



# TAKING A FRESH LOOK AT FRESHWATER LAKE

We are reviewing the way Freshwater Lake within Freshwater Lake Reserve, West Lakes, operates and exists. As yet, no decisions have been made on the Lake's long-term future.

Freshwater Lake, also known as the Delfin Island duck ponds, was constructed in the 1970s as a key water feature of the West Lakes Delfin Island Development.

It was built to the standards of the era but now requires a high level of ongoing maintenance due to its unique design, structure and age.

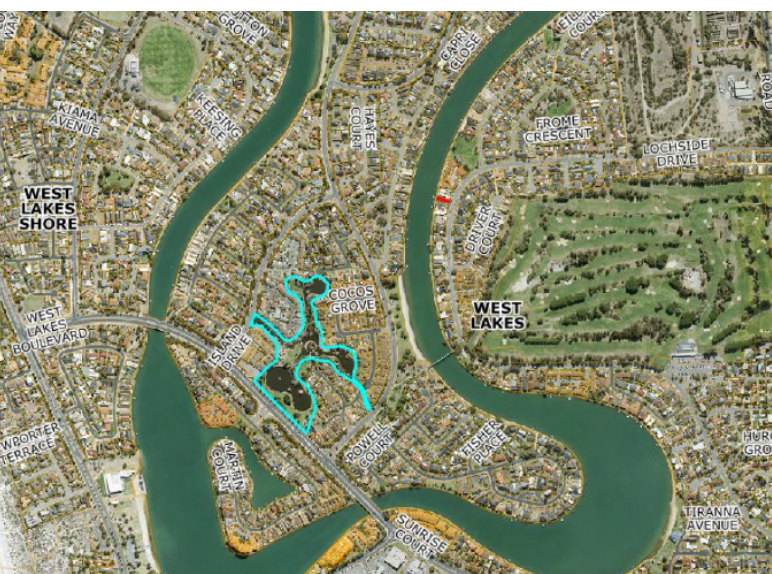
The review over the coming months will include an investigation of engineering solutions and management options.

At this stage it is too early to say exactly what options might be feasible.

## Options being explored

- Maintain the lake in its current form and continue with existing maintenance and management practices.
- Maintain the lake in its current form with improvements to permanently enhance lake performance and quality, operations and management.
- Reduce or change the size and shape of the water body and increase the amount of terrestrial (land) open space as a result.
- Have no lake, and make the entire reserve terrestrial (land) open space.

Community consultation on options will occur in mid-2022.





## Project timeline (estimated dates only)

The project timeline includes two points of community consultation:

- Raise awareness and gather community sentiment  
(December 2021 - March 2022) – **WE ARE HERE**
- Options investigation  
(February - May 2022)
- Council consider options for community consultation (May - June 2022)
- Community consultation on options  
(July - August 2022)
- Review community feedback and social, environmental and economic factors  
(August 2022)
- Identify preferred option (September 2022)
- Council report prepared outlining preferred option (October 2022)



## What do you love or want to change about Freshwater Lake?

We are gathering community sentiment for Freshwater Lake (lake and reserve) as part of our investigations. Your feedback will be considered in the development of options.

**Complete a hardcopy feedback form (available at West Lakes Library)**

or

**Complete an online feedback form (visit [yoursaycharlessturt.com.au/freshwater-lake](https://yoursaycharlessturt.com.au/freshwater-lake))**

**Provide your feedback by Thursday, 31 March 2022.**



## For further information

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