



Renmark Paringa Council

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Renmark Paringa Council considers community feedback and finalises the concept design for 180 Murray Avenue redevelopment

Renmark Paringa Council is pleased to announce it has completed the process of considering community feedback and has finalised the concept design for the redevelopment of 180 Murray Avenue to open space.

The results of the consultation period proved very successful with 123 responses received from the community over the three week period. The suggestions provided the Council with an invaluable insight into the preferences of the community.

Due to the current economic climate with inflation and construction cost pressures at such a high level, Council have acknowledged the need for a more economical approach. As a result, the concept design has been carefully adapted to ensure cost effectiveness with a focus on the community's original intent of the site, being activated open space, irrigated turf, views of the river and a link to the Taylor Riverfront Precinct.

Whilst there was considerable support for the inclusion of a toilet, the construction (\$230,000) and ongoing maintenance costs (\$20,000/year) of this inclusion exceeded the project budget, and it is not considered feasible to construct at this time. Provisions however will be included to allow a toilet to be constructed in the future.

To increase the accessibility of the existing public toilet which is adjacent to the site along Renmark Avenue, a raised pedestrian crossing on Murray Avenue will be constructed which will increase safety, naturally calm traffic, and give pedestrians priority. Council hopes that the implementation of this feature will create an environment that caters to the needs of the community whilst promoting a safer and more inclusive community space.

Mayor Peter Hunter expressed his gratitude for the community's active involvement during the consultation process. "We appreciate the input we received from the community, which proved invaluable in shaping the final design. Whilst some alterations were necessary, we believe that these modifications will result in a usable, activated open space with magnificent views of our beautiful riverfront."

This project is partially funded by the Federal Government through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program which requires the construction of the open space to be completed by 30 June 2024.

For further information, please refer to the project website:

<https://www.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/services/major-projects/180-murray-avenue>

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