

# ENGAGEMENT PLAN

## NORTH PARKLANDS, NARACOORTE

NARACOORTE LUCINDALE COUNCIL



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*Better by Nature*



## Background Information

Naracoorte Lucindale Council resolved in March 2022 to prepare an engagement plan for the North Parklands, Naracoorte.

Over time there has been general discussion within Council about the future of this area; largely driven by any effect of harvesting pine plantations would have on the appearance of the northern entrance to Naracoorte, future land use options and opportunities in the general North Parklands area.

An unsolicited proposal from a private developer was presented to Council initially, and consequently presented to the Department for Environment and Water (DEW), seeking DEW's thoughts on a possible redevelopment of the North Parkland's complex of land parcels. DEW has had initial and very general conversations with the developer however further meetings will most likely occur to then provide a more detailed overview of the proposal.

To date, Council has

- Received an unsolicited land development proposal;
- Received correspondence from the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) regarding future use of the North Parklands area seeking Council's intentions;
- Council administration have met DEW and Crown Lands representatives to better understand what the process of and sale of land would entail;
- Made contact with the Chair of the South-East Black Cockatoo Recovery Team and sought information on the potential impact of development in North Parklands, including Crown Land zoned forestry on the South-East Black Cockatoos.

Council's position on the future land use of the North Parklands is neutral, and to that extent, Council is now seeking the views of the community on their expectations and preferences. Council fully understands and acknowledges that there will most likely be divergent views on the future land uses of the North Parklands.

## Consultation Objectives

The main objective of this engagement is to gain early input from the community and their expectations for the North Parklands, providing Council with a better understanding of the community's wishes.

The process also provides an opportunity to:

- Raise awareness of assets in the North Parklands area
- Clarification of the various parcels of land, use and area
- Provide an opportunity for issues and ideas to be raised
- Gain important local information about what is valued about the area and if there is an appetite for development
- Support transparency on Council decisions and activities

Council considers that any discussion regarding the North Parklands to be of significant interest to the community and feedback from the community is seen as important. This will help shape any future discussions and decision making of Council, or support any further information required by State or Federal Government agencies.

In line with Council's *Communication and Engagement Strategy 2021-2026* the intent of this engagement is to **consult** with the community.

Consult	
Goal	Council will obtain feedback on the community's wishes
Promise	Council will listen to your concerns and aspirations and provide the community feedback and information obtained from this process
Techniques	Drop-in sessions, stakeholder information sessions, online platforms, social media, media releases, hard-copy forms, signage, Council reports and direct email.

## Subject Area

Located north of the Naracoorte Township, the Naracoorte North Parklands is a large land area of close to 197 hectares, containing multiple parcels of land with a variety of land uses. **All of this land is owned by the State Government, and is under the care and control of Naracoorte Lucindale Council.**

Most people would associate the North Parklands as being the Naracoorte Nature Park. However, the Nature Park is located within the North Parklands area and is a large area of beautiful grassy pine plantations, stringybark and other native trees. The Nature Park is home to a large number of native bird and animal species. The Nature Park is included in the Naracoorte Creek Walk loop and is used by schools for cross country events and other outdoor activities and the Naracoorte Lake parkrun meets there weekly.

The North Parklands contains other dedicated land use areas including the Naracoorte Swimming Lake, Naracoorte Cemetery, Naracoorte Golf Course, forestry land and Naracoorte & District Sports Centre.

A summary of the various land uses and spaces within the North Parklands:

Asset	Dedicated Land Use	Area
Naracoorte Cemetery	Cemeteries	5.5 hectares (0.055 sq km)
Forestry Land	Forestry	68.38 hectares (0.6838 sq km)
Naracoorte Golf Course	Land Lease	64.91 hectares (0.6491 sq km)
Naracoorte Nature Park Naracoorte Swimming Lake Naracoorte Sports Centre	Land Lease	57.66 hectares (0.5766 sq km)

(Refer to attached map)

## Stakeholder and Community Mapping

Stakeholder	Level of Interest	Nature of Interest	Stakeholder Expectations	Targeted Method
Media	High	Provide information and analysis to the public	That they will be made aware of any public statements or information	Media Release Council Reports
Naracoorte Golf Club + Naracoorte & District Sports Centre	High	Would be directly impacted by any development	Invited opportunity to participate in engagement activity	Information Session
Naracoorte Lucindale Community	High	Would be considered a community asset	Awareness of the opportunity to participate in engagement activity	Standard engagement methods
First Nations of the South East	High	Native Title Claim over Crown Land in the Limestone Coast	Invited opportunity to participate in engagement activity	Email Standard engagement methods
Mr Nick McBride MP Member for MacKillop	Medium	Consultation and activity in electorate	Remain informed	Email Standard engagement methods
Schools in the Naracoorte area	Medium	Have a general interest	Awareness of the opportunity to participate in engagement activity	Email Standard engagement methods
Tourism and Business Operators	Medium	Have a general interest	Awareness of the opportunity to participate in engagement activity	Email Standard engagement methods
Community groups and organisations (including sporting clubs)	Medium	Have a general interest	Awareness of the opportunity to participate in engagement activity	Email Standard engagement methods
Landscape SA	Medium	Have a general interest	Awareness of the opportunity to participate in engagement activity	Email Standard engagement methods

## Community Engagement Plan

Timeline	Medium	Action
April 2022	Council Report	As per Council resolution, report to Council outlining the engagement plan
April 2022	Media Release	Media statement outlining the approach and ways community can engage and 'Have a Say'
<b>Engagement Period Opens Monday 2 May 2022</b>		
May – June 2022	Your Say NLC	Establish a project page + online feedback form
May – June 2022	Hard-Copy Survey	Hard-copy feedback form at Library, Visitor Information Centre and Council Offices
May – June 2022	FAQ Sheet	Brochure on the North Parklands that compliments the feedback form (includes mapping detail)
May – June 2022	Signage	Corflute signage installed in locations around the area promoting the engagement
May – June 2022	Social Media	Announce opening of public consultation and shared link to online tools and resources on Your Say NLC
May – June 2022	Email	Email to specific stakeholders inviting participation
May – June 2022	Drop-in Sessions	In the Alexandra Room (Naracoorte Library) have drop-in session/s scheduled for community to engage face-to-face with Council's Chief Executive Officer and Manager Planning and Compliance
May – June 2022	Face-to-Face Information Sessions	With key stakeholders directly impacted by any potential development
<b>Engagement Period Closes Friday 10 June 2022</b>		
July 2022	Council Report	Council report outlining the feedback from the community
July 2022	Email	Letter to face-to-face stakeholders thanking them for their time and providing a summary of the engagement outcomes
July 2022	Media Release	Statement to media outlining results of engagement process

## Example Community Engagement Feedback Form

1.	Where do you live? (Please select postal code)
2.	How often would you or a member of your household use the North Parklands? (Please select one option) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A few times a week</li> <li>• Once a week</li> <li>• Fortnightly</li> <li>• Once a month</li> <li>• Less than once a month</li> </ul>
3.	During a visit to the North Parklands, what is the main thing you do there? (Please select one option) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spend time with family and friends</li> <li>• Picnics and relaxing</li> <li>• Nature or bird watching</li> <li>• Enjoy the tranquil setting</li> <li>• Structured sport and recreation (running groups, walking groups)</li> <li>• Unstructured sport and recreation (walking, yoga, meditation)</li> </ul>
4.	How important are the following aspects of the North Parklands to you? (Please rank top 5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking</li> <li>• BBQs</li> <li>• Shelter and shade</li> <li>• Seating</li> <li>• Directional signage</li> <li>• Access and inclusion for all</li> <li>• Free access</li> <li>• Pathways and linkages</li> <li>• Opportunity to learn about the natural environment</li> <li>• Proximity to Naracoorte township</li> <li>• The natural setting and bushland environment</li> <li>• Protection of flora and fauna</li> <li>• Heritage and historical values</li> </ul>
5.	What do you love about the North Parklands?
6.	What would you change about the North Parklands?
7.	Would you support development in the North Parklands? (Please select one option) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes</li> <li>• No</li> <li>• Neutral (subject to further information)</li> </ul>
8.	If yes, what sort of development? (Tick all that apply) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residential</li> <li>• Tourism</li> <li>• Commercial</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional Recreational Facilities</li> <li>• Additional Recreational Open Spaces</li> </ul>
9.	<p>Dedicated Forestry Land - In the North Parklands, there are 68.38 hectares (0.6838 sq km) of forestry land. Please indicate the level of development you support on this land. (Tick all that apply)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harvesting of the forestry plantations</li> <li>• Dedicating the land to conservation (protecting environment &amp; wildlife)</li> <li>• Transferred to residential (housing)</li> <li>• Transferred to commercial (business and tourism)</li> <li>• No change to current land dedication</li> </ul>
10.	<p>Dedicated Land Lease - Sport and Recreation - In the North Parklands, there are 57.66 hectares (0.5766 sq km) of land leased to community recreational spaces. Please indicate the level of development you support on this land. (Tick all that apply)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decrease dedicated land area for sport and recreation allowing residential or commercial development</li> <li>• Increase in dedicated land area for sport and recreation allowing for further sport and recreational development</li> <li>• No change to the current land dedication</li> </ul>
11.	<p>Dedicated Cemeteries Land - In the North Parklands, there are 5.5 hectares (0.055 sq km) of cemetery land. There are no proposed changes to the dedicated land use of the Naracoorte Cemetery. Please indicate below the option you would support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expansion of the dedicated cemetery land to increase the size of the cemetery</li> <li>• No change to the current land dedication</li> </ul>
12.	<p>Dedicated Land Lease - Golf Course - In the North Parklands, there are 64.91 hectares (0.6491 sq km) of golf course. Please indicate the level of development you support on this land. (Tick all that apply)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change of zoning on the golf course to residential (housing)</li> <li>• Change of zoning on the golf course to commercial (business and tourism)</li> <li>• Change zoning adjacent to the golf course to residential</li> <li>• Change zoning adjacent to the golf course to commercial</li> <li>• No change to current land dedication</li> </ul>
13.	Please provide any further comments on the Naracoorte North Parklands.