

Submission re Proposed Youth Recreational Facility at Rushcutters Bay Park

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Woollahra Municipal Council (Attention: Ms Jan Bond)
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Dear Ms Bond,

RE: Proposed Youth Recreational Facility at Rushcutters Bay Park

The 2011 Residents' Association is making a submission to express our strong opposition to the proposed development to create a skate park, half size basket ball court and outside ping pong table using land next to the canal at Rushcutters Bay Park. The proposal involves the removal of many established trees that provide much needed shade during summer months as well as shelter to birds and other wild life.

This Park was set aside for the use of everyone. A large part of the park is now used for football, soccer and a children's playground. We urge Council to preserve what little inner city space there is for quiet relaxation and choose another space that does not involve removal of more trees and grassed areas. Open parkland in Central London is wonderful example of preservation of quiet space for people to enjoy as they choose. We suggest using an already established sporting fixture for the purpose, school yard, or open parkland.

We note that there is already an established skatepark at Bondi Beach, which is within easy distance from all the eastern suburbs.

It is crucial to preserve parkland and allocate space for quiet enjoyment rather than activating ever square metre of open space.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Crossing
Convenor