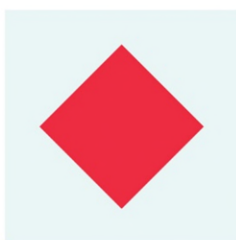


# Community Engagement Report for Mirani Court, Viewing Platform

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## 1. Background

In January 2022 we consulted with the local community in Semaphore Park/West Lakes Shore regarding a proposal to construct an elevated viewing platform in Mirani Court Reserve to primarily allow people living with a disability to appreciate the views along the coastline.

The proposed viewing platform was presented as an approximate 3m high platform and proposed to be located on the southern side of the toilet block.

The proposed location for the platform has been chosen to maximise coastal views and connections to nearby footpath and disability parking facilities while also minimising the extent of structure required.

The final location for the platform however is subject to community feedback and there is certainly flexibility to amend the location to create a balanced outcome for users and nearby residents.

Council is also in conversation with the Department for Environment & Water (DEW) to explore any other opportunities to locate the platform further west towards the dunes.

The materials used to construct the platform are still to be confirmed. Those shown in the images are indicative only and subject to detailed design and final feedback. Where possible we prefer to use recycled composite materials for these structures due to the environmental benefits they provide and ability to withstand the harsh coastal conditions.

The consultation sought feedback to understand the level of support for the proposed viewing platform.

## 2. Community Engagement Approach

Consultation was undertaken a 28-day period in January/February 2021.

### Purpose of Engagement

The purpose of the consultation was to seek comments on community sentiment for a viewing platform, for all users at the Mirani Court reserve.

### Engagement process

The community engagement period commenced on 28 January 2022 and closed on 20 February 2022. The community engagement process included the following communication and engagement activities.

#### Communication

- 262 consultation packages were distributed to residents within the precinct (Figure 1)
- Placement of two corflute signs within the Mirani reserve, to advise visitors and users of the consultation

#### Community Engagement Activities

- Engagement via Council's online community engagement website "*Your Say Charles Sturt*".
- Email campaign to those who have an interest in West Lakes Shore, the beach and engineering. 623 emails were sent, with 79 clicks through to the information.

The engagement activities and level of participation are summarised in Table 1.

Figure 1 – Map showing mailout locality



**Table 1: Engagement activities undertaken during consultation on the Proposed Viewing platform – Mirani Court (28 January to 20 February 2022)**

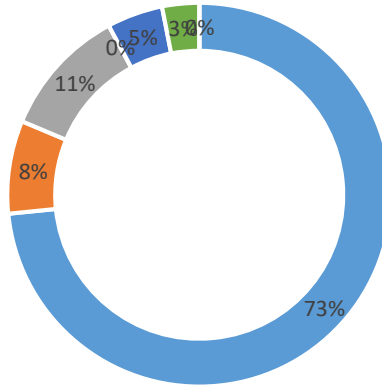
<b>Type of activity</b>	<b>Engagement activity</b>	<b>Date and place</b>	<b>Participants</b>
<b>Your Say Charles Sturt online consultation hub</b>	Proposed Viewing Platform – Mirani Court Reserve	27 January to 20 February via Your Say Charles Sturt	Open to everyone 274-page views 183 unique visitors of the page 0 followers of the page
	Online feedback form	27 January to 20 February via Your Say Charles Sturt	Open to everyone 30 responses
<b>Community consultation</b>	Hardcopy feedback form	27 January to 20 February Via mailout	33 responses

### 3. Community Engagement Feedback

A total of 63 responses were received throughout the consultation process. All feedback from the survey and any other written comments are summarised in this section.

#### 3.1 Select the option that best describes you

Over 73% of respondents were local residents that live and own a property in the area, with 11% being an owner but living elsewhere. 5% being visitors to the area and 3% being a community advocate.



- I am an owner of a property in the area that I live in
- I am an owner of a property in the area that I do not live in
- I am a tenant in the area
- I am a visitor to the area
- I am a Community Advocate
- Disability Organisation



## Key Themes

Location inappropriate	16.1%	10
Structure not appropriate	6.5%	4
great idea	6.5%	4
Privacy of houses	4.8%	3
waste of money	4.8%	3
will detract from amenity	3.2%	2
looks ugly	3.2%	2
shade is needed	3.2%	2
beach mats	3.2%	2
Maintenance	3.2%	2
no encroachment on dunes	1.6%	1
more handicapped parking would be needed	1.6%	1
obtrusive of the views	1.6%	1
open to vandalism	1.6%	1
great initiative	1.6%	1
Good idea	1.6%	1
support those with mobility	1.6%	1
support people with a disability	1.6%	1
not needed - no demand	1.6%	1
height of platform	1.6%	1
ramp should be concrete with rails	1.6%	1
playground or work out equipment more appropriate	1.6%	1
no useful purpose for structure	1.6%	1

invades natural beauty	1.6%	1
no need for this structure	1.6%	1
roll up mat on the sand	1.6%	1
worthy of support	1.6%	1
a great asset for those with a disability	1.6%	1
supporting those with a disability	1.6%	1
no views of ocean in the proposed location	1.6%	1
good idea	1.6%	1
like the location	1.6%	1
inclusive for those with a disability is wonderful	1.6%	1
unpractical for those with a disability	1.6%	1
provide facilities for all persons living in our community	1.6%	1
sand pumping station better location	1.6%	1
nothing of significance to look at	1.6%	1
more accessible beaches and spaces	1.6%	1
Concern with materials used	1.6%	1
needs to be aesthetically pleasing	1.6%	1
should be accessible to all	1.6%	1
support the overall proposal for inclusive enjoyment	1.6%	1
recycled materials to be used	1.6%	1
place the platform off the current path	1.6%	1
a program for direct access to the beach	1.6%	1
access for everyone	1.6%	1
use concrete walkway	1.6%	1



would be rarely used	1.6%	1
support the inclusion of facilities	1.6%	1
nasty design	1.6%	1
cost and maintenance	1.6%	1
block sea view	1.6%	1
too high	1.6%	1
devalue home	1.6%	1
congestion in car park already	1.6%	1
support if location south of toilet block	1.6%	1
no view	1.6%	1
will attract wrong people	1.6%	1
wonderful access elsewhere.	1.6%	1
should have a nice view	1.6%	1
not needed by people with disability	1.6%	1
reduce value of my property	1.6%	1

## 4. Next Steps

A budget bid for construction of the viewing platform has been included in the Draft Annual Business Plan for the 22/23 financial year. Once the outcomes of the budget process is known we will contact the community again to provide further information on the likely timing of the works.

We plan to work with the State Government Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) and integrate the platform with the future Coast Park path (subject to negotiations with DIT).

## **Appendix A**

### ***Consultation Materials***

# YourSay web page

## Proposed Viewing Platform - Mirani Court Reserve

We want to hear your views on a potential Disability Discrimination Act compliant viewing platform in the Mirani Court Reserve.

Home > Proposed Viewing Platform - Mirani Court Reserve

Consultation has now closed. We will provide an update soon.

### Project Overview

An inclusive and accessible viewing platform is proposed for consideration in Mirani Court Reserve. At this stage, we are only seeking your feedback to understand the level of support for the proposed viewing platform.

The proposed viewing platform would be a minimum of 3m high and allow people living with a disability to enjoy the views of the coast during activities in the reserve.

#### Proposed Location and Materials

The proposed location for the platform has been chosen to maximise coastal views and connections to nearby footpath and disability parking facilities while also minimising the extent of structure required.

The final location for the platform however is subject to community feedback and there is certainly flexibility to amend the location to create a balanced outcome for users and nearby residents.

Council is also in conversation with the Department for Environment & Water (DEW) to explore any other opportunities to locate the platform further west towards the dunes.

The materials used to construct the platform are still to be confirmed. Those shown in the image are indicative only and subject to detailed design and final feedback. Where possible we prefer to use recycled composite materials for these structures due to the environmental benefits they provide and ability to withstand the harsh coastal conditions.

### Provide your Feedback

To provide your feedback on this initiative, please [complete our online survey below](#).

Feedback is to be received by 20 February 2022.

#### What happens next?

Following the conclusion of consultation, Council will consider if there is support for the viewing platform. If there is support a future budget will be included for construction in the 2022/23 financial year.

We look forward to obtaining community feedback to understand the level of support for this initiative.

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### Key Dates

 Friday 28 January 2022  
Consultation Open

 Sunday 20 February 2022  
Consultation Closes

### Contact Us

Have questions or want to learn more about a project, contact us below:

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Proposed Location



Example of viewing platform



### Online Survey

Closed

#### Your Details

Full name

## Online Survey

Closed

### Your Details

Full name

Property Address

Email

Phone

### Your Feedback

Select the option that best describes you Required

- ☐ I am an owner of a property in the area that I live in
- ☐ I am a tenant in the area
- ☐ I am an owner of a property in the area that I do not live in
- ☐ I own a business in the area
- ☐ I am a visitor to the area
- ☐ I am a Community Advocate
- ☐ Disability Organisation

Please indicate your level of support for the proposed viewing platform in the Mirani Court Reserve

- ☐ I WOULD BE willing to support the viewing platform
- ☐ I WOULD NOT BE willing to support the viewing platform
- ☐ I don't have an opinion

Please provide comments to help us understand your decision

Feel free to provide any further feedback related to this proposal

Submit

## Corflute signs



## PROPOSED VIEWING PLATFORM

Mirani Court Reserve

We are considering a 3m high viewing platform for mobility impaired persons and the wider community, to be able to enjoy the views of the coast during activities in the reserve.

Tell us what you think.



View all the information and complete our survey online at [yoursaycharlessturt.com.au](https://yoursaycharlessturt.com.au)

Consultation closes 20 February 2022

## Resident Letter

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24 January 2022

«Owners»  
«Postal\_Address»

Dear Sir/Madam

### Consultation of Proposed Viewing Platform – Mirani Court Reserve, Semaphore Park

We would like to advise that a Disability Discrimination Act compliant viewing platform is proposed for consideration in Mirani Court Reserve. At this stage, we are only seeking your feedback to understand the level of support for the proposed viewing platform.

#### We want to hear your thoughts!

The proposed viewing platform would be a minimum of 3m high and allow people with mobility issues to enjoy the views of the coast during activities in the reserve. The proposed viewing platform is proposed to be located on the Southern side of the toilet block.

#### We would like to hear your feedback!

- Complete our online survey at [www.yoursaycharlessturt.com.au/miraniviewingplatform](http://www.yoursaycharlessturt.com.au/miraniviewingplatform)
- Complete the enclosed feedback form and send it back using the reply-paid envelope

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#### What happens next?

Following the conclusion of consultation, Council will consider if there is support for the viewing platform. If there is support a future budget will be included for construction in the 2022/23 financial year.

We look forward to obtaining community feedback to understand the level of support for this initiative.

Should you have any queries about this project please contact me on 8408 1270 or via email at [eng-consultation@charlessturt.sa.gov.au](mailto:eng-consultation@charlessturt.sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

Kath Mardon  
Community Engagement Officer - Engineering

Proposed Location



## **Appendix B**

### ***Community Feedback – survey responses***

Survey Responses (all questions)

Select the option that best describes you							Please indicate your level of support for the proposed viewing platform in the Mirani Court Reserve			Please provide comments to help us understand your decision	Feel free to provide any further feedback related to this proposal
I am an owner of a property in the area that I live in	I am a tenant in the area	I am an owner of a property in the area that I do not live in	I own a business in the area	I am a visitor to the area	I am a Community Advocate	Disability Organisation	I WOULD BE willing to support the viewing platform	I WOULD NOT BE willing to support the viewing platform	I don't have an opinion		
1								1		Hi there, I'd like to make an official objection to the proposed Viewing Platform at Mirani Court Reserve. I have only just posted my written objection, as I just realised it was due on Sunday last, so I wanted to follow up with an email to ensure my feedback would be considered. As a resident of Mirani Court, I have a vested interest in the project as it will drastically reduce the value of my property and the enjoyment I am able to get out of living in the City of Charles Sturt. I am happy to follow this email with a more comprehensive list of considerations. Please let me know.	
				1			1			Good morning I am a ratepayer for this council. I have been using this beach location since 1977. At that time there was only a little row of shops. Supermarket. Maybe fish and chips and I think a doctor or dental surgery. I support a viewing platform for all people. The ramp will also make it accessible for disabled people too. Equality and supporting all is wonderful. The location is perfect as this pocket of land is just the right size for the viewing platform. Although, I am not sure on the structure being made of timber. The sample photograph does not look like it will survive more than 2 years out in the elements on the beach front. In addition: Most importantly the council should stop documenting "toilets" in various Mirani Court reports. Sadly there is only ONE toilet enclosed in the only change room. "ONE". Every time I have needed to use the toilet .. there is a line up. One toilet to use and then delay anyone waiting outside by also using this toilet as it is a combined change room. Who supported this original application? This facility should have allowed for at least 3 individual unisex toilets from initial construction. This "beach" council owned car park is far too small for any additional plans – e.g. restaurant. The same size car park now supports approximately 20 residential units. Apartment 1A – should not become a licenced restaurant business. The car park is already insufficient to the rate paying public. This beach is very family friendly and allowing alcohol and noisy customers during the evening will make the whole car park and beach unsafe. Unsavoury situations will soon be a daily .. (nightly) occurrence. I noticed in an earlier council survey regarding allowing a restaurant .. most of the supporters to this request did not live close to Mirani Court.	

1									1	I am responding about the viewing platform proposed for Mirani Ct Semaphore Park. Whilst I don't have any objection to the idea of a disability viewing platform, I think that the structure proposed is extremely ugly and the proposed location of the platform is very inappropriate. I am also concerned that while the council is requesting feedback from residents, the council has been unable to even give correct details as to the height of the structure. The photos of the proposed viewing platform indicate a height of 2 metres, however on the other side of the page the letter advises that it will be a minimum of 3 metres high. It would need to be very high in the proposed location due to the view being blocked by dune sandhills. I feel that a much better option is to build the platform as an addition to the side of the existing concrete walkway to the beach, about half to third way down the existing walkway. This location would allow the platform to be built over the sand dune area with minimal impact to the dunes and give a much better view of the beach and ocean with minimal visual impact to the residents and to the overall appearance of the reserve. I suggest council inspect the viewing platform located at the Semaphore Lifesaving Club, next to the Caravan park on Military road. This platform has been incorporated into the beach walkway and is not only a great viewing platform for those with disabilities but also incorporates seats so that those able bodied people who struggle with the incline from the beach have the opportunity to rest a while before continuing any further. This platform and access to the beach is visually neat and tidy and very unobtrusive and would be a much better option.	
1							1				
1								1		Whilst this structure does not directly affect us, the question we have is who is going to maintain it and what purpose does it serve.	An additional 2 metres in height will not make one IOTA of difference to a person's beach experience - disable or not disabled.
1							1			Good idea well placed.	Can it be made more aesthetically pleasing?
1								1		1. Unsustainable location adjacent toilet block. 2. Is the 'proposed' platform to be approx. 2m high or a min of 3m high? Either way a platform this size will detract from the amenity.	Suggest visit to area adjacent Sema4 SLSC where a 'hard' synthetic walkway takes persons onto a smaller raised platform over the dune system. Similar would sit well at Mirani Court.
		1						1		You will be taking away access area for people to walk on the lawn area. No, don't support the idea at all.	In the letter you stated 3m high and in the example on the back page you stated 2m high. In all my visits to Mirani Court i have not seen any disabled people who need a better viewing area.
		1					1			I support the concept, but the example shown is disgusting. Surely a better design is possible. This one looks like a heap of disused apple crates.	It needs to be more permanent concrete base not wood
	1						1			This is a great idea and will provide an opportunity for people with disabilities to enjoy this amazing environment and views.	Please consider the following: 1 benches and tables on the platform 2. AS1428 Compliance 3. Sail shades over the platform 4. I am happy to volunteer for the design and project management of the delivery.
1							1			This location does not give a clear view of the ocean only in a southerly direction. Long term maintenance of such a timber structure could be a problem on the sea front.	Proposed new ' roadway' in this area could be a safety issue for disability people and the property owners.
1							1			Anything to assist people with supporting people with a disability to enjoy a daily outing like the pathway. I support.	
1							1			Peter has parkinsons and uses a wheelchair. This would be great asset for anyone with a disability/.	Also we cant wait for the continuation of the coastal park pathway to begin construction.
		1								Interesting proposal, worthy of support	I do feel that provision for beach access would be of more benefit for the disabled.
1							1			A bonus for the disable would be all weather (roll up) path and across the sand to the waters edge (for disability access) be facilitated next.	



1								1		I do not see any need for this structure which will only supply another reason for the drunken idiots who already terrorise the area on a regular basis to utilise to upset the locals yet more.	The are in question has already been totally ruined by illegal high-rise units built on designated commercial property so i do not see for the platform here. Semaphore has much more room for parking and platforms, go there!!
		1						1		Another structure that invades the natural beauty of the area. Waste of money (tax payer dollars) Wil need more disable car parks too.	I am in full support of people with disability accessing the beach.
1							1			If it was designed and made better than the photo supplied. The ramp should be concrete and should have hand rails and be picturesque to the area.	The photo looks like it is a sheep or cattle ramp.
1								1		I dont see any useful purpose for added structure.	
	1							1		What a waste of money - there is no need for a viewing platform. What would be more appropriate is a playground or work out equipment.	You only have to walk part way down the path and your view is endless. Plus putting it up right next to the toilets is not right at all.
1								1		We feel the platform is to obtrusive of views from the units behind from the car park.	
1								1		Concerns about location and height of the platform, which may affect our privacy as people will be able to see into our property and yard from the platform.	Also have concerns about vandalism of such a structure.
1							1			Anything that supports mobility we are supportive.	
1								1		Preferably not adjacent to existing toilets. Ideally locate closer to the dunes.	This are needs more permanent rubbish bins.
1								1		I would love to take my elderly nan to view the beach, but we currently do not have access from our place for a person with a walking frame.	Along with the development of the walking trail this will allow access for all, including people with special needs.
1								1		Great initiative to support people who have mobility issues. Well done. Although i like the idea of integrating with an existing infrastructure - i do question that structure being a toilet.	Coast Park trial may provide better options from an accessibility perspective once the shared path is installed. A water drinking fountain would also be great and bike racks.
1								1		It would be a lot on the landscape, open to vandalism. What activities on the reserve? More handicapped parking would be req'd leaving it wide open to abuse i.e. other drivers parking there. Why not provide matting down walkway(s) as the Port Adelaide/Enfield council have provided Largs Bay to give the sure direct access to the great beach! I am sure that the folk who would love to enjoy the surroundings would derive more pleasure on the beach, and not feel so alienated.	
1								1		This is a good idea, provided it doesn't encroach on the dunes space (native vegetation). Cigarette butt disposal should also be provided (as Onkaparinga council do)	
		1						1		I am all for inclusion and supporting people with disability any way we can.	
1								1		It is not needed, where is the demand? People can access a superior view from the concrete beach access 6m to the north west. The position is opposite the highest point in the dunes and opposite high bushes, therefore inappropriate. This area is used by reserve users to get cover from strong southerly and south westerly winds. People have picnics and BBQ's in this area.	The area is precious and open green space will be lost when the concrete path is put in so this cannot be justified. With the path, people with mobility issues (whatever that is) will be able to access a multitude of positions that afford views. The example is ugly and will only obscure the existing view from that area. It will clutter the area and constitute an eyesore. Can't see it being justified. It blocks pedestrian access at that point. it is very close to {address removed}. and is likely to attract people (able bodied) and they may eat, drink there for long periods late at night.
		1						1		The beach should be accessible to people with disabilities. It would be a lovely place to spend time (also any carers) I thin kits a great idea. The design is functional, rather than pleasing - I'd support investing more in design thats really nice to look at.	Often it takes something small but thoughtful to transform the accessibility of an area and make a big difference to people's lives. Thanks for putting this on the agenda.

1								1		I think this platform looks ugly and is totally unpractical for wheelchair users. I suggest using those funds to offer a ramp allowing wheelchair users to get to the water.	Why do you want to build a platform? i don't understand the purpose and I disagree with the design.
1							1			The sand pumping station would be ideal for a disabled viewing platform. Combined would financially beneficial to all.	
	1							1		Not needed by people with mobility disability (of which I am one) Nasty design. Degrades coastal dunes. Waste of funds	
1								1		A viewing platform for people with disability would be a great addition at West Lakes Shore to provide access to views and to experience the beach environs. However, I don't support the proposed location of the viewing platform next to the toilet. How can this be considered an appropriate location? Why can't the location of the viewing platform be considered further north towards the cul-de-sac? Surely with the new paths going along the foreshore the platform could be a fantastic addition to this new infrastructure that is set to be built. A viewing platform built next to a toilet isn't visually appealing for those using it. Also, as the viewing platform will be used by people with disability why is the location being proposed in the busiest area with many people accessing the beach and the toilet area? This is also where people provide water for their dogs. Secondly, the proposed platform is located very close to residential dwellings. The height of the platform may well impact on surrounding homes. What work has the council done to ascertain the use of the viewing platform after dark and the noise and activity that may occur from other people using this viewing platform? From my perspective the proposed location of the viewing platform is poor planning.	
1							1			We need to provide facilities for all persons living in our community. We need to provide disability access and include all residents in our community whether they are able bodied people or living with a disability. Many people with a disability have potential to add value to our community and if we provide facilities for their enjoyment and access to our beaches, parks, transport, sporting and community facilities they and we will find a way to be inclusive.	{name removed} of the West Lakes Sports & Community Club Inc. Tennis SA have named our Tennis club as the wheel chair club for the Western Districts. Tennis SA have a plan to create a wheel chair league and plan tennis regularly. We are part of that plan. Our Bowls club has built ramps on to their bowling greens to create access. We have hosted the National Olympic Games for Intellectual Disability tennis athletes. We are hosting the State Intellectual Disability "Come and Try" tennis day later in 2022.
1								1		There is wonderful access elsewhere. This stretch of sand is already the subject of a planned coastal path and a sand pumping station and now this. It's going to be very crowded and one project is likely to cancel, contradict or compromise another. This beach access is available to many people and crowding it out with sundry installations will limit this and make it an eye sore	
1								1		The proposed site is too close to the Aquarius Apartments and would be further congested. If it were to go ahead it should be positioned on the opposite side where there is further grass and more open to the public. The current height would see over into the buildings of Aquarius Apartments and would also be a ground for dogs to poo which people walking dogs already don't pick up. I am concerned it will attract the wrong type of crowd and young ones would see this as an opportunity to use it as a skating ramp. There is also no view to see anyone with dunes. There must be another place along the coast this could be considered. Why not Grange or Henley where it would be more enjoyed than a secluded area. why would you drive their just to sit on top of a platform and then nothing else? At least at Henley, grange, or even semaphore beach you have cafes and shops.	
	1							1		Building a viewing platform next to a public toilet block and car park is a ridiculous idea. Keep it as lawn space. During summer this is a high traffic spot with people going to and from the beach. No one is going to stop by and "just take a look". On a warm day you cannot get a park. And what parking is available should be prioritized for families who are spending a day at the beach not "onlookers" and "perverts". Please! Do not waste ratepayer's money. My son owns the property we live in and he agrees.	

1								1		I am only supportive of viewing platform for mobility impaired if in location immediately south of toilet block. I'm not supportive of any location north of the toilet block as this would impact many local residents who recently bought in {address removed} on premise of current views.	If progressing in proposed location is it possible to have CCTV to avoid this structure becoming a youth hangout. Is it also possible to ensure it is aesthetically pleasing using a colour consistent with surrounding (eg green grass, green trees)? A cream base with terracotta upper handrails may blend with current toilet block, but may look outdated?
1								1		I own and reside in the {address removed} which face west over the ocean and I believe that the construction of a viewing platform at the suggested location at Mirani Court reserve will create the following issues: 1. The viewing platform will become a hangout for the many undesirables who noisily gather in the car park after hours and often leave litter and waste food which ends up in the sand dunes and ultimately the ocean 2. it will block the existing view from local residents 3. The car park already becomes very congested on warm days/ evenings and often reaches capacity. Creating a viewing platform will create a need for more car parks 4. Ongoing maintenance will create costs that will be passed on to the rate payers 5. The platform will reduce the communal grass area where many family gatherings occur on a frequent basis 6. The high-level winds coming off the coast will make the viewing platform unusable for 60-70% of the time	Other options would be as follows: 1. Combine the viewing platform with the proposed pumping station further north and create extra parks in the current cul de sac at the end of Mirani Crt. 2. Locate the viewing platform at Port Malcolm Reserve which can accommodate a greater number of people and is away from residents
1								1		Looks ugly. Would ruin coastal look.	Would prefer a rubber mat leading down to beach for disabled access.
1								1		This proposed location is {address removed} While I am completely supportive of the footpath and encouraging more people and future development of the area. I am not supportive of this proposed 2-3m high platform. This is significantly high and would detract from the value of my property. It would also encourage even more people to loiter near the toilet block which we have had issues with in the past. It would be better to locate this in the middle of the carpark's length to provide an unobstructed view for the users of the platform. This would also impact all local owners equally rather than a disproportionate effect on my place and my neighbours. Feel free to contact me on phone and email to discuss. Please do not send me physical mail as I do not use physical mail.	
1								1		It would block some of our sea view.	I see no reason why it can't be incorporated around the proposed sand pumping station that will be located on the northern side of the reserve.
					1			1		Before giving my support or not I would like to know who forwarded this proposal. Did it come from local community / group/s or individuals? Building such a platform would be of significant cost, additionally has ongoing maintenance and repair been a consideration.	
					1		1			Unity Housing provides property and tenancy services to approximately 1,000 residents in the City of Charles Sturt. As a social landlord, we have with an active interest in tenant engagement and community inclusion and we support the proposed viewing platform initiative with accessibility features. The suggestion of broader community consultation is encouraged, and we're interested in commenting further about the consultation process to ensure the voice of potential users is heard.	

1								1		<p>1) The platform would be rarely used as there is nothing of any value or significance to view in the proposed location, no interesting birdlife except seagulls and the ocean can be viewed along numerous other areas along the coast.</p> <p>2) The construction of the platform will be a blight on the natural surrounds, why add a manmade structure that could be used by a very small minority and cost a significant amount of the majority of rate payers hard earned money. Please focus on what he majority wants.</p> <p>3) If used by such a small minority, the average time it would be utilised would be 1 or 2 minutes as there is nothing to see while looking to the West, we don't have whale migration in the area which would be a reason to support a platform of 3 mtrs high.</p> <p>4) The concept of the proposed platform looks like a cattle loading ramp, it is industrial in its design, not conducive to the area and will look like a poor add on in the space proposed</p>	Use the funds to maintain the beach in the area, clean up the pathways and plant more coastal plants in the sand dunes, clean up the invasive species that have taken over the sand dunes, you would be applauded by rate payers for this action.
1								1		Not a good idea to locate anything near a toilet block to give someone the opportunity to hide and lurk around	Is also very unsightly - put it on the beach so is useful ramp for wheelchairs and a view there is no view at this location really similar to near surf club
	1							1		My elderly mother would of love to be able to put her feet in the water, one last time. The viewing platform looks like a cattle grid. It's ugly and I wouldn't of been happy buying a million dollar unit then that erected in front of it, and right next to the public toilets. Please spend the money you have allocated to a continuation from the concrete walk way and have a wheelchair friendly access mat. So the elderly and disabled can enjoy the beach instead of watching and wishing.	
1							1			see below	<p>Considering that wheelchair users are shut out of many facilities I cannot fathom why you would be asking the general public whether they would support this!! Most of them would not have a clue about our needs nor would they understand that most of the damn time we cannot access the beach at all. Your example of a viewing platform would have to be the ugliest I have ever seen and would appear to favour the NO voters. Clunky thick timber rails that often block the view unless you or your wheelchair are tall enough, How about some nice sleek thin metal rails? The ramps certainly do not comply with AS1428 (unless they are distorted by the camera). Who on earth would vote to have a shitty ugly thing like that on the foreshore? This consultation could be considered as discriminatory because to ask 1.75 million people if 12,600 people should have access to a view is incredibly biased. In society we do not ask a minority to vote on right to access for the majority so why are you asking a huge majority 99% (all non-wheelchair users) to vote on access for 1% (wheelchair users)?</p> <p>What you must do is</p> <p>1. Build an attractive viewing platform that is accessible to ALL PEOPLE.</p> <p>Disability access is not a separate category. It is just an essential part of ALL design and ALL building and infrastructure. Just as a building would always have a door designed into it then everything must automatically have access for all designed into it. No need for questions.</p> <p>You say you are trying to assess the NEED for such a platform and in that you are way out of line. 99% would not know and how many of the 1% would see your survey? Councils have done much consultation over the decades and you know how much we have been and still are shut out of experiences, facilities and businesses. Read the Shut Out Report if your memories need</p>

											refreshing. The only thing you should be asking is whether wheelchair users think this is a good place for them to view the foreshore or whether they can suggest other good spots. Sure this spot has a carpark and a toilet but is it the best viewing spot? Our lives are more than 'disabled' toilets and carparks.DO NOT ask the general public. Just do it and share the world with us wheelchair users.
1							1			It is important to provide everyone access to the beautiful views of our beaches.	
1								1		I think that consideration for the disabled members of our community would be better served by developing a program to allow them direct access to the beach through the use of the mats they are using at other beaches. That would allow them to actually get into the sea rather than be teased by seeing the sea and not being able to experience it. That is like the prisoners of Alcatraz being able to see San Francisco but are separated from it, by a shark infested ocean! It is just a tease and so demoralising! This small reserve is not kept up to its potential now by CCS. How can we be assured that CCS will maintain this part if it? The sand blows up the walkway and has changed the topography of the reserve. Families who picnic there are moving to the northern end to avoid the undulations. Kite flyers and others use it as their "home" to dress, set up and enter the beach. Lots of people park there and then walk their dogs on the beach. Will you allocate disabled car parking spaces to accommodate the people with mobility issues? I think the design, although only an "example", is consistent with CCS's lack of aesthetic design features and looks like a stock boarding platform! This is not the message to be sending to people with disabilities! Is there no-one at CCS who could come up with a design that looks better than this, while being functional?	I believe that if CCS is serious about assisting people with mobility issues, to gain access to viewing the sea, then they should be contacting the disabled members groups, to ask them what they want/need and what it should look like! Also placing this awful, ugly construction next to the "talking toilet" is another wrong message! Are people with disabilities relegated to the toilet? You might think that the close proximity to the toilet is a feature, I do not! The dunes are said to be sacrosanct by CCS, yet you consider placing this structure further into dunes? This area is frequented at night by people indulging in unsavoury practices to which this would contribute. The people who purchased into Tranquilla apartments are constantly having their expensive investments and local environment changed and demeaned by CCS. Please leave this area as free of construction as possible to allow the natural environment to flourish, and people, abled and disabled, to enjoy it as is! There are so few natural beach areas left in CCS. We should be protecting it!
1							1			I think the concept of a viewing platform is great and would support this. I do not consider the proposed location as appropriate. It is doubtful that anybody on the platform would be able to see much of the beach or the views. I suggest it would be better to place a platform off of current path and between the park and the path. To be accessed by a pathway. Enabling those using the platform to have a clearer view up and down the beach, water and sunsets. A structure like this should have been built at the time the concrete path was installed.	
1							1			I support the overall proposal for inclusive enjoyment for everyone and am happy with the location. The views to the south west are fantastic. I don't support placement further west into the dunes as they are already significantly impacted by day visitors to the area. I fully support the use of recycled materials in the construction of a platform. (Preferably a large component of recycled plastic as used along Semaphore South foreshore, rather than new timber for the reasons listed above).	Installation of more bins, particularly recycling bins at this location would be useful as well!
1							1			Great idea - our beautiful beaches should be accessible to all.	I don't understand why time and money should be wasted collecting public feedback for anything to do with accessibility. Just do it - making life easier and/or more enjoyable for those with disability shouldn't be up for debate.
1								1		I believe if a viewing platform is to be considered that it be position at the end of the Mirani Court cul-de-sac near the proposed seating, upgrade of infrastructure and pumping station that is to be installed with the new walkway. The existing vegetation is lower. Placing the viewing platform here would not incumber the existing views of local residence. I would not want the platform placed to the southern side of the toilet block. This impedes views of locals.	
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				1			1			I would love to see more accessible beaches and community spaces.	
1							1			I think it is very important to cater for people with a disability and there are not many provisions like this along our coastline already. I think it would great to have a mat to enable wheelchair access to the beach and sea water too!	I strongly support this proposal to enable a greater quality of life to a very disadvantaged group. This is the beach I walk to and among almost daily from my home in west lakes shore!
1							1			I think it's obvious with people living with a disability should have access to a nice view.	
		1					1			It would be even better if it had some form of shade available as well.	
				1			1			More shade is needed for people who cannot be in the sun. That goes for all along the Foreshore and the lake ( in other words everywhere)	

