Farm at Fabbro Fields.		
22631	1				
22629		1	It should be replanted with indigenous planting. To replace the ever growing habitat removal that is allowed to happen in the once green wedge		
22628	1		Great idea, completely appropriate as DEECA owns the land and are concerned with climate action. Growing local food is completely aligned with climate action in so many ways, and if nothing else the farm would help with education about the link between food miles, carbon and global warming. And being near the school - huge potential for education.		

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22627	1		I am supportive of this concept however please consider the effect on Eltham Junior Football Club who utilise this area for pre-season training during the period when Eltham Central oval is unavailable due to clashing with cricket season		
22626		1			
22625	1		Would be epic for the community!!		
22624	1		There's a lot to work out but a community farm has to be better than a diesel tractor mowing the dogshit every two weeks.		
22623		1	not enough detail about Enviromental adverse effects on river e.g. chemical runoff etc to waterways in an alreadt poluted water cours		
22620	1				
22619	1		With the cost of food so high I believe a community garden to be important. It is the least the council could do to provide a space to help the community.		
22617		1	It suits a sports ground much better, don't waste it on a communal.farm that will see little use		

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22615	1		Good location with fertile soil	████	████
22614	1			████	████
22608		1	It's a good area for kids to play right now	████	████
22607	1		Proposal is an excellent community initiative that will not impact on the surrounding parkland. Also plenty of capacity to expand the farming area if required and again without impacting surrounds.	████	████
22605	1		Yes I am supportive I hope the path around the field will remain a public pathway to walk /ride the dogs It will be wonderful to see the grass turn into veges! & be a community project too.	████	████
22604	1			████	████ - █████
22602	1		We are firmly supportive of the proposal and would be happy to volunteer. It would provide a local source of food security for members of the community, enhance people's understanding of where our food comes from and provide opportunities for people of all ages to be involved. ██████████	████	████

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22601	1		I think this is a good idea because with the threat of climate change food could become more scarce. Growing locally makes sense and will help strengthen our community. Helping people who might have an insecure food supply is also important.	████	████
22600	1			████	████
22599	1		Makes good use of the land and will strengthen local food supply which will be more important in future.	████	████
22598	1		I think this is a great idea! Hope it goes ahead!	████	████

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22597		1	I think you need to share the proposal before it can be supported by locals. This is very vague and you are asking for support for it to go ahead, and it looks as though if you have the support you will just do it without community consultation. Even having to say no to such a vague request is odd. But that area is high traffic flow for the school and given a school is across the road, i dont think I can blindly support such a vague request. What even is an urban farm? How will it impact the community? Who will use it?		
22596	1				
22595	1		This would be so exciting to see! The perfect location		
22594		1	leave it as is as a lovely open space for everyone to enjoy or level it properly so the kids training for footy or soccer do not break their ankles on the currently uneven ground		
22593	1		Extremely supportive		
22592	1				

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22591	1		<p>I think this is a brilliant idea. For the romantics out there, it's also keeping in line with how the land 'used' to give back to the community.</p> <p>I can understand some critics stating that it would remove some part of the active play space - I walk regularly through this area and do not see it be utilised to it's potential. Perhaps to keep all parties happy with outcome, a multi use picnic/play space could be proposed.</p> <p>I see this space and opportunity and a chance for Eltham to be put firmly on the map for it's sustainable practices and as a resource to teach our children about the importance of the future.</p> <p>I have spent a bit of time at Edendale as well as CERES community environment park - I feel Fabbro's can take inspiration and bring elements of what these two locations bring to the community</p>		
22590	1		<p>What a wonderful community minded initiative. How wonderful for the local schools to learn more about the care of our land and of each other through this initiative. About time we had more of this to reach those of us in the Eastern suburbs and surrounding. There is a need.</p>		
22589	1				

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22588	1		It would be fantastic for the community. A big plus.		
22587	1				
22586	1		Such an important project! I grew up on a farm in Europe and now live in Melbourne. I'm astounded by the lack of basic plant growing skills when I talk to people, especially from non-European backgrounds and those who grew up in cities. Understanding and the knowledge of where the food comes from is so important for the future of our planet. Especially now. Please support the creation of the Eltham's Fabbro Fields farm.		
22585	1				
22584	1				
22583	1				

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22582		1	<p>Please leave this beautiful open space as is. It's used by families, dog walkers, joggers, training space for junior footballers, EHS PE students.</p> <p>A community farm will most likely become an overgrown, unkept mess. Take a look at the one in Fitzroy, most of it is a garden of weeds. Please leave this land as is.</p> <p>■■■■■</p>	■■■■■	■■■■■
22581	1		<p>This idea is a no brainer, I would stop supporting Ceres and support a very worthwhile activity in my own backyard.</p> <p>It would be the next step up from what we have and love at Edendale.</p> <p>A fantastic opportunity to bring together all age groups from our shire. We all have so much to give and learn from each other.</p> <p>Finally, it seems such a natural fit for Nillumbik and would be something we could all be proud to own.</p> <p>Just DO IT.</p> <p>■■■■■</p> <p>Eltham North.</p>	■■■■■	■■■■■
22580	1			■■■■■	■■■■■

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22579		1	<p>It's a sporting area and designed for people to walk around with their kids, dogs etc.</p> <p>So many people catch up with their furry friends and a veggie patch would just get ruined.</p> <p>No one to maintain, will look ugly and who uses the crops other than the select few who push for this?</p> <p>Dog parks and open spaces needed more than more community clutter.</p> <p>Keep as is.</p>		
22578		1	I like walking my dog here, keep the grass open.		
22577	1		This would be an excellent way of bringing community together in a productive and healthy manner!		
22576	1		I think this is a great opportunity for the community. I absolutely support the proposal		
22575		1	Need more detail to enable an informed decision re removing free open space from community access		
22574	1				

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22573	1		For growing fruit and vegetables only. No animal farming.	████	██████
22572	1		What a wonderful initiative- a urban farm is a great addition to the area.	██	██████
22570	1		I think that this would be amazing! It's asking to be developed into an urban garden and partnership with the high school would be fantastic.	████	████
22569		1	I don't believe we need to fill every part of Nillumbik - just because there's a field doesn't mean we have to put something there.	████	████
22568	1		Am very excited about this project coming to Eltham.	████	████
22567		1	It should be left as is. It's an enjoyable quiet place to walk and get away from the business Eltham has become. The amount of tiger snakes around the path there is also a concern.	██	████
22566	1			██	██
22565	1		It is a good idea if it was managed properly. Providing fresh produce particularly for needy groups or sell locally.	████	████
22564		1	This space if for all the community not one group it's also part of a flood plane	████	████

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22563	1		It would be on an old farm site. It shows whole community what sustainable gardening can produce.. Other communities have a garden- Eltham needs to get on board.	█	█
22562	1		I live walking distance and am often there with my dog and almost no one else! It's a beautiful atmospheric location surrounded by trees and having productive gardens plus community would be an excellent use of the space rather than grass.	█	█
22561	1			█	█
22560	1			█	█
22559		1	It's a great area for recreation and replanting in native trees, shrubs and wildflowers. Let's continue the greening of Fabbro Fields and continue the swathe of bushland along the creek.	█	█

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22558	1		<p>The setting up of an urban farm would be such a good use of the space. Eltham is known as a green shire and it would enhance that whole idea. The community has embraced the farmers market and is very interested in locally grown food with low food miles</p> <p>I believe there is an issue of access to water for the farm. and as I walk through the Alistair Knox Park, I notice there are a couple of water points there so surely it's not too hard.</p> <p>Especially with the idea of a community farm growing fresh food.</p>	████	████
22557		1		████	████
22556	1			████	████
22555	1			████	████
22554		1	Community enjoys this beautiful open green grassed area as open space for picnics, family time, etc.	████	████
22553		1	Leave it as is. The community enjoy using it for free recreation.	████	████
22552	1		Great idea	████	████

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22550		1	Would require more information before committing to a final decision	■	■
22549	1		Excellent idea especially as Eltham is such a heavily treed environment which doesn't provide adequate sun shine on usual garden blocks for vegetable gardens. With so many apartment blocks being developed a community Garden would provide great potential for residents to use their green thumbs.	■	■
22548		1	It is used by many people within the community already and I do not believe an urban farm would contribute to the current Eltham community in the same way.	■	■
22547		1	I require a lot more detail before supporting.	■	■
22546		1	More information is needed. We already have a farm- Edendale. We need more open spaces.	■	■

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22545	1		I am really excited to have a large community garden. Despite a lack of detail I believe this is an important project and another fine example of the shire supporting community initiatives. The finer details can be worked out as it progresses. I am also happy to speak to this at a shire meeting. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
22544	1		What a great way to help struggling families with food costs & bring the community together.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
22543	1			[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
22542	1			[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
22541	1			[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
22540	1			[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
22539	1		Good use of wasted open space. Encourages community activities.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
22538	1		What a great idea to have a farm in Fabbro Fields in Eltham. The opportunity of jobs and fresh produce is a winner.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
22536	1			[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
22535	1			[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
22534	1			[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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22533		1	Who would financially benefit of an urban farm at Fabbro Fields?? The consumer with lower prices? The council? What will happen to the stall holders of the Sunday market??		
22531	1				
22530	1				
22529	1		<p>Whilst I have indicated that I am in favour of an Urban Farm at Fabbro Fields, I am only in agreement IF the project is handled and implemented correctly and with great care and detail given.</p> <p>In Europe, particularly England, Germany, Austria etc Allotments and/or Community Gardens are widely implemented and used by the local populace https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Allotment_(gardening) to great effect.</p> <p>I believe this is a model we should follow as a basis for the Fabbro Fields Urban Farm. Carving the field into appropriately sized plots with utilities such as water readily available for irrigation. These plots could then be leased annually or longer for an affordable annual rate to the local population. This promotes an interest in outdoor living, healthy eating practices and self-sufficiency, particularly in the younger generations.</p> <p>I would also recommend council keeps a large plot under their jurisdiction and furnish it with an apiary and a bee friendly flower patch.</p> <p>Done well this project would be a real feather in the cap for Nillumbik Shire and could very well-set examples for other councils in the area and state to follow.</p>		
22528	1				

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22524		1	Without further details I can't support the idea. Any urban farm would need to have full public access. I notice that local community sporting groups use the land to train on. Personally I've used it for picnics. I've seen others use it for dogs, flying model aircraft etc. There would be a lot to consider. The land is also flood prone. How would that work from an urban farm perspective?	■	■
22523		1	I feel that the majority of Fabbro Fields should be properly and densely re-vegetated to expand creek-side forest and habitat.	■	■ ■
22522	1		I whole-heartedly support the Community Group Local Food Connect at Fabbro Fields. This farm would be such a wonderful asset to the area, supporting families and residents to access locally grown produce, to be more connected to the farming process and the land more general.	■	■

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22521	1		I would be in favour of a PARTIAL area for an urban farm but not the entire space. It is a great community space for kids learning to be confident on the bike tracks family dogs being active with the family and people practicing their chosen hobby.		
22520	1				
22519	1		This will bring community members together and help support local farmers and offer opportunities to educate young people about farming and food.		
22518	1		Can we also put some decent cafes surrounding it too?		
22517		1			
22516		1	We need more sporting fields. Many of our clubs require more space. This is important for the health and well-being of the community.		
22515		1	Please leave the limited open spaces we have left open and free. Edendale farm is already available for the community and should be the focus location of this type of offer if it is pursued.		

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22513	1		Especially if linked with not for profits like the social grocer or the food justice farms	████	████
22512	1		Please consult the proposal to develop land into farm with elders of the Wurundjeri-willam people. We have so much to learn about traditional agriculture whilst preserving our native biostructure. The community farm would need leaders to educate and enable others with a sense of connection to country whilst learning how to grow food and look after the flora and fauna. In essence I dream of a community spirited self sustaining allotment space where members could learn from each other. With opportunities to provide food to sell in the farmers market. Living and Learning Nillumbik could run thier courses for sustainable farming for extra revenue. Or Tafe agriculture courses. We already have Edendale and the Ceres model as examples. This space could be more community allotment focused.	████ - █████	████ - █████

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22511		1	The size and purpose is unclear to me. Most people in Eltham have enough space to plant their own vegetable gardens and don't need a farm. We already have a great farm at edendale. There is no parking at fabro. It's just a lovely quiet open space and should remain as is.		
22510		1			
22509		1			
22508	1				
22507		1			
22506	1				
22505		1	Open space is community freehold. Keep the space.		
22504		1	Leave this area for natural bush land, keep Baraks bush land alive and diversity strong. No need for development.		
22503		1	Hands off our open space.		

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22502		1	Would this farm use all available land or still allow some green area for wildlife and locals to play? I believe land needs to be retained for wildlife/ open green space for people. Many parrots/ animals use the open green space for feeding. Will an environmental report be conducted to assess impact on wildlife? I would potentially be supportive of the farm however only if it used a portion of the land and an environmental assessment was made. Habitat loss needs to be a major consideration especially as Nillumbik continues to approve increased development and housing density of residential areas. There are other potential sites for an urban farm. What about the large plot between the library and Eltham Preschool (the old council buildings site)? It's arguably more accessible with potential to sell produce to passers-by and have little environmental impact		
22501	1		Great for the community.		
22500	1				
22498	1				
22497		1			
22495		1	Keep as open space for everyone. Doesn't need to be anything!		

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22493		1	The open space is one of the few remaining luxuries in the area that can be used by all groups for various activities without being pushed off for training times by local sporting clubs. It's an all purpose use area and should remain as is.		
22492		1			
22491	1				
22490	1				
22488	1				
22487	1		I would support this use of the land if the farm was based on organic and/or permaculture principles. I also think that being opposite Eltham High, a farm could incorporate some great learning and/or employment opportunities for students.		
22486		1	Flood plain, no parking, how will it work and be managed, keep open space open? How does this relate to edendale farm?		
22485		1	We already have a community farm that costs us ratepayers		
22484	1		Valuable in providing leisure, education, and appreciation of the balance between food production and nature.		

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22483		1	<p>I think the space could be better used for young adults/ teens. As a council so invested in basketball, it would be great to have a court or courts available for the community.</p> <p>There is no parking available around there so I'm not sure how creating an urban farm is feasible given the lack of space for parking.</p> <p>It would be great to keep that area dedicated to active sports, I walk that area frequently and there are always many bike riders, walkers and runners. Thank you for asking for feedback from the community. This is very close to my home so any development would greatly effect me.</p>		
22482	1		<p>well, I think I am... it is hard to say as we don't know enough about it. mostly I think it is a fabulous idea, I would love to see the high school involved, fresh food for the community, a space where people can learn and be involved. it sounds amazing. but I also have some concerns.</p>		
22478	1				

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22477		1	With significantly reduced biodiversity, impacting on all living organisms (including humans), a priority should be given to maintaining the scant "green" environments we have left, rather than exploiting those precious environments for the benefit of comparatively few. Even an "urban farm" such as this proposal, will have negative impacts on the natural environment, to the detriment of us all.		
22475	1		I think it would be a wonderful community fostering activity to have a community farming venture on the land known as Fabbro Fields. Being so close to Eltham High is a bonus for the school as well.		
22473		1	Not enough disclosure about how it will be run and who will benefit from the urban. I would like to keep the land free of any intervention as it seems all councils want to do is take residents open space away from them. What happened to the green wedge.		

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22472	1		An urban farm could be a fantastic and inclusive community place		
22469		1			
22468	1		This will be a much better use of the open space, than currently paying a contractor in a fossil-fuel driven tractor to mow it! I would like to recommend that organic growing practices are used to minimise contamination of the nearby creek. I also recommend planting of trees to offer shade, and fruit, nuts, olives. Done well, this could will offer fresh, locally grown food, develop interest in organic growing practices, develop awareness of composting, fruit fly prevention, minimising food waste, build a community hub and support people who need access to cheap/free food. I love the idea and fully support it.		

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22467	1		I walk past//round/through Fabbro Fields most days and it seems like an incredibly under utilised space. I sometimes see people playing golf or throwing a frisbee but most times it's a great big empty space with people walking around its periphery. If Fabbro Fields was converted into the suggested Fabbros Farm I can envisage a humming community hub where locals could meet for some healthy activity and conversation. I can't imagine why Fabbros Farm would not go ahead!	■	■
22466		1	This is a brilliant clear open space, please keep it as is.	■	■
22465	1		Would need to understand how it would work, the scope, who pays for it and so on.	■	■
22464		1	It is a wonderful open space used by so many in the community for so many different purposes. Why does every space need to be filled??	■	■

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22463		1	<p>1. I might be supportive of a genuine community garden, but I do not like the proposed urban farm model. It would benefit LFC, but not the local community, who would be excluded from the site.</p> <p>2. I fear that many people responding to this survey do not appreciate the difference between an open community garden and a farmer-managed urban farm.</p>	██████	██████
22462	1		<p>This is an opportunity to increase local food security, promote local food sources, increase community engagement, encourage local employment, increase health literacy, promote sustainable land use and engage community in proactive and conscious inclusion.</p>	██████	██████

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22461	1		Could be a good use of the site and potential learning opportunity for the local kids. Only on the condition that the use of this site doesn't negatively impact the significant use of the adjacent footpath and trail by recreational exercisers - walking, jogging, bike riding, etc.		
22460	1		I coordinated the Nura Amal Community Garden (not a farm!) at St Vincents Care, Eltham for a few years pre-covid. The garden was a fun gathering space to connect many varied residents, families, staff and volunteers. The proposed Fabbro Farm will similarly provide a meeting place to bring people together from across our diverse community. Social well being impacts such as a sense of belonging and purpose, and new friendships will be great outcomes of the farm.		
22458	1				
22457		1			
22456		1	Please provide more details of what is intended.		

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22455		1	I walk and play here a lot. Plant more trees please.	██████	██████
22454		1		██████	██████
22453		1		██████	██████
22452		1		██████	██████
22451		1	This is not an appropriate site for a farm. The land is currently used by the community for sporting & recreational activities. What would happen to them? Wouldn't Edendale Farm be a more appropriate site for a community farm.	██████	██████
22449		1	Keep the open space for all.	██████	██████

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22448		1	<p>Absolutely no. What a dumb idea.</p> <p>We have Edendale Farm already. It's great and enough for all.</p> <p>We dispensed with the one in the lower park many moons ago</p> <p>Leave open space please .</p> <p>Do not make it an off leash dog park. Perhaps a weeny bit with fencing if you must.</p> <p>Put some more trees in the middle and some tab look e chairs with canopies where kids can romp and play ball and muck about.</p> <p>More seats needed. Dog poo bins needed.</p> <p>It's heavily used now.</p> <p>No urban farm.</p>	████	████
22447		1		████	██
22446		1		████	████
22445		1	<p>Not enough details provided. It is very confusing for us to give a answer on a undefined subject matter.</p>	████	████

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22444		1	We love it as is. One of the few open spaces we can use for a multitude of reasons. Dogs running around, kick a footy, have a picnic, sit and listen to the sounds of Eltham. Wide open spaces is why we live in Eltham. Leave it as is as much as possible.		
22443		1			
22442	1		This would be a fantastic use of community space that currently goes predominantly unused to promote sustainable agriculture, provide education opportunities and grow community spirit		
22441	1		Great addition to our beautiful community.		
22440	1		Currently not in use The farm will be a great use of vacant space and will contribute to the community. Encourages learning about healthy eating and sustainability		
22438	1		Great space for community use		
22437	1		An ideal location and honour to Fabbro.		

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22436	1		This seems like a good community building project and a place for people to share knowledge and make friends and acquaintances.	■■■	■■■
22435		1	Why move more green spaces that kids and adults all love playing at?	■■■	■■■■■
22434	1			■■■■■	■■■■■
22433	1			■■■■■	■■■■■
22432	1		This would be an excellent project to engage a wide section of people of all ages, gender, diverse backgrounds and ethnicities. It has a high capacity to build community.	■■■■■	■■■■■
22431		1		■■■■■	■■■■■
22430		1		■■■	■■■■■
22428	1		This is an important project for the local community. It addresses, social connection, environmental sustainability, physical and mental wellbeing and support for socially disadvantaged.	■■■■■	■■■■■
22427	1		It would be a wonderful opportunity for the local primary and high school as well as residents to be involved with such a great project as well as a good use of the space	■■■■■	■■■■■

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22426		1	I see this patch of land as part of the natural environment that makes up a circuit of parks and walking ways. Leave it in its natural state. If anything, re-wild it further, but definitely do not 'develop' it into a farm.		
22425	1				
22424		1	Would like to see more investment in Edendale Farm instead, particularly extending the opening hours which limit parents of young children being able to visit since there is only a small amount of open time either side of a typical toddlers nap time. Investing in restoring the pre-covid opening hours would be better for the community.		
22423		1	This takes away valuable space for sporting groups and the community to use nice flat open space		

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22422		1	I'd like to see this area developed into a basic sporting ground for young children to be able to play football in particular. Currently the grounds available are under enormous pressure in winter due to the popularity of the sport (and thus use) and the Susan St oval is closed regularly when its wet. Its important that children engage in sport as a part of a healthy lifestyle and grounds need to be accessible.		
22421	1		A fantastic opportunity to build a sustainable community through food production		

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22420		1	There's few wide open spaces in Eltham that allow you to feel things as they once were. It's an important piece of land enjoyed by walkers, runners, cyclists, dog owners, parents, grandparents and others alike. It should be free of commercial operation of any kind. Urban farm or no, the community doesn't need it. Most residents have enough space to produce small crops in their own residence. This should be encouraged. A large operation at the expense of this beautiful space should not be.		
22419	1				
22418	1		Great opportunity for this part if Eltham and I understand it will also be supported and used by Eltham High School students. It's nice to have an open field but so much better if it can improved to be used and supported by all in the community not just those who want a space to kick a ball - into the creek? - or have their dog run around. Brilliant idea.		

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22417	1		Educating the community in all areas of history and how food was produced with follow up programs of how it can be done into the future taking into consideration our sensitive environment, is crucial to all flora and faunas survival.		
22416		1			
22415		1	I would need more info as to how it work be run and what it entails to agree to this. In theory, yes, I am supportive, but have learnt not to put all my faith into government bodies to make the appropriate decision		
22414		1	The space is great as it is. If you were going to do anything would be good to plant some native bush land and have walking tracks through it. There is no parking facilities and narrow streets so if increased traffic would be detrimental to the area.		
22413		1	Open space is to be valued.		
22412		1			

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22411	1		I believe that this farm would be a great asset for the community, and a great learning space too	████	████
22410		1	The footpath around the Fabbro Fields is well used for people walking and running. The central area is used for people playing sport, exercising their dogs, letting young children run about or having picnics. It would be sad to see all this lost. Besides we already have a very good farm only a few kilometres away. Please leave Fabbro Fields as they are.	████	████
22409	1		Great concept. With climate change upon us, producing food locally is imperative.	████	████
22408	1		Using part of the area, not all of it. It's nice to have open parkland space opposite the high school for community recreation.	████	████
22407			Yes if it benefits the actual community. No if it benefits a private enterprise. Also no if it only benefits council.	████	████

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22406	1		Thankyou to Local Food Connect and their work in providing the community with the information to consider this proposed use in detail. I am very pleased to see that the LFC proposal will be a working farm with community volunteers and not a grouping of subdivided plots for individual use. I look forward to seeing this initiative reach it's full potential and the benefits this will provide to the community.		
22405		1	More information is needed to support this		
22404	1				

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22403	1		Have just read the 2013 Masterplan and the broad proposal from Local Food Connect, it appears that this proposal deviates significantly from the Masterplan in scale and intention. However, the Masterplan is very dated in terms of its ambition and vision - there is no mention of restoration of the wetland vegetation at all, rather just 'community infrastructure' to make it look nicer, increase amenity. -bbq, paths, parking, recreation facilities. The site is currently mowed and treated like 'urban green space' (monoculture non-indigenous grass field) and has a concrete path around the edge. The proposed addition of a half netball /basketball court is clearly out of date with recent new facilities. And it's an odd place to bbq without any other reason to go there. In addition, nothing has been invested in the area by Council of this nature for 10 years, despite saying it would happen over the next 2-5 years. Seems to me that if the current proposal were to go ahead, then Council must invest in some genuine revegetation of the residual area to restore it to wetland habitat, and remove the monoculture paddock. I would prefer this combination - organic urban farm blending into regenerated wetland with pathways for community use, than the current Masterplan. It would deliver a better biodiversity outcome than the current Masterplan, and also delivers on the local food objectives which are super important going forward to respond at a community level to climate change. There is significant community opposition to this proposal brewing - a just say 'no' campaign - which is a real shame. But it is based on genuine concerns about loss of green space and biodiversity impacts. If Council could step up with a REAL commitment to enhancing biodiversity on the balance of the site, then it could be a win-win for the community. Removal of the monoculture grass, native replanting suitable to the Riparian corridor, paths (maybe elevated?) for walkers and removal of the concrete pathway that separates the area from the river corridor would be great. And then, funding for works and support for a local 'Friends of....' group for the first 5 years.		
22402		1	I'd want more detail about what is being proposed by this group. Community farm for locals to use, yes, community farm that will allow only a small selection of the community to use, no		
22401	1		I think it's a great idea to build community, increase food security and encourage people to grow their own organic produce. What's to lose?		

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22400		1	Open space should be retained for people to use and also Eltham High School to use. Very little details supplied in council submission. Big NO.		
22399	1				
22398	1		Accessible, fresh veggies and fruit is a hugely useful resource for any community. It would be a brilliant use of the land.		
22397	1		It is part of Eltham's history and this will continue the tradition of growing veges in this site. Future generations will be able to benefit from connecting with the soil of Eltham		
22396		1	Put an outdoor work gym / workout circuit around it		
22395		1	Edendale would be a better site for an urban farm - leave the open land open.		
22394		1	Please leave it as public open space. I don't think Eltham needs an Urban Farm.		
22393		1	Nope		
22392	1				
22391		1	We need these open spaces. This is a place where people walk and enjoy some green space. No.		

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22390		1	Not enough information has been given		
22389		1			
22388	1				
22387	1		Our family is very excited about the prospect of an urban farm at Fabbro Fields. There are so many layers of benefit to this project: effective use of under-utilised land; bringing our community together; and educational and engagement opportunities for youth, particularly students at Eltham High School. There is also good evidence that urban farms can reduce food miles (of course), but also food waste, as well as promote healthy eating. We very much look forward to seeing this valuable initiative get off the ground soon!		
22386		1	No farm leave it for the rest of us		
22385		1			
22384		1	Keep open space please.		
22383		1			
22382	1				
22381		1	More info needed		

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22380		1	There is a need for informal open space with the densification of Eltham, some development of the site may be beneficial to make it more appealing such as toilets and shelters with the addition of a some larger trees for shade.		
22379		1	How much of the land will be used for the urban farm? What exactly is an urban farm, who runs it, does community get involved? What are the benefits of an urban farm to the eltham community? Without further information this plan seems like a loss to the Eltham community. It would be a shame to loose this loved open space. Where would people park when visiting the urban farm, I would hate to see any of the space converted into carparking.		
22378		1	awesome more traffic where are the details, how much land, how long is the lease, the public uses the field alot so how are they impacted		

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22377	1		It is so important that we are able to grow food in urban spaces. It will mean less food miles, less plastic in our food system, a greater connection to the people that are growing our food and an increased community connection for residents. Plus, there will be educational opportunities for our children, volunteer positions for our older residents and opportunities to share food with any community members that are experiencing food insecurity. I can't think of a better use of the space!!		
22376		1	More information on what it means to use this space as an urban farm needs to be provided to the community.		

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	Yes	No			
22375			The area has been left vacant for so long and something needs to be done with it. A lot of us hoped it could be used as a sporting field considering the lack of usable flat land in the area. Some time ago that concept was squashed by council due to the impact that may have on roads and local amenity. Currently the site is VERY under-utilised and if the a sporting venue is not a viable option, then either a planting area for indigenous plants and biodiversity initiatives like community bee hives and biodiversity plantings may be appropriate. I am not sure that there is a need for a traditional community farm on the site as most local residents have land to plant up at home. Community farms have traditionally existed in inner city areas with high density living and lower average incomes. Eltham is a relatively affluent municipality so there may not be enough need for a traditional community farm.		
22373	1		Healthy organic food is central to human wellbeing. Fabbro's is unique in terms of its potential to inspire the local community (including school students) to eat better, grow better and to live better connected lives.		

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22372	1		This is a very well researched, well located, and socially and environmentally important project. Projects like these in well located areas, driven and supported by locals are increasingly important for community development, encouraging good food cultivation practices and supporting food security. As well as providing educational benefits, increasing social connectedness amongst individuals and groups will be fosters. As a potential Eltham resident in a few years, I'm exciting to be within walking distance of this initiatives and will be keen to be an active participant and ongoing supporter.		

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22371	1		<p>Any efforts Council can make to ensure greater food security and sovereignty are of vital importance. Please consider the following hard trends in order to influence your decision making process:</p> <p>1) Humanity is hitting the biophysical limits of food production on a global scale and could hit 'peak food' within one generation.</p> <p>2) Our current dominant food production systems are actively destroying the very resource base upon which they rely, so that the Earth's capacity to produce food is going down, not up;</p> <p>3) The majority of our food production and all its storage and distribution is critically dependent upon fossil fuels, not only making our food supply vulnerable to price and supply instability, but also presenting us with an impossible choice between food security and reducing greenhouse gas emissions;</p> <p>4) Climate change is already negatively impacting our food supply and will do so with increasing intensity as the Earth continues to warm and weather destabilises, further eroding our ability to produce food;</p> <p>5) Despite these limits, we are locked into a trajectory of increasing food demand that cannot easily be reversed, as populations continue to grow;</p> <p>6) The prioritisation of economic efficiency and profit in world trade has undermined food sovereignty and the resilience of food production at multiple scales, making both production and distribution highly vulnerable to disruptive shocks. In short - the global food system is dangerously and increasingly optimised for efficiency and profit rather than ensuring everyone has enough to eat.</p> <p>Please support the dedicated and skilled professional team who are putting this proposal together and do all that you can to make it happen - for all of our sakes.</p>		

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22370	1		Use is consistent with Council vision for the site. Will provide a different and interesting style of public land activation. It will give my family ways to feel connected to where our food comes from. I like that it is an active use and management of the land rather than a preservation or demonstration type of use. We are of the land not separate to it.	████	████
22369		1	Considering most of Eltham people have large backyards what would be the reason for this when they can grow food at their house? Sounds like a waste of rate payers money.	████	████
22368		1	More details needed	████	████
22367	1			████	████
22366		1	Leave as it is or create wetlands for the aquatic birds that live there. More people means more rubbish and unneeded development.	████	████

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22365	1		It will be a fabulous addition to the community, will offer community connection, opportunity to increase gardening knowledge, provide organic produce and use land that was previously market gardens so a perfect spot.		
22364		1			
22363		1	<p>Not enough information to make an informed response - what is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the size of the land required? • how will the farm operate? • what is the difference between a community garden & an Urban Farm? • will volunteers be able to grow their own produce or take home a share of communal production? • the length of lease and what remediation and by whom will be needed if/when the lease ends? • the traffic management and parking? • who pays for the provision of water & sewerage & ongoing costs? • which sections of the community will be negatively impacted by this project? • who will benefit from the project? • the impact of this proposal on the environment?, • The impact of this proposal on existing community organisations, private businesses & passive users of the area? • Is this a case of valued passive public open space being taken away from residents? 		

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22362		1	Look at the supplied photo, why spoil the great open space that all can use	■■■■	■■■■
22360		1	The linear reserves along the Diamond Creek are connected and operating successfully as Public Open Space. The popularity and environmental protection of the Diamond Creek trail is a demonstration of the commitment of the Shire of Eltham, its residents and its visitors to the concept and common wealth of the Green Wedge and its natural attributes. The protection of linear riparian reserves protect the arterial waterways of the topography. These links and environments are essential for environmental integrity beyond the natural drainage lines themselves. Please, please protect the Diamond Creek, Arthurs Creek and Yarra River environments for the long term - the future. For these linear reserves are the essential fabric of the Green Wedge landscape. They should not be for commercial exploitation. Please conserve the Fabbro Fields for the generations of inhabitants and for Melbournians. You will not regret the decision in the future.	■■■■	■■■■
22359	1		I think it would be a great way for locals to engage with growing food. I feel it would be a nice complement to the animal focus at Edendale	■■■■	■■■■

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22358	1		Local people can purchase seasonable fresh food at reasonable prices, so much of our food is transported in and spends periods in storage, losing nutritional value. It is close to the secondary school, students can learn about food production. I'm retired and would love to assist as a volunteer gardener and growing, purchasing and cooking farm produce.		
22357	1		A great use for the land, to build community, educate and grow. Local food is healthy for humans and the planet.		
22356	1		Community projects like this is what makes Eltham special. Especially with the economy as it is, it will be a great place for people to share, connect, help and be part of something that we all enjoy - food!		
22355	1		We need urban farms that are available to all. Good examples are farm raiser in west Heidelberg.		
22354	1				

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22353	1		The local community needs access to organic, locally produced fruit and vegetables, and a space in which to skill-share and develop their community connections.	████	████
22352	1		I think it would be a great addition to our community.	████	██████
22351	1		I see very little use of this land currently and think the idea addresses something lacking in Eltham.	████	████
22350	1		Community collective positive farm. What is not to like.	██████	████
22348	1		We will be moving to Eltham soon and believe a community farm will add so much value to the area and become the glue between the residents of the area. Please give permission for this to happen.	████	████

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22347		1	<p>Given most people in Nillumbik already have yards and can grow their own food in their own yard, I feel a much better use for this land is for basketball courts. Either more indoor courts (as they are desperately needed) or more outdoor 3x3 courts.</p> <p>The new courts at Andrew Pocket Park have been a huge hit and are constantly in use from sun up to sun down. Given the proximity to Eltham High School and the Leisure Centre more courts would be a great addition to this precinct. Thanks for your consideration.</p>		
22346	1				
22345	1		Great idea		
22344	1		Looks a great addition to the area		
22343	1				

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22342	1		It would be fantastic to see the site turn into a productive farm that directly combats climate change by producing health, local produce for the community it sits within. It will offer brilliant opportunity for Eltham High to have meaningful and visible relationships for the next generation.	████	████
22341	1		What a wonderful opportunity to improve the health and well-being of the community and use this land in a truly productive and community benefiting way	████	████
22340	1		Also, community allotments would be a good use of the land. Divide into smaller blocks that locals could pay a "peppercorn rent" to use to grow fruit and vegetables.	████	████
22339	1		We need more urban farms and projects like this to support learning and community building	████	████
22338	1		This is a great space for a community farming program and as a budding local farmer, I would support the project including volunteering.	████	██████

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22337		1			
22336	1		As long as the perimeter path is still readily accessible for everyone		
22335	1		I think it's a wonderful idea and I look forward to becoming a part of the farm community		
22334	1		This space needs to be utilised much better than it is right now. It's be keen to see what an urban farm actually translates to. But i an supportive of it being a space that is more productive than our is right now. Keen to watch this space.		
22333		1	What happens when it floods ? which is not uncommon and there is no parking The fields and walking path are enjoyed by many		
22332	1		My wife and I support the idea, in principle and ongoing ownership, management, funding and who would benefit from the initiative are all areas of consideration prior to a decision being made.		

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22331	1		<p>I have had some minor involvement with LFC on this project. I feel comfortable saying yes because of that and because I know how to find information about the proposal. I've seen comments in a few social media groups saying there's not enough information to answer yes or no to this survey; all sorts of questions and assumptions.</p> <p>I'm very supportive of the example this could provide to our community on food growing, biodiversity, local economy, community connection, etc.</p>		

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22330	1		<p>I will be a resident at [REDACTED] Brougham Street Cohousing community. The farm is aligned with our ethos of sustainability and natural produce. The Brougham Street community will be enthusiastic participants in the farm when it is running.</p> <p>This proposal is good for Eltham as a resource for farm fresh food, as a training ground for gardeners and as a community hub for residents.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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22329	1		I think the establishment of an urban farm on this site in Eltham would be a valuable development in an inclusive, multi-generational activity centre which would enhance the character and inclusive nature of the community it would also contribute to sustainable living skill building and could be a centre for learning its proximity to Eltham High school could enhance the opportunities for inter generational interaction - great opportunity for incidental and unplanned or planned and intentional intergenerational / intercultural activities - with positive mental health outcomes for all	██████	██████
22328	1			██████	██████
22327	1		Would like more information but the idea is good.	██	██████

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22326	1		Fabbro's farm presents a wonderful real world community experience for all generations to explore. Sustainable food is so important for the well-being of our community and planet. Eltham is home to wonderful communities invested in fresh food, reducing food wastage and sustainability. It just makes sense.	████	████
22325	1		Local food production is becoming more important with supply chain disruptions. It can also be higher quality. Ideally it would also allow the community to have allotments and grow their own as well.	██████	██ █████
22324		1	Eltham already has Edendale farm which is at a large expense to the shire of nilumbik. They also have the living and learning centre which provides education opportunities and a small garden space. While I support the idea behind a market garden in the region, adding more facilities to Eltham at the expense of the rest of the Shire seems excessive.	████	████

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22323	1		<p>I think this farm would be great if it had work shops for people to attend to learn about permaculture</p> <p>And also hold special cutting and plant swap days for the community to get involved in</p> <p>Get people interested in not just farming but encouraging folks to grow food in their gardens at home</p>	█	█
22322	1		I feel this is a much more unique and productive use of space than both the current passive recreational use and proposed play/bbq area uses.	█	█
22321	1		<p>Council needs to have oversight. Don't let what has happened with Sustainable Macleod happen again.</p> <p>Council should ensure that it does not become a private farm built with residents' money that just benefits a very small group that excludes the many.</p>	█	█
22320	1			█	█

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22319	1		We should treasure and protect our local history. Here is an opportunity not only to do that but to support sustainability, food security, conservation , sharing expertise and providing experiences for young people,		
22318		1	there are way to little details or in depth public consultation so no, as it stands now!		
22317	1		I would love to be apart of this project, please let me know, Thanks		
22316	1		What a great initiative! Food supply is something that we need to think about more in terms of urban resilience.		
22315	1		Think this is a great idea for the eltham community in association with locals and farmers market. We have the space and we have the volunteers who are ready and willing to get this venture up and running. Plus the site has history and is of significance to this new garden venture		

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22314	1		An invaluable resource for home gardeners who want to add productive elements, for making all more savvy about where their food comes from, and for children to learn the value of healthy, productive outdoor work in all season.	████	████
22313	1			█	████
22312	1		It is a great way to get the community together. We need access to healthy local fresh food, no better way to have it grown in our community. It will benefit the different generations as young and old will join growing things and learn how to do it. So please make this happen	████	████
22311	1		I 100% support the idea of an urban farm as a way of Reconnecting people to local food, reconnecting to the past use of this land and combating climate change at a local level. I believe this is also a valuable opportunity for education and community engagement given the location.	████	████

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22310	1		As we face climate change it Fabbro Fields would be a great source of seasonal local food for the community, especially people in need. It's such a good idea, I totally support it!		
22309	1		I would like to see this project happen because an urban farm would be a fantastic opportunity to source locally grown food from the farm gate, or at the nearby farmers' market; demonstrate how to grow food; partner with local schools and become a hub of teaching and learning (like Joes Market Garden in Coburg).		
22308	1		I live locally in Montmorency and often pass the spot where Fabbro Fields would be. I think it would be a wonderful use of the space which is currently underutilised. It would be a fantastic opportunity for the students of Eltham High to be involved as well.		
22306		1	Use the land for wildlife.		

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22305	1		Growing food locally is an important aspect of sustainable city living, reducing transport energy use and giving residents access to good local food and a community of workers including volunteers	■■■ ■■■	■■■■■
22304	1			■■■■■	■■■■■■■■■
22303		1	The walking track is widely used. the area is not big enough for any real purpose. By the time any structures are built, farm area would be too small. also the issue of parking would be limited and would interfere with EHS and local traffic. We have a beautiful farm at Eeden used by the schools and public.	■■■■■	■■■■■
22302	1		Locally grown food is becoming more important as mass scale production and use of chemicals increases. Most importantly it connects people and gives them a purpose.	■■■■■	■■■■■
22301		1	Need to know exact details of what an 'urban farm' entails. Is it just community gardens or has it been hi-jacked for commercial purpose?	■■■■■	■■■
22300	1			■■■■■	■■■■■■■■■

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22298		1	A valuable Open Space which must be maintained and preserved. Increased usage , pressure on current roads and infrastructure would help to destroy this beautiful peaceful environment, as well as a negative impact on the health and safety of our High School parents, teachers and children. The already fragile Diamond Creek would be drastically and negatively affected by a commercial type development of this space.	■■■■	■■■■
22297	1		this is a great idea and like other community gardens around Melbourne it will be appreciated by a lot of residents myself included, this is what is needed for every ones well being and mental health.	■■■■	■■■■
22296		1	Significantly more information needs to be available. Flood Plain too! Why not refresh the Master Plan first anyway? Would the farm take over 100% of the site? What about Parking etc?	■■■■	■■■■

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22295	1		Would love to see some of this area turned into an off leash dog park to reduce the impact on the Lower park one		
22293	1		I would expect Council to consider whether the proposed activity could be conducted at an existing site such as Edendale Farm. However, to my amateur eye, Fabbro Fields is a good location because of the limitations for other uses and its accessibility. I support Council engaging in activities that lead to increases in local food production.		
22291	1		Food garden		
22290	1				
22288	1				
22287	1				
22286	1		I support a partial conversion into a community farm but would also like to see parts given over to supporting our wildlife.		
22285	1		I think it is a great idea and has great potential		

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22284	1		<p>Preferably leaving it alone is the best option. Why do we have to create some kind of 'money making' scheme on every small gap of free land? Yet, this could be a beneficial change if done sensitively.</p> <p>The area often plays host to transient big water birds moving through the area. It would be in keeping with the way the land has evolved naturally if some provision to allow this to continue were made. These birds travel great distances and stopping points for one or two days here and there can be the difference between life and death for herons, spoonbills and egrets.</p> <p>Of course most responses will be telling us that a farm near them will be smelly and how little Tarquin and the fur babies need the area to run around in (for 2 days in summer).</p> <p>At worst its another area of natural land that will be fenced off and made limited access - handed over to someone to own. Still better than concreting it over.</p>		
22282		1	<p>This is a key resource for kids of all abilities to use as part of the footy program. It's an open space for dogs and community and needs to remain this way!</p>		

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22281		1	What is an « urban farm »? More information is required before I would support any type of “farm” on river flats where animal manures and fertilisers could leach into the nearby waterway. Furthermore, the field offers a food source for various wildlife that would need to forage elsewhere if this land was farmed.		
22280	1		It would be wonderful to use this vacant land in a productive way like this that benefits the community and our environment. Fully support.		
22279	1				
22278	1		Seems like a good use for it.		
22277	1		I am supportive of the idea of the urban farm but wonder whether it is an appropriate spot for on e given that it is a floodplain. being so close to the creek, how will it be ensured that fertilisers and chemicals are not leached into the creek? Are there any other spots under consideration?		
22276	1				

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22275		1	<p>Firstly thats only one part of the farm the real farm and the farm house were in falkiner st</p> <p>I grew up lower eltham park where the childcare centre and we were friends with the fabbros</p> <p>They had a lease on the land and I was sad when it was sold for houses</p> <p>Just leave the land for people to use for walking there dogs or playing sports all kinds and just enjoy the free land do we real have to have something on everypart of eltham</p> <p>Theres enough over building in etham as there is look at the disgusting apartments at the back of woolies coles and aldis</p> <p>Regards [REDACTED]</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
22274	1		I think this is a fantastic initiative and commend Nillumbiks work in beginning to follow through with what needs to be done to achieve it.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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22273		1	What are we farming? Who chooses what to farm? Who are we farming for? Are there additional fees for rate payers? Who will maintain it? Who will manage issues or problems? Will the path around the area still be accessible? Is additional parking required?		
22271	1		a working farm makes productive use of this fertile land reminding the community that our city food comes from the efforts and investments of our farmers, demonstrating how modern Australia was developed from the humble and harsh conditions of pioneering development		
22270	1				
22269	1		Do something with the space. Provide exercise/ sport equipment as was originally proposed 10years ago		
22268	1		We would be supportive of such a project, and would be keen to see the local community benefit from this with fresh organic produce sold at local markets.		

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22267		1	Leave that beautiful green patch as it is! Stop trying to develop and use all land. Leave it alone!	■	■
22266	1			■	■
22265	1			■	■
22264		1	Support the concept, but should be at Edendale.	■	■
22263		1	Not without further definition of what a “urban farm” is. Isn’t Edendale a community farm and it struggles to survive so why establish a competitor? Or are you talking community garden? Are you talking community plots? Is this “farm” involving animals or purely horticulture? Is it not for profit? Is it intended to feed the disadvantaged? Council comes out with some pretty stupid questionnaires and surveys and this has to be right up there. This is a pointless survey because it is impossible to place the question in any sensible context.	■	■

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22262		1	Asking for a yes / no on a project that supplies little to no detail seems illogical and not the precedent to accept. I look forward to a considered position in future so as not to waste rate payers funds and time. Who knows, it may actually be a good idea we miss out on because of this.		
22261	1		Love the concept.		
22260		1			
22259		1	this should be community land, not a dog run, not a hobby farm... something for all, not locked up to a small handful of people. everyone should be able to enjoy it		
22258		1			
22257		1	No details to look at		

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22256		1	<p>It should be public open space. It was gifted to the whole community, not just a special interest group. This proposal will effectively close the land to the general public. Fabbro Fields is a valuable resource for passive recreation, without sport etc. Nillumbik has very little flat open space. We need to keep it accessible by all the community. Nillumbik has just STOLEN most of Andrew Park from the community just so that you could give it to a special interest group. Now you bastards are trying to do it again in Fabbro Fields!</p>	■	■
22255	1		<p>Please explain “urban farm” more concisely on this page. I had to dig deep to even understand what you were talking about. A farm could mean a lot to many people across many generations. After reading the proposal, its still not clear that it's even a farm? More like an urban park... IMO the results of this poll are compromised.</p>	■	■

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22254		1	Not enough information & rumour has it that this is intended to be a 'Commercial Farm'.		
22253		1			
22252		1	The land is already used by the community - people walking, jogging, exercising with dogs, and Eltham high school students use the space regularly for sports activities. There is limited parking, only the high school parking. This space is not appropriate for an urban farm.		
22251	1				
22250	1		In principal I support the plan but would like to see a lot more detail before it goes ahead		
22249	1		I think it will be an excellent way for the community to connect and have access to local produce. This is a fertile land perfect for an urban farm.		

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22248		1	<p>Fabbro Fields is used by junior footy clubs for pre-season training. With the other fields used by the cricket clubs there are very few areas in Eltham where footy clubs can do pre-season training over summer.</p> <p>A community garden will restrict access to those with a special interest in vegetable gardening. Other people use this open space. We need to keep open space accessible to the broader community.</p>	■■■■	■■■■
22247	1		It would be great to have a community garden onsite as well	■■■■	■■■■
22246	1		<p>If it is a groups of volunteers that wish to work together creating farming plots , headed by an overall committee with rules of forfeit if areas are let go to weeds. I don't know what the suggestion of an urban farm means and only assume it would be like other volunteer community farms. It definately has good soil for growing,</p>	■■■■■■	■■■■■■
22245		1		■■■■■■	■■■■■■

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22244		1	Who are Fabbro Fields? What if an Urban farm? What will it do? Who will benefit from it?		
22243		1	Leabe it as is		
22242		1	Edendale farm is already funded. We need more playing fields for Aussie Rules especially the growth of women's football, great for participation and social equity		
22241	1				
22240	1		Think it will be great for the community		
22239		1			
22238	1		Great idea for urban farming. Just need to be sure any fencing put in place doesn't harm the local wildlife.		
22236			If I say No will it become dog box units like the rest of Eltham ?		

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22235		1	<p>Fabro paddock is essential green parkland that is currently used by all ages. It allows for winter sports to start preseason training whilst the cricket clubs are using ovals. This allows for large groups of young people to socially connect, develop friendships, and maintain fitness over the summer. This fitness/pre season training is essential to preventing injury. Please consider other green areas, that have appropriate access to water and areas that allow for water tanks.</p> <p>The council this winter has seen the impacts of inaccessible sporting ovals and the impact it is having on clubs. Our sport clubs are extremely successful at engaging families and player retention. The clubs are growing and flourishing, we don't want to decline young people the opportunity to play sport due to limited facilities.</p>	████	████
22234		1	<p>I thought we already have a community farm at Edendale. While the idea of community farm is a good one , the infrastructure, staff and resources are already at Edendale and I don't understand the need for another space in Eltham. I am also unsure how this will be funded.</p>	████	████

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22233	1		Local Food Connect have been active for some time now and it would be good to see them develop a farm to share with the community.		
22232		1	Not enough detail. What does this actually mean? I'd say maybe at this stage, but more nuance please.		
22230		1	I thought we'd already progressed through this stage years ago. An urban farm would require infrastructure and fencing. Not community minded. And Fabbro's old shed needs to go. Eyesore. Open space wins.		
22229	1				
22228		1	What is an urban farm? Will it be fenced? Will any member of the public be able to access all areas? I cannot answer "yes" without good answers to these simple questions.		
22225		1			
22224		1	The council has not given the community an explanation of what an urban farm is		
22223		1			

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22222		1	Leave the open spaces alone, this is supposed to be an area for kids and families to have free green spaces to use and you've already developed several of those. This council's obsession with high rises and buildings everywhere even if in this case it's just a "farm" is enough already. No. No. No.		
22221	1		No		
22220	1		Would want a lot more information on how this is going to long/run/what will be farmed/what's involved first.		
22219		1			
22218		1	How much of the land are you planning on turning to farmland?		
22217	1		This sounds like a good idea and could help food security in Nillumbik.		
22216	1		An urban farm growing food crops, including indigenous to be donated to people in need would be good for the community and volunteers.		
22215			Only if it uses a section of the area, and maintains 3/4 of open space for atypical resident activities (picnics, dog play, sporting training)		

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22214		1			
22213	1		these food potential areas in our local are extremely important and will be more so in the near future.		
22211		1	The area is used by many seniors who are unable to walk hills, many walking groups use this area for exercise and social outlet. Edendale farm is enough		
22210	1				
22209	1		As long as there's play equipment for kids also		
22208		1	<p>1. There is no parking. There is already parking issues due to the basketball and footy training.</p> <p>2. Traffic. The roads are very narrow in and out of that area. It is also mainly residential.</p> <p>3. Danger. There are two blind bends on the road leading to this area, one at either side. School kids are present due to this being across the road from Eltham High. More traffic, more risk.</p> <p>4. The area is already being well used by the school for PE and Sport. On the weekends, it is well used by locals for recreation etc.</p>		

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22207		1	<p>A Masterplan for Bell St was developed following a community consultation and was adopted in August 2013. The Masterplan acknowledged the potential for a Community Garden accounting for 2.5% of the land, or an area of about 1,000 square metres (a quarter of an acre) – enough for a Community Garden but not an Urban Farm.</p> <p>LFC has produced a brief flyer to outline its idea. Unfortunately, and as the Officer report to councilors indicates, the flyer provides virtually no detail to inform the community response. Reflecting that lack of information, the page on Participate Nillumbik also lacks any useful detail.</p> <p>As a minimum LFC should have been required to provide details to Council and for public distribution prior to any community consultation of at least the following matters concerning its proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The area of land proposed to be used for the Urban Farm. • The management structure proposed and how key personnel will be chosen. • Resourcing required and available for the project including a differentiation between set-up up and ongoing costs. • Provision of ancillary facilities to serve the Farm including specifically water supply, parking, and toilets. • Insurance details – especially given the land is in a flood zone. • The costs and responsibilities for remediation of the site should the proposed Farm prove unsustainable. <p>How can anyone make a rational decision about LFC's proposal without such information?</p> <p>An overriding concern is that depending on the detail – which is not available – we could see a significant area of public open use land being taken away from residents?</p> <p>There may well be a good case for some sort of gardening activity at Fabbro's Fields consistent with the Masterplan. But, especially given the lack of detail, LFC has not made the case – a pretty enough brief flyer is just not good enough.</p> <p>The normal format of Nillumbik's community consultations is that issues for discussion are presented within a framework that includes a variety of background documents related to the topic and designed to inform the community's responses. Not so in this case.</p> <p>As things stand here, in the absence of essential detail, by proceeding with this community consultation Council is effectively asking ratepayers and residents to buy a pig in a poke.</p> <p>Smart people don't do that.</p>		

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22206		1	Will be messy weed infested and why does everything need to be infilled with development sometimes an open green space is enough		
22205			<p>This should be more than a yes/no consultation.</p> <p>I am unsure this is a good use of this land.</p> <p>With the meagre information available a yes/no response only provides emotive community responses, and nothing of any substance or great benefit towards the decision process.</p> <p>I'm worried that this land was purchased and gifted to Nillumbik for community space.</p> <p>Yet the essence of the "Urban Farm" proposal seems to lock community out of the space and out of the processes and activities, except for limited options for education to community and school students.</p> <p>I'm finding it difficult to get my head around this and the proposal on the Food Connect site/s don't seem to answer many of the questions.</p> <p>It seems the concept will lock the community out of this chosen plot of land, (except for some vague possibilities of arranged education sessions, possibly a shop to buy produce, possibly some volunteer opportunities, possibly done partnerships (?) or are they "user pays" opportunities for Eltham High and secondary students).</p> <p>This land was bought for the community, from state funds, and given to Nillumbik council to maintain, as community space.</p> <p>The attached concept does not seem to incorporate community garden/s and not shared plots or community involvement/ownership.</p> <p>There is no information about the tenancy arrangements or length of time of any tenancy arrangements (or even if this is a tenancy situation or land permanently made available to this venture).</p> <p>There is no information about who (orgs, individuals) might directly or inadvertently profit from this project.</p> <p>We've had many community farms in Eltham over the years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Edendale - Lenister farm in south Eltham, owned by Eltham/Nillumbik council, (once run by Skillshare as skill/employment programs) 		

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			<p>- there was once extensive terrace veggie garden beds, developed by “Work for the Dole” participants (from what I remember), on the flats between the Eltham Living and Learning centre and the BMX track.</p> <p>I know that Food Connect has been lobbying Nillumbik and discussing the Fabbro’s Farm land with community development and other council staff for many years. Council and Food Connect are at a considerable information advantage to community members about this proposal.</p> <p>Given all of the above, I think this proposal needs more detail & information, greater historical transparency and extensive community input.</p> <p>Your question on live or visit the shire isn’t enough for me: I don’t live in Nillumbik. But I do live only 4 doors into Banyule. In Montmorency, which was once part of the former Shire of Eltham.</p> <p>I shop, recreate and relate to Eltham and Nillumbik as my community. My wife volunteers in Eltham. I’ve family in Eltham. My mum attends church in Eltham. I grew up in the Shire and attended Research Primary and Eltham high.</p> <p>My wife and I were also the last tenants in the original West Family 1850’s cottage, on Fabbro’s Farm before it was subdivided. Mario (Maurie) Fabbro was my landlord and friend. I’ve helped farm this property, including what is now Fabbro’s Fields.</p>		

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22203	1		The urban farm would bring many beneficial opportunities to the community - fresh, locally grown food that not only provides for people but also demonstrates that growing food locally (as a community or in your own backyard) is a very healthy, sustainable and secure way of feeding ourselves. Involvement by many volunteers in the farm would create a sense of belonging and positive wellbeing for those involved. Links with Eltham High School could also be developed and positive for the younger generation to learn about farming.		
22202		1	The fields provide an essential space for local sporting clubs to train when access to their regular training facilities is not available, such as off season or for additional sessions. There are not enough open flat spaces to have this taken from the community.		
22201		1			

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22200		1	Do some work on it and make it into a sporting ground for our kids	████	████
22199		1		████	████
22197		1		████	████
22196	1		No	████	████
22195		1	There is no comprehensive information available in terms of a) the meaning of "urban farm" and its necessity when we already have Edendale. b) what proposed future use would look like. c) the suitability of the location in terms of its environmental values which include a natural wetland which is constantly being mowed down, and the animals it harbours. d) its natural flood plain activity which would determine the type of plantings workable. e) infrastructure etc. Without a great deal of additional info, how is the community able to simply answer "yes" or "no" ??	████	████

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22194		1	this area is a buffer zone between residential living and Diamond creek Wingrove Park Reserve and also subject flooding in high water times , why should this bit of open space in central Eltham shire be developed this way when there is restrictions on Northern Green Wedge areas , and statements such “Lungs of Melbourne” are made by Council , why is this different leave it alone , it would be much better used as public space as parkland buffer for wild life and would continue the corridor along Diamond creek	████	████
22193		1	We already have an urban farm	████	████
22192	1			████	████
22191		1		████	████

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22190		1	Nillumbik already has an urban farm that most of us never go to and loses money hand over fist, costing ratepayers more than a million dollars a year for no quantifiable benefit. Another is totally unnecessary. Suggest council focus on risk mitigation and fulfilling statutory responsibilities, like road and roadside management in rural areas, rather than this most recent thought bubble of extravagance at our cost. How inappropriate.....and BTW, our township isn't included in your response options listing (way to go knowing who pays rates and complying with your inclusion policies)		
22189		1	People the Nillumbik area, buy into or rent in this area because they want more land. We are not Thornbury or Brunswick where they have no land.. What a waste of money. How about trying to tackle the suicides in the area?		
22188	1				

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22187		1	<p>1) why do we need another farm when we have edendale which needs more money to be successful. Why start another expensive enterprise when the one you have needs help?</p> <p>2) why do we need to use more ratepayer funds creating something unnecessary when not enough funds are being directed towards fixing our roads (your circ business), weed control, etc?</p> <p>3) wasn't this space designated (by both the community and the council) to remain open space for all? Why change this?</p>		
22186		1	This land should be rejuvenated like Barak bushlands was years ago as it feeds into that area and is now a lovely area to walk, dog walk and cycle through.		
22185			This consultation is premature, the local community needs more information about what an urban farm onsite would entail before being able to answer yes or no.		

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22184		1	There is already Edendale Farm up the road, don't see the point.	■■■	■■■■
22183	1			■■■	■■■■
22182		1	Keep as open space for community	■■■■	■■■
22181		1	Unlike urban environments, the majority of residents in this area have space in their gardens to grow fruit & vegetables if they wish & also to keep chickens. I can't see livestock being viable here. A number of locals have indicated that the land was previously a wetland - this sounds like a more appropriate use of the area and warrants further investigation.	■■■	■■■■
22180	1			■■■	■■■
22179	1		I feel it will be a wonderful community project, and a fantastic use for this land.	■■■■	■■■
22178	1			■■■	■■■■
22177	1		So much potential here. I think it would be wonderful	■■■■	■■■■

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22176	1		Considerations given to traffic flow and off street parking for visitors and users of the farm Bell St is already a busy thoroughfare between Main Rd and the High School and Industrial Zone both trucks and cars		
22175		1	Community open space should not be closed off for selective uses. This would be better collocated at Edendale.		
22174	1		A brilliant initiative, with a reputable community organisation. Fully supportive!		
22173		1	A mixed use space, as demonstrated in the Bell St Masterplan feels like a better use of the space, providing more opportunity for the community to use. A community garden as a smaller part of the development of the fields feels a smarter use than taking over the whole or majority of the fields for an urban farm.		

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22172	1		This is a dying skill set imperative to our children's future. An entirely worth while use of this land. Not to mention 2000 Eltham High Kids growing up watching and learning by osmosis. (Hopefully with some engagement)		
22170	1		Absolutely!		
22168		1	Make it a proper nature reserve/wetland		
22167		1	There is a higher demand in the community more sports / recreation areas (ie more gorilla basketball courts, keep the grass mowed regularly for football / cricket casual family play). Such facilities will keep older children occupied.		
22166	1				
22165		1	I would prefer more is done to develop local food demonstration options within edendale rather than maintain and use two different areas. I like fabbro fields being left as open space		

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22164	1		I would like more information what the farm entails. Will it have crops, vegetables and grains? Will it have livestock? Will residents have usage access and access to use the produce?		
22163	1		Parking could be a serious problem in the area. There is limited parking around the streets near the school. During pick up and drop off school times, there is serious problems with vehicle access and lack of supervised crossing. The area is very unsafe for pedestrians during those times. More traffic would be attracted to the area with this proposal. Parking and traffic is my only concern and will have to be dealt with very carefully.		
22162	1				
22161	1				

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22160		1	We have Edendale already. What does an "urban farm" entail? Cattle? Sheep? - How will that affect the creek and local vegetation and wildlife? Its in a wildlife corridor. Isn't it a flood plain? What happens when all of it is washed away next flood?		
22159	1				
22157	1				
22155	1		Will it be a similar setup to Collingwood Children's Farm?		
22154		1	This is a beautiful, flat, green and open space which is a wonderful place for running around and playing ball with the kids. The flat pathway that goes right around the lawn is the perfect place for kids to learn to ride bikes. In the Warner months we love to picnic here. Please don't touch this lovely space, it's an asset to the community as it is.		
22153		1	Council should develop the land in accordance with the 2013 master plan which in any event provides an area for a community garden 50mx25m. No Larger!!		

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22152	1		But there is no detail, need some info before committing? Only a small space. Farming produce? Farming crops? Free to take? Staffed? So many questions, zero intent of idea provided		
22151		1	What about supporting the few actual farmers left in the shire instead of making it harder for them. So much money is spent at edendale and now you want another Eltham centric site. We could achieve much better in kg, hursty, Arthur's Creek, Panton Hill... But then that wouldn't suit the Eltham set. Why is this council not focused on providing better for the whole Shire??		

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22150	1		<p>I agree that there needs to be more food grown on scale near built up areas.</p> <p>Ironically as an aspiring urban farmer I was a part of the initial consultations about the potential use of the Bell St land over 10 years ago.</p> <p>The council decision at that time was to leave as the area as open space. This was a time when locally grown food was not as broadly valued as it today. Times change.</p> <p>I am a cofounder of urban farm in Beales Road Greensborough (Beales Road Farm) on a Vic Roads lease. It is auspiced by The Veggie Empire Inc.</p> <p>As experienced and established urban farmers we support more urban farms in the area.</p> <p>We are not affiliated with LFC's bid however it seems appropriate to grow food at Bell St considering it's previous post European settlement use.</p>		
22149	1		<p>Yes, I am supportive... it would be better if it differs from edendale farm, maybe a playground and more interactive play with animals... something similar to Bundoora farm in nillumbik would be amazing.</p>		
22148	1		<p>The more food we grow locally, the more resilient our communities can be.</p>		

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22147		1	This is public open space that shouldn't be swallowed up. As it is along the creek corridor plays an important role for native fauna as well as passive recreation and should remain as open space. Also, when the masterplan was developed, a number of possible uses were considered including sporting facilities, community gardens etc, one of the many reason to not continue to explore these options was lack of existing parking, need to use valuable open space to create new parking and the impact that creating a 'desitnation' in this location would have on school and local residents. While I am supportive of the concept of local food connect- this is not the location for it		
22146	1		Would appreciate a small playground as well		
22145		1			
22144		1			
22143		1	The land is way too small for a farm setting and is a popular running track. Just leave it as it is!		
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22141		1	There is not enough information available to support this idea.		
22140		1			
22139	1		Leaving some space for dogs to run would be good		
22138	1		Only support the growing of food and Indigineous plants. Maybe Indigineous food plants. Native tucker. Thankyou		
22137		1	The future of Fabbro Fields should be controlled by a Master Plan where all proposals for the site can be assessed and given due consideration, rather than just one in isolation. Will an 'urban farm' be confined to the 'community garden' area shown on the 2013 Master Plan, or is it proposed to extend over a much larger area? A 'farm' suggests there'll be a need for fencing to separate animals from people, restricting public access and use. If that's the case then it runs against the zone purpose 'Public Park'. Without more detail including how a 'farm' proposal integrates with the other uses including the need for environmental management in a sensitive, flood-prone riparian area - it's not possible to give a simple Yes/No response.		

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22136		1	Edendale is close so maybe this site could have something different like an edible indigenous plant 'farm'.	■■■■	■■■■
22135			This survey doesn't have enough detail...what is an urban farm? Is it another Edendale? A community garden? Will it be accessible to the public? What about local wildlife? It could be an amazing idea or terrible. We need more information before we can give you an accurate response	■■■■	■■■■
22134		1	Since Edendale is so close, I'm not sure what the point of another farm would be. There are also plenty of community gardens in the area. Maybe the area could be rehabilitated with smaller indigenous plants as a sensory walk-through garden for adults and children.	■■■■	■■■■
22133		1	Best left as wetlands	■■■■	■■■■

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22132	1		<p>A brilliant use of the space. Will allow people who do not have backyards to grow their own food and to connect with other local people. An opportunity to create a sense of local community and a focal point for local residents. I wholeheartedly endorse the idea.</p> <p>I do feel it would be important that the path around the field still be accessible to pedestrians and cyclists.</p>	████	████
22131			<p>There is no where near enough information on this to make an informed decision. Will this be a commercial operation with fees being charged, will more green space be lost due to buildings toilets impact etc. What alternative uses are being suggested if this does not go ahead. If this were a low impact publically available community garden project with no fees then I would be for the project but can't conscionably say yes to this based on the information provide.</p>	████	████

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22130		1	This open space adjacent s the creek. I am sure it is habitat for many animals. I believe that open spaces are very important it is excellent creek flat for frogs ducks birds and I would imagine for kangaroos to enjoy. You have Edendale that's enough. Some of us want to enjoy open spaces without having to pay.		
22128	1				
22127		1	Edenvale is enough and runs at a loss to ratepayers		
22126	1		Sounds like a wonderful use of the land worth investigating		
22125		1	Too many native birds use this space.		
22124		1	Edendale doesn't make a profit why do we want another farm. Upgrade and improve Edendale so it will always be there for the community		
22123		1	Hard to answer without understanding the scope of an urban farm -so I would say, without that info, that I would like to see it as a reserve for wildlife.		

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	Yes	No			
22122		1	Good use of the money first off is fix our gravel roads that have disintegrated from lack of maintenance in the northern part of the shire! hence Running Creek, Deep Creek and Ridge Rds	████	████
22121		1	I think the site should be left as public open space for everyone to enjoy. I would not like to see fences and structures put on the site. Do not want it to be like the Eltham Town Square that now has buildings in the middle of it - there is no turning back from that poor decision made years ago!	████	████
22120		1	Open spaces are very important to the wellbeing of communities. Leave it to be enjoyed by all who want to enjoy it.	████	████
22119	1		I think this would be an excellent opportunity to connect with secondary schools to allow more kids to have practical experiences around biology, science, geography/land management	████	████
22118	1			████	████

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22117	1		The future of food is local. A well-designed urban farm creates local foodsheds for greater food security, community resilience and energy efficiency.	████	████
22116		1	Until further details are provided regarding the scope, operations and size of the urban farm, I cannot be supportive of it.	████	████
22115	1		<p>In an era of decreasing house plot sizes and increasing apartment complexes, there is less opportunities for our children to get their hands dirty, learn and become connected to the land. I come from an Italian background where family members would turn over their quarter acre back yards to grow produce for themselves and bater or sell. From it it inspired a need to "grow your own" in later life.</p> <p>This farm, if also allowing social enterprise community gardening that is open to the wider community, can become a valuable education tool not only for our children in partnership with our local schools, but to others who are interested in sustainable organic farming practices and from experiences of other urban farms/community gardens across the state will bring together the community.</p> <p>The project must be self funded, including but not limited to: parking; fences; mains water reticulation; composting bathroom system and any guarantees on "making good" when the project winds-up. I dont think a cafe on site is an appropriate idea. Some produce retail like as seen at Pettys Orchard is okay in my opinion.</p>	████	████
22114	1			████	████

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22113		1	What does an urban farm mean for the area? Will it be public space? The area has Edendale Farm. How would this differ? Who would run the space? Could this area be utilised by the school? Further detail is needed to be able to decide whether to support this proposal.		
22112		1			
22110		1	Is this public open space? PPR Zone? Leave it as open space for all to enjoy.		
22109	1		Generally, yes. But "urban farm" provides no definitive detail as to what would be included on the site, risks nor opportunities. Further detail would be helpful		
22108	1		It supports community engagement, physical and mental health and aligns with other community gardens in the area.		
22107	1		I want to be able to grow stuff there too. And i want to see chickens wandering and a little rustic cafe where i can enjoy the sun		
22106	1				

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22104		1	I initially supported the idea . After hearing additional info and history of the site I am no longer in favour of urban garden on Fabbros Fields .		
22103	1		Community gardens are a great idea.		
22102	1		A great use of public space!		
22101		1	Check out the definition of urban farm. Do not put any livestock or fences or buildings on this property. Develop the natural wetlands that are already there if you would just stop mowing down the wetland plants. Please do a thorough environmental assessment of existing wildlife, including animals, frogs birds etc, that is already there. A small area for a community garden is ok but is guaranteed to bring in lots of weeds but this is not an urban farm. I am a regular visitor to Edendale which is an urban farm. We do not need another.		

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22100			I support an urban farm as long as it's plants, not animals. Animal agriculture is too resource-intensive, uses too much plants to raise an animal and has a much higher water consumption as a result.	█	█
22099	1			█	█
22098		1	It should remain as it is	█	█
22097		1	The area has better benefit as a reserve, why not allow it to be returned to a wetland and habitat for wildlife. Community gardens have their place in the inner city where housing blocks are considerably smaller.	█	█

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22096	1		Urban Farms can perform many roles. Obviously it enables those who do not have suitable areas within their own dwellings to grow vegetables. There is the additional benefit of development of community links, educational opportunities Re healthy eating, opportunity to provide food for those in our community who are struggling. There are fabulous community gardens around the state, and I have seen creative use of recycled objects featured also. So another opportunity for art groups and individuals to have a space to share, perhaps to run educational workshops too. Organisations such as Men's Shed might be interested in creating garden beds, teaching others the necessary skills. Please consider this seriously. Another opportunity for nurturing links within the community.		

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22095		1	Why should we turn our public open space to a 'commercial' operation? Once it is gone it is gone forever. What is this pressing need to fill up any open space we have with sports fields or other so called community facilities. Why can't we just leave our landscape alone where someone can just go and sit quietly by themselves. Ratepayers' money purchased these lands; they should not be given away to the exclusive use of an 'elite' few.		

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22093		1	I think a yes or no question is not the appropriate way to ask peoples opinions without knowing more details. For eg the Eltham Junior football club use these fields in summer for pre season training, will there still be a space for this to occur. What % of space will be used ? Will there be an area dug and made into a carpark ? I am not against the idea of an area to be made into a urban farm, but would like to keep much of the area open and would not support carpark or bitchumen for carparking.		
22092		1	There is already too much development going on in Eltham. I really like the green open spaces and don't want them developed.		
22091	1				
22090	1				
22089		1			
22088	1		I think it will be beneficial for the community and is much better than just vacant land.		
22087	1				
22086	1				

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22085		1	I would prefer to see Endendale farm developed further instead of creating this site. I would rather the land be used for sporting fields such as football- potentially an Eltham girls football team field.		
22084	1				
22083		1			
22082		1	If you had set it up initially as a farm then it may have been successful. It is now utilised as sporting fields for training. I see younger generation groups having picnics there and people using the open space. Leave it be. The urban farm in Diamond Creek isn't that far away.		

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22080		1	<p>Sometimes open space, specially flat land that isn't an official oval, is nice to have for casual recreation. Leave as is. Best place for an urban garden would be near Edendale Farm.</p> <p>I've also read recently about the pony club area at ELtham Lower Park being removed ? Did our community get the opportunity to have a say about that decision? I would have voted it remain, even with minimal use. Preserve Eltham stories and history.</p>		
22079	1		A bit more information about this proposal would be helpful		
22078		1	<p>Zero details available and I enjoy the current open space regularly. The issue of building anything on a floodplain today raises the issue of landfill etc to meet health and safety for the required facilities there.</p>		
22077	1				
22076	1		A community farm is an excellent use of this space. Otherwise parklands.		

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22075		1	Please leave it as free open space, no need to fill it just leave it as it is		
22074	1		An urban farm sounds like a great idea as long as it is accessible and open to all in the community and can provide composting drop-off.		
22073		1	It will be taken over like the Eltham Mens has done not meeting the neighbourhood character with unsightly buildings and becoming an eyesore. Leave the open spaces as they are.		
22072	1		This would be a wonderful site for community access and involvement and perfectly situated to integrate with the school and hopefully allow them to offer relevant subject for interested students in an urban location where that may otherwise not be possible.		
22071		1	I would like to see this land usable by everyone in the shire not just to a select group of people		
22070	1				
22069	1				
22068	1				
22067	1				

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22066	1		Anything that can help to increase food security for the local community is a fantastic idea!		
22065	1				
22064	1		The world needs better food and connections Please let the people build this.		
22063		1	Fabbro Fields should be left to be open space.		
22061	1		Much more interesting than the grass that is there now, in the middle of an area with many open grassy fields		
22060		1			
22059	1		Wonderful community initiative, there are many inner city urban farms that are so positive for the community. This would be an asset for eltham and a very positive use of this land.		
22058	1		Think it would be a fab use of the space. Even if half used for farm, half left for offlead dog / other free activities etc.		
22057	1				
22056	1				

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22055		1	This area is used regularly by dog walkers who would no doubt be excluded from an “urban farm”. Council seems intent on restricting areas available for dog walkers oft citing the joke of a “dog park” on Wattletree Road as being a suitable alternative to whatever area they are taking away from us.	████	████
22054	1		Would be a great way to provide reasonably priced fresh produce to the local community	████	████
22053	1		Eltham has relatively little food soil. The river flats are ideal. There are plenty of other open parks for dogs etc.	████	████
22052	1		Great idea. Would love to take my family here.	████	████

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22051	1		This could be an exciting and important contribution to Eltham's community health and well-being, food security and sustainability plans. It nicely balances the existing animal focus of Edendale Farm. Ensuring participation is open to as many community members as possible however will be key. There may be an opportunity to run school and educational programs including growing organic food, preserving, composting and seed saving. Potential to also share knowledge and seedlings with Edendale Farm nursery.		
22050	1		An urban farm would be a great addition to our community. This piece of land is rarely being used by the public and there is plenty of public park (Wingrove, Barrack) nearby.		
22049	1		It would be an excellent use of the open space. It will be important to keep the site maintained to ensure that it does not distract from its surroundings.		

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22048	1		Would be great for the community and also possibly to link in high school students	██████	██████
22047	1			██	██████
22046	1		An urban farm at Fabbro Fields would provide opportunities for the local community, both within Nillumbik and from neighboring municipalities, to buy local produce and also learn about regenerative farming, provide hands-on opportunities to for community members to be involved in urban farming. As a long time member of Local Food Connect and a resident of Banyule, with relatives living in Eltham and Research, the farm would provide a regular meeting place for our extended family, allowing us to support the local economy whilst strengthening family and community connections. As a Garden Specialist I would welcome opportunities to volunteer at the farm and share my skills by running children's gardening activities at the farm, if it was welcomed.	██	██████

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22045	1		Only if it utilises LESS THAN HALF of the land, so that dogs, kids and adults can still use the open grass for play, for picnics, kites, balls, with lots of room on either side of the walking path. There are so many birds that tend to use that space too, and they would be disrupted during construction. Our flat open spaces are so important. It needs to be shared.		
22044	1		Yes but only if it's a walk in area, not fenced off, so all residents can walk around and the place has a community feel. No plots given to residents for longer than 1 or 2 years. Plots to be spaced out, raised off the ground to protect produce from rabbits, with tree and bush planting and local artwork.		
22043	1				
22042	1		Great idea.		
22041	1				

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22040		1	<p>This has been raised many times and been rejected many times. We're not in an inner city suburb, our community can generate their own gardens and produce should they desire.</p> <p>The space should be multi use.</p> <p>1) free space 2) playgrounds and BBQ's, including opening the shed to being an undercover space for coming together for BBQ, community, family get togethers 3) four outdoor 3x3 basketball courts to allow for regional and national events to assist with tourism, but also community teenage access</p> <p>The space can support all.</p>		

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22039		1	That field is used by people daily to walk, take their pets, use frisbees, kids use it for football practice and so much more - we don't need it to be used for farm. Firstly there is no parking there, all along that street it has no parking signs, the area is already very congested on school days without additional people trying to park for this. Also being so close to the High school it also needs to be taken into consideration the safety of the students at the school - who will be using this 'farm'		
22038	1		I have been wanting to see this for ages! We need more locally grown food that is grown by and for the community and not for profit. I think there are spaces in Diamond Creek ripe for this too, such as by the tram cafe. Imagine growing produce that can be used at an onsite cafe. It would be wonderful to see this involve people with disabilities too.		

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22037		1	There must be enough other spaces where you can have a community farm. This is an area where people walk, walk their dogs, kids play footy. Just leave it as it is.	█	█
22036	1		Particularly if it's a community farm, or a place for community members to learn about urban farming and permaculture.	█	█
22035	1		Fantastic idea for the community	█	█
22034		1	One of the reasons Eltham and surrounds is so unique is because of the low density open green spaces. Squeezing utility out of every available green space is not what we have to do as an outer suburban location. We live in this area for the breathing space, please let it remain this way instead of becoming a carbon copy of every other outer suburb	█	█
22033		1		█	█
22032	1			█	█

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22031		1	Please keep this as parkland! Plant a few trees on it by all means, but please keep the space. Also, I vividly remember the creek flooding all the way across the road there not too many years ago, and with climate change the risk of that happening again has to be kept in mind; developing it in any way seems ludicrous		
22030	1		This has many benefits to the community 1. Good use of open space with easy access for all abilities. 2. Provides a community connection not currently offered in the area. 3. Promotes health and fitness. 4. Fosters cross generation connection and knowledge sharing. 5 Promotes and educates about sustainability, organic growing and the importance of soil. 6. Opportunity to provide food to locals in hardship.		

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22029	1		Good initiative for young people to learn what farming is and to run the farming and growing of produce,even the selling of products to local businesses		
22028	1		Historically a market garden. Excellent location, apart from flooding potential. Great to have food produced locally.		
22027	1				
22026	1				
22024	1		Wonderful!		
22023	1		This is a fantastic initiative, originally this was a working market farm.		
22022	1		An urban farm would be a great addition to the locale. Clearly, community health hygiene and safety will be an important consideration in the development of the farm and what type of activities are permitted there. It would present a great opportunity for community involvement and education. It would be good if the running track around the oval is still preserved and open to the public (it's one of my regular running routes!)		

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22021	1		I am supportive of the idea because it contributes to future proofing our community and it has environmental and community benefits.	█	█
22020		1	I love walking around this area. Just leave it as a green space.	█	█
22019	1			█	█
22018	1		I lived in this area several decades ago. There were some excellent vegetable farms at that time. I thoroughly support keeping this land for farming. It will allow for native birds and, hopefully, the Eltham Copper butterfly.	█	█
22017	1		I am supportive of a fresh produce (non livestock) farm.	█	█
22016	1			█	█
22015	1			█	█
22014		1	It is one of the attractive parts of Eltham having open spaces and areas for children to play.	█	█
22013	1			█	█

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22012		1	<p>Fabbro had his market gardens there and where the estate now is. That land at Fabbro fields is a flood plain which used to have high levies that have since eroded away, even back when it was a functional "farm", it could only grow artichokes as it was a wetlands and all other produce was at the estate or further down at barrack bushlands on the hill. Both creekside "farms" had pumphouses beside the creek for drier weather.</p> <p>It would be as useless as the muddy dog park. Plus we already have Edendale farm.</p>		
22011	1		It was a farm previously & the lay of the land being close to the river makes it ideal for farming purpose. Plus it retains the greenery of the area. A sustainable farm is appropriate.		
22010	1				
22009	1				

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22008		1	The site is utilised by the high school for physical education, together with football clubs etc already. I believe it is too close to wildlife in the bush corridor and also flood zones of the Diamond Creek to build an urban farm there. The land should be replanted with indigenous plants and returned to bush land.		
22007	1		Great initiative for the local community.		
22006	1				
22005	1				
22003		1	Better used as parklands		
22002	1				
22001	1		Now that Edendale has morphed into an Enviro Hub , Reckon the urban farm proposal is needed . Good opportunities for those without land and educational opportunities		
22000	1		Fantastic idea		
21999	1				
21996	1		This is the perfect spot for a community farm! It will bring people together and reconnect us to nature / where food comes from. Fully supportive of this initiative.		

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21995	1		It would be great to have local produce from the region. It would be great for students to contribute and locals to be able to contribute via volunteering. It would be great to have a small cafe on site.		
21994	1				
21993	1		Wonderful idea! With all the new developments in the area and some people not having access to my of a back yard I think including a community garden where people can learn and grow their own vegetables would be amazing! Love that the council is being innovative with these spaces. FYI - you are missing my age bracket in your form. I fall in the 34-44yrs		

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21992	1		Might be worth considering a scheme similar to what is known in the UK as 'allotments', where local residents pay a nominal small rent for a veg-garden sized plot which they use and maintain to grow their own produce. This provides a place for like-minded people to socialise and share knowledge, skills, and produce. An allotment committee oversees the whole mini 'farm'. See link to get the general idea: https://www.allotment-garden.org/allotment-information/allotment-history/		

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21991		1	I live within one block of the site and enjoy one of the few “no special use” quiet places remaining in the area. I walk there daily. I think we undervalue quiet spaces and their impact on mental health for the community. A very shy wombat feeds there at night. Wild budgies flock to the grass. Kids learn to ride their bike around the loop or to fly a kite. One guy practices his golf swing, another plays bagpipes there regularly (I kid you not!). Community gardens actually benefit very few in terms of who does the gardening and who enjoys the produce, but they do attract traffic and people from many suburbs away. Parking is already in short supply here. A community garden could easily be added to edendale farm. We do not need another place to buy coffee or attend a market (both often part of a community farm). A better use of the space may be to let the wetland that keeps trying to grow at the back of the site grow (rather than mowing it every time it starts to grow). I suspect the underwater table of the creek extends well under the field due to the nearly permanent pools at the back of the grass that attract ducks, frogs and water plants (which we never allow to grow currently). I wish we could embrace a mix of quiet picnic field (with lots of ground birds) and wetland/ wombat habitat.		
21989	1				
21988	1		Do it		

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21987	1		Half the area should be used as an urban farm and the other half remain as is for people to picnic, local bird life, families/kids to play and dogs to run. The urban farm should be encouraged and educating locals in regard to soil prep, growing there own fruit and vegetables an area of high importance		
21986	1		I like that it references the use of the land by the Fabbro family as a source of food. It would be great to potentially visit & buy direct from the farm (reduce food miles), it would showcase growing your own food (even if on a larger scale), could be a nice community feel, visits by school or input from students		
21985	1		It is a wonderful use of the space! It is something I have wanted for years - to have the opportunity to be part of such a project in Eltham. It is in keeping with the roots of Fabbro Fields.		

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21984	1		I think using some or all of this land for an urban farm is a great idea. Often areas like this are not well utilised and this is a way to activate this piece of land in a very socially positive way. Most importantly, urban food growing will become much more important in our climate-challenged future and this might be a way to build resilience into the local food supply, teach and model urban food growing, build partnerships with, and provide amenity to, local schools, community organisations and businesses, and more. I think it is a very exciting project and it would be great to see it come to fruition.		
21983	1		I think this is a wonderful idea. I live in a small unit in Eltham and do not have much space for growing food. I would love to be involved in a community farm with my 2 young children. I think this is so important to bring community together and encourage healthy eating!		

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21981	1		Great fore food security and climate to have some locally grown food	████	████
21979	1		Thinks it a great community development encouraging local food production	████	████
21978	1		A community farm in the centre of Eltham would benefit residents of all ages and considerably add to the sense of community for the area	████	████
21977	1			████	████
21976	1			████	████
21975	1			████	████
21972	1		Great idea.	████	████
21971	1			████	████
21970	1			████	████

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21969	1		An urban farm in this visible location would make a substantive contribution to growing local community resilience through growing local food production systems. It would make a valuable complement to community gardens, edible landscaping and residential food gardens in Eltham and grow connections between this population centre and existing farms in the peri-urban and rural parts of the Shire. I live in Banyule and shop at Eltham Farmers' Market.		
21968	1		I think it's a fabulous idea for Eltham and surrounding area, to produce more local food that could potentially work with the school regarding sustainability! There's plenty of space to accommodate a farm and open play area		

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	Yes	No			
21967	1		I think this an important community resource that will engage people of all ages in growing and enjoying healthy food. It will not only educate through experience and shared knowledge but, provide a place for people to engage with each other and create interpersonal connections that would otherwise not occur. I'm all for it!		
21966	1		Good use of a central site for Nillumbik residents to engage in food supply and education around urban farming in general. Close connection to Eltham high school for agriculture curriculum development too. Not sure about flood plain. Recent rains affected DC levels and this factor could limit success.		
21965		1			
21964	1		Great idea, the site is currently "nothing", However it would be important it keeps the site accessible for other uses and doesn't take up the whole area.		

██████████ submission via Participate – with changes as requested via email
Wednesday 19 July 2023

There has been a submission of the form Fabbro Fields through your
Participate Nillumbik website.

Are you supportive of an urban farm at Fabbro Fields, Eltham?

No

Do you have any additional comments?

Good long term land use planning requires considered and appropriate community consultation and in relation to the Fabbro Fields land it is necessary to deliver a plan that provides for the best use of the whole of the land. Land use planning undertaken with a bits and pieces approach to public open space will not provide a good result or a good governance approach to the land's overall use for the community. The Nillumbik Shire Council's (NSC) Community Engagement Policy (the Policy) February 2021 states that "Community Feedback was used to inform the policy on how the Nillumbik Shire Council will engage with our community going forward." The community and staff all had input into the development of the Policy. With that in mind the Policy follows the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) and does not provide a referendum model to be used for the NSC's community engagement process. Providing an option for a yes or no response, could be seen as a referendum vote and does not fit within the guidelines of the IAP2 model and is not referred to in the Policy (see Community engagement core values on Page 5 of NSC's policy).

A Yes or No option does not follow the Community engagement principles (page 7 of the Policy), Clear Objectives, Inclusive and Diverse, Transparent guidelines are examples as stated in the Policy.

The Bell Street Masterplan was a process undertaken in 2013, 10 years ago and although reflecting the views of the community at that time, in my experience and knowledge, I understand that with a good governance standard approach the Bell Street Masterplan's should be updated for transparency. This update should be undertaken as soon as possible to obtain the best result for

the long term responsible land use planning of Fabbro Fields.

There are many ideas in the community and one idea should not be fast tracked over any other and there has been very little or no information provided by the NSC in relation to a one off idea provided by Local Food Connect (the applicant) being put forward.

Fabbro Fields is State government owned and Council managed and is public open space. The land is not private property. An application for private use by any stakeholder without broader community input prior to this idea/plan being brought to NSC with no broader information being able to be provided by NSC for this community consultation is disappointing.

There is a lack of transparency in when, how and why the NSC are at the 11th hour calling on community consultation when it seems that the decision may have already been made taking into account the applicant received a grant from the State Government for the project. If this is the case it contravenes the intent of the NSC's Policy which again is very disappointing.

The process in this instance is unsatisfactory for providing the opportunity for broader input by the community following the NSC's Council Policy as previously mentioned.

It is very unfortunate that the consultation in this case is being taken out of the NSC's hands and played out on Facebook with the applicant running a campaign in support of their application

With Council managed and community via State government owned land this style of campaign does not, I believe, fit in with proper and fair community consultation. NSC has not provided the necessary information and taken on their own responsibility of providing enough information that is required for a considered, informed and educated response from the community regarding public open space. The community consultation should have been undertaken with NSC showing leadership and controlling the narrative on behalf of the community they represent

I would like to suggest strongly that the NSC take the time and effort to please allow the community to be involved in the updating of a Masterplan for what is now Fabbro Fields and not proceed with the current referendum style process.

The confidence and trust of the community is important when decisions of this magnitude is being sought by the NSC from the community and will avoid a divisive position within the community as a whole. It would be great to have everyone on the same page and in agreement.

We all have the time so lets please take the time to get a more thorough and community consulted decision for our precious open space which will have an impact on the community for years into the future. Please take more time to ensure that all voices are heard.

The current process should be stopped and commenced again to provide a just and fair community engagement process for all the community and stakeholders.

A Yes or No vote does not respect the local government's remit of providing and enabling meaningful engagement with the community.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

First Name

[REDACTED]

Last Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Township

Eltham

Gender

Female

Age

65-84

Relationship to Nillumbik

Live

Are you? (please tick all that apply)

None of the above

How did you hear about this consultation?

Word of mouth and then Nillumbik's facebook page. There are many who do not follow facebook

To view all of this form's submissions, visit

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