

30 November 2017

The Director
Davies Park improvement project team
Brisbane City Council

Dear Colleague

Re: Davies Park improvement project - West End

Kurilpa Futures is a West End community interest and advocacy group, active in promoting high quality and sustainable green space and new development throughout the Kurilpa Peninsula. We take pleasure in commending Council for its current imaginative program of consultation for the future redevelopment and improvement of Davies Park and surroundings to improve open space and community amenity. We agree that the park is uniquely well located to play a key role in providing much needed community meeting and green space for all of West End, especially for the rapidly increasing residential population of the South Brisbane Riverside Neighbourhood Plan area, extending between Riverside and Orleigh Parks and Montague Road.

Along with other community groups including the West End Community Association and Micah Project, we are in enthusiastic support of the Montague Road Village Green concept (copy attached) produced by award winning West End Landscape Architect Mr John Mongard. This scheme has a wide range of advantages, prominent among which are:

- Opening out Montague Road into **a community green space**. This road forms a prominent axis of the emerging high density residential corridor, of planned, recently built or permitted construction, amounting to as many as 10,000 new residents over the remaining 14 years of the plan period.
- Offering **a welcoming gateway** from the centre of this area of intensive redevelopment onto enhanced recreation and sporting facilities of Davies Park, along with the adjoining attractions of the Jane Street Community Gardens, the West End Saturday Markets and the proposed Youth and Skate Park area.
- Creating **essential active movement pathways** to link the emerging belt of residential development and vehicle traffic flow among Montague Rd with the metropolitan-wide active transport movement pathway along the Brisbane River.
- Creating **much needed community interaction, play and recreation facilities**
- Offering **a coherent unifying strategy** to maximize the image and combined functions of the improved park

We write in strong support of these clear advantages, which we believe are both transformative and practicable. We believe they should be incorporated into the adopted Improvement project, and we ask that you view them with careful attention.

Yours sincerely

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