

Mount Ninderry Draft Landscape Plan Community Engagement Summary

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Mount Ninderry Environment Reserve is a place of cherished natural beauty and wonder, and of significant cultural, social, and ecological value. It is a popular experience for walkers and rock climbers as well as being appreciated from afar as a feature of the Sunshine Coast landscape and is an important story place for the Kabi Kabi First Nations peoples.

The draft landscape plan presents concepts for future walking trails, viewing areas and cultural and ecological education that aims to add value to the experience and sustainably address current and emerging pressures in the reserve.

Community engagement

Engagement was open for a period of six weeks between 17 June to 31 July 2024. Engagement activities included:

- Have Your Say Sunshine Coast; and
- Two onsite talking post interactive sessions.

The draft landscape plan, associated background documents and a video were available to view as part of the consultation.

The online survey with seven questions was embedded within an interactive map. Participants were invited to mark a location of interest on the map and share their story of this location, why they visited Mount Ninderry, what they enjoyed and valued about the mountain and questions about the plan.

Promotion highlights



Have your say project webpage and online survey.



2
community drop-in sessions.



1985
correspondences sent to property owners surrounding the reserve.



Social media promotions.



Print, online and radio advertising

Participation highlights



149,000
people reached on social media.



55
written email submissions.



1
petition.



3
community group submissions: Australian climbing association of Qld (ACAQ); Australian climbing association NSW; Yandina and district community association Inc (YADCA).



65%
survey responses from nearby residents.



60
notes submitted at the onsite talking post.

What the community told us

The community engagement revealed diverse opinions and preferences. While many visitors and residents appreciate the natural beauty, tranquility and outdoor recreation opportunities like rock climbing and hiking, there are differing views on the proposed ideas in the draft landscape plan.

Support for improvements

There was a range of support for the proposed new trails and facilities, citing enhanced accessibility, safety, and improved visitor experience. These responses welcomed better-marked trails, Kabi Kabi cultural information and the proposed Kabi Kabi and Landcare workshop shed.

Concerns over impact

Other respondents expressed concern about the potential impact on the natural environment and tranquility. They worried that new trails could increase traffic, disturb wildlife, and change the character of the neighborhood surrounding the reserve.

Dog walking

Responses were strongly divided between those who wanted to maintain access in a bushland setting for dog walking and those who were opposed. Opposition cited the environment reserve's conservation values and dogs off leash chasing wildlife, particularly Kangaroos. Also, pollution from discarded dog poo bags was raised as a concern.

Feedback themes



Council response to feedback

The following recommendations aim to balance the enhancement of the visitor experience with the preservation of Mount Ninderry Environment Reserve's natural and cultural values—promoting sustainable design in line with community needs and expectations. Council will continue to engage with the community and stakeholders to:

1. Investigate traffic and road safety issues.
2. Investigate options for improved management of dog walking in the reserve.
3. Evaluate and mitigate the impact of increased access.
4. Refine proposed trail alignments.
5. Explore low-impact construction methods.
6. Facilitate rock climbing groups permit application request for access.
7. Consider alternative access points.
8. Continue with the planning and design of the Kabi Kabi and landcare workshop shed.
9. Prepare an implementation plan with staging.
10. Prepare a Visitor Management Strategy and Interpretation Plan.

For a detailed overview of responses from the community please see the Mount Ninderry Draft Landscape Plan Community Engagement Report on the Have Your Say project page.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Mount Ninderry Environment Reserve Draft Landscape Plan community engagement.

Stay informed.

1. Council encourages community to stay informed about upcoming project stages including future consultation opportunities by visiting the project page on [Have Your Say Sunshine Coast](#)
2. Council will continue to work with the community on this important project—protecting and sharing the ecological, cultural, and recreational values of Mount Ninderry Environment Reserve.

Have questions?

Have questions or want to learn more about the project, contact the project team:
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