

Date of contribution	Survey Response	
	Do you support a fenced	Do you have any comments on a potential dog park in Bungendore?
Mar 01 19 12:51:29 pm	Corner of Birch Drive and McMahon Drive	<p>I would like to see Turallo Terrace remain a shared facility.</p> <p>I regularly use the existing dog park and it is the best in the region because it is not fenced. Generally, owners have better control of their dog at this dog park because there is no reliance on a fence. I have not seen a dog fight at this dog park, w other dog parks in the region.</p> <p>There should be rules of use included at all dog parks, including that off leash dogs should be under control at all times. Those in the community requesting a dog park (on Facebook) openly state it is because they have not trained their dog to re they do not trust their dog. By accomodating these people, a lower standard of behaviour is being condoned. This increases the risk of dog fights, and the possibility of humans, including children, being injured while intervening.</p> <p>Therefore, I would like Turallo Terrace to remain without a fence so I can continue to exercise my dog with other dogs that are well trained and socialised.</p>
Mar 01 19 03:43:52 pm	Corner of Birch Drive and McMahon Drive	<p>My preference is for the Cnr of Birch and McMahon Drives but would be happy with a dog park in any location in Bungendore provided that it was designed appropriately and in accordance with best practice and research. If Council are not aware the SA Government has lots of well researched detail in what a park should look like: http://gooddogsa.com/media/W1siZiIsIjIwMTUvMDMvMDMvOVM2bGhqZG8yZ19VbmxlYXNoZWREb2dQYXJrcy5wZGYiXV0/UnleashedDogParks.pdf</p> <p>If Council is looking at setting up a user group to help design the park I would be interested in being part of it.</p>
Mar 01 19 06:56:15 pm	Turallo Terrace	<p>Makes more sense to continue the existing land use in the "off leash area" on Turallo and create a small fenced area. It's away from properties, so no one will be affected by barking, and parking.</p> <p>The Birch Drive/McMahon area is already has limited by parking, and the street will only become more congested. The local houses will be instantly/directly impacted by the dogs barking and the extra traffic/people parking.</p> <p>Have you actually gone and consulted directly with the people who live on that corner and up those streets?</p> <p>I support a park, but let's not go over the top.</p> <p>If council ensures that property/block sizes are maintained at sufficient sizes (1000sm) backyards will appropriate for pets, and the facility can be modest and efficient with public funding. The need for the facility is a symptom of "reduced" block s</p>
Mar 01 19 09:06:44 pm	Turallo Terrace	<p>There should be two areas one for large dogs and another for small dogs.</p>
Mar 01 19 10:25:01 pm	Turallo Terrace	<p>As a resident at the corner of Birch and McMahon drive the idea of a dog park so close to our house concerns me. Noise of barking dogs and the effects of that on our baby and toddler. It was also decrease the value of our house which would on where there's no car parks. Increased traffic ingress and egress which would make it less safe for kids and families . Destruction of the land, trees, habitat and the smell that would be associated with having high volumes of dogs and their excrecr already at Turallo place, if fenced appropriately is a better fit and away from peoples houses.</p>
Mar 02 19 07:17:59 am	Turallo Terrace	<p>Keep where it is and fence it off especially around the scout hall and low level crossing areas</p>

Mar 03 19 08:21:42 am	Turallo Terrace	Turallo better option, not too close to any pathways or houses. Cnr of Birch drive and McMahon would be an extremely unfair site for the house on the corner, sure they don't want to hear constant barking. Also a lot of kids ride on the footpath ne on the way to school and a lot of the dog owners do not have their dog on a lead on the way to the dog park. The increased dog activity if you use that birch street site could potentially put many kids at risk.
Mar 03 19 03:42:50 pm	Turallo Terrace	The current site is perfect. It's well known, has parking and is not useful for much else.
Mar 04 19 06:40:05 am	Turallo Terrace	It is a good used to build a fenced dog park. Whilst I live in Wamboin, I have travelled to use the off leash area in Bungendore, but have always worried about the dog being distracted and running away. I suspect the cost of building a fenced off : There is a larger population of people - probably dogs, in the Wamboin/Bywong area. Could a dog park be built here too? Having a local, fenced off leash area, would encourage disinterested owners to get out, exercise and socialise their animal also be a useful facility in the event of an emergency. Regards
Mar 04 19 10:02:12 am	Turallo Terrace	Turallo terrace is already an off leash area with ample parking nearby. Fencing it off would be relatively simple. The corner of Birch Drive and McMahon street is a busy residential area with only street parking. It is a wonderful green space used by many families and walkers and their access to this area would be negatively impacted. There are already er owners walking their dogs off leash in the park and this would further increase with more owners likely to walk to the park with their dogs off leash.
Mar 04 19 12:01:49 pm	Corner of Birch Drive and McMahon Drive	Good Morning, I think that a fenced dog park would be a great initiative in Bungendore, preferably not on Turallo Terrace, as this is a flood area, and could impact on the Scout Hut. A separate area entirely as proposed on the corner of Birch Drive would be ide designated area for dog owners where behaviour of dogs & (owners) could be best contained.
Mar 04 19 12:07:43 pm	Turallo Terrace	Most of the dog walkers I have talked to want to keep the existing dog park and as I use it a lot, so do I
Mar 04 19 12:49:10 pm	Turallo Terrace	I would prefer the current location as it's a more equal distance for both sides of the town. The Birch Drive/McMahon Drive location makes a fair bit further away for people who live in the old town.
Mar 04 19 01:27:28 pm	Corner of Birch Drive and McMahon Drive	This is a better spot due to the proximity of the scout hall and walking distance to the school. I believe this will limit the possibility of a dog attack on children.
Mar 04 19 02:02:07 pm	Corner of Birch Drive and McMahon Drive	Dog park on the corner of Birch Drive and McMahon Drive is by far a better location over Turallo Terrace. Turallo Terrace reserve is to used by the community and soon by 1st Bungendore Scouts group, their safety is far more important then ar
Mar 04 19 02:07:27 pm	Corner of Birch Drive and McMahon Drive	Suitable parking is required for all proposed locations. Parking bays or improved on street parking on McMahon Drive would support increased accessibility to the park/wetlands and a Birch Drive off leash area.

Mar 04 19 06:27:40 pm	Corner of Birch Drive and McMahon Drive	I don't believe the Turallo Tce area is suitable due to the closeness of waterways and constant traffic
Mar 04 19 08:46:58 pm	Corner of Birch Drive and McMahon Drive	Although we are currently dog-less, I feel that a fenced area is vital for the safety of both people and dogs. The current park - as well as being flood prone - is not safe for those dogs, which are not totally obedient - or as our spaniel used to be - selectively deaf. Driving along beside there, one has to be very careful that balls don't get chased onto the road, chase children or adults walking on the other side of the road.
Mar 04 19 09:07:58 pm	Corner of Birch Drive and McMahon Drive, Turallo	.
Mar 05 19 09:56:25 am	Neither	I moved to Bungendore 14 years ago because I wanted to live somewhere with country character and walks. I used to enjoy walking and cycling along the railway lines. I was very saddened to see that closed off. I'd rather see my rates go towards a style walk along the railway line than a fenced dogpark. I would be disappointed to see more fences go up and take away from the country character in either of these spots. I utilise both of these spots for walking, cycling and now my son practices tennis. It is important to keep the path around both ponds for the wider community and I'd also like to see the common remain as is. Maybe if one of the new developments goes ahead include a dog park there where people have chosen to live with a newer style of house.
Mar 05 19 11:53:15 am	Corner of Birch Drive and McMahon Drive, Turallo	I would be very happy for either of these sites to be a fenced dog park. Perhaps as it is suggested the Birch Dr corner could be the better of the two. I hope this project can become a reality & look forward to enjoying the area with my canine friends. Thankyou
Mar 05 19 01:24:56 pm	Corner of Birch Drive and McMahon Drive, Turallo Terrace	I strongly support the creation of a dog park in Bungendore and in the QPRC area. As owner/operator of Braidwood Animal Minding, I am aware of size of the dog loving community within QPRC and passionate devotion many dog owners have for their dogs. A number of dog owners will not willingly leave their dogs at home, even for relatively short periods if it can be avoided. This can lead to a degree of social isolation as most local business are not dog friendly. This includes most cafes, restaurants, public spaces are dog tolerant without being dog welcoming. The creation of dog parks provides a community meeting place that encourages exercise and important socialisation opportunities for dog owners as much as it does for the dogs themselves. There are no dedicated dog parks in all of QPRC's diverse communities. Regards,
Mar 05 19 01:49:27 pm	Neither	I am supportive of a dog park in Bungendore but I don't have an opinion on where it should be located. BUT before this happens can you please finish the dog park in Queanbeyan - the Scar. While the concrete was laid years ago for more shelters to be constructed. It is a very popular dog park but it needs better shade and more than one shelter and a few old concrete troughs. The council has been doing a fantastic job in maintaining the park recently, regularly being mowed and watered. While I would like residents of Bungendore to get a dog park, the scar needs to be finished first. Thank you
Mar 05 19 04:42:40 pm	Corner of Birch Drive and McMahon Drive	I think there should be time limits for this park ie only for use in day.light hours and gate to be locked outside these times
Mar 05 19 05:27:28 pm	Corner of Birch Drive and McMahon Drive	this is a really important community asset that should be built to ensure the improved welfare and sociability of local dogs in a safe space.

Mar 05 19 05:46:38 pm	Corner of Birch Drive and McMahon Drive	I like the idea of the birch Dr/McMahon Dr corner. Would like to see a pond/dam for dogs to swim in, shade, seating, taps for dogs to drink and wheelchair access. Similar to the dog park in Googong.
Mar 05 19 05:57:45 pm	Corner of Birch Drive and McMahon Drive	Drinking fountain for dogs. Shade Seating. Secure fencing. Pond. Concrete tunnel for dogs. The same as Gugong dog park.
Mar 05 19 06:06:29 pm	Turallo Terrace	I think either site would be great although my preference would be Turallo Terrace. Will there be two areas, one for small dogs and one to larger dogs? I won't use it if there are not the two spaces as I have a toy dog and I wouldn't want him to choke a larger dog.
Mar 06 19 09:52:44 pm	Neither	<p>OK...regular / very frequent users of the current off leash area we already have are very confused as to why need QPRC suddenly & urgently need to waste \$200K of rate payers money (it won't be \$150K) on a very small fenced new dog park. Unanimously of money would be spent in Council's core business e.g.: fixing our roads. The term "dog park" as opposed to "off leash" has sparked interesting & very entertaining conversation amongst the users of the off leash area.</p> <p>Re: Item 12.5 – report to Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Exactly how many "representatives" have requested fencing? -What survey has been done with regular users of the current off leash area to "meet community needs" ? (the Your Voice discussed later in this email) -Why only 2 options? Why the rush/urgency with this project???? -Between "\$50K & \$70K & a further \$30K for parking" – breakdown of these estimates? How / what have these figures been based on? <p>1.Existing location</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Who exactly is "by the community"? Definition? -How many dog related creek & road incidents have occurred over the last 5/10 years with current users of the off leash area? Besides snake bites near the creek, none that I know of, happy to be corrected here -Users of the current off leash don't have a problem with the existing location, they love the fact that dogs can run, run, run & socialise. Many have told me that "if it's fenced, why bother coming, we can do that in our back yard" -I am confident that Scouts & dog owners can safely use the current off leash area together, dog users use the current location during the day to avoid the snakes, Scouts will be using the location mostly in the evening <p>2.New Location</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The trees established provide no shade what so ever, they are no asset...wow... -Exact size of the new area (the report neglects this fact) compared to the current off leash area? -On what basis/facts is the Birch Drive site a "superior site", to regular users of the current off leash area it is very clearly not, just a few of the comments I have received, "no, what are they thinking", "there will still be brown's there", "we have seating here already", "w middle of the day ,why do you need shade", "I come here to socialise my dog, how can I do that if it's fenced off", "who trains their dog in a fenced dog park, training is done at home" etc etc -Definition of "community recreation" for the old site. What a waste of a great space already used by members of the "community". Besides Scouts using the current off leash a approx. max of 2 hours a week, what other "community recreation" does QPRC see it being? <p>3.Implications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Legal – there is still a creek & pond close by to the new "superior site" i.e.: still plenty of brown & tiger snakes during summer, will QPRC guarantee that the fencing will be snake proof fencing? Will council be erecting the "watch out for snakes" signs & accept liability a brown? -Social / Cultural – where do I start with this one (if you could read my mind)we already have a "valuable community asset" that already has "enriched the social fabric of the town" (wow, who writes these reports?).....FACT our current off leash area already place, has done so for years! I think I am pretty safe in saying that Bungendore already has a "strong identity"....we don't need a wanky tiny, fenced "dog park" to make this a reality. The reality is that if money is wasted at this location no-one will use it. <p>4.Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -"proposed locations" why does this report only offer 2? -Once again "community feedback" – what is this based on? -The QPRC Your Voice option is one multiple choice question & then a section for comments. Many older members of the community (aka - many use the current off leash area) do not have "emails" & can't "have their say online". In future press releases can we PLI alternative? <p>On behalf of my 2 & 4 legged mates, I have met & becomes good friends with at our current "off leash" area over the last 14 years (tears have been shed), I will be strongly be objecting to this total waste of ratepayers money. Surely this fenced dog park can be incorporated into Bungendore Sports Hub.</p>
Mar 07 19 11:44:16 am	Neither	Would much rather have the money spent on another preschool or long day-care centre than an area for dogs!!
Mar 08 19 12:41:11 pm	Corner of Birch Drive and McMahon Drive	Will be great to have a fenced in dog park and will hopefully contribute to fewer snake bites from the creek area!

Mar 08 19 02:28:32 pm	Corner of Birch Drive and McMahon Drive	very much needed
Mar 08 19 02:50:20 pm	Turallo Terrace	I support retaining the off leash dog park at the existing site on Turallo Terrace. With fencing to ensure the dogs do not run on to the road, this is the best location to allow dogs freedom and interaction with other dogs. It's level and there's ample sufficient room for cars to park, which is not the case at the Birch Drive/McMahon Drive location. The Birch Drive/McMahon Drive option would potentially impact on the abundant waterbirds that live and breed on the adjacent ponds. At present the walked off-lead around the ponds have a considerable impact on the birdlife by running through the reeds, destroying nests and chasing birds. The rare Latham's Snipe, a bird in decline and the subject of considerable research, has been seen at the ponds. Such birds need to be encouraged, not harried and chased by dogs.
Mar 08 19 05:22:46 pm	Turallo Terrace	Turallo Terrace would be my preferred location for the dog park because it already is the dog park, they hold dog lessons there, it has plenty of parking, shade and is away from residential houses so they are not disturbed by all barking and smell. The area has only flooded a handful of times in the 7 years I have lived here, so I don't think debris in the fence is that big of a problem for council to handle. Birch Drive has no parking, I live just around the corner and walk my dog around the ponds. I have dogs on the loose and fear that having a dog park there would mean even more dogs off the lead, making it impossible to take my small dog safely for his daily walk. Please leave the ponds alone for children to ride their bike around without fear.
Mar 10 19 04:59:03 pm	Turallo Terrace	McMahon Drive cannot cope with the existing parking issues with regards sporting events. Numerous vehicles park illegally at the "no stopping" zones, creating bottlenecks and dangerous conditions for pedestrians and other drivers. The site is also close to residential houses which will be impacted by barking dogs. We live opposite the ponds on McMahon and inconsiderate early morning dog walkers allow their dogs off-leash to chase the Purple Swamphens and other water fowl barking incessantly, not picking up their dogs. This off leash area is best placed at the existing site on Turallo Terrace.
Mar 11 19 04:33:34 pm	Corner of Birch Drive and McMahon Drive	Strongly support the development of a fenced dog park
Mar 11 19 04:54:11 pm	Corner of Birch Drive and McMahon Drive	This would be great for the community
Mar 11 19 09:19:08 pm	Turallo Terrace	<p>I live near the location of Birch Drive and McMahon Drive. Frankly, the dog owners who walk past the front of our house are already overtly presumptuous and rude, allowing their dogs to run through our flower bed, urinate on our letterbox and on our lawn. So the prospect of having a dog park opened up near us with what will most probably be an increase in dog owners coming past, is not very exciting to us. Furthermore, living near the area of proposed fencing, we often use that area for family and community activities and have seen many others doing the same.</p> <p>The Turallo Terrace location is already used for dogs to run. We see them there all the time. It makes perfect sense to simply develop it further, rather than adding another area and removing a very nice area for families. The area on Birch Drive is a nice community area, but is also next to the area around the ponds that are used for family and community activities.</p> <p>If there is to be a fenced dog park, the most logical area is Turallo Terrace.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

<p>Mar 12 19 02:11:37 pm</p>	<p>Turallo Terrace</p>	<p>I think the existing Turallo location is fine, add shade, seat and fence. Done. The birch drive and McMahon drive is not suitable at all. There is no safe parking that doesn't obstruct normal traffic flow. Totally unfair to residents having barking, fighting dogs at all hours of the day. The smell of poo, as people are disgusting and leave it. The value of homes in the direct area will be massively devalued if not unsaleable. The safety of children using the paths. We in Bungendore have a major problem with dog owners not abiding by the lead and off lead areas. My daughter was attacked by an off lead dog around the ponds last year as we walked home from school. It was in the exact location your speaking of for the proposed area. The owner had no regard for any of our safety and said his dog had ne alerted the ranger when this happened and basically got a "sorry not much we can do about it response" This site is not suitable being so close to this many residential properties. A big NO!!! Keep it where is currently is.</p>
<p>Mar 12 19 02:26:11 pm</p>	<p>Turallo Terrace</p>	<p>As someone living near the proposed dog park at corner of Birch Drive and McMahon Drive I do not support a fenced dog park in this area. The current area with its open space and shade trees is a lovely spot for families and dogs on leads. It is open space that is part of the charm of living in Elmslea. I regularly walk my dog on lead in this area and children regularly use the path through there as a route to Bungendore Public School. Their safety must be a major consideration. Our major dog area is that there is no space to park cars, the road is narrow around that corner and often McMahon Drive becomes congested with cars parking on the street. To build a car park in that area would only reduce the amount of open space available. Elmslea estate was built with this open space as a feature and it is not appropriate to change it now people have moved in, it's bad enough that the area near the skate park is to be used as a child care facility with resultant traffic concerns and local residents' safety.</p>
<p>Mar 12 19 04:41:21 pm</p>	<p>Neither</p>	<p>The concept of a dog park is supported, but the two locations suggested act to concentrate all dog facilities within a very small area of the village. It would be far preferable to locate the new dog park in a different area of Bungendore so that it caters to existing users. So somewhere south of the Kings Highway would be good (maybe near Trucking Yard Lane), or maybe to the west of Molonglo Street (near where the new sports facilities are proposed between the village and the showground sewage works) Locating the dog park in a different location would also spread any burden of dog noise which could occur with 2 dog facilities in close location to each other and an increasing population in Bungendore. Locating the dog park near the proposed sports facility on Molonglo Street may also obviate the need to provide parking as parking will already need to be provided for the sports facility. What would be the proposed hours of operation of the new dog park? is any lighting proposed (hopefully not) because this may attract after hours non dog-related anti-social activity</p>
<p>Mar 14 19 11:59:50 am</p>	<p>Turallo Terrace</p>	<p>Turallo Terrace is better suited to a dog park than the proposed Birch Drive location other than the advantage Birch Drive has of existing established shade. The proposed Birch Drive location is too close to established residences for the amount of dog park could generate (I'm not one of those residents). Birch Drive area is better kept as an open green space to enjoy as park of the lakes area and the dog park kept to Turallo Terrace. I acknowledge Turallo Terrace requires more infrastructure from scratch - but it is a better longer term option that won't impinge on established residential areas - Bungendore doesn't need two dog parks (Turallo and Birch) - I am a dog walker who regularly uses Turallo. Turallo is not an open space that my the community for "other recreation" purposes in its current state, if the dog park was moved to Birch Drive. I support an enhanced dog park facility but think it's better placed in the existing site rather than moving to Birch Drive.</p>
<p>Mar 18 19 06:11:52 pm</p>	<p>Neither</p>	<p>I do not support dog parks, my thoughts reasons are the following: dog poo not picked up by the owners of the dog/s - dogs not vaccinated - people leaving their dog unsupervised - dog/s attacks.</p>
<p>Mar 18 19 08:52:43 pm</p>	<p>Corner of Birch Drive and McMahon Drive</p>	<p>Hopefully the Turallo Terrace can remain an off leash area even if it remains unfenced. When out walking around the area with a dog, it is nice to pass through this grass area and let the dogs have a run off leash before going back on the lead to the road.</p>

Mar 18 19 09:08:31 pm	Turallo Terrace	I and my family have lived at 25 Birch Drive Bungendore for 14 years and we are strongly opposed to the proposed dog park at the corner of Birch and McMahon Drives. This location is a peaceful, unobstructed area of native vegetation and dirt to our neighbours. There is no parking at this site. Please locate the dog park at the existing off leash area at Turallo Terrace. There is plenty of space there, no houses nearby and if it does flood on occasion, then no need to walk the dog for it doesn't occur very often. We have a dog and walk her at the Turallo Terrace off leash site. Please have respect for the people that have lived in Birch Drive for a length of time, such as ourselves. Kind regards,
Mar 18 19 09:16:48 pm	Neither	A fenced dog park is not necessary and I see it as a waste of money. Simply installing signage for this to be an off-lead area (Cnr Birch & McMahon Dvs) would suffice to provide more off-lead exercise space for dogs (of which I have two). Fenced problems and as far as I have seen end up not used by the majority of dog owners - dogs become far more territorial when fenced in, and problems can arise when dogs are forced to share a confined. Also it only takes one irresponsible dog owner socialised dog to create mayhem. The money could be better spent on providing a children's park on the south side of Bungendore to cater to the growing population on this side of town, that currently has NO COMMUNITY SPACE or recreation. Let's get the priorities right.
Mar 20 19 04:36:08 pm	Turallo Terrace	I feel that the dog park would be better placed at the existing Turallo Terrace site. There is parking at the community centre and the area is well shaded from mid morning. There are no houses near by so residents won't be bothered by barking dogs. Birch Drive does not have adequate parking, limited space and is too close to houses.
Mar 20 19 05:50:01 pm	Corner of Birch Drive and McMahon Drive	I suggest having TWO dog parks! Leave the current Turallo Terrace park as is for obedient dogs and have an extra fenced dog park at Birch Drive. This would be a great draw card for Bungendore by offering TWO dog parks for residents and tourists.
Mar 21 19 11:14:44 am	Neither	I have lived in Bungendore all my life and have frequented the Turallo Creek common since I was a young girl here. The creek was so beautiful back in the 70's and 80's and although fenced, cattle, sheep and horses roamed the area and the creek had an awesome array of wildlife. I would hate to see a fenced off area behind the scout hall and the issue as you say is the flooding. I'm all for a fenced area but not sure if I would frequent it as the dog owners around here are pretty liberal at the off leash area. I have then 4 or 5 dogs with the owners and a new dog ventures in and they all run over, sometimes barking etc and my dog hates it - my dog has been attacked so many times on the off leash area whilst on a leash that I actually leave the area if there are too many dogs. My dog has now developed a fear of other dogs whilst on the leash so I choose to leave. What I'd love to see is the creek cleaned though :) Anyway, that's my say and I really hope the area behind the new scout hall will be left alone.
Mar 22 19 06:48:38 am	Neither	Do we really need one? There are plenty of parks already
Mar 22 19 07:21:04 pm	Corner of Birch Drive and McMahon Drive, Turallo	The dog park on Turallo Terrace works well for providing an off-lead opportunity for the Canberra Dog Walks guided walk in Bungendore. When held, 4x Walks a year, these walks attract approx 20-30 participants from Canberra with most staying in Bungendore then exploring the shops.

<p>Mar 23 19 09:06:13 pm</p>	<p>Turallo Terrace</p>	<p>'With a house that is very close proximity to the proposed site on Birch Drive, I would like to raise some concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - if people are concerned about flooding on the Turallo terrace site, what about the natural drainage that runs behind the proposed site on birch drive and up onto day circuit. I would believe that if the creek was flooded this too would be impacted level crossing on Turallo Terrace. - what is there for safety for the number of school children that walk to and from school each day through the ponds area near birch drive? A child would not understand or have the knowledge of how to behave around an untrained or vicious dog area for pedestrians, and cyclists. - as a parent of a young child I have seen a number of parents use the proposed area on Birch drive as a place for children to learn to ride and spend time together during the day. I have also seen the recreation facilities in and around the birch c recreational events as well as local community groups such as scouts in the evenings. - McMahon Drive already has a number of cars parking on it to use the site park, recreational facilities and the sports oval that are already open to all at and near the birch drive location. With an added dog park there is a very high potential of inc rubbish pollution, as well as safety concerns for all pedestrians, in particular, small children using the parks other facilities and local residents using their driveways. - The current location on Turallo Terrace is more central to users from across the village area, rather than in a prime location for those on one side of the village (I.e. those who reside in Elmslea) - the current site on Turallo Terrace does not back onto any residential properties and impact private property, where as the proposed site on Birch drive with back onto at least one private residential property. - there will be impact on native wildlife that use the trees on Birch Drive as shelter or as a nesting area. Snakes that are passing through the area will have a high chance on being "trapped" between properties and have less routes for 'escape'. - the open area of the Turallo Terrace site allows for purpose built facilities to more easily be built (such as an access car park, shelter and water facilities for dogs to get drinks) while not impacting local residents as much. Trees can be planted in location still allowing for the open space dogs need to run.
<p>Mar 24 19 04:07:01 pm</p>	<p>Turallo Terrace</p>	<p>Turallo Terrace is further from residential properties.</p>
<p>Mar 25 19 01:01:52 pm</p>	<p>Neither</p>	<p>We've lived in Bungendore for more than six years and have two dogs. We use the existing off lead area adjacent to Turallo Terrace. Our dogs are sufficiently trained to make use of this area and socialise with other dogs. The area is well provided deposit dog poo. If other dog owners act responsibility and train their dogs there ought not be a need to fence off any area and add unnecessary expenditure. Thanks for consulting with the community about this. Keep us the great work!</p>
<p>Mar 26 19 12:38:48 pm</p>	<p>Turallo Terrace</p>	<p>From my experience at the dog-park in Queanbeyan on Southbar Street, few residents using the dog-park walk - most drive their vehicles to the dog-park to then let their dogs run around and socialize. It is highly recommended that when building street parking be factored into the project. There appears to be some off-street parking already available for Turallo Terrace whereas there is no-off street parking on corner of Birch Dr and McMahons Drive and we would not want to see parking street parking was provided. Please note Council currently don't have any traffic data from the roads around Birch Dr and McMahons Drive and I would recommend this be captured to assist with your project decision.</p>

Mar 27 19 09:54:26 am	Turallo Terrace	<p>I think having a fenced in dog park is an excellent idea for Bungendore. I do not think the corner of Birch Drive and McMahon Drive correct place.</p> <p>My reasons are -</p> <p>Families picnic and play games under the tress in summer at Birch Drive. You are taking shaded area away from families to use.</p> <p>I understand Turallo Terrace does not have trees for shad, but we already use it as a dog park and it works well. I take my dog there in the afternoons. Look at planting trees for the dogs and their companions.</p> <p>There are sheep, cattle and horses in the adjacent paddock and it may cause an issue with dogs barking around people homes.</p> <p>Some dog owners do not pick up after their dogs. You just need to walk around the street to see this. If you have the fenced area at Birch Drive, the smell in summer from the dog park will be atrocious for the residents. At Turallo Terrace the area is better.</p> <p>People walking through the park already have their dogs off leads. I was walking with my sister who has small children and 4 large dogs from the one family come running over to us and jumping of the girls and frighten them. If we have, a dog park to enjoy the park there could be an issue with a lot more dogs off the lead.</p> <p>As I started my letter. I think a fenced in dog park is an excellent idea. I just do not believe Birch Drive is the correct position.</p> <p>Regards</p>
Mar 27 19 07:54:00 pm	Neither	<p>I am a dog owner who uses the Bungendore off-leash area to exercise my dog. I do not support the establishment of a Dog Park on Turallo Terrace in Bungendore for the following reasons:</p> <p>The proposed site on Turallo Terrace is on 'The Common' - which is public land - for use by all Bungendore residents.</p> <p>The Common - has existed in Bungendore as public land since the 19th Century and was always used for the people of Bungendore village, to graze animals etc. as most land surrounding Bungendore was owned by private pastoral holdings. It has remained as 'The Common' for over 150 years, as open public parkland for all residents - and should remain so.</p> <p>Dog owners have a designated 'off leash' dog area - which is perfectly adequate. Dogs and their owners should not be given preferential treatment or exclusive rights to use any part of the Common land at all.</p> <p>Council has not advised whether there will be any off-leash area outside of the fenced dog-park, to allow other dogs & owners to be able to walk / chase tennis balls etc.</p> <p>Will the fenced dog-park required to be used by all dogs. Or, will there be separate areas for smaller dogs and larger dogs. This will be an added cost.</p>
Mar 29 19 03:13:57 pm	Corner of Birch Drive and McMahon Drive	No.
1st March	Either Location	<p>I definitely support a fenced dog park in Bungendore. Currently for our 2 dogs to run free and be safe, we have to travel to Queanbeyan or Googong to their dog parks. I don't have a preference for a particular location, the general area of both are fine.</p> <p>Looking forward to having our own dog park soon!</p>
2nd March	Either Location	<p>Dear Council,</p> <p>I am really pleased to see that you have listened to the people of Bungendore and are considering fencing off an area for dogs. Currently we have to travel into Googong to let the dogs run around safely with other dogs. Although there is an off leash area at the moment, it is not safe to let the dogs roam free down there without it being fenced off.</p> <p>In terms of location, I don't have an opinion either way - as long as there is plenty of room for the dogs to roam, water and shade. We are just happy that we will be able to stay in Bungendore to let our dogs play, rather than travel into Googong. A great set up there, one in Bungendore will be very well received.</p>
4th March	Neither	<p>Just a bit of feedback regarding the potential dog park. Rather than having a park as we already have the dogs off leash area, the council should invest time and money in cleaning up turallo creek. At the moment it is a real mess and should be cleaned up. The blackberry bushes that are starting to chock the water ways. At this present time council need to clean that area first rather than placing a fence in and causing more debris to go to along fence lines when storms come through</p>

Thank you for properly considering the establishment of a fenced dog park for Bungendore.

Although over the past eight years I have routinely utilised the current unfenced facility on Turallo Creek, the option for a fenced dog socialisation and exercise area on Birch Drive would only further enhance my own dog owner experience, and a dog owning aspect in the community.

The currently available shade in the Birch proposal is obviously advantageous; the various lit pedestrian paths to that point in Bungendore are useful for evening access, particularly with the reduced daylight hours during winter; being nearer to h improves personal safety for those using it unaccompanied; ready access to infrastructure to provide lighting and water would, I assume, lessen overall costs; and, I would think that the currently available street parking is adequate - there are few hounds to the current off-lead than those who walk to and from.

Having signed the original petition, I am still very supportive of the development of a fenced facility in Elmslea and I think the Birch/McMahon Drive site is the better option of the two proposals.

9th March Birch/McMahon

I am appalled that Council is even considering spending over one hundred thousand dollars on a fenced dog park!

Maybe if Council has that much spare cash laying around it can spend it on improving the many things which should be repaired around Bungendore. And Council had that feedback long ago when it had the NSW State Government grant at residents meeting where the overwhelming number who turned up wanted footpaths repaired or built, who wanted rubbish bins placed around the shopping seats also.

The work that was done was indeed appreciated but has not gone anywhere near far enough. The seats and bins are too few and far between, and footpaths in Ellendon St broken and undulating.

And here's an idea!
If there's \$100,000 Council would like to spend out here then fix the quality of the Town water supply. At present it is full of calcium and salts, and if the water is ruining everyone's kidneys the way it is ruining taps, kettles etc well at least the money is going to benefit EVERYONE in Bungendore.

There is a dog problem in Bungendore already, namely there are too many dogs with too many irresponsible owners. So spend the money so we ALL can appreciate the expenditure.

15th March Neither

I am writing to convey my concern about the proposed dog park site at the Corner of Birch Drive and McMahon Drive. I convey this concern as the resident most directly affected by this proposed site as it is out from my house. I would like to bring the following points as to why I disagree with this site.

1. Privacy.: The site at Birch Drive directly affects the privacy of our family and home (2 adults and 2 toddlers) as the site would be able to view directly into our kitchen, living room, toilet, bathroom and shower, bedroom and study. We would have curtains closed.
2. Safety: The Corner of Birch and McMahon is a very tight corner that does not allow for safe parking. There are large volumes of children that use the paths and road for riding/walking to school. Increased parked cars and traffic would lead to accident/injury.
3. Security: Security of our premises would be compromised by having an increased volume of people walking past our property and having large volumes of people being able to peer into our house from the potential Birch Drive site as they corner the house.
4. Noise: Having an area with a large volume of dogs that are off the lead inevitably leads to more barking and noise. As my husband and I are both shift workers this would be a huge problem with work/rest ratios. Our toddlers have their naps also be inhibited by an increase in sudden and rapid barking/aggression of other dogs.
5. Wellbeing: My son was attacked by another person's dog and had to be treated for his injuries at Queanbeyan hospital. To this day he has a huge fear of unfamiliar dogs which causes him great stress and anxiety if approached by one. Although we have had prior to his birth he will not interact with our dog. This incident was highly stressful for me as I was required to cease the attacking dog. It has caused me to have a heightened caution when around dogs. This would be the case again with a volume of dogs off leads in vicinity of our house.
6. Depreciation: I believe that having this dog park so close to our house would depreciate the value of our house and resale and the enjoyment of the outlook.

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7: Maintenance: Having an increased volume of dogs in a small area would lead to smell, increase in ticks and fleas, reduction in the grass and therefore increase in dust which would carry the smell and dust into our house when the winds pick up as demonstrated at dog parks within the Canberra/Queanbeyan area.

8 Existing Turallo Terrace site. The existing site at Turallo Terrace is a better place for an off lead dog park as people already go there. There is ample parking. It is far enough away from the residential area that noise, privacy, safety and security are maintained.

Other dog parks in Canberra and Queanbeyan do not have any houses close to them (Karabar/Tuggeranong/Yarralumla)

We bought the property and moved in in December and were not made aware of any plans for a off lead dog park. The neighborhood is tranquil and peaceful and community focused which was a huge contributor for our decision to purchase this property.

We would like to be included in any face to face or council meetings on this topic as this directly impacts my family.

18th March

However for bigger dogs, Turallo Terrace is ideal and gives the space larger dogs need. The look is pure country, not fenced crowded city living. Improvements to Turallo Terrace off leash area would be great, but not at the expense of going to a smaller site.

As a dog owner and user of Turallo Terrace, I would advocate

1) a tap for water drink dishes.

2) A larger pull in area for cars at the lower Eastern edge.

3) There is no real need to fence the area if dogs are trained and walked with their owners.

4) The only fence I suggest which would be minimum cost, would be at the present car park near the new Scout Hall and the Pre School to separate animals and children. A double gate for Council, emergency vehicles and pedestrians would be a sensible addition.

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5) No fence is needed on the remaining area, it is a perfect dog park.

I live near Bungendore, I have been a dog owner for 75 years of my life and regularly use the Turallo Off Lead area.

It is the greatest asset for me about Bungendore. Socialisation with my dog is about being together on a flat safe surface away from other houses and properties. I do not meet aggressive, uncontrolled dogs because each owner walks with their animal.

Pittwater Council also had similar unfenced Dog Parks and they were very successful. However, I have used Off Lead fenced dog parks at Yarralumla and Belconnen and found the dogs unattended while owners socialise or are on their mobile phones.

Meanwhile their dogs are running free, bored and can be aggressive to other dogs.

The owners do not even watch their dogs, therefore they do not see the dog go to the toilet. Droppings are everywhere, especially at Yarralumla.

I thoroughly approve of Turallo Terrace and see it as the best option. The car park should be away from the Pre School and Scout Hall, on the lower level grassed area, and a water tap would be useful. For those who can't control their dogs then a possible fence beside the footpath on the railway line side of the park might help.

It is the owner's responsibility to watch and manage their dogs. Lazy and careless people should not make others suffer the inconvenience of a new dog compound.

People travel many kilometres to use Turallo Terrace.

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Preferred Birch place as location

19th March

Birch/McMah

We are writing in regards to the proposed off leash dog park on the corner of Birch and McMahon Drive.

while not completely opposed to the idea of a dog park in this area, we have the following significant concerns:

1. There are two residential properties adjoining this area, both of which have pet dogs. We have 2 dogs who bark at the presence of dogs and people in that area already. We have made considerable effort to modify their behaviour and to secure our property, but this can never be 100% effective and they can still cause disturbance. If the frequency of use of that area was to increase significantly then the disturbance will also increase. It would seem unjust if there were subsequent complaints at the many dogs and people that will use the off leash area.
2. Our paddock will also adjoin the proposed area and contains a pony and 2 sheep. We would be concerned that the increased traffic and regular presence of people and dogs beside/near our fence line could result in an increase in stress for these animals.
3. There are no residential properties adjoining the current off leash area and hence there is currently no impact on any residents. As far as shade is concerned would it not be possible to construct a fairly simple, aesthetic, shaded seating area fenced area on the current Turallo Terrace site?
4. Both areas are located in the proximity of Turallo Creek. There are snakes present in both areas, as we have observed many times having lived on our property for the past 25 years. Relocating the off-leash area to the Birch Drive location, will reduce the risk of dogs and people encountering snakes when using the dog park.
5. If this area is to be considered for this purpose, we would definitely ask that it be located as far south as possible to minimise the impact on both adjoining residential properties, and that there is a considerable buffer to keep off leash dogs away from the line. This would also help reduce the noise impact on us from the park.

21st March Turallo

First allow me to apologise for missing the Friday afternoon deadline. I trust that you can accept my comments by Monday morning and that nobody has missed their weekend collating responses.

I am including Councillor Overall in this message because I will use it as background for expressing observations about dog ownership in Bungendore and environmental issues arising from the behaviour of dog owners which is out of scope for this topic.

I strongly support the establishment of a formal, dedicated dog park in Bungendore. When Bungendore was a sleepy village, 39 years ago when I moved into what was the "big smoke", the numbers of dogs were far fewer and more manageable. This is not to say there were not problems with dogs. I have seen people and their dogs dealing with dog-related issues were easier and simpler. However as numbers have increased with the population more controls are required to manage responsible dog ownership. I am personally very pro-dog. However it should be noted that there are many dog owners who see their dogs as a burden and cannot perceive that the behaviour of their charges is not always as endearing to others as it is tolerated by them.

I strongly recommend the retention and development of the exiting site described as "Turallo Terrace" on your diagram. I believe I can demonstrate advantages for this site and disadvantages for the Birch Dr site.

The traffic flows and parking opportunities in the Birch Dr site are limited. It is surprising how many dog walkers instead of walking to the vicinity of Turallo Creek to exercise their dogs drive rather than walking from their residence. This matter should be kept in mind with some of my comments to follow. This is to assist their elderly dogs, including bringing ramps for them to safely and comfortably get their dogs in and out of their vehicles. Their dedication should be supported by the provision of easy and safe access. My perception of the proposed sites is that the Turallo Terrace site more safely accommodates dog walkers. The Birch Dr site is less open, more visually busy and consequently less suited to increased movements and more frequent slowing, stopping and turning events.

I make the following comments with some sadness. Unfortunately in our community there are those who use the ponds at New Elmslea and their wildlife to entertain their dogs by intentionally coursing them with their dogs. This is not simply observational. It comes also from direct commentary by the dog owners. This being in breach of the Companion Animals Act 1998 it has been observed to directly and indirectly impact on animal welfare and breeding success. Maintaining a clear separation between condoned behaviours, off lead dog park, and illegal activities by keeping the dog park in its present location will make the Companion Animals Act 1998 simpler to administer in this locale and send a clear message to dog owners about their responsibilities. My observations include a dog actively coursing waterbirds with their owner's encouragement while dusky moorhens had chicks in the reeds through which a regular walker who when less obviously observed exercises his terriers by chasing Purple Swamphens which graze on the lawn areas, because in his words "chasing them is their favourite exercise" and a couple of small dogs of the type commonly referred to as cavoodles or toy terriers off lead separated a chick from its parent. The latter did not result directly in injury to the chick. But the isolation of the chick and chasing it from cover resulted in it being picked off and killed by a raven.

As a former dog owner for many, many years I can attest to the advantages of exercising dogs in the open. My veterinary costs for running dogs colliding with obstacles were not insignificant. Among them fractured scapulas and patellas changed forever the daily enjoyment of life by these dogs. Less comfortable and cosmetically disfiguring were the number of broken tail vertebrae experienced by my dogs. The Birch Dr site has tree avenues which argue strongly against its suitability for exercising dogs. The presence of trees also create issues with retrieving dogs whose obedience is less than that of dogs who fail to discipline their charges, instead allowing them to dominate behaviours. Often it is poorly socialised or flighty dogs who will be injured or cause injury because they impulsively turn and run without responding to their environment. Open spaces are safer! Likewise as a regular walker in an open area degree these trees and the adjoining grass areas are utilised heavily by a wide variety of birds. The open area on Turallo Terrace with lesser edge environment is of lower utility to perching and ground feeding specialists.

Arguments can be put for the tree cover as shade. However, we have developed hats, sleeves and the like to cope with this. When it is cold and gloomy, the evergreen cover of the Birch Drive site will be unpleasant compared to the open, sunny site off Turallo Terrace. Similarly there will be potential for access problems in the infrequent flooding of Turallo Ck. These arguments can likely be correlated with the residential address as either N or S of Turallo Ck. They are of no consequence given the infrequency and short duration of inundation events. As a long term resident I'm sure you'll agree. There is presently an informal crossing of Turallo Ck from the present Turallo Terrace site to the pondages, which coincidentally was the route taken by the person whose small dogs contributed to the taking of the moorhen chick. No matter which site is chosen I would encourage Council to provide a point to the dog park. Irrespective of the location I would encourage Council to make that point distal from and not proximal to the pondages.

The amenity and utility of the pondages is an enormous asset to Bungendore. The open areas for play, exercise and sport in the pleasant surrounding of the ponds makes it appealing to many people. Sadly not all dog owners suitably train and discipline their dogs to make them good companions for their users. Small children, babies, joggers, cyclists, skaters, the fit, elderly and infirm all benefit from the level gradients, even surfaces and pleasant surroundings. I used this site for my rehabilitation after major surgery simply because of its ability to lift the spirit after treatment for a life threatening disease. I was injured by dogs managed inappropriately during this rehabilitation. In one instance a dog, on a lead but not under control was chased by another dog, equally out of control, turned and slammed into my ankle at the site of a prior surgical procedure. This compromised my ability to walk without pain from a compression tights as a surgical aid to manage oedema, not as a fashion accessory. A couple walking four dogs stopped ahead of me in clear response to a well trained and managed greyhound approaching from the other direction. As I passed, one of their dogs, again on a lead but not restrained lunged at me, rendering my pair of tights useless. The response from the dog owner was to attack me verbally and aggressively for being affronted by their dog's attack on my person. Matters such as these and actions to separate legitimate and legal activities, walking and going about one's daily business, from dog behaviours described in simple terms in Companion Animals Act 1998 should be taken into consideration. These are examples of which I am aware. Who knows how many more there might be?

There appears to be in my observations numerous opportunities for better education of the dog owning community and its understanding of the Act. There is a common and mis-held belief that all that is required of a dog owner is that their dog is on a lead without the qualifier that it must also be under control. Practices with absurdly long leads, multiple dogs on long leads or recoil leads held in each hand totally occluding pathways, dogs tied to belts and their leads not held and so on are certainly not in the spirit of the Act let alone its strict meaning. These matters while difficult to police can be ameliorated by encouraging responsible dog owners to more populated areas and instead making free and encouraged access for them to properly defined and contained areas.

Lastly, there are those who drive beside the Pre-school to take their vehicles onto the Turallo Terrace site. This is an extraordinarily unsafe practice. The slope is steep and visibility climbing the slope when leaving is limited. Provision of parking access nearer to the Molonglo St crossing of Turallo St would allow Council to close this informal roadway and prevent vehicles from continuing below the Pre-school and along the levee bank onto the common areas, and further.

Thank you for your indulgence. I look forward to a rational analysis of the issues around these sites and a allround beneficial outcome for all of Bungendore's community

31-Mar Turallo

I am sorry to see I missed the deadline for feedback on this topic. I have lived in Bungendore for 15 years and have just sold my house in Birch drive to downsize. I will still live in the Palerang area and meet with my grandchildren as our family and received your letter.

My opinion is that the off lead park and proposed fenced park should remain where it is. Your argument that fencing the Turallo park area is difficult is the same for the area off Birch drive. In fact I suggest it is worse as there is less land ? And the flood waters definitely come right up into the area directly in front of 30 Birch Drive. We have seen a number of these so called once in a hundred year flood episodes.

Is council aware that the area off Birch drive is well used by residents for their recreation? The shade from the trees is very welcome by many families giving their toddlers outside time as well as picnics etc. Grandparents bring the small ones as to amuse them and because it's well kept by council it is safe from snakes etc. Mentioning snakes reminds me that the area around this open space and to the east is prone to snakes and I understand there has been many dog deaths in recent years. Teenagers practice their sport and a local childcare group make great use of the space to educate and amuse school children. To see the diverse current use of the open space off Birch drive is really heartening. Believe me it is already well used by dog owners, as is the whole pond area. Not many leash their dogs as a regular occurrence. Many dog owners seem to congregate at Bungendore at all times of the day and night. I have watched them come over the bridge and return. So it is not just "pond side" locals who are using the space all around the location. In addition the residents in the area off Day Crct walk across the open space every day as a short cut to the paths.

I can't think of any reason why the current area designated as a off leash area should not remain. I note that the barriers of safety regarding the flood prone creek were removed (very quietly) by council some time back so the public assumes there is no longer a threat? Therefore the argument against keeping with the current off lead area due to weight. There is space to make provision for parking and seating etc in the current spot.

I hope the real reason for the proposed change is not because a developer has their eyes on the space as they did for a childcare business complex nearby. I'm assuming that plan has been shelved as I haven't heard differently. Such a potential

The ponds and bicycle paths and picnic areas on the north side of Turallo creek are a real gem in the crown of Bungendore. All visitors are jealous of the space within walking distance of so many. Residents really enjoy the area and appear to love it and spending family time together. I don't see a designated dog run within this compact area adding value.

02-Apr Turallo

As a rate payer and citizen of Bungendore, really feel the present Off Leash area at Turallo Terrace, Bungendore, is the ideal situation for a dog park. Snakes are everywhere even in residential areas and properties. The same precautions are needed in every backyard. Fencing is not the answer. Dogs are not the problem in the off leash areas as it is the dog owners. Owners should train their animals BEFORE bringing them to a dog park. A FENCE IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR POOR OR NO TRAINING. Owners should walk with their animal to watch where it goes, what it does and when its toileting needs to be picked up. Council have already placed bins for dog toilet. Council did have a plastic bag supply post. I'd like to have Turallo Terrace kept as the off lead dog park, with a possible tap somewhere. If we want to use ratepayers money for suburban style fenced dog areas for those owners who can't control their dogs then a Second Dog Off leash area might be a solution.

20-Mar Turallo

