

# Taking A Fresh Look At Freshwater Lake - On-Line Gather Tool Feedback - YourSay Page

No:	Submission Title	Tell us what you love or want to change about Freshwater Lake!
1	Option 2	<p>The lake has been a feature since it's development over 45 years ago and is now a historic landmark that needs to be treasured for future generations. I believe option 2 should be adopted with an approach to clean and upgrade to being about less ongoing maintenance and a more pleasurable experience.</p> <p>The lake transcends through all sections and groups of the local community and brings people from a far. It is a true asset for West Lakes and offers a unique experience to the rowing course, the beach and other water ways.</p> <p>I believe everything should be done to enhance the lake and its surrounds.</p>
2	Mental health and wellbeing	<p>The West Lakes freshwater lake has provided me and many others a major source positivity during the pandemic and beyond. With mental health being such a big issue the lake is a place of joy and relaxation and place to reflect and enjoy nature and what is important in life. I often call family and friends while walking around this lake as I unwind for the day and enjoy all the beautiful wildlife this area offers. Meeting neighbours and their furry friends also provides a great sense of community and helps to build new relationships with my neighbours.</p> <p>This place and its many areas to reflect on the water, shade provided by the beautiful flora and the many species of fauna is an absolute gem and it would be devastating to see an negative changes to it. I think more should be done to educate people (not to feed the wildlife) etc to help prevent pollution and harm to the animals. More aerators or features to help the water quality. Perhaps adding a small playground or some outdoor exercise equipment would enhance the space and usage further. But as it stands the West Lakes freshwater lake and the surrounding area provides a place of great benefits to mental health and wellbeing to all who live or visit the area.</p>
3	These ponds are a source of joy and wellbeing and encourage wildlife.	<p>My mother is a resident of Delfin Island and lives right beside one of the larger ponds where she will remain to age. My Mother bought her house with the knowledge that it sits on a pond and this was part of what influenced her decision to move and buy at Delfin Island.</p> <p>As I have visited and become familiar with the area, the ponds are a obvious source of joy for the residents and other visiting public. They house a large number of species of animal, including the Black Pacific Duck, numerous Water Hens and the much loved Short Neck Murray River Turtle, amongst hundreds of other unseen water creatures.</p> <p>There is money flowing into the council to pay for the maintenance of the ponds from rate paying citizens, including my Mother (Who bought her house from a realtor who noted the pond, adding obvious monetary value to the sale). Why isn't the area being cared for by the Council? Why has it come to this point? Wouldn't the Council understand the negative impacts of removal?</p> <p>The public is obviously unhappy with the idea of removing the ponds, so why even raise the idea to destroy what brings people obvious happiness and love of their area? If the decision goes ahead for removal I will absolutely expect my Mother to challenge the value of her house on purchase.</p>
4	Don't ruin Delfin Island	<p>Clearly, the council members who are contemplating filling the duck pond in do not live anywhere near it, let alone visit it.</p> <p>The whole duck pond area is a huge asset to Delfin Island and always has been. Its a large reason why we moved close by with our young family years ago and as you can see by reading other comments below, hundreds of other families would have factored in the huge recreational benefit the duck pond has, IN ITS CURRENT FORM, before deciding to settle in West Lakes.</p> <p>All of my children learned to walk around the paths, learned to appreciate wildlife - ducks, turtles, pelicans etc, learned to enjoy the abundance of open space, all at this magnificent area.</p> <p>Sure, spend our money and make it permanently better, so you don't have to spend as much of our money down the track, great idea.</p> <p>But if you change the layout, you destroy most of the reason everyone visits this unique place and severely devalue Delfin Island!</p>

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5	Duck pond: A vital community asset	<p>I have been going to the duck pond since I was a small girl and now I take my own children. As a stay at home parent, these green facilities are few and far in between and an absolute necessity for the health and well-being of residents of all ages. I go weekly to the duck pond and feel maintenance has dropped in recent years, whilst ratepayer income would have increased due to new developments (I also note plans to sell community land to a basketball team/a business, not for community use). This asset should be maintained for the community as a priority.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We need more shady trees in the council area so those that are there are much appreciated, possibly more would be ideal.</li> <li>- The ponds provide relaxation, recreation and well-being and need to be kept.</li> <li>- There is nothing like this (green gardens, especially with a walking trail and gazebos) anywhere else in the nearby area/general council area.</li> <li>- Love the gazebos</li> <li>- My preference is for #2.</li> <li>- I used to love the duck pond deli as a child; it's a shame there is a dentist there now.</li> </ul>
6	Save out pond	The duck pond is a haven for those with young children and those that are elderly - please please save & maintain
7	The duckpond was a significant part of my childhood	<p>The West Lakes duck pond provided me with many childhood memories that still remain with me today. I now have the privilege of visiting the duck pond with my own children and their grandparents. Although the pond is fantastic as is, it could be improved through better ongoing maintenance to ensure it remains beautiful and is able to be enjoyed by all.</p> <p>Also, I note that there is really no other space that has the uniqueness of the duck pond anywhere in Adelaide. Another consideration by the council could be to setup a cafe as there was many years ago. We would often get coffee, icecream and could buy food for the ducks. Options 3 and 4 should not be given any consideration - they are simply not an option.</p>
8	Tranquility	The lake provides a place where people can stroll in tranquil surround without worrying about bikes or access. Over the years our family have used this as a restorative area to relax and recover from illness and injury without the hustle and bustle of other pedestrian and bike paths. The still quiet waters are a place of reflection. The beach doesn't offer as easy access for older or frail members of the community. In times where our lives are getting busier we need to retain and improved these places of tranquility that provide peaceful reflection.
9	Love, Love, Love the Duck Pond!!	We LOVE the Freshwater Lakes! They have been part of West Lakes from the inception of the suburb and are an integral part of the place. We walk here daily, enjoying the peace and tranquility and the gorgeous birdlife, freshwater turtles and water lilies. A beautiful and safe place to walk around, meeting and greeting others, keeping healthy, both mentally and physically. A green water space that surely must be considered essential to be retained and not diminished or destroyed. It is peaceful, it is beautiful, it is worthwhile, it is both a green and water space and it MUST be retained!
10	Freshwater Lake West Lakes	I love that the Freshwater Lakes is part of the history of West Lakes. I love taking family and friends (including interstate and overseas visitors) to the Freshwater Lakes and the feeling of community. I love that walking around the Freshwater Lakes is good exercise which helps the physical and mental health of our community.
11	Freshwater ponds	Please keep all three freshwater ponds open and functioning
12	Save the Duck Pond	I would love to see the lake continue to exist in its current setting. I understand the need to upgrade the maintenance regime to bring it up to date and support this also, ideally with as little change to the lake as possible.

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13	Freshwater Lake West Lakes	<p>We visit the freshwater lake about 10 times per year for picnics and with our grandchildren who love feeding the birds.</p> <p>We are ratepayers of Charles Sturt, and live within 5 minute walk of the reserve.</p> <p>WE DO NOT WANT THE LAKE CHANGED IN ANY WAY, EXCEPT TO UPGRADE THE MAINTENANCE.</p> <p>WE WILL BE CONTACTING OUR ELECTED MEMBERS TO ASCERTAIN THEIR VIEWS, AND LOOK FORWARD TO COUNCIL DROPPING THIS BACKWARD LOOKING PROPOSAL!</p>
14	Extra revenue from West Development rates should cover costs	<p>I cannot believe that the Council is recommending the removal of a beautiful part of West Lakes because it might be too expensive to maintain. Council has had a massive injection of funds with the hundreds of houses built in the West Development recently, so I would like to know what it is doing with all the extra revenue from these ratepayers. The Freshwater ponds are beautiful and an asset to West Lakes and its residents. Why not use some of this extra revenue to adopt modern technology to clean up and maintain these ponds for our community.</p>
15	Save freshwater lakes aka Delfin Island Ponds	<p>I am appalled to learn the council which I have grown up with and continue to live in feel the upkeep of the freshwater ponds has fallen in the "too hard" basket and wish to fill in or remove the ponds under the guise of creating more land space. It is a natural ecosystem that should be protected. Granted it was built years ago but you should use the technology we now have to maintain it so we can use it as a place to bird and animal watch, a space to undertake mindfulness without having to see a house or apartment a few mm away. Go for a walk to increase our own well being or that of our dogs given the west is the largest contingent of dog owners. This gives us a walking path to see nature rather than walking next to a road. It gives us a chance to sit and view the stages of life that exist when the lake is properly looked after. The council is essentially permitting accommodation run into ruin then blaming the accommodation that you have no choice but to knock it down. If the animals that rely on this area could talk English you would not even be considering this and would fix it immediately. We are their voice. For once look out for nature and climate change rather than your money purse. We have enough parks in the area, we have too many houses in the Rea, we need wide open space to see life and nature. There is a reason we have watch out for duck signs in west lakes. You alter their home and we lose what makes west lakes. It is in the name of this area. Not everyone has the capacity to walk long distances. You remove this path and don't upkeep the ponds you are removing a safe and enjoyable experience for young and old, let alone the negative changes to reduction of CO2, ecosystems lost and a place for us the residents to enjoy. Please do the right thing and restore, upkeep and maintain the lakes. Keep something the right way. There is a reason land plots were once over 700m2. Just because we reduce these to 200m2 doesn't mean we do the same to this magic place.</p>
16	A special open space for the community	<p>I love having the West Lakes duck pond as part of the open space in this area and always glance in when passing to see what's happening. My children visited the ducks regularly when they were younger and had their primary school graduation photos taken there.</p> <p>I think you should explore current options for circulation and filtration of the water within the lake to improve water quality.</p>
17	A place we have loved for generations	<p>We loved coming here as kids and now getting to share this beautiful place with our own children. We would be absolutely heartbroken to lose a place like this but understand that maintenance is sometimes required.</p>

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18	Important for Conservation	<p>I have lived in West Lakes for forty three years, not far from the freshwater lake and on average visit it about twice a week. I always carry my camera as there is a high concentration of a large number of species which are habituated to the presence of people and always present close range photo opportunities. From 2006 when I obtained my first digital camera, I have maintained a photographic record of the species which live on the lake, breed at the lake, feed at the lake or just drink at the lake. People are familiar with the ducks, pelicans and ibis, and over the years, I have photographed at the lake, Cormorants (2 species), grebes (2 species), spoonbills, masked plovers, herons (3 species), egrets, native ducks, reed warblers, martins, blue wrens, honeyeaters (3 species), wattle birds, coots, swampheens, rainbow lorikeets, green lorikeets, black swans, ravens, long necked tortoises, silver gulls, Pacific gulls and hawks (2 species). A surprising number of species, which I have underlined, have actually bred at the lake. What is more this list of species is by no means a comprehensive record of species which interact with the lake.</p> <p>What I particularly love about Freshwater Lake is that it is clearly important in the conservation of wildlife and at the same time is a community asset, both for recreation and as an educational tool. It is disappointing to learn the discharge of water from Freshwater Lake into the West Lakes saltwater lake is no longer allowed. This prevents the expulsion of excess salt, nitrates and phosphates from the lake and I believe is a key factor in the deterioration of the water quality. Over coming these problems will go a long way towards restoring the lake to its former glory.</p>
19	This is their home too!	<p>The Freshwater Lakes AKA the Duck Ponds are home to Pelicans and other bird life, as well as turtles and fish. Also how many places in Adelaide apart from the botanic gardens can you see waterlilies? The Duck Ponds NEED to be preserved for future generations!! To even think of filling them in is a crime!</p>
20	Fresh Water Lake should be re-engineered and kept.	<p>The fresh water lake needs to be upgraded and maintained. Surely 50 years later the ongoing maintenance problem can be engineered and designed to solved this. Yes this would entail a cost but a cost that provides many people 50 more years of enjoyment. The Fresh Water lake is and should always be part of West Lakes.</p>
21	Duck Pond	<p>We do not want the duck pond to disappear.... We had all our wedding photos there, and my son loved feeding the ducks. It's a lovely place to walk around. As a side note, the people who bought houses because they overlooked the duck pond - I'm guessing... won't be happy. That's probably why they bought their house there.</p>
22	My Children and My Grandchildren Love the Duck Lake	<p>The Duck Lake is a wonderful place in our area. I have taken both my children and grandchildren there. They love seeing ducks and other birds up close. The area provides a great walking path and a green space where children can play. The venue is also wonderful for weddings and family gatherings. It is also an escape from busy roads, and the ever increasing urban development. Our suburb was once a world renowned design, and now sadly it is becoming overcrowded and ugly.</p> <p>We have lost the green area that was Football Park. Please don't take away any more green spaces.</p>
23		<p>The duck pond has been there for a long time</p> <p>My children loved walking around the duck pond and seeing the fish and also the bird life. It is a good area for young children.</p> <p>The area had weddings, other functions and many social events.</p> <p>It is part of West Lakes and should remain.</p>

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24	Don't get rid of the Delfin Island duck pond!	I am about to move into the West development and the "duck pond" is one of the places I am very much looking forward to exploring. I drive past it every time I come to visit my new home construction and it looks beautiful! PLEASE don't fill it in, but find a way to keep it for everyone.
25	Lovely place! Keep it!	I love this duck pond! I have walked around it everyday since i was young. It holds a lot of memories and value. I appreciate the wildlife there and the peace I experience just being there. However, I believe that we need more sitting areas to facilitate the social aspects of the duck pond. Keep the pond please!
26	KEEP THE DUCK PONDS AND THEIR SURROUNDS AS THEY ARE	It is such happy haven for the water birds and turtles. Numerous children and the not so young get great pleasure interacting with the ducks particularly when hatching is happening. I visit the duck pond on most days to stroll around with a small dog. It is a lovely area. The big attraction is the duck ponds and the wild life. It would be a great shame for this much loved area to lose its magnet attraction which is the ponds with their wild life and the beautiful water lilies. It will be a great disappointment to many should the council decide to fill these ponds in due to maintenance costs. Come on Charles Sturt Council don't do it.
27	Little piece of paradise	We love visiting my mum and having a walk around the duck lake. This is something my kids, which are now both teenagers, have been doing since they were babies. They love to look at the giant lilies, find the turtles and race over the little wooden bridges. Every visit to Nanna's is not complete without a walk around the ducklake. It is amazing to have this little bit of paradise so close. I have even brought friends and their children and they are amazed by this lake, so peaceful yet only a stones throw to the Mall. We love to sit in Nanna's garden and watch people walking around the lake, say hello. It has such a lovely way of connecting the community. I think a visit this weekend is in order!!
28	Save the fresh water lake	The lake is a beautiful peaceful place for a picnic ,walk or to sit down and listen to the fountain and take some time out to relax. Kids love to go and feed the ducks . We need to keep and upgrade the lake and not take the easy option and remove it . There is no other park like this in the area.
29	Turtles!	We love walking around the ponds with our kids, counting the number of turtles poking their heads out!
30	Please keep it as it is!	This water feature which attracts beautiful birds and wildlife is something that should definitely stay. I love visiting this tranquil spot and it will take away the charm of the area, and not to mention the beautiful birds. Please maintain this pond it is much loved and the community will be happier with it then without it.
31	Save our pond and wildlife!	We love the family friendly feel the pond has. Update and upgrade the pond so more wildlife are attracted to this. Where else in the West can you go on a family picnic and feed the ducks or spot turtles in such a peaceful environment. Do not fill in the fresh water lake. West Lakes residents do not want the fresh water lake to go, they want it upgraded. Unlike what Charles Sturt did with the basketball courts and going against what residents voted for, please consider residents opinion on this matter and keep our pond.
32	Save Our Pond	Please Council don't be so mean and take our pond from us

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33	Keep to Duckpond!	<p>First the duck pond then next it will be the Oval that gets filled in when the Crows leave. No more green spaces just concrete and too many cars in narrow streets with small houses.</p> <p>My husband and I live in the West Lakes area and regularly walk around the duck pond. It is a beautiful quiet place for all to enjoy. From looking at the beautiful water lilies to turtle spotting, it is the perfect spot for 30 mins of respite. We took our children there and now I take our grandchildren there.</p> <p>With all the high density building going on at West on the old Oval Site we are losing all of our green space and outdoor areas.</p> <p>Keep the Duck Pond as it is!</p>
34	valuable community space	<p>I live in West Lakes and visit the duck pond weekly. I think it would be a shame for the duck pond to go. It provides a valuable "thinking" space away from the hustle and bustle of life particularly now that the boulevard has become high density living. I understand there is a cost associated with the clean up. If it is decided the maintenance costs are too high, then at least keep the area as a playground, park, tennis courts, etc. which would provide a mutual benefit to the community. Do not sell it to a property developer. We have enough ugly high rise development already.</p>
35	KEEP OUR DUCK POND!	<p>I have beautiful memories taking my children to the duck pond with my now late mum on a Sunday afternoon buying an ice cream at the then kiosk and enjoying the tranquility, showing the kids a mother duck with her ducklings.</p> <p>We have lived in West Lakes for 18 years and I now take my grandchildren for walks around the duck pond. We absolutely love coming here and visiting the ducks, Ibis, pelicans, turtles and the calmness it brings us during these now difficult times.</p> <p>Please listen to the residents of West Lakes as we would be so happy with option 2.</p>
36	West Lakes Fresh water lakes on Delfin Island	<p>I strongly object to any council proposal to destroy the freshwater lakes on Delfin Island.</p> <p>Nearly all residents of Delfin Island oppose the destruction of the freshwater lakes on Delfin Island. The council needs to tell residents what their reasoning is to fill in the fresh water lakes! If it is about money then the council is benefiting from a lot of new rate payers in the new "West" development so maintenance of the freshwater lakes should not be a problem with this additional revenue.</p> <p>I would like to see option 2 happen, whereby the council enhance and improve the Freshwater lakes.</p> <p>Also there has been minimal public engagement about this issue.</p> <p>When will the council have a public meeting and explain to residents about what they are doing? Most residents on Delfin Island are elderly and may not be regular users of the internet. It seems like the council have purposely buried things on their web site so these people will have no say in the matter! Do not fill in the duck ponds!</p>
37	New threat of council destruction of a community open space asset	<p>A council that really represents the local residents would not take an short sighted, biased and unpopular against the overwhelming majority of its local residents. We fully fund the council by payment of our rates and we expect that they are represent our the best interest in a responsible democratic manner.</p> <p>There has been too much reduction of community open space already in this precinct by the over development of the West area and resultant loss of many hectares of community open space. I charge the City of Charles Sturt to act with true local interest and plans to attend to any necessary repair works to retain a primary West Lakes asset for future residents. Any other development would be blessed to have such a quality amenity. A responsible forward thinking council will take proper actions to protect it . Why destroy a significant asset that is already there?</p>
38	Habitat revival	<p>Our children and now our Grandchildren have played at the lake and studied the ecosystem. It's a wonderful opportunity for children and adults to connect with nature and a wetland experience.</p>

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39	Living in West Lakes	<p>My partner &amp; I want to move to West Lakes in our forever home. If the ponds are removed we will look elsewhere, such a beautiful spot in Adelaide, we always wanted to live there, now our views are on hold. Please do not change a thing. It's a perfect place and let's be realistic here, there are not many pretty places left in Adelaide. Every little piece of land is filled in with housing, apartments, offices, a concrete jungle.</p> <p>It is a big deal what Charles Sturt Council are hiding from so many people. Surely the residents of West Lakes have the right to say NO to such an awful suggestion of removing the ponds or down sizing them.</p>
40	Unique family relaxation	<p>I grew up in the West, and visited these ponds monthly as a family excursion for exercise and relaxation. I still visit with my children. We have great memories of being chased by ducks, enjoying the water lilies in bloom and having deep conversations around the pond with my mother, who recently passed. We felt revived after a walk around the duck ponds, especially with the promise of an ice cream at the end (when the Gelateria existed - would love to have a cafe there again).</p> <p>I can see the need to upgrade the site, however I would like to see walking paths, water habitats and wild creatures remain there for families to continue to enjoy. These ponds have a unique character and we now travel from the Northern suburbs to enjoy their serenity and charm every couple of months. We would come more often if we could plan a longer day out with food available at the parklands.</p>
41	Freshwater / Duck Pond West Lakes	<p>I love the Duck Lake! I have lived at West Lakes for about 40 years. My parents had a house looking out on the Duck Lake. My children spent a lot of time there when they were little. When I married we also settled at West Lakes. We walk around Duckpond frequently &amp; one day hope to take grandchildren there too. We would be devastated if the Duckpond was removed as would most people in the western suburbs! Please keep it! Get rid of the Carp &amp; I'm sure this will help with the water condition.</p>
42	Keep the Lakes	<p>My husband and I moved to our home just 3 years ago from a 10 acre property at Lewiston. We are in our 80's and fell in love with the tranquility the Lakes offer. Coming from a suburb where there was not a lot of foot traffic or places to walk, we love taking a stroll around the ponds, seeing baby turtles, pelicans, ducks, etc. We also love chatting to the other people who come to enjoy the natural environment the ponds offer. Many grand parents and their grand children are here enjoying them.</p> <p>I am against losing the ponds but see that there may be a need to change their current layout, therefore. I am voting for options 2 or 3.</p>
43	Why I live at West Lakes	<p>The duck pond is a place where community gather and socialises. It's a meeting place and a wonderful place for quiet and reflection. It's wonderful to walk around and just soak in the atmosphere.</p> <p>I would be deeply disappointed if there were any changes that negatively impacted on the benefits this area brings to the whole of Adelaide.</p>
44	Long live the duck pond!	<p>I am for option 1 or 2. I have lived in West Lakes my whole life and I can't imagine life without the freshwater lake (duck pond/duck lake). I am extremely disappointed that the council has even proposed options to get rid of it. The lake is considered priceless to those who live here and visit it. Walks around the duck lake with family and friends is a part of everyday life. It has also kept me sane during COVID times and working from home! We cant afford as a community to lose such beautiful, open spaces like these – not to mention the effect on the wildlife and flora. The area has not been maintained regularly and now is the opportunity to remedy that!</p>
45	Freshwater Lake	<p>"Max Liberman the visionary initiator and founder of West Lakes had the foresight to develop a mosquito ridden swamp into a world class suburban housing development". In 1992 West Lakes won the inaugural FIABCI international Real Estate Federation's Prix D'Excellence in Switzerland as the World's best housing development. His master plan included a brilliant aesthetically beautiful and pleasing to the eye masterpiece enjoyed by all that see it. This includes the Freshwater Lake under review enjoyed by all that drive along West Lakes Boulevard enjoying a very unique island experience in Adelaide enhanced by the surrounding Saltwater lake system putting Adelaide on the map. We often enjoy walking the ponds as do our family. I notice costings have not been estimated on options 3 and 4. Huge land fill would be required and change the whole original concept. My concern also is if the ponds are filled and landscaped that this land could be subdivided developed and homes or units erected would completely destroy this brilliant area.</p> <p>So easy to destroy but can never be replaced. Ground water would have to be diverted to the main lake system.</p>



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46	Freshwater Lake	<p>The Freshwater Lake is a wonderful attribute for the community. Many people enjoy the relaxed ambience of water, plants and animals. Importantly families and elderly can enjoy a safe walk by a lake without joggers and bikes etc.</p> <p>Council has just about filled in Football Park/AAMI Stadium with housing, is that not enough. With all the extra rates I would think there would not be a problem to keep such an important part of the community.</p> <p>Even though man-made, this is all that is left for freshwater native species on the original Kauna land Wetlands.</p> <p>Many people will be devastated if the lake is filled in and many animals will die.</p> <p>Thankyou</p>
47	Upgrade or leave as is	<p>The duck pond is iconic to west lakes. It has been a part of our lives for many years, as our children played and walked its paths, ran around on the grass, and enjoyed the open space. It is one of the first things that comes to mind when I think of Delphin Island, and needs to be protected at all costs</p>
48	Duck 🦆 Pond	<p>After many years enjoying the duck 🦆 pond we are strongly opposed to the Council filling it in to make more green space, don't have any issue with our council rates being used to keep this treasure, would have no problem voting current councillors out of office if this ridiculous idea goes ahead.</p> <p>Concerned Rate Payer</p>
49	Save duck pond	<p>Thai beautiful nature reserve adds value financially and spiritually to the area. It must be reserved and saved for the beauty of the area. A sanctuary for those who seek peace and nature and who do not want to go to the beach or shops. Save this area</p>
50	Maintain the Duck Pond	<p>Please maintain the Freshwater Lake (and ensure it is maintained with regular pruning and cleaning). As a resident of West Lakes for the past 45 years, the Freshwater Lake (Duck Pond) is a centrepiece of our suburb, providing our family (3 generations) and friends an area of tranquility and joy. I have fond memories of visiting the lake as a child and now enjoy taking my own children to this peaceful environment. The lake, wildlife, grassed areas and gazebos provide a lovely location for families and residents to spend time socialising and enjoying the outdoors.</p> <p>Residents who live along the boundary of this area must also have their voices heard, purchasing property with water views and an environment they have chosen to live, in its current form.</p> <p>Open spaces such as this must be maintained for future generations to enjoy, ensure the value of properties in the local area are maintained and ensure local residents (many who are elderly) can access outdoor natural environments within their local community (walking distance) to maintain good mental and physical wellbeing.</p>
51	Once it's gone, it's gone forever	<p>I encourage the council to look beyond the financial bottom line when considering their preferred way forward. This lake plays an important part in the landscape of the local community. References to cost of maintenance should be balanced with the lack of investment in maintenance over recent years.</p>
52	Leave the Duck Pond at West Lakes	<p>I have lived in West Lakes for over 35 years. My kids grew up visiting the Duck Pond with many happy memories and now my grandchildren love to visit there. My parents also lived in West Lakes for over 20 years. We have a memorial bench in their honour overlooking the Duck Pond which all of our family visit regularly to celebrate their wonderful life and what great role models and citizens they were. Please don't touch this beautiful space - the wildlife love it just like we do.</p>
53	Freshwater Lake to remain a lake in its current form	<p>The 'duck pond' at West Lakes is a place of peace and tranquillity and was designed as a centrepiece of West Lakes. To consider part or complete removal of the freshwater lake would be a tragedy for the community and the history of West Lakes. Everything should be done to preserve the lake in its current form not only for the wildlife that it is home to, but also for future generations of local families to enjoy.</p>



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54	SAVE OUR BEAUTIFUL LAKES	<p>Option 1 or 2 for me.</p> <p>The "Duck Pond" belongs to the people who utilize the tranquility of the area. All the council looks at is the \$\$\$ cost of cleaning the sludge that has built up and maintaining the area.</p> <p>The last time it was emptied and cleaned was almost 15 years ago. No wonder the pond is not as healthy as it should be. If it was done more often, we wouldn't have the problem today!!!!</p> <p>As for Option 3 &amp; 4 - NO WAY!!</p>
55		<p>I'm for option 1 or 2. No way should the council think of doing anything else.</p> <p>In 1992, West Lakes won the inaugural FIABCI international Real Estate Federation's Prix D'Excellence in Switzerland as the world's best housing development.</p> <p>The Botanic Lake (Duck Pond) is part of that history, part of the jewel in the crown for the Charles Sturt council. Accolades in abundance for the thoughtfulness of those entrusted with building such a unique, beautiful oasis.</p> <p>Now there is talk of removing and desecrating one of its jewels.</p> <p>Like me, I bought my children here to enjoy the wildlife and the tranquility. Today I bring my grand children to experience the same.</p> <p>Hopefully the voice of the people who find sanctuary, solace &amp; wellbeing in its beautiful surroundings is heard loud and clear.</p> <p>Clean up the Duck Pond, seal the pond floor to reduce seepage and leave nature alone.</p>
56	Save the Freshwater Lake	These Friends of the Duck Pond have their say. Save the pond in its entirety, manage it properly and remove options 3 & 4 from the Review.
68	Duck lake	<p>Provides a quiet easy to access sanctuary for wildlife and the community</p> <p>It needs to be maintained given the decrease in house block sizes and high density living</p>

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69	Funding Works through Value Capture	<p>If Council needs options for funding works like this (or as many suspect the revenue from the eventual sale of the land for housing if the water feature goes), it could consider the same models that other councils have established, for ensuring a much greater percentage of windfall gains are captured back for investment in public goods and services: <a href="https://theconversation.com/our-states-are-crying-poor-they-wouldnt-if-they-charged-for-rezoning-142838">https://theconversation.com/our-states-are-crying-poor-they-wouldnt-if-they-charged-for-rezoning-142838</a></p> <p>The ACT has been doing it since 1971, charging 75% of the market price for new property rights granted through rezoning.</p> <p>Late in 2018, the City of Parramatta, NSW, enacted a requirement that developers pay a contribution of 50% of land value uplift:</p> <p>"For proposed development and planning proposals outside of the CBD, Council's primary position is that satisfactory arrangements for the provision of community infrastructure will be taken to have been made when the value of the planning agreement contributions is equivalent to 50% of the land value uplift."</p> <p><a href="http://www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/sites/council/files/2020-03/Voluntary%20Planning%20Agreements%20policy.pdf">www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/sites/council/files/2020-03/Voluntary%20Planning%20Agreements%20policy.pdf</a></p> <p>And just west of Melbourne, a local council and a football team have leveraged value capture to build a new multi million dollar stadium without Federal or State funding:</p> <p>'Western United and a local council are building a \$150 million football stadium essentially out of thin air, thanks to a concept called value capture.'</p> <p><a href="http://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-11-27/value-capture-helps-a-league-team-western-united-build-a-stadium/12902252">www.abc.net.au/news/2020-11-27/value-capture-helps-a-league-team-western-united-build-a-stadium/12902252</a></p> <p>In May 2021, the Victorian Treasurer implemented a 50% tax on developer and land speculators who reap windfall gains, if the gain is over \$500,000 or more: <a href="http://www.theage.com.au/national/victoria/treasurer-to-whack-landlords-high-end-property-buyers-with-2-7b-tax-hike-20210514-p57s4j.html">www.theage.com.au/national/victoria/treasurer-to-whack-landlords-high-end-property-buyers-with-2-7b-tax-hike-20210514-p57s4j.html</a></p> <p>Such examples prove that there are models which can capture public value, currently privatised at an astronomical rate, for public benefit.</p>

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70	Water = Integral to West Lakes	<p>Lifelong resident of the area, client of Island Dental, fan of the Freshwater Lake, urban planner: please, retain the water. Once open space is gone, its gone. Once water features or amenities are gone (like the Ethelton Pool and outdoor pool at the Parks in an adjacent council), they NEVER get replaced because they are costly, and because of development pressures. I agree the water areas need some refurbishment and redesign (in addition to cleaning). There are surely ways to better manage the design and filtration of such features which have emerged in the last decades, perhaps even some which save money on ongoing costs. What can be adapted from the work done in the City of Salisbury (<a href="https://www.salisbury.sa.gov.au/services/environment-and-sustainability/wetlands-and-water/wetlands">https://www.salisbury.sa.gov.au/services/environment-and-sustainability/wetlands-and-water/wetlands</a>)? Could the lake be part of 'Waterproofing the West'?</p> <p>Much as I love the view from the dentist's chair a couple of hours a year, I do wonder if there is a better public use (unsure whether that business owns or rents the land). One of the best things about the area is the tranquility - so although the idea of a cafe sounds appealing, consider what that might do to the amenity with an influx of people and increase in car traffic. For those who are unsteady on legs and trying to manage gradients, there could be better disability access, even if it was just one completely flat, level entrance - perhaps from the car park.</p> <p>We have many wonderful parks and reserves, but we don't have many places like this left in the 'burbs - and it is places like this that make an area valuable.</p> <p>Wondering if it could be given a less bland/generic name too - what are some Kaurana words for 'water'?</p>
71		<p>I have lived on the Duck Pond for over 20 years, the thought of there being no Freshwater Lake is absolutely not on in my opinion. The pond is used daily by hundreds of people whether they live at West Lakes or not. Families old and young have enjoyed this area for years and the council should never have let it get to this stage.</p> <p>Costs may be high but rates continually rise and with the new development at the old Football Park there are plenty more rate payers coming on board. This is a community asset just like ovals, parks and library. It also needs the Ibis gone and the ducks back.</p>
72	Preserve our water lily ponds	<p>Where else in Charles Sturt Council area can you find a water lily pond? I spend hours outside watching people especially children admire and enjoy the beautiful water lilies, it is such a special place. The area is different to any other in South Australia and should be preserves for all to enjoy.</p>
73	Upgrade Delfin Island Lake	<p>I think option 3 is probably the way to go, hopefully without downsizing the Lake too much, upgraded to modern standards, with better filtration and circulation for everyone to benefit from. The lake means a lot to many people, it is very peaceful and a great place for all ages to enjoy. With new housing estates popping up ie. Port Adelaide, Fort Largs, and the ever increasing sub-division, we need tranquil attractions the public have access to.</p>
74	SPEAK UP FOR THE NATIVE DUCKS, TURTLES, BIRDS, FISH & ELDERLY	<p>Your Say - Remove options 3 and 4 from the review.</p>
75	SAVE OUR PONDS - remove options 3 and 4 from the review	<p>The community is devastated that in this review, half of the options are partial or complete removal of the Freshwater Lake. All concerned people in the community can spread the word and join other concerned members of the community on Facebook I vote that option 2 and 3 be removed from the review!</p>

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76	Delfin Island freshwater lake	<p>We all appreciate that \$\$\$ are tight, especially with covid impacts, but property values have increased dramatically, plus urban infill, will result in increased rate revenues soon.</p> <p>There is an established freshwater ecosystem now, which it would be sad to lose. If deepening, perhaps reducing surface area, and altering the sub-strate would make the water quality easier to maintain, I would be in favour of that. I totally oppose removal of the water. The quoted maintenance costs are actually quite modest, considering the benefits of this little oasis. Expenditure to improve the lake, and water aeration would be justifiable. If the lake footprint was reduced at all, then planting more shade trees would be very high on my priority list.</p>
77	The freshwater lakes	<p>I moved to West Lakes 20 years ago and bought my home on the ponds 15 years ago. At that time the ponds had been emptied and new sides, foot paths and planting took place. It is a beautiful place to live and for recreation. Before the Ibis showed up, there was a wonderful array of wildlife and now that the numbers are greatly reduce there are more species returning.</p> <p>Aerators were installed into the three areas of the ponds about 4 years ago with little effect on the quality of the water. That is when you see them working. Water needs to keep moving or flushing to maintain clarity. Fountains in each area would help. I would also suggest that the centres be dredged and made deeper to increase the volume of water and thus staying cooler which helps with water quality.</p> <p>I would be more than sad if council were to remove them. I would also think that homes surrounding the ponds would be devalued. Some years ago, there was just one lady looking after gardens and was doing a marvellous job, with help occasionally from males when there was heavy work to be done. Now there seems to be a group of young men who spend more time with mobile phones stuck to their ears. The surrounding gardens do not appear to be as lush as they were several years ago.</p> <p>Improve the Lakes quality and bring back the public. A pop up Cafe, a fee to hold weddinds could bring in revenue to help with maintenance costs.</p>
78	Keep the lake and wild life.	<p>I want the duck pond to remain with a few improvements, we must not loose the beautiful greenery and the wonderful wild life there. Walking and sitting there is beautiful and serene. So what if it costs a bit of money, this place is a real treasure, compared to all the lego buildings going up.</p>
79	SAVE the Freshwater Lakes	<p>To even think of filling in the Freshwater Lakes or reducing the size is criminal! The area is unique and enjoyed by locals and visitors. We have lost Football Park and open space to high density living. The council is receiving much more revenue in council rates from the West development, many of those residents who now frequent the Freshwater Lakes. That extra revenue can be spent to maintain and improve the water quality and surrounds.</p> <p>I have lived in West Lakes for over 40 years, with the last 3 years overlooking the "Duck Pond". I purchased for the lifestyle and tranquility. My property value will drop along my quality of life. I love living here for the views and diverse wildlife - ducks, water fowl, herons, pelicans, turtles etc, water lilies and and tranquility. I enjoy watching families with young children walking past. It's a great spot for kids to get outdoors and learn about nature. People walking their dogs, residents of the retirement village stopping for a chat, and people taking time out to sit and watch the world go by and the antics of the ducks.</p> <p>What will happen to the birds and turtles if the ponds are filled in? It will upset the ecosystem. The council needs to keep the Freshwater Lakes and maintain them and preserve them for future generations.</p>
80	Duck Lake	<p>It would be an absolute tragedy to lose the lake and the animals and birds that live in and around it. So much land has been cleared in West Lakes for housing, this is a sanctuary for humans/animals and birds alike. If it is too hard to maintain, find new ways - that's why we pay our rates.</p>
81	Multipurpose space	<p>I agree in reducing the lake size and making it more efficient. As long as their is enough lake space for quiet meandering, watching the ducks.</p> <p>Make the then enlarged land area into a nice garden, and nature play space. This would bring more people to the park and could be used in a variety of ways. A nature playground would compliment the wildlife area and would be different to other play areas in the surrounding suburbs. Possibly even put in a small cafe.</p>

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82	Keep the water in the ponds for safety of wildlife and people	It is extremely rare to have an established fresh water area such as this three ponds where there is so much fauna and flora present especially in an urban area. The potential infill of the ponds and turning them into land mass would compromise this severely. Currently people walk there and changing the footprint would attract undesirable loitering. Many elderly residents use this particular space for their daily walks in this serene environment without any fears of being harassed or threatened by anybody. Their safety is paramount and would be compromised if the walkway would no longer be the feature.
83	Maintain the Duck Pond	<p>We have been residents on Delphin Island for 12 years and we walk around the full length of the duck pond between 7-10 times each and every week. It is where we walk our dog and take the grandchildren to see the ducks and other wildlife. A wide variety of the community utilise the lake at all times and in different seasons.</p> <p>It is disappointing that the Council has not had an adequate asset management plan in place for the waterways and it is now looking at it's possible removal.</p> <p>I, like all of the residents that I have spoken to, would like to see the duck pond be refurbished and maintained to allow it to remain in place as it currently exists.</p>
84	Saving our duck pond 🦆.	<p>Hello it has been brought to my attention that our council wants to fill-in our beautiful duckpond. What are you thinking or not thinking this area is so beautiful and so precious not just to us the residents of Westlakes and neighbouring suburbs but also to our community. More Importantly it's important to wildlife that live there it's their home they breed there they have their families there it's their home and it's there safe haven. You never see ducks crossing roads in Westlakes to go to find water because they have their home and everything else they need from nature. You can't give them this special area and then take it away from them where will they go. We're so lucky to have this botanic Park and duckpond in our backyard. Why are there always people that want to destroy the beauty of nature. This park is so beautiful it's absolutely breathtaking to see the wildlife that lives there I'm absolutely devastated to think that this will be taken away and we just have grass more grass and no water. It brings me to tears to think that someone would even contemplate removing this peaceful tranquil area. The reason why I brought my home is because of the duckpond my backyard looks onto the duckpond. The beauty of the pond the palm trees the ducks and wildlife flying around and swimming underneath the fountain on a hot day it's just beautiful so relaxing after a long day. At night you can hear the ducks quacking and the frogs croaking and other bird sounds and It's just so peaceful and funny. It just brings a smile to my face seeing the beauty that's in front of me. This botanic park is so utilised by families every day there's always people walking around the lake and enjoying the sites and the wildlife it is truly A very special area for our community. It's us ratepayers that keep and maintained this duck pond and Botanic Park. I'll be signing any petition .I know we are very lucky to live in this very special Area. This decision has to be reconsidered. Thank you.</p>

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85	SAVE OUR Bird Sanctuary Freshwater Lake	<p>The loss of something as special and treasured as the freshwater lake would be a tragedy beyond words.</p> <p>This stunning freshwater lake is a favourite amongst the West Lakes community, providing a peaceful oasis in the streetscape. Within walking distance from Westfield Shopping Centre and many of the established areas of the community, it is a great meeting point and place to visit regularly amongst locals. The landscaped parklands and charming wetlands make it a popular destination for wedding ceremonies and family gatherings. The freshwater lake provides the community with a safe and beautiful walking trail which is easy for families, children and the elderly to enjoy.</p> <p>This wetland area, which provides a habitat and refuge to animals and plant species, has great walkability with well-kept paved paths, disabled access and footbridges - promoting a healthy lifestyle and encouraging the community to engage in healthy practices.</p> <p>This freshwater lake is held in the hearts of the West Lakes community both in the past and in the present. The elderly can stroll and enjoy the wildlife. The children can run, play and learn about the nature, birds and turtles. Families can spend time together enjoying a bbq or a nice walk. And couples can fall in love and marry in one of gazebos, making new memories which they will treasure forever.</p> <p>This freshwater lake is not just a location. It's a well loved and treasured part of the community. It's frequented by the residents of West Lakes and visitors to the suburb. It's home to wildlife and plant life. It offers a peaceful sanctuary for those who come to enjoy it. It is a place where one can find solitude, or friendship, or love.</p> <p>Spotting a turtle. Counting the ducklings. Bird watching. Photographing sunsets. Enjoying the cool breeze over the water. Stretching your legs, rolling down the hill... there is something for everyone to do and enjoy.</p> <p>To take this from the community would be nothing short of devastating.</p>
86	Shade	Put in more seats and especially shade both on the lake, and beach front. Plenty of exercise equipment, but no shade. ( cancer..council not helping it !
87		Why can't more shades be put up , instead of exercise areas?. Advertising is done re skin cancer! ( along with a lot of people not being able to be in the sun) .Why doesn't the council do something !
88	FRESH WATER LAKE/SANCTUARY	<p>I built my home fronting on this sanctuary almost 40 years ago. It offers views of all types of birdlife, turtles, ducks and the never ending peace and tranquility looking over the lake. There is always interesting things happening all day and night eg. watching the ducks and their ducklings scatter about over the lake when walking around the lake. Above all, the water views increase real estate values adjacent or near. It's a much sought after area for families from all over Adelaide who walk around this rare sanctuary-its unique. There is adequate lawns overlooking the lake for picnics and family reunions. One can stare at the lake-commune with nature all day long. It does not smell.</p> <p>RETAINING THE LAKE IS PARAMOUNT for one's health and well being.</p>
89	Save the Lake don't destroy a valuable public asset	My wife and I walk the lake every day with our little dog. We meet with many of our neighbours living on the pond perimeter. It is the highlight of our retirement day. It is a place of tranquility and peace. We can walk and talk as there is no traffic noise. We have lived in West Lakes for more than 20 years and one of the primary attractions that brought us here was the duck pond. We have taken our interstate friends there when they visit. All are envious of this beautiful asset. Maintaining it, to us is the only option. Keeping the size and shape is paramount to us. please don't fix what's not broken. I'm sure the water quality can be improved and the gardeners do a wonderful job. Please keep and improve this wonderful peaceful public asset. I'm absolutely sure the bulk of the residents affected will fully agree.

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90	Island fresh water lake.	We have had many wonderful occasions with our grandchildren. Do not change anything just keep it up.
91	Please save the duck pond	Please save the duck pond. It is such a lovely area which adds so much value to the local area and community. It is wonderful to see families walking around the lake/pond on weekends and weeknights. Young and old appreciate the area so much. It needs to be better maintained as the water can be quite brown at times and smelly. The enjoyment seen by all that use it should not be dismissed. I used to take my children around the ponds when they were kids and now I take my grandkids around it. They absolutely love seeing the ducks and turtles.
92	Please save the Freshwater Lake	The Freshwater Lake is a beautiful, calm and wonderfully diverse place absolutely full of life. A place where freshwater turtles, pelicans, ducks, herons and water lilies (with bees) thrive side by side. It is an education in nature for young ones and we believe the ponds provide a unique environment in the area and it is a place where people greet each other with a smile. I vote for option 1 or 2 to cherish this lake for future generations to enjoy.
93	Only park land and safety for birds in the area	Need this lake in area for birds ducks,pelicans,swans and wild life.No other areas like it! Need more space as westlakes is becoming a ghetto of boxed units. Very narrow streets.No parks,lakes or open areas. Many trees have been removed and now gone and replaced with foreign trees.
94	Freshwater Lakes	This is 'The Jewel in the Crown' of West Lakes. It is a delightful, scenic, peaceful spot that people can walk around, enjoy a picnic or a barbecue in, or just sit quietly and enjoy the sound of silence that is only interrupted by the sounds of the bird life and small children excited about being close to birds, fish and tortoises in nature. I have been enjoying this place for 38 years and I am mortified to think that Council would even consider changing its current format. I too, used to enjoy a coffee and meet up with friends at the coffee shop. It is rare that I walk around the lake without meeting other residents and visitors doing the same. I believe that there is currently technology available that would solve the water quality issue so there is no need to fill it in. It would be great to once again see ducklings survive and swans move back to these lakes. Many senior residents have bought homes in the surrounding area because of these lakes. They don't ask Council for anything other than for Council to preserve these areas of beauty for them to enjoy.
95	Freshwater Lake	After going to the resident's meeting at the Freshwater Lake on 29.01.2022, it was evident that all of the people attending were in favor of retaining the freshwater lake. It is a lovely, peaceful place to walk around and greet other people having their walk. Over the last few years, the gardeners have beautified the gardens, and it would be such a shame to lose this treasure. Surely there must be a way to keep the lake. It was also noted that over the many years the Lake has been in place, people from other areas visit the lake for walks with their grandchildren, children and even grandparents, and this is still the case. These people would not be aware of Charles Sturt Council's quandary over what to do. A suggestion made was to erect signs around the walking path to let them know of this. If more people were made aware of the possibility of losing the lake, additional ideas and alternatives would be forthcoming.
96	Botanic lake - Delfin Island	I am aware that the council are considering the destruction of the Delfin botanic lake to save money. This notion is a retrograde step against the award winning West Lakes suburb and a removal of a popular community recreation facility which is already in situ for no apparent reason except dollar pinching. In deference to the heavy handed quick fix , I ask the council to consider improving the amenity so that the ongoing maintenance is reduced and the amenity can remain. I understand that there is an option to adapt the ponds to be filled with salt water and the ponds retained. This would make sense.
97	Needs a refresh	<p>This reserve has much more potential than leaving it in its current state. While it is well maintained, it attracts only small numbers of local residents at any time.</p> <p>The pond is too large and often stagnant in parts. Perhaps retaining some water close to West Lakes Boulevard would work, while turning other parts into walking/cycling trails, gardens and seating with appropriate shade.</p> <p>The park has an important role in providing safe access (away from the busy boulevard) for pedestrians, cyclists and the many users of mobility devices.</p> <p>The council has done a commendable job of improving other open areas around West Lakes, such as the reserve at the lake's southern inlet, and playground and picnic areas such as adjacent to the rowing club. Freshwater Lake reserve deserves a similar refresh.</p>



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98	Keep the duck ponds / freshwater lake.	I would like the lake to stay as is, so that the community has a meeting place to walk and chat. The ambience of the lake and duck pond brings a peaceful and quiet space to the West Lakes area. I bought my home there because of the lake views as I know other residents have also. Surely an upgrade and filtering management is possible without destruction of our lake. The freshwater lake actually brings the community together, and also, children come to visit to see the wildlife there. I love this beautiful spot which enhances my own well being.
99	freshwater lake ( the duck ponds )	the duck ponds is the icon or centre of West Lakes, and the main attraction for me to move to West Lakes. I would like to keep it in a low cost. Can we keep the cost down if the ponds is like a swimming pool with water filtering system?
100	Freshwater Lake	The lake is good, don't get rid of it, its lovely. Gran and Grandad always take me there, we have picnics and play in the rotunda. Please keep it.
101	Freshwater Lake	I am 10 years old and having been taken to the lake by my grandparents all of my life. I would be sad if it was removed. I love the lake and looking at the plants and turtles.
102	Keep the freshwater lake	As a long term resident of West Lakes I believe we need to protect the freshwater lake ("the duck pond" ) for future generations to enjoy. There is no issue with smell from my perspective and I think it should be preserved as much as possible as is. It has been a place parents could push prams around or take children to see the ducks and enjoy the tranquillity. The carpark should have been retained for public use. I liked it when there used to be a simple cafe there years ago to grab a drink and the paper and enjoy the reserve- so that would be the only consideration I would suggest.
103	Keep our freshwater lake at West Lakes	This is a beautiful part of West Lakes it should stay and be preserved, to take this away, would be a huge loss to the wildlife and to the public that enjoy the lovely walks with nature., more needs to be done to upgrade more waterways around West Lakes, stop taking everything that is natural and beautiful away from our suburbs we need more greenery and nature for West Lakes and surrounding suburbs.
104	Unique	My partner and I are relatively new West Lakes residents and were delighted when we stumbled across the freshwater lake area one day. We now regularly walk the entire circuit and feel that it is such a unique and special part of the West Lakes suburb. The array of different bird species is wonderful and to have such a wild space within the neighborhood is such a joy. I am in favour of any of the options that retain both the existing land space and water areas but serve to improve things so as to keep the ongoing maintenance costs down, as much as possible.
105	Option 1 or 2	I love going for walks around the fresh water lakes, being immersed in the waterways, greenery and seeing the birds, turtles and fish. To access the fresh water lakes from my home, there are no steps and there is space to socially distance while walking, unlike around the salt water lakes. These are important access and safety considerations. The fresh water lake is stunning in its current design and attracts people to live in the area. Upgrading to enhance water quality would be beneficial but no reduction in the size of the lakes themselves.
106	Ducks and Duck Pond	I love the ducks and duck pond, it provides a tranquility beyond just the usual green space for recreation. During covid access to the wildlife, has kept many people's mental health in check. It's amazing what connecting to a living breathing creature can do to soothe anxiety. I'm all for improving the quality of the lake, but do not remove it or it's inhabitants....well maybe the Ibis can go :)
107	Freshwater Lake	Having lived on the Island since it's development I remember when the water was clean & wildlife prolific & best of all sitting at a Cafe come Mediterranean Shop admiring the peace & beauty but that was sold to a dentist & that convenience became a building. No more coffees or ice creams. Gradually the lakes have deteriorated & wildlife decreased. Surely as years advance so should knowledge of water maintenance. We have so many turtles hard to see because of muddy water. We in fact did a tour in Qld to see turtles & we have the same here just poor water management Japanese gardens have ponds of very clear water loaded with Koi fish .How? Perhaps net the Carp fish out of the ponds. This area is so beautiful & peaceful spoilt by filthy smelly water. Please retain these lakes just get water right.

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108	Freshwater Lake	I would like to see Freshwater Lake layout retained as is but improvements need to be made to clean the water and reduce the maintenance costs, dead plants need to be removed from the water edge and a general makeover carried out to the untidy areas.
109	Fix the land grabbing to pay for the Freshwater Lake.	The lake should be kept as is. There have been reserves doted about the place since the 70s and council have slowly sold them off. It's all well and good to say converting all or part of the lake to a reserve won't be sold, but past practice makes that statement worthless. As for costs, the council reaps in a lot of rates from waterfront properties on Delfin Island and provides little in return. There are already over 100 such properties currently encroaching on public reserves and for the last 20 years council have done nothing to correct the practice of homeowners extending their gardens onto public property. I think you have a lot to fix before getting involved in the lake which for 50 years has worked well. Past era is no excuse to attempt redevelopment, nothing has changed. It works today as it when first filled.
110	Option 2	My dad used to take me to the lake as a kid, now, 30+ years later, I take my own kids there. I would hate to lose any part of the lakes but agree water quality needs improving
111	Unique and bio diverse wetlands	Hi, I walk around this area with my wife and children almost daily. It would be such a shame to see it gone. It's a great attraction for the area for both people and native wildlife. I would like to see the concrete banks and bottom removed to help the lake be more natural and self-sufficient. If we can look at more regular flow and better aeration, the water quality would improve. This site CANNOT be turned over to housing developers. Thanks for your consideration.
112	West Lakes Freshwater Submission	Would love to see families enjoy a children's playground with barbecue facilities instead of the lake closest to W/Lakes Boulevard. This will require additional parking and shades over the playground area. Happy to retain the back lakes so existing residents are not impacted by additional foot traffic.
113	Lake reduction	I think a lake reduction is a good idea, maintaining the large southern pond and converting the balance to parkland and lawns, thus making it easier to maintain.
114	Freshwater Lake is better known by locals as the Delfin Island Duck Ponds	Officially opened by the Premier of SA, Don Dunstan on 17th March 1978. The botanic lake and surrounding reserve is 3 hectares. The jewel in the Crown in the West Lakes Development. The place to work - rest - and play.
115	None of these options sound perfect!	Interesting that the cost for each project isn't listed, only the one that is least desirable to the council, which is keeping the lake as it is. I think a smaller well maintained lake with wetlands encouraging native animals - bees, birds, butterflies would be wonderful, especially if it had a wheelchair accessible path. Another alternative would be a wonderful community garden with plots available to lease. The problem with filling it in, we all know where that will lead - to sale of the land! no thanks, can we please keep some space between houses in the West.
116	Freshwater Lake	This is such a beautiful area to walk around and enjoy the water, ducks and birds. I appreciate the level of maintenance required and often compliment to staff working there on how beautifully it is maintained. It would be a shame to reduce the size of the lake and so please keep it as is and look at more cost effective ways of maintenance. Thank you for this beautiful area.