

Commenter Name	Body
jane Schermer	With regard to the planned breakout creek stage 3 redevelopment, please note I strongly DISAGREE with the reduction of land area allocated to the horse agistment. For years now the horse area has got smaller and smaller. Surely this doesn't have to be the case. Most people love to see the horses in this area. The Western Districts riding club grounds at West Beach were taken back by council. Please leave the remaining horse agistment area, as it is to make sure horse agistment and the Lockleys riding club remain viable. Former member of both clubs.
Paul Laris	Anyone who has seen the before and after effects of Stages 1 and 2 upstream from Tapleys Hill Road will appreciate how successful they have been. With the completion of Stage 3 we will have a fantastic recreational resource in a natural, vital bushland environment from the hills to the sea that will then link to the coastal path all along the metro coastline. This will be a great tourism asset as well. People will still get to see the horses, but they will also have a bountiful wetland environment with flora and fauna never before seen on this stretch. Water quality will be improved and so the Gulf and our beaches will benefit too as healthier seagrass beds help reduce beach erosion. The horses get around 25% of prime water frontage agistment as well as improved horse facilities at Apex Park. Surely a win for everyone? The breakout creek stage 3 plans are a step in the right direction! Excited to see the reduction in horse yards, as this sees the river returning to a more natural environment. Furthermore, an environment that can be accessed by a far greater proportion of the population. The design of the public park at the end of Military Rd (Henley side) is a great addition as it will also open up the use of a public space. The variety of natural areas that can be developed with this design is positive.
George s	I am still strongly against the horses having water frontage, as this is against my understanding of water management, however take this as a step forward.
Jim Douglas	Congratulations on such a wonderful Concept Plan that has captured so much of what is required to provide great improvement to water quality and biodiversity. One only needs to look at what has been achieved within the first two stages to see that the Plan will enhance great opportunity for recreation, greatly improved environmental benefit, recognition of the First Nation People, nature play for children, increased tree canopy for heat reduction and so much more .The proposed storm water outlet mini wetlands are a great initiative as this will assist greatly in storm water cleansing before entering the main water way . I am of the opinion that more than sufficient land space has been allocated to the horses and I do have concerns that they will be far too close to the water way . The plan fails to show a elevation view and I am hoping that the horses will be in a elevated position higher on the bank to prevent manure entering the water way . It is a well known fact that horses and wetlands are not compatible as they are heavy hooved and will create a almost barren space. I would like to see a long term land lease reached with the horse owners of a non replacement natural attrition agreement that over time the horses do not occupy the wetland and the section rehabilitated to enhance the environmental values .
Lynette Whitby	I disagree with one of the main premises of this plan. That is to return it to a more naturalistic setting. What nonsense. The Torrens used to go out to sea through other creek/river systems. That whole area is a man made canal. It never flowed out to sea through its own course. Leave the horses there. Been enjoying them since the 50's.
Heath Hunter	Looks great! Seem the new trees will be many decades away from developing hollows, it would be nice to see some nesting boxes installed for the microbats that hunt in the area. They could be very helpful with mosquito control.

The concept plan overall is excellent. Sure, it is a man made waterway, but creating opportunities for natural processes in it is a great initiative and leads the way for other "natural" watercourses that we have destroyed across the Adelaide plains to be managed. I do think that too much land is given to horse use. This continues an existing arrangement that is not compatible with the waterway. There should be a process of removal of this over time an even consideration of those areas for other, more community focussed use. Perhaps even a partnership like the multi use cafe and function area at the Watershed near Mawson Lakes.

Peter Pfennig

Yes, win win. The environmental challenges of retaining horses can be managed, and we can all enjoy viewing them from a viewing platform. Is it horse envy I wonder?

Guy D

(not a horse owner).

Good design catering for the community along with aiding the environment. Many comments about the horses, they have been part of the community for a long time. Trusting ample consultation between the design team, the riding club, governance and the community adequately & equitably accommodates all into the future. Equally, cleaner water entering the gulf, filtered by aspects of this project is a must. Do however strongly disagree with flushing the city lake in summer onto our metro coast. It can't be good for the wetlands either? Has this been considered and a resolution obtained?

John Dundon

The so called consultation with the Lockleys Riding Club by SA Water is more like dictation and they will ignore for as long as possible, the LRC has been more than cooperative and moved further down the breakout area as part of the Lockleys Oval upgrade, now only to be pressured into reducing numbers of their horses and an even smaller area for them to use, under the guise of "public Safety". Typical of these Govt Depts and Boards Greening Adelaide is just a change of name from NRM the bully tactics stay the same.

Kym McKay

Fully agree, what the militant Greenies won't admit is that the birdlife adds more pollution to the outlet than the horses, their attack on the horses is a lame one given the Horse owners clean up droppings and bag it for people to take home and use in gardens.

Kym McKay

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Same old spin Jim, always attack on the horses,

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It was never a river there, to turn back to natural environment, just another anti horse sayer trotting old diatribe.

With the millions of dollars the State Govt pillage from the ratepayers along the entire Torrens via the NRM levy then Greening Adelaide (AKA) NRMB then blackmail councils into handing over more money to do the project, then Councils have to pick up the ongoing maintenance at their cost for ever and a day.

Kym McKay

I disagree that "too much land is given to horse use". Waterways all around the world are natural environments for various animals. Perhaps the opposite is true and that too much land is given to human use. After all, the quality of water is mainly affected by human activity. Having and maintaining the horses at this location is a fantastic opportunity for many people to interact with them in what is and will become a much more built up environment. It is a bit of country in the city and allows the opportunity for people to connect with something they otherwise might not have the opportunity to experience.

Walter Hastings

Hi John, Thanks for getting involved in the discussion. The Torrens Lake Project and resulting flows have been considered in the planning process. From the perspective of the project team, the resulting flows don't compromise water quality in the lower Breakout Creek Stage 3 Project River Torrens, particularly during Summer.

Can we please be wholistic when discussing projects, their effects and benefits. My question of water quality is 2 pronged. One of the lower River Torrens but equally of the sea. Between the outlet and Grange Jetty. Both water quality and turbidity(clarity) greatly suffer for extensive periods after flushing the city lake. Clearly this is unacceptable to the beach communities. Worse when considering the flushing coincides with extended hot weather when the beaches are fully utilised. This CITY-BIASED practice needs either to cease or find project enabling filtering?

John Dundon

Hi John, while the water from those Torrens Lake flows is of a better quality than a normal stormwater flow, the completion of the Breakout Creek project will bring with it additional "water treatment" benefits that will further improve the overall quality of water flowing from the outlet regardless of its source.

Breakout Creek Stage 3 Project

The difference swimming 2k between the jetties in clarity and cleanliness is like 'chalk & cheese' prior to summer lake releases/flows to post releases/flows. Trusting that you are honest and forthright and this project will aid and make a significant difference. The bias of a city lake over 3.5km of coastline requires an urgent review of practice. Noting no coastal entities or coastal councils have or had input into this poor practice!

John Dundon

I like the current artificial channel, its green banks and the horses there very much. I came from a overseas metropolitan city, when I first laid my sight on the banks with the horses, I felt I saw a Europe pasture land; after so many year, I still feel so. It's a change from the wetlands upstream, it's the only piece that has a straight water flow like what a river-- so beautiful; the river can be easily seen from linear park, unlike at most of the wetland sections, the view is obscured by reeds; the river at this area is so clean-no accumulated rubbishes. Entertainment areas will only make the area less nature and less unique.

Julie Tang

Please leave it as it is and spend the money to clean up the upstream rubbishes. Totally agree with Lynette - leave as is, spend the money elsewhere, it is lovely as it is. I so enjoy the horses and so do lots of children who come from other suburbs just to see the horses.

Helen Gummow

Peter Pfenning please enlighten us on your evidence of "horses not being compatible with the waterway". Not sure how you would then think a cafe would be more environmentally beneficial?

Peter Matthew

Comon Jim the horses have been there for over 50 years. I challenge you to show us the "almost barren space" they've created? Maybe someone wasn't allowed to ride a pony at the Royal Show? Seriously, people go to that section of the river JUST TO SEE THE HORSES!!

Peter Matthew

Great idea. I always found the end of the linear park trail to be a bit jolting and obviously artificial. The horses were a nice curiosity for kids but I'd prefer the whole trail and river open to all users. It felt like that part of the river was privately owned. Restoring that section of the creek to a more natural ecosystem would be wonderful

Stuart Keynes

I would like to see all the horses removed from the Torrens river and placed next to the Western side or Southern side of the airport where they don't impose themselves on polluting the Torrens waterway or pose a danger for small children. Years ago my niece was bitten on the cheek and we had to take her to the ER for stitches. She and her sister both had their own horses to play with in the Adelaide hills and they really liked patting them when visiting me in West Beach. Zoe later became a horse Vet with many years of international experiences and has just returned to Adelaide from the Middle East after many years to set up a vet business specializing in horses, so her experience as young girl getting bitten didn't affect her at all but I still believe it is an unnecessary risk for small children these days!!

The horse poo is a problem for polluting the river waterway because the horses do like to poo in the water shallows and then it is washed out to the beach and sea where the river meets the sea at West Beach Breakout Creek section where I live next door. Small children do love to play in the shallow water near and along the banks of the River along this particular section of the beach. I do realize that the horse people do collect some of the poo along the river but this does slacken off from time to time and it usually coincides with these surveys as to how often it does actually happen.

I would like to see the entire Southern section from Tapleys Hill Rd to the beach converted back to uninterrupted natural habitat so that the flora and fauna of the area has some chance of surviving well into the future years for everyone to enjoy the beauty of the region. This has become even more important recently with the damage caused by the 2020 bush fires and the resultant loss across Australia of our natural habitat which is the home of many of our endangered creatures.

Don Houston

I think the draft plan for the upgrade to the water channel looks great, some problems in it but still time to get it right. In terms of the current practice of flushing the water to clear out the muck accumulated in the river (or just the fouling that occurs when water is allowed to stagnate), we might be able to invest in some renewable low cost pumping solutions to aerate the water. I wouldn't want to pump the water with electricity, too expensive, but perhaps a windmill or something based on the tidal forces, something sustainable, that can maybe filter things as well as check for pollution in the river system. I'm sure there could be plenty of opportunities for science. Thank you both for your contributions.

Lawrence Mayne

Please remember to stay with our Community Guidelines and keep all discussion civil and related to the consultation.

YourSay

Thank you

wonderful presentations at Monday nights City of Charles Sturt Council meeting. For Chris Daniels gave an inspiring description of the concept plan and ecological benefits and we are all invited to be involved in Community consultation. Lockleys Riding Club also presented and gave us all an insight to the history of the horses on the river and retaining space for the horses is one of the 9 key design principles of Stage 3 redevelopment.

I hope that a viable solution can be found as my understanding is that to continue with 14 horses would require 33% of the southern bank " if they can only keep 25% of the southern bank would have to reduce the numbers to 8 which would not be viable for the LRC.

My main issue has been with the current and past access of the horses to the waterway and why this access was granted.

"Page 37 of Horses, Land & Water Management Guidelines (HORSE SA) states:

Introduction. Property owners have a responsibility under Sections 131 and 133 of the Natural Resources Management Act 2004 to not damage watercourses and to maintain them. When horses are allowed access to watercourses, including creeks, dams, or erosion gullies, their hooves can easily disturb the fragile ground in these areas and lead to further erosion problems and disturbance of watercourse beds and banks.

Manure left in these areas, or which has been allowed to build up on slopes directly running off into a watercourse, can also pollute the watercourses as nutrients and pathogens run off, especially during periods of heavy rain.

Studies have shown that livestock do better when fed on reticulated water than water from creeks and dams during summer, when these supplies become limited and higher concentrations of salts and other nutrients affect the taste of the water.

Page 10 of Horsekeeping on small properties in the Mount Lofty Ranges fact sheet (Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board states:

"Steps to achieve best practice. Suggested actions are:"

Plan to fence off watercourses and riparian areas (at least 5 metres width from edge of watercourse), dams, erosion gullies etc as part of the property management plan.

In the past and present horses have been allowed on the watercourse. Will consideration be given to fence them back at least 5metres?

I agree with Stuart Keynes comments that the whole trail and river banks should be open to the community and not the exclusive and private use of horse owners.

Restoring the whole of the creek to a more natural ecosystem would be wonderful and beneficial to fauna and people alike. The proposal to retain horses on the river catchment area is completely inconsistent with a wide range of Government policies including SARDI water quality, community land access, and environmental bio diversity policies. The Lockleys Riding Club have already been supported through allocation of significant public money by the Council and Government to build a brand new Horse Arena, Feeding Bays and Clubrooms. They are many other more suitable locations for the horses (eg relocation to the area opposite the airport on West Beach Trust Land) that don't impact water quality and restrict public access.

Anne Wheaton

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Camilla Kinnane

I walk along the Linear Park at least once per week from the beach to the City and find the area with horses quite incongruous with the idea of a clean River Torrens and use of public spaces.

Having old traditions such as horses along a Metropolitan water course only shows how values have changed since early days.

Floggings and capital punishment have been done away with in the same time frame.

I would suggest that no area should be allocated to horses in this day and age that drain onto a water course or allow horses to walk through it.

Perhaps the horse owners could have a discussion with SA Water and the West Torrens Council about the land on the southern side of Brownhill Creek and east of Tapleys Hill Road which currently has horses on it and does not flow into either Brownhill or Sturt Creeks.

I live in the Stage 3 area and am very disappointed that the horses will remain on the southern banks which means we continue to have to put up with the smell, the flies and the horse poo left there stinking out our street on summer days. Just as bad tho is we get very little added amenity from this development on our side of the river. Get rid of the horses they don't belong there or in any urban area. This is an elitist privilege and the owners don't offer public horse rides or classes for children or anyone. It reminds me of the private tennis club in the parklands, the entire area is reserved for the private use of a handful of elites and the land not available to the locals. Wake up to the locals needs more those who leave their horses to poo all over our neighbourhood and make us put up with it

Please in no way bow to pressure to give any more space to agisting horses. What already is proposed is very generous. While we all love horses the environment should always come first. Personally I would vote for no horse space beside the river.

The plan for more wetlands along breakout creek is FANTASTIC. I believe that horses are not complementary with wetlands. It's time to phase them out of the area. A smaller agistment area is OK for now, but I'd like to see a plan of natural attrition and for the horse owners to pursue a different agistment area far away from a water course.

I also applaud the concept plan with all of its environmental and public access benefits. While I would prefer for the horses to be relocated, I think that the plan offers a reasonable compromise in allowing ongoing limited horse agistment, though, as Anne Wheaton points out, the horses should be fenced a minimum 5 metres away from the waters edge to prevent damage (consistent with Horse SA management guidelines). Also, can consideration be given to reverting to the original concept plan which gave the horses the Eastern (Tapleys Hill Road) half of the Southern bank. This would provide more chance of filtering of horse pollution through reed beds etc at the Western (Seaview Rd) end before flowing onto the beach/gulf.

Hi Anne, thank you for getting involved in the discussion. Regarding your question about fencing, the draft design proposes to position the fence away from the main channel although the exact distance is yet to be determined. Having the fence back Breakout Creek Stage 3 Project from the main channel also allows ease of access for maintenance purposes.

Please leave this stretch of the river as it is and has been for many decades. It hasn't been destroyed by the horses yet! Why buy property here if you do not like the surrounds! The current walking/cycling paths could do with an upgrade why not spend some money there. We don't need a viewing platform to stare at a couple of unhappy horses when you can feed carrots to them up close which is something enjoyed by many. The amount of man made pollution that comes down the river after a heavy rainfall far exceeds the amount of waste generated by the horses and I think there will be more pollution from humans using the area than from the horses. It is a lovely green stretch of land with abundant bird life and great views of the river without the need for boardwalks. I live in West Beach adjacent to the southern side of the river and walk or cycle the pathways everyday always thinking how lucky I am to live in this beautiful area. Let the riding club keep this bit of the river for their horses there is plenty of wetlands to enjoy a bit further on.

Julie Zucker

I feel that there is little consideration for the horses remaining on the river. The River Torrens is a man-made river that takes stormwater out to sea. There will be little improvement of water quality when there are two stormwater drains so close to the outlet. The agistment area is not only used by horse owners, but is also frequently used for dog owners and runners who prefer an open space that is flat. More effort should be made to improve the paths and access points to improve access for all and understanding the history of the area. I feel the history that horses contributed to the area is going unnoticed and the history of the Kaurna people is being done in a tokenistic way. Focus should be made upstream if wanting one of the pillars to be water quality.

Nick Ryan

I agree with you on one point - that pollution comes down the river. This is why it's so important to slow the flow rate and filter the water through reeds before it enters the sea. This is what the plan is aiming to achieve.

Heath Hunter

The area where the horse are agisted is open for the public to use. It is a stipulation of our lease that the public have access. To that end there are 12 breaks (open style like access points) in the fence that are not gated and people can just walk through. Many do and walk along the grassed area as it is free from cyclists and they can let their dogs off the leash. So please stop spreading the myth that is only available for the private exclusive use of the Club

Mark Jones

I support the main intent of the Plans for the Breakout Creek Stage 3 Sand congratulate Green Adelaide for drafting it. The plan will improve water quality by filtering it through the wetlands and this will have huge benefits to Gulf St Vincent. However I have significant concerns that heavy hooved horses and wetlands are not compatible. Surely the horses should be paddocked at least 5 metres away from the water way which I believe is in accordance with Horse SA and NRM Guidelines . The plan indicates that the proposed Horse area is more than generous and I understand facilities have also been provided for the horses and their riders Club at Apex park. The stage 1 & 2 wetlands are a show piece for massive increase in bio diversity and recreational opportunity which simply would not have been possible had horses been trampling over the area. There is no way that horses can be left on the river bank if the project to restore biodiversity and filter the water is to be successful. This is a case where the public good must prevail over the interest of a handful of horse owners. Removing the horses will also be an act of decolonisation as horses were part of the processes of colonisation and removing the horses will support the cultural importance of the Torrens river to the Kaurna peoples.

Fran Baum

Very good point Ben about the pollution from the horses and the fact there are no benefits to the general public

Fran Baum

Fran Baum Chris Henderson	How do you know "most people love to see the horses" - I find the opposite is true - people are worried that the horses might bite or kick their children and most people I know believe their environmental impact is just too great and their presence will not allow the area to become biologically diverse and perform the valuable function of cleaning the water that flows out to the gulf and directly affects the health of the gulf. This is a public good argument versus the interests of a few horse owners Keep the horses on the riverbank, they are an attraction and bring a lovely atmosphere/dynamic.
Holly Dundon	We should be keeping the horses on the riverbank! They are such an attraction to the walking trail and it would not be as relaxing without them. It's sad to think that decisions like these are being made by people who aren't going to be around for the impact and consequences and who frankly don't care about the future of the outlet because it won't concern them. The water quality will always be terrible down there as it is a man made outlet - really don't think removing the horses has much to do with restoring the environment.
Sarah Dundon	Some of my best memories are on that walk with the horses. They add another element to exercise that cannot be found elsewhere. They bring a lot of people to that area and make it magical. Do not take them away.
Michelle Sinclair Michelle Sinclair	Please find a way to be able to accommodate new plans and still have the horses remain. The horses bring in a bit of country into the West and I love them so much. I just won't be the same without them. #it
Bert Brown Mark Jones	I think the design concept for Breakout Creek is excellent. It is a positive step for improving the bio diversity of the area. Restoring the area to a more natural eco-system and developing wetlands will enhance the water quality entering the sea and provide better access for all of our community to enjoy. I am concerned that the Lockleys Riding club is wanting to increase, from 25% to 33%, the area for maintaining its horses. Whilst I understand that they have occupied this area for a number of years, their presence and recent requests for expansion are not compatible with the goals of the design plan or for enhancing the bio-diversity of the region. The design plan is an important opportunity for not only revegetating the land but also acknowledging our Kaurua culture with a 40,000 year history. Whilst we are often accused of being tokenistic in acknowledging Kaurua land, this can be an opportunity to demonstrate our respect for restoring the area to a more natural environmental state. Geoff in fact the original plan in 2015 which the Club has a copy of had the horses on both sides of the river from Tapleys Hill road down to just short of Apex Park on the Southern side and just short of Warramunga St on the north side. That represented 33% of the entire space and is in fact all we are asking for now but just on the southern side to fit in with the newer concept.
John Smith John Smith	I love the plans but let's consider the horses too - they provide great interest and education to all the kids that see them, there's room for everyone Why can't there be a satisfactory compromise that reinstated the % of land that was mentioned in the 2015 plan - the horses are part of the environment

It seems that the big emphasis for the re-development is about the water quality and a more natural looking water course. What I don't understand, as someone who frequently walks along the Torrens river is how the horses effect the water quality. You consistently see horse owners out there picking up manure every couple of weeks and the actual quality of the water is much nicer and cleaner where the horses are located as opposed to further upstream where you have already done your phase 1 & 2 re-development- the water up there is black sludge in many places. The horses have been along the river for upwards of 60 years and I'm strongly opposed to this re-development meaning that the horses will lose 75% of the land they currently have. They are big animals and they need the space to be able to run and play, and just be animals. I've spoken to a few of the horse owners and from my understanding the club will not be viable if this re-development goes ahead due to them having to cut their numbers down from 20 horses to 8. If you walk down the river throughout the day (and especially after school and during the school holidays) you will be able to see how much joy these beautiful animals bring to the general public - the kids love being able to feed and pat the horses and the horses are all so gentle with the children also. The horses should at least be able to have one half of the river left to them, the horse owners are responsible, amazing with the public and always willing to have a chat with them and from what I've seen have done everything possible to try and find a compromise with this proposal. Let the horses keep their home!

Caitlin O'Callaghan

I feel that more effort should be poured into the general condition of the walking and bike paths which are in horrendous condition, changing the fencing that runs along the river to one that is more attractive, more bins to decrease the amount of rubbish from the public and perhaps the addition of some benches spread along the paths to ensure that people and families can sit and take in the beauty of the river Torrens and the beautiful horses that are already right there.

Caitlin O'Callaghan

The proposed area for the horses will not accommodate the 20 horses currently on the river. At this stage the horses will be losing 75% of the land they currently have which is not enough land for them. They are big animals and need enough land to be able to move around and actually be animals. Not to mention with such a small area the grass quality will go downhill very quickly without the rotation it currently has due to the horses being able to move along the river to graze. If the plans go ahead, with the 25% having been allocated for the horses the numbers will have to be reduced from 20 horses down to 8 which therefore means that the Lockleys Riding Club would not be financially viable and the horses would not be able to remain on the River which they have been able to call their home for upwards of 60 years.

Caitlin O'Callaghan

Being someone who frequently walks along the river Torrens, I see the horse owners cleaning up the manure each fortnight. They keep the land very clean and are always accomodating and happy to talk to the public! Horses are big animals and many of the horses on the river are competition horses which would not be suitable to give children lessons on as they aren't suitable for beginner riders. From talking to some of the girls who keep their horses along the river, more stringent insurance rules and policies have unfortunately stopped the ability to give lessons and pony rides like they did years ago due to safety purposes. There is no Agistment for horses anywhere near the city, with many Agistment with paddocks being upwards of an hour each way into the hills. The horse owners are not an elitist group, they are incredibly friendly and obliging to have a chat to anyone, share their knowledge and share the land with people walking alongside the riverbanks and people who let their dogs run freely in the fenced areas very happily.

I'm concerned about the manure from the horses getting into the water, horse owners may not consider that horse manure contains pollutants and, under the right circumstances, can pose a threat to humans and the environment. When manure is not managed properly, these contaminants can make their way into our water and cause problems eg running off into our beautiful beach. Hoof traffic compacts the soil, disturbs vegetation, and increases erosion and runoff. The pollutants from the poo also kills alot of the native fish, there used to be native Murry River Rainbow fish all through the river now I see nothing. Not to mention two horses were killed and washed out from flooding. It's time for the horses to be moved and the rest of the river to continue as a wet lands, for our NATIVE turtles, birds, fish, frogs and plants.

Lola Bennett

I love the Breakout Creek section of Linear Park in that it's current layout as it offers some variety to the landscape of the river, with the right amount of trees and open space providing visitors with soothing and unobstructed views of the waterway and greater security of the evening. It's the perfect transition between the Stage 1&2 developments and the coast. The area is a necessary functional creation of civil engineering that really hit the bullseye in terms of beauty, best viewed from the Tapleys Hill Rd. bridge at sunset. For the past 15 years I have encouraged visitors from interstate and overseas to take in the city to surf Linear Park experience. These are visitors who spend all year every year travelling to the largest cities around the globe. All that journeyed to West Beach quoted Breakout Creek and the horses as the highlight of the route and the total as one of the best inner city suburban experiences they've enjoyed anywhere on Earth.

I'm somewhat offended and not surprised that proponents of the Stage 3 plan would have the audacity to include the Kurna custodians in a purely tokenistic way to help push their agenda. Let's see some proof that you genuinely care about indigenous culture and entitlement and return your personal property titles to the Kurna people. Right now all you're offering everyone is lip service. I've read in the comments talk of a gesture of decolonisation... if the Kurna people chose to permanently set up camp in Breakout Creek the 'pro Stage 3' would be the first to phone the colonial forces to remove them. It happens everyday.

It's very clear that opponents to the equine inclusion in Breakout Creek have a very bovine element to their arguments. Calling horse owners 'elitists' is both ignorant and discriminative. Now the Lockleys Riding Club do pick up after their horses however, on the subject of horse waste as polluting, well it's really just the presence of nutrients like nitrogen

Edward Baxter

As someone who lives in the area and who uses the linear trail, there is a stark contrast going from the initial stages of Breakout Creek into the open channel of the proposed stage 3 site. You are quickly reminded that you are in a human made watercourse of brutalist design. Although the horses are a novelty, the experience is dull and takes you straight back into that Australian suburban feel. This upgrade is a huge opportunity to add another aesthetically beautiful and diverse public space that can be accessed and utilised by many South Australian residents and visitors.

The public benefits clearly outweigh the public costs here. I realise that it is still important to consult the incumbents to the area, but their desires should be considered in proportion compared to the vast majority of other South Australians who would be using this space.

Biodiversity is a clearly underestimated benefit to society when it comes to public spending. Improving biodiversity and water quality heading into the sea along with educating the public on these benefits far outweighs the costs of having fewer horses in the area.

Andrew Ramsay

Please consider the needs of the many (which includes the environment) and not the desires of the outspoken few who seek to retain incumbency. Thank you.

Maybe you are the "outspoken few" Andrew. I also live next to the walking trails and use them daily often saying hello to the friendly horse owners. It is already public space that you are welcome to walk along and many do. There are several openings in the fencing for access. I love this part of the river where you can actually see the birds, chicks, swans, pelicans and on occasion a turtle all coexisting fine with the horses. It also feels safer as a woman walking alone than the overgrown areas further up river. This stretch of the water is also far cleaner than further upstream and when there is only a small amount of water in it in Summer you can see that it is not full of rubbish unlike the wetlands further up which has the assortment of plastics, tennis balls and general rubbish floating in it. These objects also flow downstream after a downpour and they are certainly not thrown in there by the horses. What is wrong with the "Australian suburban feel" by the way and seeing people caring for and enjoying their animals? It is rapidly diminishing thanks to subdivision. I have chatted to interstate and overseas visitors I meet that are walking or cycling this part of the river and have never had a negative response quite the opposite in fact. They are amazed and delighted by it and the horses. It is used by many adults, children, visitors and locals already and not just the horses.

Julie Zucker

There is quite often minimal water in that section during Summer Heath effectively stopping the flow rate. What happens to all the frogs, turtles and aquatic life that can't fly away then?

Julie Zucker

Andrew Ramsay

Thank you for your feedback and for keeping an eye on everyone else's comments.

As a long term resident and Linear Park user I am excited by the plans for Breakout creek. What a great mix of new community access and interest areas; habitat building; Kauria involvement as well as significant functional and aesthetic improvements. I recognise there is a need for delicate balance to achieve the required amount of biofiltration wetlands to improve water quality and create habitats to encourage the return of native species. I am looking forward to the development getting underway.

Cathy B

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I totally agree with Julie Zucker.

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The first paragraph is also what I want to say, the 2nd is also my experience.

The frogs, turtles and aquatic life will have pools, marsh, reedbeds and other habitat to shelter in, find food and breed. What do they get at the moment when there is minimal water in that section?

Heath Hunter

Jo Filipi

I have lived in Fulham for 15 years and in that time have contacted the council numerous times re access to the linear park from Warramunga Street. The current stairs do not allow access for bikes, prams or wheelchairs. Please ensure the redevelopment includes access for these users at the appropriate gradient.

Bernadette Cranwell

I welcome the development of this area and feel that restoring biodiversity is of high importance and having the involvement of the Kaurana people is vital. Our local fauna and flora have been severely impacted on by settlement and ongoing development and this is a unique opportunity to give back to nature and the environment what we have taken away. I like horses but feel that they are not natural to this area, they are not wild horses, they are owned by individuals. The horses need to be rehomed in a different but suitable environment. Graham Pring has made a sensible suggestion about the land on the southern side of Brownhill Creek. I am sure there are also many other areas. I agree with Andrew Ramsay that the horses add a suburban feel and detract from a natural environment. If the goal is to restore biodiversity, develop a wetland area and filter the water that ultimately ends up in the ocean, plus create a lush green area that supports local fauna and flora and the environment, then I support the horses being moved to another suitable area where they do not impact on this waterway. In the past we did not know the damage that horses and other introduced species can have on the environment. We do not have this excuse any more. Many of our native species are facing extinction and we need to give this area over to them so that they have some hope of survival. Humans will benefit mentally and physically from the creation of an all natural environment.

Toby Thornton

This does need to be rectified in the new plan and applies to other access points all around Breakout Creek
I live very close to the river and walk it most days either by myself or with my family. Myself and our children visit Apex park and the horses because it is a much safer environment than the upstream wetlands. The horse fence provides a safe and defined barrier while still being able to see the wide variety of animal life and Apex Park is just so much better with open spaces so I can see my children at all times. I will not want to visit this new wetlands with my children until they are much older except to visit the horses.

There are plenty of opportunities to experience wetlands both on the river upstream and at Apex Park but also in many spots in the Adelaide metro area and surrounds but there are not the same opportunities to take my family to interact with and educate them about horses. As a local resident and I am very concerned about parking. This section of the river is very popular as it is with the beach close by, Apex Park and especially the horses as hundreds of people visit them and even more on weekends. If this development is as successful as you say it will be then how on earth are you going to control the parking, there is not even enough at Apex Park. There was a report in the paper the other day that said the horse club needs more space to be sustainable why are you not providing that little bit of extra space so they can survive.

One aspect I do like and there should be more of is Kaurana cultural experiences so expand that bit please.

In the plan it says people will interact with the wetlands and all the active and passive activities and spaces, well I don't see them doing that much in the other wetlands they pretty much stick to the linear path. This section of the river is the only place I see them stop and interact with anything that being the horses. Also I see plenty of people walking along the flat grassed area with their dogs enjoying a stroll without having to dodge bikes, skateboarders and the like, nothing wrong with them it is just a safety thing.

Toby Thornton

You said that the plan will "unlock 15 hectares of land" and needs to be for the whole community not just for horse owners. That statement could not be further from the reality. I see the horses are for the community first and the owners second, have you

Firstly I declare a specific interest as Secretary for Lockleys Riding Club.

We as a Club very much want Breakout Creek to be a space everyone can enjoy. We worked hard and collaboratively during the consultation period to find a solution that would maintain the horses on Breakout Creek. We developed a proposal that reduced the herd size from 20 to 14 on a land allocation of 2/3rds, as an absolute minimum, of the southern side (albeit our preference is for all of the southern side) that would allow the Club to remain viable and accessible to our community. This has not yet been reflected in the current plan up for consultation. We need any future plans and designs to provide the minimum amount of space (2/3rds of the southern side) so that, the land management can remain sustainable and not get degraded, the Club can have sufficient members to remain viable (minimum of 14 horses), that there is enough space to maintain appropriate levels of safety for the public interaction with the horses, our members when feeding and moving horses around, and the horses themselves so they are not confined to such a space that causes injury.

The Club is the only key stakeholder who is compromising at the moment. We have had 100% of our agistment taken away as part of Stage 1 and Stage 2 and now we are facing a further 75% reduction as part of the final Stage 3. Horses have been part of the River for 180 years and helped create the Breakout Creek so that urban development could be advanced something residents have the privilege of enjoying today. Agistment began after that and has occurred since 1936. The horses are an essential part of the culture, story and living history of the western suburbs an iconic attraction that encourages hundreds (and sometimes thousands) of people to visit this part of the Torrens from local residents, Adelaidians of all walks of life, intrastate, interstate and international visitors who come to experience a "little bit of country" in an urban environment. That is something that has been pointed out by others as being internationally significant and unique.

We also must have the infrastructure situated at Military Road on the northern side retained or relocated to another space somewhere on the non-river side of the levy as it is critical facility essential as part of our flood evacuation plan and procedures for

Mark Jones

The river is subject to many inputs that pollute its water such as human derived waste and rubbish. Tons of this rubbish has to be removed from the rubbish traps. Upstream toxins from roads and other infrastructure as well as blue green algae are pollutants also from time to time. Wildlife also contributes to pollutants with their waste, which goes directly into the water. Contrary to belief horses do not defecate into water but do so on land. Flooding does bring an exceptional amount of pollutants upstream. To achieve water quality improvement from all water passing through Breakout Creek would require a wetlands with an area of around 500ha. This area of land is not available at Breakout Creek, only in the order of 20ha is available. In discussions at the start of Stage 3 of the wetland development it was stated that the development would make little, if any difference of the water going out to the ocean. There have been many allegations against the horses concerning environmental problems faced at the outlet. One being increased E.coli cells count observed which was ten times higher than the recommended amount. This was proven to be correct however the E.coli present was not from horses but in fact due to increased numbers of bird life to the area. As a result the implications of wetlands making better quality water becomes questionable, as it would lead to increase bird life and further raises of E.coli. This issue requires further discussion with Green Adelaide for the best possible solution and for the horses to remain for their owners and the wider community. The River Torrens has provided a unique atmosphere to the western districts, where families can relax, feed and enjoy the horses on the river. Over the years there have been local, interstate and international visitors who have expressed their fondness for this fantastic environment allowing horses to be so close to the city for all to enjoy. Let's keep it this way!

Gerard Ryan

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The horses have lost their entire agistment area in Stage 1 and 2 lost one of their arenas and 75% of their area in Stage 3 , FAIR I don't think so. Adelaide Green say we all have to compromise ? The Horses have been a massive draw card fore the community and visitors even more so during Covid-19. More area is required to sustain the horse and the riding club for the longevity for all to enjoy.

Linda Noblet

My husband & I have lived near the Breakout Creek for close on 50 years. Our children, particularly our daughter loved being down near the horses and she even learned to ride a horse. Our Grandchildren have also had much enjoyment from visiting the horses and feeding them carrots and apples. The area where the horses are agisted is the most peaceful area of the river and we feel that we are not even in the suburbs when walking down there. The horses give the area a distinctive appeal. The Riding Club have for many years now cleaned up the horse poo so there really is no need to blame the horses for polluting the sea. We have witnessed much more rubbish that would have come from up stream being washed out to sea after storm events. I say leave the area as is because otherwise to change it would make this part of the river the same as all the other parts with lots of reeds etc. Keep a unique area alive please. ~~on a nonessential project when there are some very important pressing community~~ issues needing to be addressed in the State. Why change something that is not broken. I walk the river very regularly 5-6 times a week, it is my regular exercise and I will only walk the Breakout Creek round trip from Seaview Road to Tapleys and back again as it is safer than other parts of the river, I love the beauty of the place with its open fields and of course those magnificent horses. I quite often walk along the paddocks especially on weekends when it is so busy on the bitumen pathway, it is easier underfoot and no hills which is a blessing. The horses are such a joy and I always anticipate coming across them on my walk. I have lived in the area most of my life and the horses have always been the constant companions. I grew up with them so to speak and not having ever lived on a farm I have been able to get that feeling of an Australian country experience. The horses along with the beach is why I still live here. Recently during the COVID crisis and lockdown the importance this place has to others like me was astounding. There were literally hundreds and hundreds of people and their families visiting the horses, feeding them, sitting on the banks just watching them and contemplating the world which all of a sudden did not seem so bad even though we were in crisis. I know I connect with horses differently than with other animals including the pets I have had. I don't know what it is but it feels spiritual or soulful but it is a deep connection. Having talked to the horse owners on my travels it seems that all they are asking for is 2/3rds of the southern bank. Not much to ask for, for such a huge return that they provide to the community. If it was up to me I would say let them keep it all but in the name of progress, more fool us, why not settle for all the southern side that way the horses will be happy. I understand the numbers will have to reduce which makes me really sad as I have got to know most of them by name. Please, please, please don't throw away what is already so wonderful, give the horses more space.

Eleanor Borthwick

The Breakout Creek offers a space of tranquillity that a person can contemplate their interaction with either the natural water course which attracts an array of birdlife but within this space the involvement of a taste of the countryside where horses are agisted and where the greater public attend to observe these majestic animals. Horses have been here for years and are related to the history within the area. Something that is so iconic and enjoyed by a large number of people is being very overlooked in the planning by only giving the horses 25% of the 100% they occupy. This area is so different and unique I don't understand why there is the need for it to be changed. Listen to the people and be a little more creating with the space you plan for the horses. They require large amounts of space and the thought of putting them in fenced areas completely changes the fabric of this place. The interaction of the public will have to be in a confined space being all directed to a small area therefore creative than a token design creating a pet zoo environment. This takes the whole atmosphere the horse and horses create away. Take a walk down the river when the horses in a herd thunder down the runway - there is nothing better to experience. Be a bit more creative with your plans taking into account the overwhelming swell of support the horses draw. The horses need more space definitely and 25% is absurd. 12 million dollars could be spent more effectively on more urgent matters, eg COVID vaccinations, road infrastructure, hospitals, the homeless, the list goes on. In this case it seems the need to spend monies recklessly before losing them when financial years turn around with government grants is your plan. Disgraceful.

Zoe Jones

Fran how do you account for the crowds of people congregated around the horses. The crowd is made up of families with children, cyclists who have stopped, most taking photos or actively feeding the horses, just watching and enjoying the environment. during COVID there were hundreds upon hundreds of people down this part of the river interacting with the horses.

Eleanor Borthwick

The community have had their say time and time again. Every time itâ€™s overwhelmingly the same. We love the horses, keep the horses - in a meaningful and viable way.

Megan Eastaughffe
jane Schermer
Edward Baxter

Iâ€™m all for improving the way the area looks. Absolutely letâ€™s make more vegetation for the fauna. But please listen to what the community actually want!

Totally agree Eleanor

Say â€œNEIGH!â€

This redevelopment is a waste of taxpayers monies. The horses have been a drawcard to the area as an attraction, call it a tourist attraction, which you would think was an asset to the area. Green Adelaide, you haven't seemed to have had the foresight to reflect that in your planning. 25% of this whole space for the horses to be represented is a tragedy. The public visit this space with very obvious intentions which is to visit and feed the horses. Yes there are lots of other recreational activities but the consensus in this area is very much enjoyed because of the openness of this space and the existence of the horses. Simple things are appreciated by thousands of people every year. Enjoying the science supposedly that is planned for this space won't attract people in the same way. As all wetland areas they are passed through as they are often areas that collect pollution amongst the reeds and the like, which is attributed to upstream. These areas are talked about as being the saviours to water quality and natural habitats. The area as it exists now exhibits very healthy birdlife and pollution from upstream doesn't collect in the same way in this space as it does in Stages 1 and 2 therefore it doesn't become an eye sore like elsewhere. Wetlands are so cluttered and don't give you a feeling of being safe amongst it as unsavoury sorts can take refuge in and around it. Breakout Creek as it stands now should be left well alone to maintain the fabric of history that follows this space with the horses. The horses should be given much more space and priority than is planned for them. Not touching the area at all would be as the public want this space to remain but in the eyes of progress and the lack of understanding this planning committee has for the horses, you need to rethink your position and give priority to history, horses and generations of families and children who love this interaction. Try to look after what is unique and different not just here locally but a lot of people remark who are well travelled people suggesting that this area is very very unique. **SAVE THE HORSES THEY ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS SPACE.**

lisa harding

This is my third post. My opinions here are suppliments to my first post.

I would like to ask the decision makers to have a walk between the Findon Rd Bridge and Henly Road Bridge. You may find, before the Break Creek, in most of the areas, you can only see the dried reeds, which are messy in some areas. While when you reach the creek after Tapley Hill Rd Bridge, it's such a nice change. So green, so pleasant, the water isflowing with a lot of birds. Even without the horses, it should be maintained this way with only very slight enhencenents, such as better vegetation along the linear parks. Horses will make it much nicer.

I believe the longer the creek is kept as it is, the more unique , and thetefore, more attractive to tourists it will be. I believe, if it can be maiteined not dramatically changed. After years, it will become a great tourist attraction. However, it seems that it is impossible to maintain for long term and even for now. Beside the true believes, achieving a project would be a lot more easier and safer for decision makers than insisting on Insights.

Julie Tang

This is the last piece of river, i do not think the water quality must be treated here.