

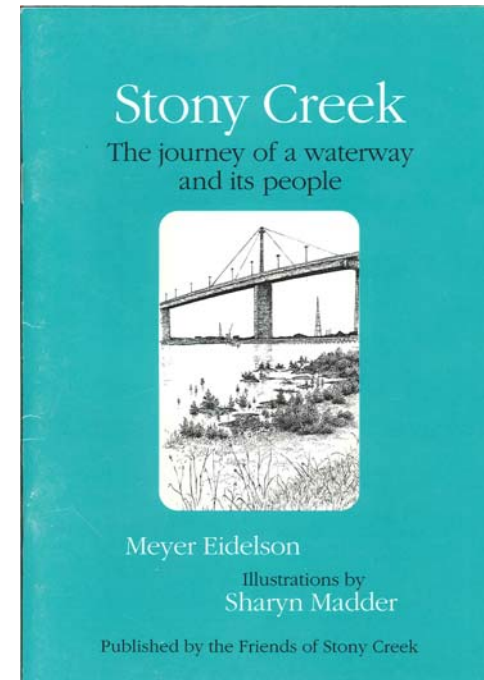
# Friends of Stony Creek

Economy and Infrastructure Committee  
Western Distributor



# About Us

- Formed in 1993
- Grassroots group of local residents
- Conduct community plantings
- Education programs with schools
- Historical walks
- Promote protection of creek and local environment
- Stony Creek Reserve focus of activities





# Community Plantings

- Started works on Stony Creek Reserve in 2003
- Transformed from municipal tip and wasteland to thriving parkland

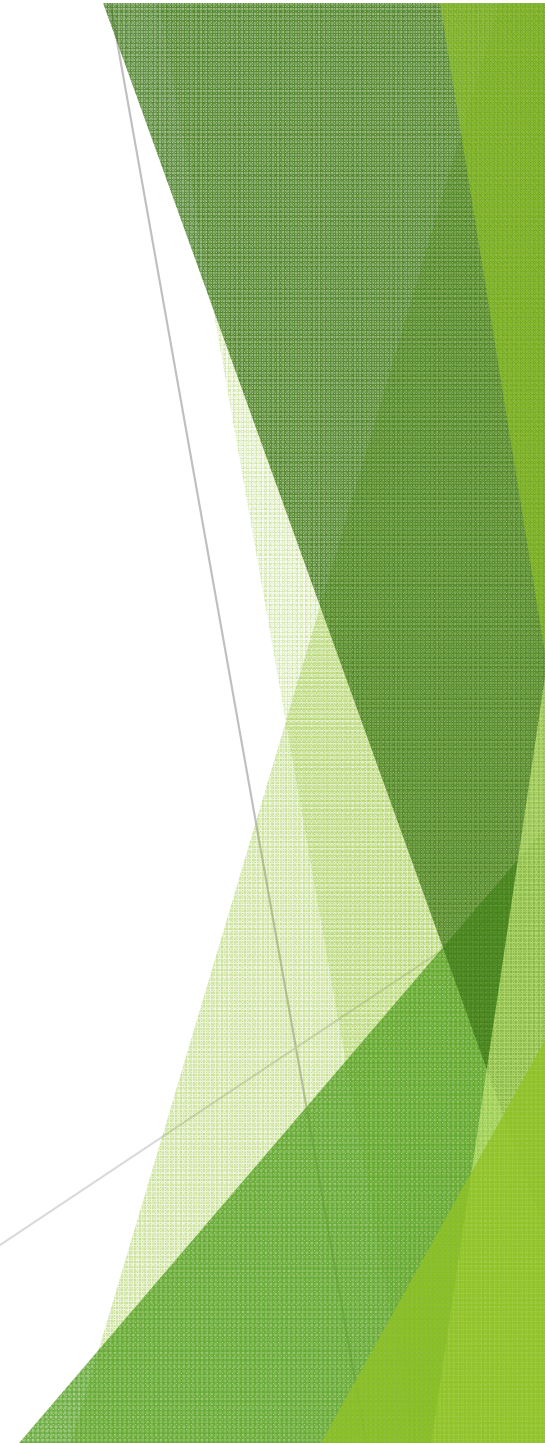


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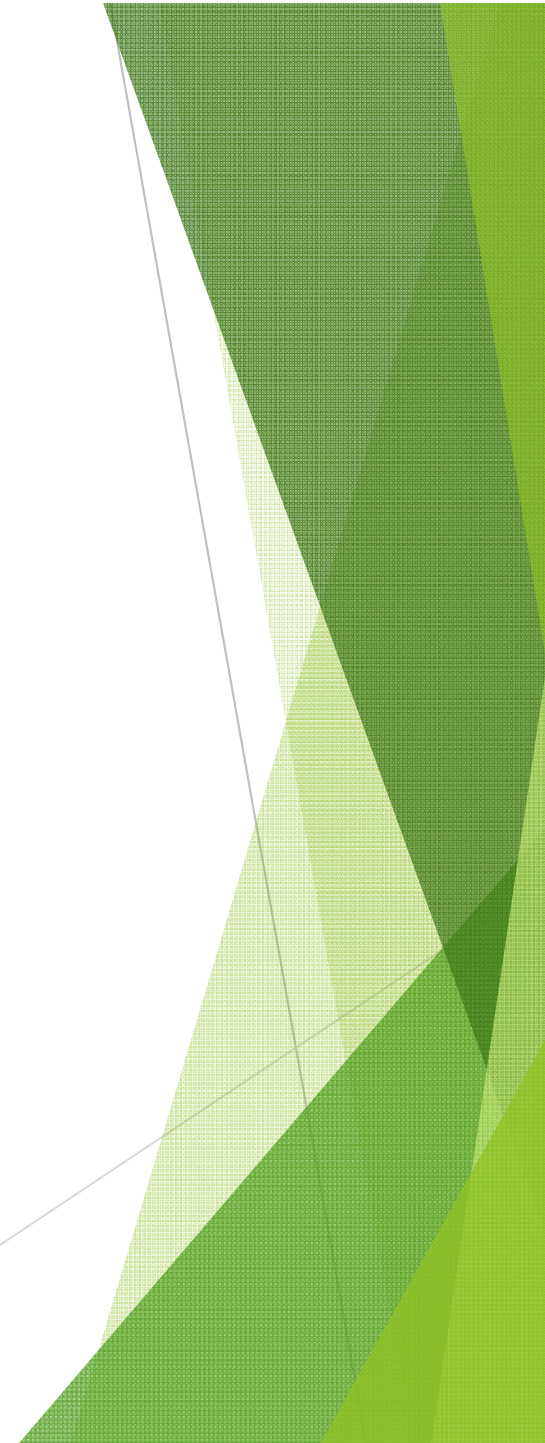


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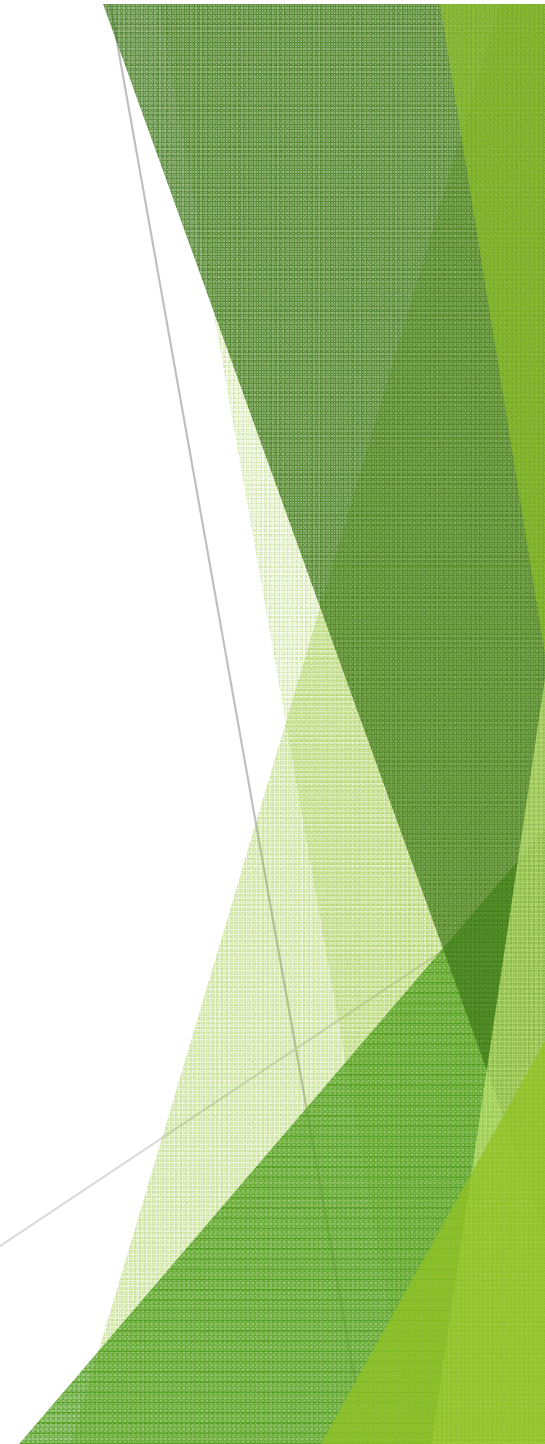


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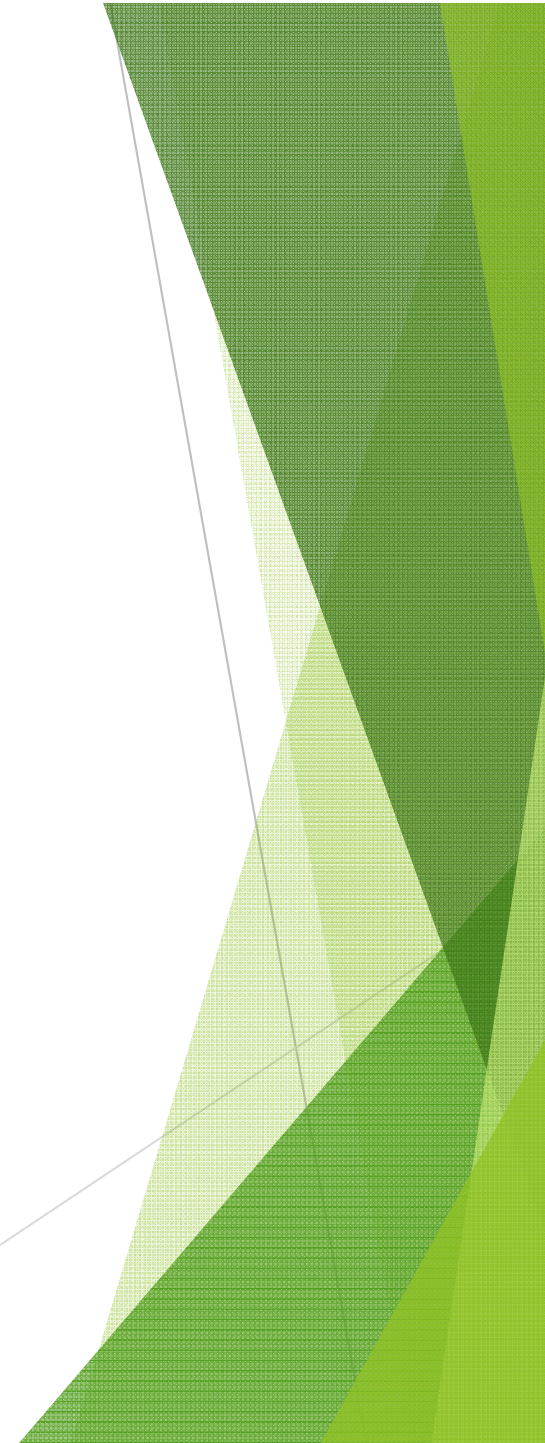


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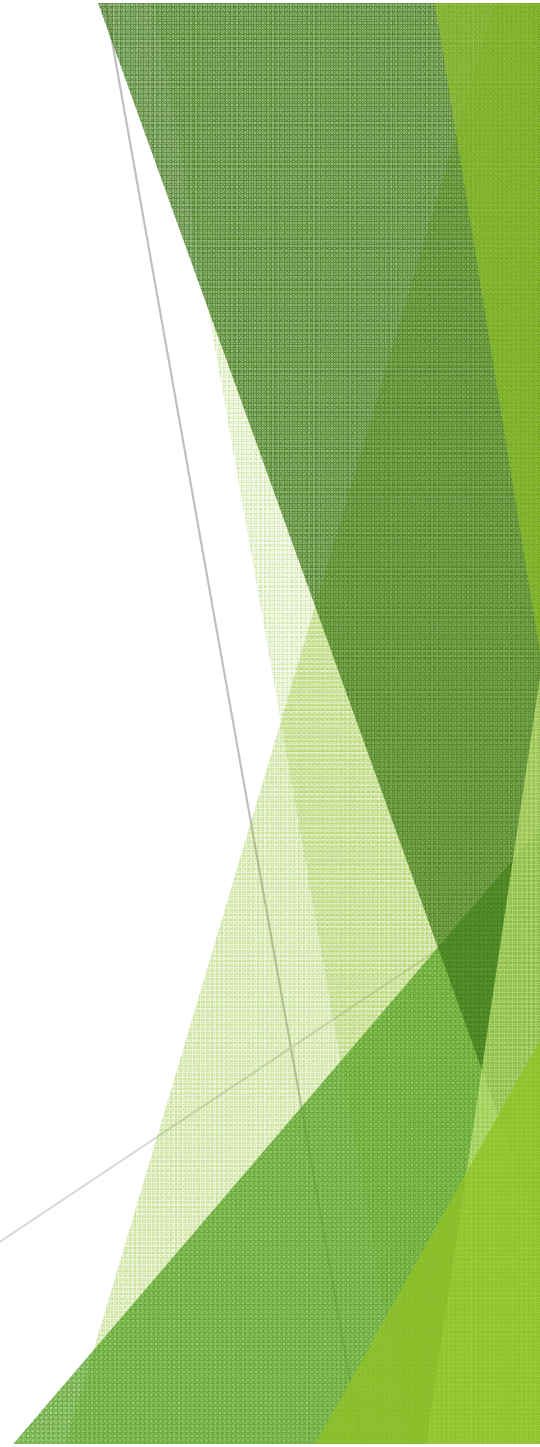


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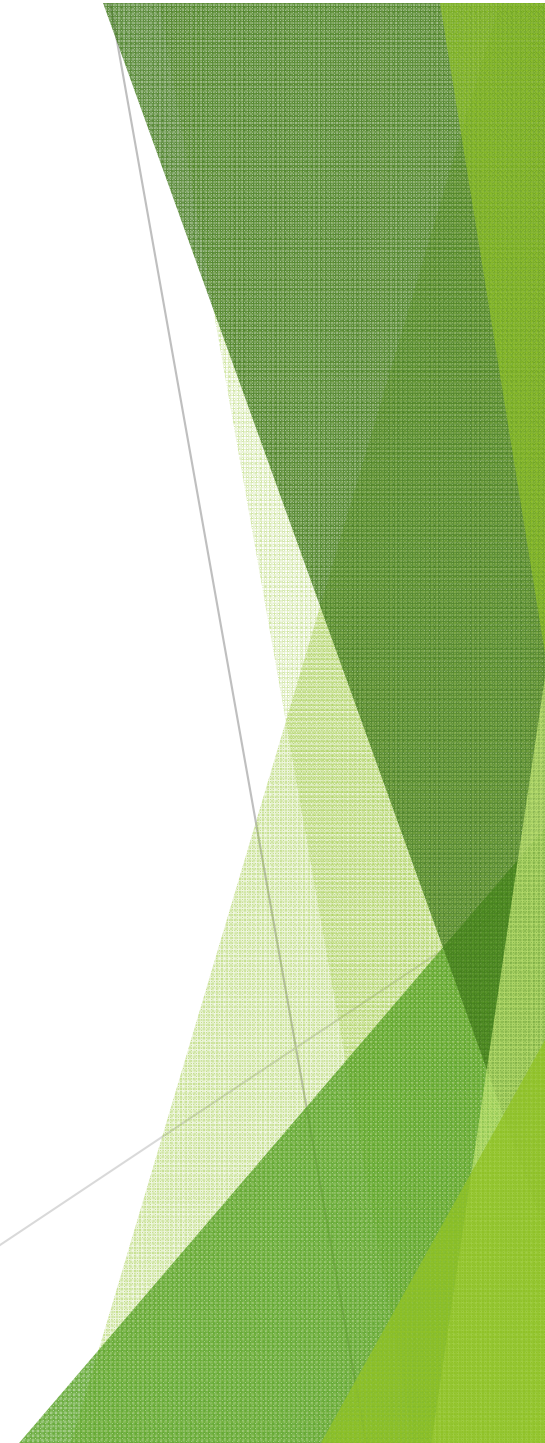


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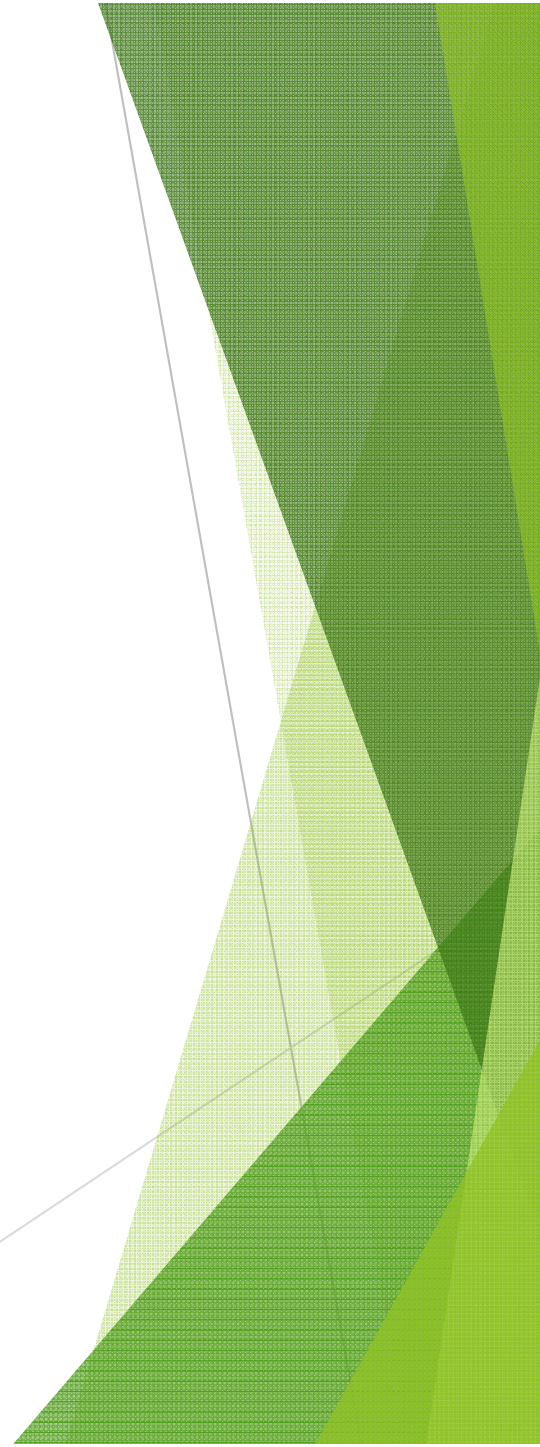


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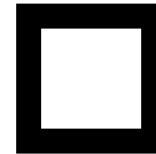
# Position on Trucks

- A solution must be sought
- The Western Distributor is an opportunity to solve the issue
- It is evident it is only part of the solution
- There must be truck curfew, best practice emission and noise controls



# Build the Westgate Option

## HYDE OPTION



## WEST GATE OPTION





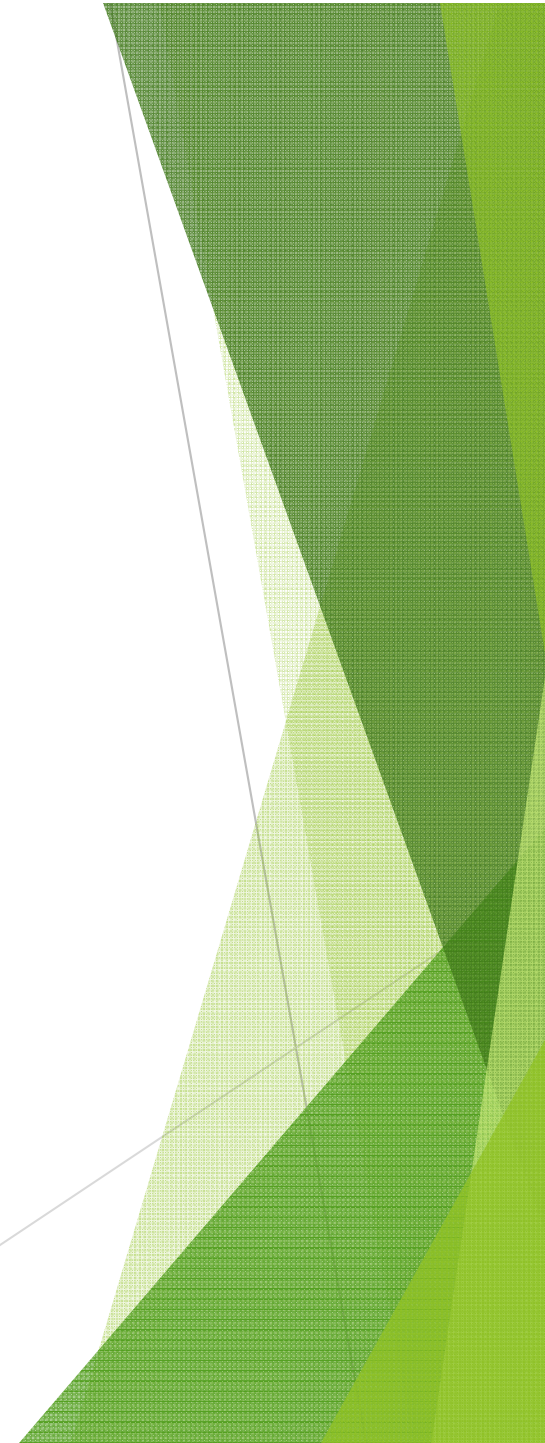
# Why the Westgate Option?

- Was the original Transurban proposal
- Portals in existing freeway corridor
- Almost unanimous community support
- Minor impact to Stony Creek - reasonable trade off compared to Hyde Option
- Avoid tunneling through contaminated land, including landfill



# Impact of Hyde Option on Stony Creek

- Fragmentation of parkland and loss of connectivity.
- Amenity impacts to existing and future parkland.
- Substantial loss of existing quality parkland.
- Impact on the community ownership of existing parkland.
- Loss of existing flora and fauna and fragmentation of an existing bio-corridor.





# Fragmentation

- Future reserve split into three segments





# Fragmentation

- Limits access to the Reserve by local residents.
- Poor connectivity increases risk of:
  - Vandalism,
  - Drug use
  - Crime
  - Community concerns regarding personal safety.
- Significant impacts to passive surveillance, reducing existing benefits of reserve.
- Large area of continuous open space will be lost.
- Nearest accessible open space is over 1 km north.
- Already identified shortage of open space in area



# Existing Shortage of Open Space

- Quantity of open space well below surrounding areas
- Identified shortage of open space in area





# Reduction in Quality Accessible Open Space

- Hyde proposal is reported to increase net open space
- **But, this will be poorer quality open space:**
  - Fragmented
  - Amenity impacted (noise, overshadowing, emissions, visual obstruction/disturbance)
  - Lower community value (destruction of an existing community created asset)



# Community Values

Community created space.

Revegetation undertaken by the community, students, local disadvantaged and disabled groups.

Higher community value than intrinsically associated with public open space.

The Hyde Option would destroy those values.

An acceptable design response would build upon and enhance this value, not diminish it.





# Ecological Impacts

Habitat for native fauna.

Contains rich indigenous flora, some of which is remnant vegetation.

Saltmarsh of regional significance.

Habitat for frogs, snakes and a waterbirds including bird species of Regional and State significance.





# Westgate Option - Preferred





# Summary

- Build the Westgate Option
- Hyde Option unacceptable:
  - Fragmentation of the existing parkland.
  - Amenity impacts to existing and future parkland.
  - Loss of existing quality accessible parkland.
  - Impact on the community ownership of existing parkland.
  - Loss of existing flora and fauna and fragmentation of an existing bio-corridor.
  - Flies in the face of thousands of hours of grass roots community work.



