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Dear Sacha,

**Discarded Syringes in Beare Park**

I refer to your email regarding discarded syringes in the child's play area in Beare Park, Elizabeth Bay. City Parks staff and the local area health services have been alerted to your report of discarded syringes near the child's play area and will regularly monitor the park for needles and syringes.

In response to this issue, the City has installed a number of community sharps bins within the cubicles of the newly upgraded toilet facilities within Beare Park. An additional community sharps bin has been installed on the exterior of the toilet building to allow for 24 hour access as the toilets are locked at night. Statistics collected from the community sharps bins network across the local government area demonstrate the presence of a community sharps bin significantly reduces the amount of discarded syringes in the public domain. In addition to servicing the bin, the community sharps contractor will sweep the park for discarded syringes.

To report discarded needles and syringes please contact the Needle Clean Up Hotline on 1800 633 353 which is a 24 hour service operated by the South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Area Health Services.

If you would like resources sent to distribute to the 2011 Residents Association regarding the needle clean up hotline service or would like to speak with a Council officer directly regarding the management of needles and syringes, please contact Rebecca Martin, Project Coordinator on 9265 9333 or at [remartin@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:remartin@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au)

Yours sincerely



**Garry Harding**

Acting Chief Executive Officer

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