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BERRI RIVERFRONT RETROFIT – FINAL DECISION

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 27 January 2021, Council decided that the most suitable course of action regarding the Berri Riverfront Retrofit project would be to continue with redesign works as outlined in the public consultation 3D design simulation.

Recognising how important the Berri Riverfront Retrofit project is to the community, Council held a second public consultation featuring the proposed design in a 3D/fly through simulation format. The simulation provided the community with a visualisation of how the outlined design adjustments would resolve numerous issues that had been outlined in the initial public consultation held in March 2019. By providing this 3D simulation, residents were able to compare the current design to the proposed retrofit and advise of their preference as to how they would like to see Council proceed with the project.

The public consultation period ran from 25 November to 20 December 2020 and was undertaken via an online vote which was accessible through Council's website. The online vote provided Council residents with the opportunity to provide feedback outlining their preference to whether the redesign works should be undertaken (Yes), or whether the design should remain as it currently stands (No). A comment field was also provided for residents to provide reasoning for their decision.

In December 2020, upon closure of the online vote, results were collated and reviewed. Council received 88 submissions, 61 (69.32%) preferring that redesign works be undertaken, and the remaining 27 (30.68%) preferring that the current design of the Berri Riverfront remain.

"The current design is impractical for some vehicles and poses hazards to the public. A better alignment would be preferable," stated one resident in favour of the redesign works being undertaken. "To improve space for traffic and safety of public using this area," another resident commented.

Residents who instead favoured that the current design remain, believe that redesign works would be "unnecessary expenditure" and that the current design "works fine where drivers display a degree of courtesy and patience".



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“Undertaking redesign works will enable Council to provide the community with some long-awaited improvements to an area that holds a lot of value to the community” said Council’s Manager of Infrastructure Services, Mr David Otto de Grancy. “It is anticipated that the redesign works, on completion, will provide a road that is inviting to the community and road users will again feel comfortable driving along our beautiful riverfront” Mr Otto de Grancy added.

“Council is determined to ensure that the community feel safe and comfortable whilst travelling within the Council district” said Mayor Peter Hunt. “On behalf of Council, I thank the members of the community that took the time to provide the feedback to Council via the survey, so that an informed decision could be made and the project can be completed for all to enjoy as first envisioned.”

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