

**MM-3                    MAYORAL MINUTE - REMEDIATION OF KENDALL BAY -  
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**REPORT**

The Bay & Park Communities Alliance (BAPCA) organised a public meeting held last night at Massey Park Golf Club to discuss the proposed stakeholder community engagement process initiated by Jemena Ltd regarding the sediment remediation project at Kendall Bay.

Well over 200 residents were in attendance together with representatives from the EPA, Department of Planning, as well as the Member for Drummoyne and Councillors McCaffrey and Tyrrell.

The purpose of the meeting was to ensure Jemena Ltd were made aware that their proposed method of engaging with the community on this very important issue was unacceptable, and that it was necessary to broaden the involvement of all stakeholders as the remediation project has the potential to impact on a significant number of residents who live in the Cabarita, Mortlake and Concord areas.

The major issue for all residents in attendance was the use of Cabarita Park as an access point to Kendall Bay and the establishment of a work compound in Cabarita Park, that would result in the quarantining of a significant portion of land, removal of a large number of mature trees and restrict access along the walkways for commuters and walkers.

Jemena advised the meeting that, following the Council decision to refuse their request to reclassify Cabarita Park, they had been looking at alternative methods of remediation. They announced that they have taken an option to purchase the River Quays Marina site which is located at the end of Tennyson Road, adjacent to Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) land, and the punt/ferry.

The purchase of the site for use in the remediation of Kendall Bay is dependent upon the feasibility of proposed method of treatment and removal of sediment and will be the subject of further environmental studies and reports prior to a final decision to purchase is made. If this proposal was to proceed they would not need to utilise Cabarita Park.

On behalf of Council, I made the point clearly at the meeting that the use of Cabarita Park was not an option, and would not be supported by Council. I also advised that Council will await the environmental studies and further reports on the methodology proposed for the use of the River Quays Marina and look closely at the impact this option will have on local residents.

I also asked Jemena to ensure that other options, eg barging out the contaminants were not ruled out as these may be the most suitable solutions.

The meeting carried recommendations that related to the matters above, however BAPCA had not forwarded those through at the time this Minute was prepared so I will arrange for these to be distributed to councillors when they are received.

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. THAT the General Manager write to Jemena Ltd, confirming Council's position that Cabarita Park will not be reclassified to allow it to be used for the remediation of Kendall Bay.
2. THAT Jemena Ltd be advised that any alternative option proposed for the remediation of Kendall Bay will be considered on merit, and that the option to barge out materials from the site should not be discounted.
3. THAT Council supports the resolutions moved at the Community Meeting by BAPCA.