

# Sugars Beach Survey

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## SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

11 August 2022 - 19 September 2022

PROJECT NAME:

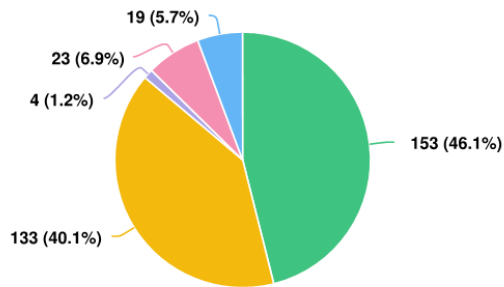
Sugars Beach





SURVEY QUESTIONS

**Q1 Which statement best describes you?**

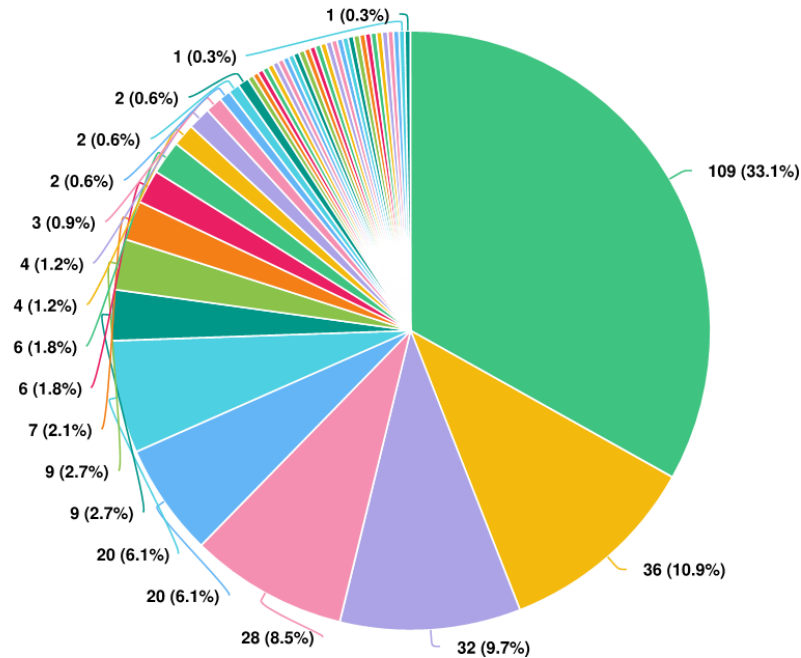


**Question options**

- Alexandrina Resident
- Alexandrina Ratepayer
- Alexandrina Business Owner
- Visitor
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (332 response(s), 4 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question

**Q2 Township**

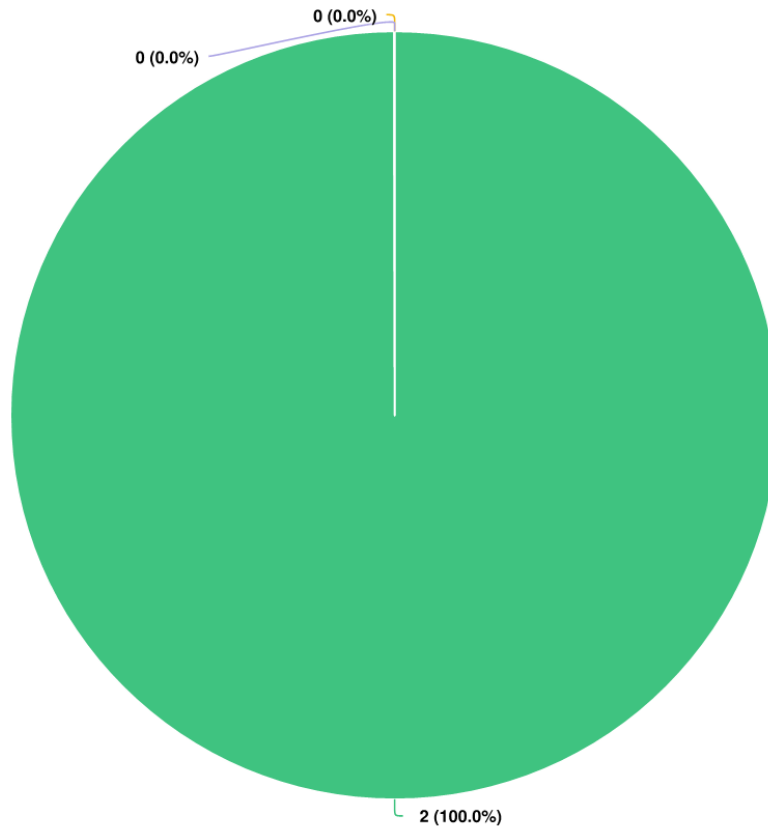


**Question options**

- HINDMARSH ISLAND, SA
- GOOLWA, SA
- GOOLWA SOUTH, SA
- GOOLWA BEACH, SA
- GOOLWA NORTH, SA
- PORT ELLIOT, SA
- MIDDLETON, SA
- STRATHALBYN, SA
- VICTOR HARBOR, SA
- MOUNT COMPASS, SA
- CURRENCY CREEK, SA
- Chiton, South Australia
- CLAYTON BAY, SA
- ENCOUNTER BAY, SA
- MILANG, SA
- LANGHORNE CREEK, SA
- HAYBOROUGH, SA
- ASHBOURNE, SA
- MODBURY HEIGHTS, SA
- FAIRVIEW PARK, SA
- BELLEVUE HEIGHTS, SA
- GREENWITH, SA
- ROSTREVOR, SA
- UNDERDALE, SA
- ELEEBANA, NSW
- FINNISS, SA
- ALICE SPRINGS, NT
- NANGKITA, SA
- MOSQUITO HILL, SA
- SKYE, SA
- PARACOMBE, SA
- HINDMARSH TIERS, SA
- ADELAIDE, SA
- ONKAPARINGA HILLS, SA
- ROSEWATER, SA
- ST MARYS, SA
- GLENGOWRIE, SA
- GLENSIDE, SA
- WIRRINA COVE, SA
- TOOWOOMBA, QLD
- WILLYAROO, SA
- SOUTH PLYMPTON, SA
- GULFVIEW HEIGHTS, SA
- HEWETT, SA
- EVANDALE, SA
- BRUKUNGA, SA
- ADELAIDE BC, SA

Optional question (329 response(s), 7 skipped)  
Question type: Region Question

**Q3** When considering the Masterplan please tick the box that best describes your overarching feedback on the Sugars Beach Masterplan:(Council has already allocated \$1.35M towards the project and the State Government allocated \$1.0M subject to Federal G...



**Question options**

- Only do the toilets, lighting and minor upgrades (\$500K)
- Progress the Sugars Beach Masterplan in priority order as funding becomes available (\$3.95M)
- Do nothing

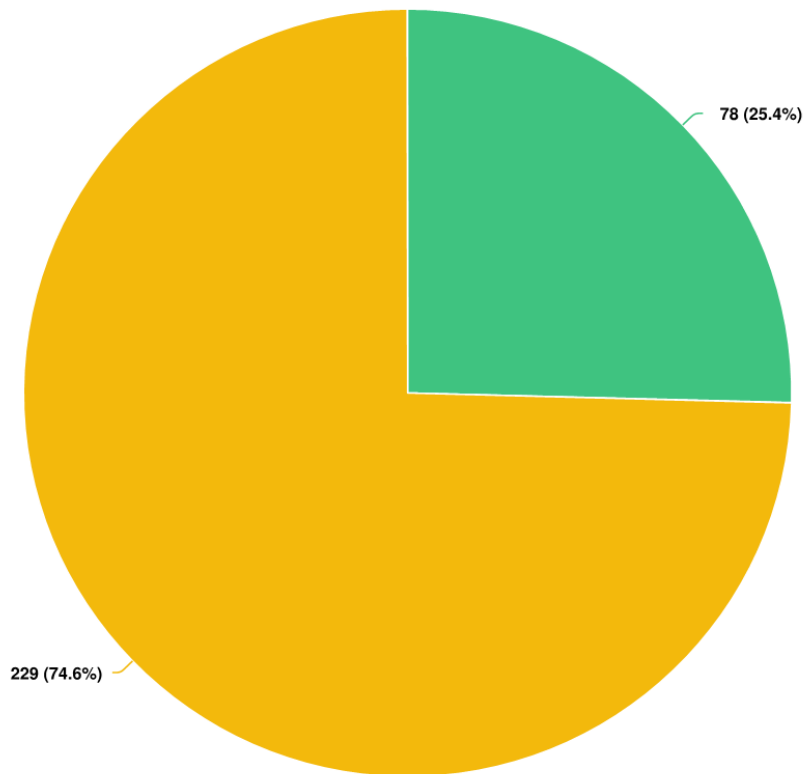
*Optional question (2 response(s), 334 skipped)*  
Question type: Radio Button Question

**Q4** If progressing the Masterplan as additional external funding becomes available, please provide your ranking from 1 (highest) to 8 (lowest) for the following individual elements.

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Toilet facilities (\$350K)	2.44
Interpretative Signage & treatments (educational – environment, river flows, Ngarrindjeri culture) (\$61K)	4.23
Lighting (Main carpark - boat ramp) (\$4K)	4.56
Jetty & landing platform (\$409K)	4.61
Carparking improvements (coach parking, line marking, resealing) (\$373K)	4.73
Boardwalks and main viewing platform (\$1.03M)	5.02
Connected paths, group meeting zone & wayfinding signage (\$535K)	5.13
Tourism Information Hub / Displays including Toilet facilities (educational – environment, river flows, Ngarrindjeri culture) (\$1.2M)	5.28

*Optional question (308 response(s), 28 skipped)  
Question type: Ranking Question*

**Q5** In considering the location of the toilets please tick your preferred location



**Question options**

- Location 1 (near path / start of reserve)
- Location 2 (adjacent commercial activity zone and jetty / boat ramp)

*Optional question (307 response(s), 29 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question*

**Q6** Any other comments?

Screen Name Redacted

8/12/2022 09:12 AM

This is an opportunity for the council to really make a difference by protecting and enhancing the predominantly virgin land. Please don't make it tacky. Please don't make it a traffic congestion. Rejuvenate the natural vegetation and celebrate the indigenous connection to the land.

Screen Name Redacted

8/12/2022 11:16 AM

Keep the Coorong Cafe just as it is with no other food vans. Spend the money on something more important like the homeless!

Screen Name Redacted

8/12/2022 11:21 AM

I much prefer a 'light touch' to the improvements proposed. Completely agree with an upgrade to toilets, parking, interpretative signs and beach access. Priority should be on reducing any negative impacts caused by visitors to the environment. Early concept drawings of a large hard stand play/cultural area are inappropriate and unnecessary. Importantly, I hope the current food vendor is given a first right option to continue to operate at Sugars Beach. I would hope that the proposed commercial area is not simply a money making exercise for Council that ultimately prices current local vendors out. Thank you.

Screen Name Redacted

8/12/2022 12:40 PM

I oppose attracting crowds of visitors to this environmentally fragile area. Please do not spoil its beauty with over exposure. The main priority is composting toilet only.

Screen Name Redacted

8/12/2022 04:04 PM

We regularly drive from Adelaide to enjoy fish and chips and walk at sugars beach. It has a wonderful natural charm which will be lost unless minimal change such as toilets and informative signage installed. Please keep the fish van, live music, hay bales etc - less can be more!

Screen Name Redacted

8/12/2022 05:04 PM

Don't do it, waste of money

Screen Name Redacted

8/12/2022 05:30 PM

Please find a good balance between improving infrastructure in the area but protecting the environment and ensuring the area doesn't lose its undeveloped charm.



Screen Name Redacted

8/12/2022 06:22 PM

This location is wild and windswept for a reason..the amazing location. Please provide significant historical, environmental and cultural information about this amazing location but make it gentle on the environment and on the eye. I was born near the beginning of the Murray River in NSW and spent my teenager years living in Goolwa. My first job was with Goolwa Cruises and I maintain a close connection with the Murray River as my mother still lives in the town. Give tourists a genuine and authentic experience that connects to the natural environment on Hindmarsh Island. Engage with First Nations people so their stories and experiences are captured and passed on to visitors. People are looking to domestic travel more than ever and they need to experience unique locations like this. Continue to support local businesses that have deep connections and genuine interest in promoting this very special area of South Australia.

Screen Name Redacted

8/12/2022 07:15 PM

With the council running a deficit this year, the Sugars Beach plan should be kept to the bare minimum ie just toilets. The remainder can wait until the council has excess funds. Concentrate the funds you do have this year on services to your ratepayers and keep any increase in rates to the CPI changes.

Screen Name Redacted

8/12/2022 08:02 PM

Try not to destroy the remoteness of this area. More info in Goolwa centre would achieve aims with out overdevelopment. Many better uses of this money.

Screen Name Redacted

8/13/2022 06:59 AM

The only change I would like to see to this area is more information regarding local indigenous heritage and an upgrade to the road please do not spoil this area in any other way the best thing about it is issues kept natural

Screen Name Redacted

8/13/2022 08:24 AM

The only addition needed are toilets are situated unobtrusively. Do not add anything else

Screen Name Redacted

8/13/2022 03:51 PM

As a rate payer, business owner & resident nearest to this proposed development & most impacted by this project, all residents in Goolwa Channel Drive & Sugars Avenue should be personally consulted not just relying on this format of consultation. This is not consultation & does not take into account the surviving needs & impact on those most closely located to this site.

Screen Name Redacted

8/13/2022 06:56 PM

\* Commercial area needs to allow for food van licenses e.g. Coorong Cafe ... preferably a grassed area with some seating/tables provided

as fixed structures and areas where people can bring their own chairs and/or picnic blankets etc.. Needs to cater for informal dining which has been a big part of existing Goolwa resident culture. \* Apart from some chairs/tables, no fixed structures in commercial use area eg/- cafes, clubrooms, storage facilities etc. \* Free wi-fi should be provided for interactive cultural information and experience \* Ensure bins including recycling bins are provided in commercial area and these are not allowed to overflow. \* Carpark and commercial areas to include plants native to island to maintain natural look/environment and minimise man-made structures/surfaces. \* Provide one toilet block only 4 x Male, 4 x Female, 1 x Handicapped, 1 x Parent facility.

Screen Name Redacted  
8/13/2022 07:18 PM

Please ignore all of my ratings above and listen to residents who DO NOT WANT huge redevelopment and huge expenditure. Toilets would be great, but please leave the rest alone and do not redevelop!

Screen Name Redacted  
8/13/2022 08:09 PM

This area needs to maintain its feeling of wild beauty, have appropriate signage to educate, minimal buildings, access to Lawari Conservation Park and not be commercialised.

Screen Name Redacted  
8/13/2022 09:59 PM

Please try to keep whatever improvement as natural as possible

Screen Name Redacted  
8/14/2022 05:13 AM

I believe that toilets are a priority and upgrade of the carpark essential but to leave sugars beach as untouched as possible. The residents of sugars beach need a greater say as they will have to put up with the increased usage of this beautiful area.

Screen Name Redacted  
8/14/2022 06:13 AM

Leave sugars Beach just as is leave the wonderful Cafe, it's such a wonderful surprise to visitors it is low impact & treads lightly on the site we don't want or need all the "fluff" to make this a very unique place

Screen Name Redacted  
8/14/2022 06:55 AM

I live at Sugars Beach. The boardwalk would be useless. The wind is constant and cold. Fix up the boat ramp because Mundoo is too busy. Any interpretive things could be put at the lookout, less room for the drug dealers.

Screen Name Redacted  
8/14/2022 07:11 AM

Don't ruin the area

Screen Name Redacted

8/14/2022 07:19 AM

I am horrified at the proposed upgrade. Visitors love it as it is as it is wilderness. It has not been tempered with by man. It shifts and changes. With climate change there will be sea level rise and more storms; dunes will move, the wetlands change. Please please please leave it as beautiful as it is. Tourists LOVE it as it is- the fish & chip low key cafe is always full, immensely popular. It's important for people to just feel a place, especially one as special as this, without signage, without structures, without light pollution. But if you must do something, make it low key, something blended, preferably hidden, as they did at Ayres rock. There are things that are urgently needed in our council area. A million dollars could go to emergency housing for the homeless. That is what is needed, and urgently.

Screen Name Redacted

8/14/2022 09:47 AM

Keep the area as natural as possible, masses of concrete, signage and tourist information hub are a waste. The area needs to be accessible and practical for users whilst being sensitive to the environment.

Screen Name Redacted

8/14/2022 11:51 AM

I am deeply saddened to hear of the plan to completely change the natural beauty and sacredness of this site. Having information near the road ,simple direction signs in the area and a simple toilet not a \$325 K one near the road are the only developments needed in my opinion to protect this area for our grandchildren. None of the other proposals are needed.

Screen Name Redacted

8/14/2022 04:38 PM

Toilet facilities and a three-sided covered shelter are the minimum that is needed and which council and ratepayers can currently afford. The \$350k set aside in the budget should be more than enough to cover this. The instructions in the survey are misleading. I want to rank six of the options an "8". It has taken me five attempts to work out that you want me to rank options I am totally opposed to.

Screen Name Redacted

8/14/2022 05:57 PM

Please minimise the development and maximise retention of the existing natural environment. Please rebuild the toilets in the same place they used to be ie location 1. Please do not build them near the jetty at location 2 as this will intrude upon our residence at 1 Goolwa Channel Drive Hindmarsh Island. The proximity is too close to us and our neighbours. We don't want to see, hear, smell people going to the toilet within 50m or so of our house - YUCK! Please retain the native vegetation between the dredger base and Coorong Cafe. Please do not turn the area into a commercial trading zone, food van hub or other food businesses. Other local experiential tourism operators to enhance the visitation experience welcome eg Spirit of the Coorong. Please protect Sugars Beach and do not turn it somewhere like

everywhere else! Please undertake necessary repairs and maintenance to the roads, carpark, seawall (local limestone preferred), boat ramp, walking paths. Please do not encroach upon our privacy or the amenity of our location and view. Please ensure signs etc are low scale and unobtrusive eg low height, use of natural materials. Please do not build any buildings other than the replacement toilets. Please repair and extend the existing boat ramp and install a small floating pontoon alongside. Please do not extend the jetty or if so only marginally with an end piece running east toward the Mouth. Dredge the shallow water instead and remove the random rocks on the beach washed away from a previous seawall. Please minimise any lighting as we will see it from our house at night. Sugars Beach is a very special fragile place. Please do not spoil it by undertaking any development or over using of it as a tourist destination. Very concerned about the potential adverse impact of increased tourist visitation. We are very concerned about increased noise, pollution, reduction of privacy and seclusion on us as the closest landowner and the Coorong generally. There are many indigenous bones buried all over the Sugars Beach area. In respect no digging or shifting of soil should take place. Please do not plant any trees or plants which are not local resident species. Please retain the focus of the carpark on cars and cars and boat trailers not buses. Please do not encourage activities which increase the utilisation of the Coorong waterways in particular in front of our house Respectfully the consultation process is very poor and appears focussed only at prioritising predetermined development options. We note that No specific or stakeholder consultation has been undertaken with us or any of our neighbours as residents. We would also like to note our objection to the proposed Coorong Visitation Plan and proposed use of Sugars Beach as a Gateway to the zone. Please minimise all Council Expenditure as we are suffering from a Cost of Living Crisis and can not afford Rate increases. We request that all steps be undertaken to reduce our Rates. Peter Oliver 1 Goolwa Channel Drive Sugars Beach Hindmarsh Island

Screen Name Redacted

8/14/2022 06:13 PM

I love the totally natural appeal of Sugars Beach and think you should leave it alone and use OUR money instead in fixing roads and footpaths and reintroducing weekly garbage collection.

Screen Name Redacted

8/14/2022 06:23 PM

The plans that have been realised that I have seen were disgusting, they did not fit into the area at all and would destroy sugars beach

Screen Name Redacted

8/14/2022 07:09 PM

Love the natural non invasive cafe & informal & lovely site not spoilt by overdevelopment to ruin this beautiful unique location

Screen Name Redacted  
8/15/2022 07:15 AM

Apart from toilets and maybe the jetty upgrade leave it be

Screen Name Redacted  
8/15/2022 08:47 AM

Please don't turn this into another "Wharf" fiasco. Do necessary basic improvements only. I don't want "Disney on Murray" The "Naturalness" is the attraction. The Coorong Cafe need to have some competition because their food is crap.

Screen Name Redacted  
8/15/2022 10:23 AM

The appeal of this area is the natural beauty. Adding man made structures will not enhance the area or draw hordes of visitors. Minimal work is needed to cater for people visiting the area to enjoy the scenery and landscape. Information boards would be useful. The car park just needs to be maintained to eliminate pot holes and mud. Signs for bus parking could be added. Not that I've ever seen a bus there. The few times I've visited Sugars Beach there have only been a few people enjoying the area.

Screen Name Redacted  
8/15/2022 11:07 AM

Toilet Block and paved car parks please.

Screen Name Redacted  
8/15/2022 11:15 AM

Please leave it as natural as possible

Screen Name Redacted  
8/15/2022 11:47 AM

This area is beautiful and should not be over developed. Too many people will effect the area and local wildlife. Fish and chip van needs to be kept or given a permanent location to operate from. Another meal outlet could also be included to provide more opportunities for customers but a main part of the reason people visit is because it's causal and you can take your dogs, low key, evening out in the summertime.

Screen Name Redacted  
8/15/2022 12:08 PM

Would prefer the Disneyland style master plan be scrapped and just install toilets, upgrade lighting and car park surface. Please leave it as natural as possible thanks. Maybe next time you have a project maybe ask local residents what they would prefer before getting a Master plan drawn up. That way you could reduce baseless waste of residents money. Just a Thought!

Screen Name Redacted  
8/15/2022 12:15 PM

Shocking survey. Badly laid out. Gives no options other than what council seems to want. How about the option ... leave area as is, other than perform essential maintenance.

Screen Name Redacted  
8/15/2022 12:33 PM

The Sugars Beach area requires very little in the way of "upgrades". Essentially only toilet facilities need improving. Everything else is great just as it is and should be left as close to natural as possible. I do not wish to see millions of dollars spent on "development " of this area.

Screen Name Redacted  
8/15/2022 12:41 PM

How much of this work is to be carried out in this financial year? When is the resealing of our disgusting roads going to start? Are the answers to these questions actually going to be listened to or designated to the bin?

Screen Name Redacted  
8/15/2022 12:51 PM

Spend this money on the roads and supporting interest in attracting businesses to fill the shops in the Main Street! More rubbish collection!! Footpaths!! Start concentrating on what the community needs instead of wasting the money on council members interpretation of what they think Goolwa needs!!

Screen Name Redacted  
8/15/2022 01:03 PM

we can not afford this project.

Screen Name Redacted  
8/15/2022 01:19 PM

Be gentle with the environment - less is more. Enhance the natural beauty - reveg with natives around carpark area.

Screen Name Redacted  
8/15/2022 01:27 PM

I think this is a wonderful idea and I am very much in favour. We have taken visiting family to this area and they were underwhelmed. It has so much potential and I believe this development is a great start to attract more tourists and visitors to this wonderful area.

Screen Name Redacted  
8/15/2022 01:28 PM

Council needs to seriously reconsider the amount of money being spent on unnecessary elements of particular projects. Council does not the funds. Prioritise the most important aspects and leave out the rest. Boat ramp and toilets should be done.

Screen Name Redacted  
8/15/2022 01:50 PM

This area is one of our best assets. Please do not spoil it! Some parking spots for motorhomes would be appreciated.

Screen Name Redacted  
8/15/2022 01:58 PM

The natural beauty of the place is paramount. Minimal infrastructure and information can add to the experience, but it does not warrant a big commercial artificial building. Low key, natural materials, keep it simple.

Screen Name Redacted

8/15/2022 02:47 PM

No ugly playground & concrete monstrosities please. This is an area of peacefulness, nature & should be treasured as is. Toilets are needed. Allow Coorong Cafe to remain as is, no changes to their business is acceptable.

Screen Name Redacted

8/15/2022 03:29 PM

This area is a natural wonder, proudly talked about when we tell people where we live, ie at the mouth of the Murray River where it meets the sea. Over commercialisation of Sugars Beach by this Council is an appalling misuse of funds and the power provided to you by the ratepayers. Consideration must be given to the state of the roads leading to Sugars Beach and the potential number of visitors using those roads. The roads are not fit for heavy and constant traffic. Consideration must also be given to those residents living in close proximity.

Screen Name Redacted

8/15/2022 03:55 PM

Minimal changes to the natural area. Only toilets and jetty landing platform only. Unfortunately your questionnaire has to have all answers you want. Too much change to the natural beauty of the area and at ridiculous expense.

Screen Name Redacted

8/15/2022 04:05 PM

I hope the coorong cafe has an opportunity to stay as part of the offering

Screen Name Redacted

8/15/2022 05:24 PM

Please leave this in its natural state that is the attraction. Too much money for a couple of summer visitors. Natural is best leave it be

Screen Name Redacted

8/15/2022 05:30 PM

The area needs as little as possible. Toilets are a priority along with respecting the environment and Ngarrindjeri Culture and people. Please keep Sugars Beach as natural as possible.

Screen Name Redacted

8/15/2022 05:40 PM

I do understand your funding is for land base infrastructure. But also some points can be looked at in a water based perspective. Over 500 boats visit the area within a 3 month period even higher in summer months. Mooring post could be included as well as a waste dump point for visitors who are using boats with accommodation. Many boats with toilets have holding tanks that to be emptying need to travel back to Goolwa. In my travels to the Gippsland Lakes. The Victorian government has installed dump points in a lot of locations along the estuaries to prevent contamination of marine life. I know this can be expensive. But what cost do you put on the environmental impact with waste dumping of effluent in this area. Thank you. Steve.

Screen Name Redacted  
8/15/2022 05:40 PM

This is a beautiful area as it is. Toilets would be great. Maybe some signs about the historical significance, but we really don't need the massive changes that are being proposed. If you don't do a boat ramp, then dredging the Mundoo Channel to make it easier to get out to the main Coorong would be good.

Screen Name Redacted  
8/15/2022 05:45 PM

Please consider- I do not think there is need to spend so much money in this area- so many other projects that have many more tourists- eg port Elliot!

Screen Name Redacted  
8/15/2022 06:56 PM

This is the worse my say! 8 for every thing except Indigenous signage. Leave Sugars Beach alone

Screen Name Redacted  
8/15/2022 07:20 PM

Leave as much as possible natural with no concrete construction unless toilets & painted green or brown or aboriginal art

Screen Name Redacted  
8/15/2022 07:24 PM

Toilets are the main priority that is required. The beauty of this spot is it's natural beauty.. please don't touch what so many people love just the way it is..

Screen Name Redacted  
8/15/2022 07:37 PM

We need to give much greater pride and honour to the local spiritual land and the significance of the mighty murray mouth

Screen Name Redacted  
8/15/2022 08:00 PM

This survey appears biased. It should just have an option to include self cleaning toilets in the area. If any thing else a bike track extending the existing encounter bay bike track all the way out there but (for example) lighting will only attract groups to congregate at night.

Screen Name Redacted  
8/15/2022 08:52 PM

Why F1 and F2? I'd suggest complete F2 area only. F1 not needed and saves a lot of money. Smart wind protection and multi-directional small stage area needed in commercial zone for acts .

Screen Name Redacted  
8/15/2022 08:59 PM

This historic wilderness area needs preserving as is and not turned into a mini Darling Harbour. Nothing is required except toilets - male and female PLEASE - and a First Country interpretive feature. Save the Council money by doing the right thing and preserving the ambience and serenity of one of Australia's most important geographical features.



Screen Name Redacted

8/15/2022 09:16 PM

As a home owner on the island our family enjoys the peace and tranquility of Sugars and its surrounds. We do not want our lovely space filled with coaches and tourists. Most people around us love the Coorong Cafe and enjoy the untouched quality of the area. It's naturalness is what makes it so beautiful. Those huge signs down there now are not attractive at all. I would wish the most sensitive care of the environment possible please. I think toilets for the cafe are a must.

Screen Name Redacted

8/15/2022 10:02 PM

Please just up grade toilets and leave the rest to be - let nature be in our beautiful part of the world

Screen Name Redacted

8/16/2022 07:05 AM

Less concrete, simple and natural

Screen Name Redacted

8/16/2022 07:46 AM

I do not agree with making major changes to this beautiful part of our world, please leave it as nature intended it to be, why spoil something which isn't broken

Screen Name Redacted

8/16/2022 08:33 AM

Please leave this special piece of beauty as it is, its such a beautiful untouched place, just needs the toilets I pray you realise that we don't want it humanised and ruined

Screen Name Redacted

8/16/2022 08:56 AM

I think footpaths an gutters are fare more important to the local community. Would help with flooding issues. Let have better infer structure before we invite the masses. Let's put the horse before the cart

Screen Name Redacted

8/16/2022 11:08 AM

The appeal of the area is its rustic nature and as such any changes should be minimal

Screen Name Redacted

8/16/2022 11:23 AM

A re look at car parking needs to be undertaken as I have been there on many occasions when both current car parks and up and down roadside were full, I doubt if what is indicated will be sufficient particularly if encouraging coaches which will find it difficult to circulate when this occurs.

Screen Name Redacted

8/16/2022 12:02 PM

Already god viewing from sandhill at carpark. Keep the area natural. Leave alone. Maybe provide some more seating and shelters

Screen Name Redacted

8/16/2022 01:53 PM

I would prefer the survey to allow the rating to be zero for most of the above so that not all of the options above are included at all. I would only vote for 1. discrete toilets ( which could perhaps have some of the proposed information painted tastefully on the walls so that separate signs aren't needed) 2. Jetty and lighting of jetty and boat ramp. 3. Maybe some historical signage and path to go with that as long as it's low key and environmentally aesthetic. I wouldn't vote for any of the others as I don't believe we should be encouraging buses and high traffic down there.

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8/16/2022 02:28 PM

Are you telling us that this is going ahead regardless

Screen Name Redacted

8/16/2022 08:53 PM

I do not support development, this "survey" seems like it is a forgone conclusion though.

Screen Name Redacted

8/17/2022 04:21 AM

A much needed and essential project

Screen Name Redacted

8/17/2022 08:10 AM

Ensure good signage to location

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8/17/2022 08:37 AM

Please be careful of the environment.

Screen Name Redacted

8/17/2022 08:37 AM

Needs to be kept as natural as possible. No ridiculous art and obstructions of beach access. Fishing and wildlife is the biggest tourist destination for the actual Coorong, Do something with that!

Screen Name Redacted

8/17/2022 09:22 AM

The addition of a cold water shower would improve visitors experience. Many time children play on the foreshore and it is usually black mud. An outside shower or tap at the least would be a welcome improvement.

Screen Name Redacted

8/17/2022 10:09 AM

If you're launching a kayak or boat, visiting for a look or coming to the Coorong Cafe, you need the toilets to be close by the commercial activity zone so they are used and so they can be monitored from the SA Water site. If you have children with you, you're not going to allow them to the reserve area to go to the toilet. CCTV and lighting is VERY important.

Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2022 10:13 AM	Allow overnight stay for self contained campers no more than two night's
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2022 10:33 AM	Looking forward to the proposed improvements for this iconic part of our state
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2022 10:58 AM	Any infrastructure should be low profile as per the landscape. No edifices. I believe the current commercial arrangement works well. It is low key and unique. If the plan wants a fixed structure will it be financially prohibitive to any business?
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2022 10:59 AM	This area is unique and should be protected at all costs.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2022 12:25 PM	We have only lived here for 3 years but we like many others love Sugars the way it is . We take our grandkids there during holidays because we find it less busy and safer for them ( all under 7) . Apart from toilets and maybe resealing of the rd leave it as is . A beautiful part of South Australia that doesn't need to become a commercialised precinct .
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2022 01:05 PM	Allow development of multiple year round eateries showcasing local produce
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2022 01:37 PM	I am in favour of all proposed upgrades. I think this will be wonderful for everyone and will encourage more visitors to come to the area.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2022 01:47 PM	leave the sugars beach area as it is, in future years when councils borrowings have been substantially reduced, the addition of a public toilet would be an asset to visitors.I do not support the 7 options above and have only answered them because I had to for my comments to be excepted.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2022 02:01 PM	Turning it into a tourist hot spot is all about the \$\$ evidently, but majority of people will be heavily disappointed in another beautiful natural conservation area becoming laiden to tourism and all for the name of 'educating'. Most we need is a toilet and lights. That is all.
Screen Name Redacted	I have concerns that encouraging (further) tourist attraction will result

8/17/2022 03:17 PM

in tourist destruction of the area. Tourist destruction almost always becomes an issue when tourists are encouraged to a particular area. How will the Council ensure it will preserve and maintain the vulnerable natural environment when the inevitable influx of careless and mindless tourists ensues?

Screen Name Redacted

8/17/2022 03:41 PM

Placing "appropriate wind breaks" would be nigh on impossible at the indicated point - pls just accept that it's a windy spot and don't ruin the view. Also why two toilet blocks so close - perhaps one (out of sight) in the commercial area and the other at the end of Sugars Ave within the turning circle and carpark

Screen Name Redacted

8/17/2022 06:21 PM

The current food truck look terrible. There is very little parking especially for vehicles towing, toilets, shelter & information, are a must for such a significant site.

Screen Name Redacted

8/17/2022 07:05 PM

Do not make toilets the centre peice of the redevelopment or blocking the views to the Coorong and mouth. Best to be located on the north side of the road car parking.

Screen Name Redacted

8/17/2022 09:56 PM

In my opinion, all this area needs are toilets that don't put a blight on the beautiful natural scenery of the area. There is no need for all the other stuff. Leave it as undisturbed as possible. The Coorong Cafe needs to stay, if it wasn't for them no-one would even know that Sugars Bch existed! The idea of walkways, signage etc is totally unnecessary and will destroy the natural beauty of the area not to mention the costs involved.

Screen Name Redacted

8/18/2022 12:25 AM

Keep it simple, keep it low key and in harmony with the site. Visitors (in particular boaties) need a few simple pleasures when they visit a natural site like this, so some suitable food & beverage outlet and toilet facilities become both an attraction and a service to the community. As for tourism & education - this can be had very easily via a Smartphone to the Internet.

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8/18/2022 05:59 AM

As long as any additional infrastructure added to the area sits well in the landscape, has a strong focus on indigenous culture and highlights that and the environmental importance of the Coorong I think it would be a fantastic addition to the area. The international tourism interest in the Coorong in particular warrants at least some sort of project to showcase it, if done with respect to the environment of sugars beach.

Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2022 08:02 AM	The primary aim in all of this should be maintaining the unspoilt natural beauty of the area for visitors not to encourage profit and business.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2022 10:01 AM	Coorong Cafe or similar should most definitely be retained at that location
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2022 12:48 PM	If no jetty then the question is redundant Keep it simple and sheltered
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2022 12:54 PM	I am not convinced that any development is needed at Sugars Beach. Information boards explaining its cultural significance would be interesting. However, if the fish & chip van goes, I doubt I will ever return to Sugars Beach and I don't think I would be the only one to say this.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2022 02:33 PM	Please don't stuff this up. The Coorong is such an untouched beauty. Wild. Rugged. Perhaps put in some loos but leave the rest alone...Are you even looking at the dollar signs in front of the 8 proposed changes!!!!? This money could be used to upgrade our atrocious roads, build emergency housing, fund dozens of traineeships. Gee, you could even just donate it to any number of worthy environmental causes. The community is telling you loud and clear.. WE DONT WANT Sugars Beach commercialised. It's a grubby money grab trying to attract tourists.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2022 02:34 PM	Please don't let a ridiculous fish and chip caravan stop this wonderful redevelopment. Not everyone likes their food or their ownership claim on that area.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2022 02:47 PM	Besides "Interpretative Signage & treatments (educational – environment, river flows, Ngarrindjeri culture) (\$61K" it should be left as it is. Better visitor experience if left untouched and in its' natural environment. This should not go ahead.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2022 03:38 PM	Don't need a jetty or a boat ramp I am an Aboriginal Elder so leave my Traditional Land as close to original PLEASE
Screen Name Redacted	This needs to happen asap and the Coorong Cafe needs to be

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8/18/2022 04:24 PM

seriously considered. This location is an iconic national treasure and needs to be treated as such.

Screen Name Redacted

8/18/2022 04:43 PM

This is completely unnecessary development waste of money beautiful area hardly visited this time of year council rates exorbitant council needs to be more accountable for expenditure of ratepayers hard earned money

Screen Name Redacted

8/18/2022 05:09 PM

All that is needed are toilets that blend in with the environment. NOTHING ELSE.

Screen Name Redacted

8/18/2022 05:15 PM

Sugars Beach is a natural pristine environment. Alexandrina Council enjoys throwing money around on unnecessary projects... leave it as it is !!!... dont waste the money... no wonder Council rate increases are amongst the highest in the State. During cooler months you dont see many visitors there at all. The current basic shipping container eatery set up is unique... but no one will want a business there during cooler months as it couldnt survive. Leave it as it is... stop wasting ratepayers money !!!... a toilet block perhaps or else signage directing to the toilet block at Mundoo Boat Ramp. If I could I would have rated 8 for all of the above ... Unnecessary spending !! Stop wasting money and leave this unspoilt location alone !!!!

Screen Name Redacted

8/18/2022 06:02 PM

The two massive tourism signs must be removed as they are NOT culturally sensitive and serve no purpose. They are an insult to first nation people and the locals who work hard to improve the environment for native flora and fauna.

Screen Name Redacted

8/18/2022 09:10 PM

Improvements and upgrades are needed, but focus on areas that need it! All this proposed works wont attract more people to sugars, if thats what your after, people go there anyway. Beach road is a disgrace, every visitor to goolwa goes down beach rd, not a great impression. Leave it as is, folks enjoy the area the way it is, thats why they go there.

Screen Name Redacted

8/18/2022 09:17 PM

I don't believe the rate payers/council can afford this at the moment.

Screen Name Redacted

8/18/2022 10:24 PM

No additional food trucks to be given licences there, just Coorong Cafe soley

Screen Name Redacted

8/19/2022 02:00 AM

Nature play pace, educational experience of both culture,environment,wildlife and significance kept as close to nature as possible. Toilers at jetty end and landing are further down to.

Screen Name Redacted

8/19/2022 06:32 AM

Please keep it as natural as possible. It doesn't need an upgrade. The island has been ruined already by new developers. Leave that part natural & keep the fish & chips store. We have a shack near by & love it the way it is

Screen Name Redacted

8/19/2022 07:17 AM

I love the natural feel to the area. Hoping it doesn't become a concrete jungle

Screen Name Redacted

8/19/2022 07:29 AM

Please retain the Coorong Cafe and the current 'natural' feel of the area - not over development or too much concrete

Screen Name Redacted

8/19/2022 09:15 AM

It is beautiful and relaxing just the way it is, may a couple of informative signs about the site and some toilets but don't change anything else and save the money to spend on much needed thing in the Goolwa community.

Screen Name Redacted

8/19/2022 10:20 AM

Leave the place as it is. Just a decent jetty for emergencies and toilets. It is the last place left without damaging the environment. It doesn't need massive development.

Screen Name Redacted

8/19/2022 10:31 AM

1, Provide a significant upgrade to the boat ramp, as this is vital for Sea Rescue small boat access to the Murray Mouth area ( VHGSRS "Sealegs", VHGSRS Vessel 02). The boat ramp is currently in disrepair and unsafe to use. 2. What is planned for the commercial zone?

Screen Name Redacted

8/19/2022 05:31 PM

Just upgrade the toilet facilities. It's a beautiful, natural area, leave it alone. The Coorong Cafe is a Gem.

Screen Name Redacted

8/19/2022 05:46 PM

It is a lovely rugged spot. Keep its natural state whilst doing a few improvements which allow everyone to enjoy the beauty. Support the locals - Coorong Cafe deserve to be the sole offering - not enough traffic to support more retail offerings. Don't over do it!! Walking tracks yes, toilets yes, improved viewing yes, full commercial zone no!

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Screen Name Redacted  
8/19/2022 10:52 PM

Keep it simple, as close to natural as it is now. Too much infrastructure means continuous and costly maintenance and takes away the natural beauty of the area. Do need decent toilets.

Screen Name Redacted  
8/20/2022 07:49 PM

Please include facilities or a place for the Coorong Cafe

Screen Name Redacted  
8/20/2022 09:11 PM

The master plan is total garbage. The improvement needed is basic. No one cares about an interpretive centre, it is just spending money we do not have. Happy to discuss further

Screen Name Redacted  
8/21/2022 09:54 AM

I don't want to see this area changed much from what it is now. I don't agree with the proposed plans. It needs toilets again as it used to have. And these should be located near the boat ramp for use by those on boats and near the commercial zone for use by the business there. I want the current business to stay there. It needs to remain a natural area with minimal changes made by mankind. That would take the beauty of the location away from what it is now. ALSO I object to the extreme costs being paid for by rate payers. This is absurd!!

Screen Name Redacted  
8/21/2022 10:09 AM

The question is very poorly worded & confusing. The ranking system & explanation on how to use it is also confusing. A small map, showing just the 2 possible toilet sites & not much else would have been helpful. I believe the confusing and poorly written question will corrupt the results of this survey.

Screen Name Redacted  
8/21/2022 12:50 PM

Development will destroy the pristine and now unique environment. Progress is a new age word which translates to destruction. If people want it to change, maybe go somewhere else. Tourists flock here for what it is now.

Screen Name Redacted  
8/21/2022 01:09 PM

Lighting will upset the natural environment eg think insects, hunting, sleeping. Don't change the natural environment. Instead, take care of the environment. Think like a creature and not a greedy man! Signal Point was once an interpretive hub. Use an existing building. Don't further build nature out. Just dumb!

Screen Name Redacted  
8/21/2022 01:37 PM

Minimise costs to council . No grants then spend minimal toilets only as minimal benefit to locals mainly for tourists.



Screen Name Redacted

8/22/2022 12:08 AM

Fantastic to have some new development there.

Screen Name Redacted

8/22/2022 09:26 AM

Please include a defibrillator in the main car park/boat ramp area

Screen Name Redacted

8/22/2022 10:37 AM

Light and noise pollution is a real potential issue, for example the local pod of dolphins only seem to appear back in the mouth when the dredges have a few days off like over Christmas. If lighting is to be installed at the site perhaps it's timed to go off at certain times or is limited to a certain height (bollard lights) and lumens/wattage. Also to this end, limiting the times/days the dredges are allowed to function - specifically not 24hrs a day 360 days a year! Which also begs the question why are the dredges still functioning at this level when flows are currently high and there is strong flow out of the mouth? Re-location of the SA Water facility, which is an industrial site in a prime tourist location, and using that site as part of the up[grade would be a great option but I understand it has to go somewhere - in Mundoo Channel perhaps? Upgrade of the road(s) is vital especially if there's going to be increased traffic. Some kind of localised sewerage sceptic system that ensures the area remains as pristine as possible.

Screen Name Redacted

8/22/2022 12:09 PM

Need 2 toilets (commercial zone & Mouth viewing platform); Need to develop an integrated regional information / interpretation signage strategy incorporating Goolwa, Sugars Beach, Pelican Point; Meningie; Milang & Wellington; need public jetty separate from SA Water jetty.

Screen Name Redacted

8/22/2022 04:51 PM

The main priorities should be toilets, picnic areas with shelters and walkways. Many people/tourists already come to the Murray Mouth as it is an iconic destination. It needs to retain its natural beauty and not be commercialised or have lots of signage and tarmac. The walkways within Lawari Conservation Park need to be completed. These offer more revitalisation than the current proposal AND a bike way from Goolwa to the Murray Mouth would further value add and activate the area. Both the walkways and a bike track would be in keeping with the councils declared climate emergency promoting healthy activity, whilst increasing the attraction for visitors.

Screen Name Redacted

8/23/2022 04:37 PM

not happy with your numbering system as you restrict me to what I can and can't have unfair survey

Screen Name Redacted

the area should be preserved as is with only a toilet block being a

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8/23/2022 05:19 PM

concrete erection furthermore all seven (7) questions should be able to be ranked from one (1) to eight (8) individually otherwise you are not giving us the availability to put in a true score.

Screen Name Redacted

8/24/2022 11:40 AM

Just leave this unique area the way it is. All that is needed is toilets by the food van of which could be hidden over the road behind the sandhill. We don't need another interpretative centre. This project is a total gross overspending of our good money. Question 6 leaves things wide open as there is not a provision for not wanting any of the suggestions, so it now appears that i favour most of the ideas, which is totally incorrect.

Screen Name Redacted

8/24/2022 02:39 PM

the area should be preserved as is with only a toilet block being a concrete erection furthermore all seven (7) questions should be able to be ranked from one (1) to eight (8) individually otherwise you are not giving us the availability to put in a true score. hopefully my first survey is muted as normally the highest is eight (8) not one (1) once again a falls path.

Screen Name Redacted

8/24/2022 02:44 PM

i would like to see the area preserved as it is with only a few minor adjustments

Screen Name Redacted

8/24/2022 04:26 PM

Make sure that boat ramp access is kept. Don't put in any eyesores. Keep it undeveloped, remote and wild

Screen Name Redacted

8/24/2022 07:15 PM

This survey is biased in its format to support the Council "growth agenda" and launch another disaster for ratepayers. The "underwhelming" area does not need a massive make over with more bitumen, concrete and formal footpaths to make it "iconic". This approach is at odds with the natural setting and First Nations heritage. The assumption in the structure of the survey is that ratepayers agree with this approach and agree with this expenditure. It is impossible to complete this survey without ranking the expenditures as there is NO OPTION to say "NOT REQUIRED" or "DISAGREE". Once again the Council process for consultation is designed to close down community objections. The report on the consultation for the Goolwa Wharf was a disgrace and it is clear from this survey that the same disgraceful approach is being used at Sugars Beach. In order to lodge my written objection I have ranked the activities BUT THIS IS MEANINGLESS AS I OBJECT STRONGLY!

Screen Name Redacted

8/24/2022 11:29 PM

Toilets only are required! Please do not waste ratepayers money on the other proposed unnecessary changes and structures !

Screen Name Redacted

8/25/2022 07:25 AM

STRONGLY dissapprove of ANY development at Sugars Beach

Screen Name Redacted

8/25/2022 08:48 AM

Are SA Water contributing to the costs that will improve facilities to benefit them and not the public? The cafe should be a permanent structure, rubbish bins (often containing fish bait from lazy fishermen) are not emptied on a regular basis. Focussing on bus turnaround/ parking will not improve tourism. Jetty improvements should be focused on providing an interesting location for the public not just for improving SA Water access. An enticing sign should be erected at either end of town limits and at the start of Hindmarsh Island Bridge highlighting the end of our Mighty Murray River that will draw people over there. Having just returned from Vic/NSW they really embrace the rivers history, as the end of the line we need to do the same. This plan is a good start but some funds could be better spent. Goolwa's river boat history is important and also needs to be highlighted as part of this upgrade, not just the flow of the water.

Screen Name Redacted

8/25/2022 09:59 AM

As per my ranking , some of the expenditure is out of proportion to the benefits , at least its not a \$25M flagpole but having seen my rates increase without corresponding increase in income , its time to throttle back on expenditure.

Screen Name Redacted

8/25/2022 11:57 AM

It is not acceptable to continue with this project given that it is the ratepayers that are contributing half the cost of works and it is the ratepayers that are continually being slugged higher rates year in year out. The councils priority should be to look after the local residents before allocating funds to projects that are non essential. Needless to say I will be voting the current council members out at the next election.

Screen Name Redacted

8/25/2022 12:27 PM

The only thing I agree with is the need for toilet facilities in a location that does not detract from the natural beauty of Sugars Beach, and for the Coorong Cafe to remain. Putting concrete monstrosities and signs all over the place will only detract from this special and spiritual place. The expenditure amounts are absolutely outrageous??!! I feel the money allocated would be better spent fixing up the roads that are constantly in a state of disrepair. The only reason I've put anything in the above boxes is because otherwise I would not be able to have a say, and not because I agree with any of them.

Screen Name Redacted

8/25/2022 01:10 PM

The attraction of this location is its natural feel.

Screen Name Redacted

8/25/2022 04:00 PM

It is important to improve visitor/tourism infrastructure at the Murray mouth. As this is a site of significance for South Australia and the nation as a whole, I strongly support the use of external funding for the majority of the project (as opposed to significant Council budget contributions). While the scope of the full project is supported if external funding becomes available, I would like to see priority given to a boardwalk and better viewing platform, interpretative signage, toilet facilities, essential paths and basic carparking improvements.

Screen Name Redacted

8/26/2022 08:29 AM

All that is required are toilets. Leave the rest alone. It has a beautiful outlook now. The cafe as it is fantastic. WHY stuff up something that is unique now.

Screen Name Redacted

8/26/2022 02:43 PM

just leave it as natural as possible. 1.2million for a tourism information hub? dont need that!

Screen Name Redacted

8/26/2022 03:58 PM

I am more than happy to see improvements to the parking area re: sealing, parking bays etc. and the provision of a modern, environmentally sound toilets facility. The repair of the jetty is also a necessary and desirable part of any work at the facility, and all the above I consider to be a proper expenditure of ratepayer funds. The mindless push to spend several millions of dollars of ratepayer funds on so-called "improvements aim to encourage visitors" I do not support, especially when there appear to be ulterior motives behind the decisions. It is not Council's task to continually spend money on encouraging tourists to the area, nor spending obscene amounts on providing infrastructure to the same end - ratepayers funds are for the betterment of ratepayers and their local areas and infrastructure for ratepayers use. The continuing profligate waste and rising, significant debt which sees Alexandrina Councillors inflicting one of the highest rate rises on its ratepayers without significantly reducing debt, despite the worsening state of living costs by Australians generally, reflects very poorly on their judgement and abilities as representatives of ratepayers.

Screen Name Redacted

8/27/2022 04:00 PM

This area does not need to be overdone. I frequent it and from what I see locals and tourists appear to be happy with the rural and rustic nature of the area. It's great to have a food outlet such as the Coorong Cafe and have food and entertainment, which is appreciated by those who go there. Sure we could use proper toilet facilities and

the connection of walking paths to Mundoo channel drive are a great idea but let's not go overboard and wreck the very nature of the area.  
Regards,

Screen Name Redacted

8/28/2022 08:29 AM

As long as there is space to support local businesses, like Coorong Cafe and Canoe the Coorong, who have been working down there for years, it would be nice to upgrade the area and draw more people in.

Screen Name Redacted

8/28/2022 12:35 PM

We would like to receive more information about the "Commercial Activity Zone ". We feel it's a priority to maintain the existing Coorong Cafe caravan and surrounds - a major drawcard to the area. Also hope the area will maintain a relaxing natural environment.

Screen Name Redacted

8/29/2022 10:01 AM

Minimum development only! Simple toilets, carparking upgrade. Leave it rustic and natural.

Screen Name Redacted

8/29/2022 10:27 AM

This project should scaled down to toilets, signs car parking and mooring facilities with spending to kept around \$1m. There are plenty of scope to other improvements but at the moment residents are wanting other improvements around goolwa eg bitumen road under bridge and carpark for market days. These may already part of the Goolwa wharf which should go ahead asp and look at Sugars after that.

Screen Name Redacted

8/29/2022 05:10 PM

Hi 1. Looking at the proposed map (F2) there doesnt seem to be a place for the current cafe. What is concerning is that we hear that council is doing everything possible to make running a business hard and next to impossible. Cafe owners have done a such great job and are providing employment. It is important that cafe stays 2. As resident of Mundoo channel drive why channel drive road is not maintained, we still pay the council fees. 3. As resident of Mundoo channel drive I have to ask how are these toilets being put in and we can't get our property on freehold. It seems that there are different rules for the council and for residents. Could you please provide the detail?

Screen Name Redacted

8/30/2022 03:27 PM

All built elements should be designed to minimise impact on the environment and blend with surroundings

Screen Name Redacted

8/30/2022 04:53 PM

The Coorong Cafe has been such a great venue - good food in an unspoiled outdoor venue, often with great live entertainment. Please

don't spoil it!! Locals and visitors alike enjoy the simple, casual vibe - it's something special, and a Tourist Information Hub is quite simply going to spoil it. Improved car parking and toilets are a good idea, but anything else that screams 'tourist' is just going to destroy the atmosphere that makes people come here. Please include Coorong Cafe proprietors in your discussions - they have worked hard to build something special. Replacing that with a 'tourist hub' in that location would be an irreversible mistake. I don't want to see many of the 'improvements' listed (1-8) but could not submit the survey without numbering them.

Screen Name Redacted

8/30/2022 09:59 PM

The creation of a path running West to East directly in front the the Sugars Beach shacks is strongly opposed. This is a complete waste of money. It is intrusive, has no aesthetic merit and would be environmentally unsustainable. The track would need to be established in hitherto undisturbed natural scrub ie - there is no existing track upon which it would be based. Such a track would have no view of the sea and in summer would be plagued by snakes. All access from Point I should be on the beach which is how that section is best utilised and currently used.

Screen Name Redacted

8/31/2022 07:45 AM

Any development in this area must be low impact, environmentally and culturally sensitive. It is a natural area and any encroachment into what is left of the natural landscape must be avoided or minimised, such that human impact does not impinge on the landscape and biodiversity that still exists. Improvements to the biodiversity should also feature in design elements. A commercial zone is not warranted. However, should one be put aside any such enterprise must be appropriate for the location and natural ambiance, low impact and environmentally sound. Any development in this area will attract additional visitation and the impact on surrounding roads must be taken into account. Randell Road is narrow and in poor conditions and as such, is dangerous and does not handle the current level of traffic movement. Any development must be delayed until at least Randell Road is upgraded to handle current and expected traffic loads.

Screen Name Redacted

9/01/2022 08:38 AM

Most importantly facilities for private hospitality (food/wine/music/entertainment) should most definitely be included but be located adjacent to but not obscuring the natural views of the mouth/waterway/sand dunes. Careful selection of the type, construction and aspect of all shelter and major buildings such that views are enhanced and do not obscure the natural views to and across the waterway to the Murray mouth, Coorong national park and dunes.

Screen Name Redacted

9/01/2022 12:13 PM

Please leave natural look to area. Too much intrusive building signals destroys the natural view. It distracts from the unique natural environment of the river estuary. Less is better. Give the overpaid planners a ticket out of town!

Screen Name Redacted

9/01/2022 01:18 PM

Great Project

Screen Name Redacted

9/01/2022 04:57 PM

Infrastructure should integrate aesthetically with the pristine environment

Screen Name Redacted

9/01/2022 08:32 PM

I do not think that this should go ahead. I have only numbered the options because I would not be able to submit this without it. The area is currently low-key and very pleasant, these plans will ruin the atmosphere. In addition, Hindmarsh Island is an amazing, unique place, full of wildlife which should be appreciated and protected - wildlife free to live naturally. Additional cars and buses will inevitably at least disrupt, at worst kill wildlife, wildlife which we should be appreciating. Further, it is currently fairly dangerous to join Randell Road from Monument Road as traffic is decreasing from 100 to 80. Increased traffic will increase this danger. My main concern is that the wildlife which Australians are increasingly appreciating will be in more danger from road users.

Screen Name Redacted

9/02/2022 11:23 AM

I think is important to keep any development as natural as possible, using timber (maybe recycled) to keep the façade as inconspicuous as possible in such a beautiful environment

Screen Name Redacted

9/03/2022 08:34 AM

Needs to be kept as it is in its original state. Do not increase the turning circle for the few buses as it is already big enough. Destroying the natural state of the park. Keep it as it all is.

Screen Name Redacted

9/03/2022 08:46 AM

Minimal impact is needed - consent plans are an eyesore and take away from the natural beauty of the area. Not happy that council are happy to hike up our rates but then boast about spending ridiculous amounts of money on something that is not needed apart from toilets. This survey does not allow for the option of not having some of the proposed changes. If it had I would have opted for no for most of these things.

Screen Name Redacted

9/03/2022 09:41 AM

I have only ranked the items in the above order because I am not allowed to omit or add items. This MySay does not allow for proper consultation and has been designed to lead users to reach a predetermined outcome. That is not real democratic consultation, just a box tick exercise. . This is a redevelopment that virtually no one wants and one we as ratepayers and Council cannot afford. I have no desire for expensive & intrusive infrastructure at this beautiful natural place. We visit this area as a family, and bring our friends here because it is wild and unspoilt. In my opinion, all that is required is the following: - Some simple, unobtrusive interpretative signage covering the natural & historical environment would be excellent. - An unobtrusive toilet block with disability access and baby change facilities - well overdue repairs to the road & carpark - repairs to the Jetty - Coorong Cafe to stay where it is! Enough of the Grand Plans that this community neither wants or can afford!

Screen Name Redacted

9/03/2022 09:51 AM

The only "improvements" required are toilets and information signage. This area should not become another "disneyland", definately no (F1)!!!, the area needs to retain what natural elements remain, not be buried under more concrete. No need to alter current car parking, no walking trails through conservation park to "link" to Mundoo, no "looped path" reinstatement, only essential boardwalks for erosion control on river frontage, SA Water should be paying for wharf extensions etc (B). Why upgrade a boat ramp into water that is too shallow for effective use by anything larger than a light "tinnie", you'll just create a boat ramp that is not any more useful than the current one, the water is too shallow, or do you plan to dredge a channel to the ramp??? Building structures does not "create a significant environmental and culturally important site", try effective promotion of what we have, tourism is not buildings or undesirable development. How do you propose to improve the promotion of what we have??? Maybe some of the money should be spent on an effective promotion strategy for the entire town, I see many other towns promoted in various travel shows etc. but never anything about Goolwa or our area, what is our tourism promotion "team" doing???? why do we continue to pay for ineffective tourism promotion??? I object to the form of the "survey", all items with a score above 3 in my response have no significance and should not be in the "plan".

Screen Name Redacted

9/03/2022 10:21 AM

This is a waste of my money . My resurfacing of road was approved for work last financial year ending June 2022 and of course you haven't even looked at it and yet another serious crash. How many more deaths do you want? Very poor effort to the Alexandrina Council. Shape up or ship out.



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Screen Name Redacted 9/03/2022 10:32 AM	Keep the area natural with limited concrete. More trees, grass, seating. Natural environment
Screen Name Redacted 9/03/2022 10:34 AM	Coorong cafe to be given a large say in the commercial zone set up due to bringing extra people into the area for a relaxing meal and entertainment in the past
Screen Name Redacted 9/03/2022 10:52 AM	Retain Coorong Cafe. Mlnimise other commercial development.
Screen Name Redacted 9/03/2022 11:21 AM	Coorong Cafe must stay. Support your local businesses that are loved by the community. Upgrade should be discreet and in keeping with the natural beauty and simplicity of the area. This is what the community wants...not an ugly tourist hub and bus parking. Environment and Community before commercial gain please
Screen Name Redacted 9/03/2022 12:06 PM	Please keep infrastructure to a minimum. The beauty of this area is the simplicity and peace. Minimal car parking please. Also be aware of utility in drought as it needs to be attractive in low flow times too.
Screen Name Redacted 9/03/2022 01:00 PM	Leave as natural as possible no concrete or unneeded structures
Screen Name Redacted 9/03/2022 01:37 PM	Do not want over development
Screen Name Redacted 9/03/2022 02:24 PM	Don't destroy a viable business on the island because of councillors who don't care at all
Screen Name Redacted 9/03/2022 02:46 PM	It's fine as it is, drop the ridiculous rates we pay for little service
Screen Name Redacted 9/03/2022 03:04 PM	We show the greatest respect to the natural beauty, native flora and fauna, and the traditional custodians of the land, by keeping our impact on the area minimal. While considerate placement of educational signage, and a toilet block near the boat ramp are helpful additions, extensive boardwalks and visitors centers are not necessary. Keep the area sacred, not a tourist trap.
Screen Name Redacted	I would like to understand if the change in Government at both State

9/03/2022 03:17 PM

and Federal level has resulted in increased risk to any promised State and Federal funding. If the funding deeds haven't been executed (and from the brochure it reads that only the State funding is confirmed) then perhaps relying on receiving any Federal funding in the current economic climate introduces a level of financial risk exposure for council, should that funding not eventuate and if any elements beyond what can be delivered for \$1.35M are tendered and contracted for, particularly in the face of escalating project costs in the current economic climate where material and skilled labor is hard to source. Council has already rated its community for 2022/23 on the \$1.35M therefore I believe only what can be delivered within that amount is what I believe should be endorsed at this stage. I very much support a staged approach for various project elements. Reassess this at each quarterly budget review. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important project.

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I feel this skewed survey is very biased as I would have put 8 for ALL other choices other than toilets. You are making people appear to say they are still liking to some degree all the other options when they may be totally against them ! Absolutely NOTHING else is needed other than toilets & I know I am not the only person who feels this way ! Do NOT spoil the natural beauty of the area aka turn it into Disneyland - tourists & locals do NOT want this. No one wants to see a constant flow of bus loads fo tourists - it would NOT be good for the environment or local wildlife plus it is a huge waste of ratepayers money & I truly hope it does NOT go ahead..

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Only needs updated toilet, lighting and parking. This area was and is fine being serviced by Coorong Cafe. No need to change what is a quintessential beach side area into a Gold Coast tourist park.

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Prefer area stays fairly much as is because it is unique. Toilet facilities and lighting should be top priority.

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NB. The system would not let me leave items 5-8 which I don't support, blank. As a family who enjoy fishing picnics at Sugars Beach I support the inclusion of toilets and educational signage, however I consider that this project should be undertaken and funded by the Department of Environment in conjunction with the Lawari Conservation Park and as the gateway to the Coorong National Park. I would like to see council funds instead spent on improving access for local residents and others to other waterways such as the Finnis River. Council projects should tread lightly on our region, doing as much as necessary and as little as possible.

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Please leave Sugars Beach as is, as much as possible & the Coorong Cafe is unique & simple & people just love the character & simplicity of the place as it is now. It doesn't need grand up grading. Just some toilets & sealing of car park maybe.

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Where is the information about the commercial precinct? Please no large blocks of concrete like the initial plan I saw. Please retain the natural feel of the place. Will personal/private owned boats be allowed to tie up to the proposed jetty?

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Please keep it natural. Don't go wasting money on trying to fix something that's not broken. It's raw landscape & should stay that way.

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My rates have increased and as the council has so much debt maybe we should think about only spending the minimum amount of money.

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1 upgraded toilet block with disability access & baby change facilities  
2 Unobtrusive interpreted signage covering the natural & historical environment  
3 Way overdue repairs to the road & carpark  
4 Coorong Cafe to stay  
This is all that needs to be done, nothing else, do not spoil this naturally perfect place with unwanted & expensive infrastructure  
This survey makes you pick a number, there is no option to leave a suggestion as a zero. This survey has been designed to lead to a pre determined outcome, & does not allow for proper consultation,

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I do not feel the area requires the full expenditure proposed. I would have preferred to be able to only enter (1) & (2) & leave the rest. Do feel some of the funding could & should be used to develop a simple path network to & within Lawari Conservation Park. Paths should be at least 1.5 metres and use dolomite paths as is used at Bashams Beach. The narrow raised hard rubble path as used from the current MM lookout to Mundoo & elsewhere in Lawari are not suitable for walking groups or cyclists. There are also many other projects within Alexandrina which could developed. Suggest road shoulders & sealing. Possibly a pedestrian/cycleway across the barrage to develop a ring shared path from Goolwa to the Barrage, across to Hindmarsh Island & back to Goolwa..The barrage requires work to solve saltwater intrusion problems & a shared path across would be a great tourism/recreation attraction to include.. Thank you

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This survey feels like it is forcing your hand to agree in part to all of the proposed upgrade plans. The beauty of sugars beach is the simplicity and natural feel of the place. All that is needed is a toilet block - anything else is ruining the natural beauty of the place and will result in less people hanging out there. It's a gorgeous stretch of coastline, don't spend money to ruin it.

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I strongly oppose all of the proposed works outlined in the master plan, as I believe that these changes will ruin the relatively natural feel of the place and how people currently use and experience it. There are enough developed waterfronts in the area, and this one does not need to be the same. I also have serious concerns that this survey is set up in a way that does not offer or allow (in the specific questions) any objection to the proposal, and only an ordered preference.

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Leave it as it is

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My household, 2 adults and 4 children do not want the natural environment to be impacted by large infrastructure. The current proposal is over the top for this location. The site needs signage, upgraded paths and toilets, that is all - the natural beauty should be left. The current food vendor is appropriately placed and should continue to provide visitors with food and drink options. It would be good if at the end, results from this survey are provided back to the respondents- allowing some transparency to the your say process. I cannot select the same number twice for the questions so I'm being forced to allocate a number to each question that I don't agree with, if I don't do this I cannot submit my comments.... Hmm this is not my say, this is forced choice making on a project it seems you've made your mind up on. Disregard my answers to questions 3,5,7,8,9 as I had no option other than to vote with the remaining numbering hierarchy

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Minimal work. Toilets, potholes and caravan cafe to stay

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GWLAP has constructed trails recently in Lawari as shown in the concept plan. We are keen to continue with this work and to work with Alexandrina Council on this. The area also needs additional weed control and revegetation. The natural environment is a key reason for visitation. GWLAP is keen to work with Council on further enhancement of the local flora and fauna. Thanks.

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Plan remains overbuilt and operates on a false premise that ratepayers are prepared to accept the constant and substantial rises in rates for these sorts of outcomes rather than improved care and maintenance of existing natural assets.

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I strongly object to the proposed developments at Sugars Beach and the Murray Mouth on the grounds of significant environmental impact, negative aesthetic intrusion into a natural surrounding and unwarranted financial expenditure. What does the 'Commercial Zone' consist of? I think this needs more explanation before asking for community comment. What consultation has there been with Ngarrindjeri First Nation peoples and what do they think about the whole development, not just that relevant to cultural orientation and information (which is a great idea)? I believe the proposed development to be a total waste of funding and tax-payers money, whether that be Council, State or Federal funding. I do support the installation of toilets at Sugars Beach and sensitively designed and constructed (using natural materials) interpretative information about traditional Ngarrindjeri ownership of the land and cultural heritage information. There are no details provided on the commercial precinct, so I believe this information needs to be provided for comment also. The current Coorong Café is an iconic facility, being locally family-owned, appropriately sensitive and in keeping with the surrounding environment. It is popular due to being low key, non-invasive and unobtrusive with people sitting on chairs on the grass, feeling connected to the water views and the wildlife. There definitely should not be some concreted commercial development in such a fragile environment. The Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth are protected under an international RAMSAR International Wetlands agreement, whereby any developments or changes to the environment need to be reported. Increased traffic, noise and people will potentially interfere with bird breeding and the passage of migratory birds. Already a series of flashing beacons in the Coorong has contravened this agreement and have been shown to cause damage to migratory bird movements. Sugars Beach and the Murray Mouth are one of the few areas so close to Adelaide which are an unspoilt natural environment, there are few places left that are untouched wilderness. People enjoy visiting because it is not a fabricated, controlled and concreted tourist destination. Increased traffic noise and pollution will not only impact the local bird and wildlife populations, but local residents too with visitors encouraged at all times of day and night. With increasing global temperatures heading to 1.5C by 2035 - 2050 and rising water levels, Sugars Beach will likely be between 0.5 – 0.7m inundated with water. Any developments therefore submerged or inaccessible. There is no permanent levy or temporary protection infrastructure which will avoid

this flooding catastrophe. In May 2022, shacks on Mundoo Channel were flooded and sea water was washing across the submerged health land from the Murray Mouth. This is only going to increase and therefore makes major investment a waste of resources. Regards Sally Francis 64 Mundoo Channel Drive, Kumarangk (Hindmarsh Island) Please note that in numbering priorities for work in Q6 above, I DO NOT AGREE with anything beyond number 4, but couldn't submit without completing this section.

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There was a near fatality on our road once again. Woodcone rd - the money for this was allocated for last financial year and meant to be completed by June 2022 . Do you think it's been done or even looked at? The pine needles are encroaching all over the road and as it is a 100km rd creates no traction for tyres. We continually have cars through our fences . 3 deaths and counting

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This so called improvement plan is a waste of money. This area is a fragile ecosystem and should be safe guarded against any increase of people damaging the local environment and not actually caring about the future of the area.

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I believe that the proposed development, other than a toilet, is unnecessary. The area is breathtaking already and does not warrant spending ratepayers' money which will only increase Council's debt at a time when people are having difficulty in meeting rapid rises in the cost-of-living. Please be realistic. It will not benefit the majority of ratepayers. I do not support the above list of items other than a toilet.

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Leave the are as it is and build toilets. In Europe there are QR codes so you can learn the history and watch videos on smart phones

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All I see advantageous to the area is long drop toilets on the northern side of Sugars Ave and opposite the car park near you the boat ramp. Perhaps a covered gazebo on the eastern side of that car park.

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The important thing with the development at Sugars Beach is that it remains a "low key" attraction and does not take on a "glitzy" character. Facilities should be conducive to informal gatherings which are culturally sensitive to both the indigenous and non-indigenous members of the community.

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Please keep it all as simple as possible and look after Coorong Cafe - they have done a fantastic job over recent years.

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1. There is already litter throughout the bushes at the side of the road, Sugars Avenue, some of which appears to be toilet paper. Hence toilets are crucial to any new development and should be located as close to the commercial, food serving area as possible, i.e. at the western end of the carpark. There should also be toilets at the lookout where buses containing many people will stop and turn around. 2. An influx of people will also mean that there will be more detritus discarded on and around the beach. This will undoubtedly include dog poo, since not all dog owners are assiduous in cleaning up after their pets. The council must, therefore, erect dog bag dispensers at the Sugars Beach carpark and at the lookout at the very least. There should also be monitoring of the area on a regular basis to maintain the cleanliness of the area.

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Who is the jetty and landing platform going to benefit? If it is a private business they should pay for it. Toilets are the only thing that I see as a must have. Keep things natural for tourists.

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1. Boat ramp not necessary. Ramps already at Beacon 19 and Mundoo Boat launch will clutter car and coach parking. 2. Interpretative signage must also include European history - Sturt, Barker. Mouth use for shipping and link to paddlesteamers, first rail links etc. 3. Toilet facilities need to cater for commercial area eg. Cafe / Restaurant. If commercial area has toilets then F1 is a better central location. 4. Jetty would cater for boat customer access to Cafe / Restaurant.

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I cannot condone the somewhat ridiculous plans to spend vast amounts of money there, as it is a beautiful place that invites visitors to see it as it is. I am uncomfortable filling in your suggested eight points as it seems to me that in abiding by their limiting input I would be accepting their premise, which is that they are the only choices. However, I agree that providing public toilets is necessary, as long as they are installed with careful consideration to their place in the visual and physical environments.

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I am a resident of Alexandrina who regularly takes both interstate and international guests to Sugars Beach to enjoy the natural and unpretentious landscape. We buy fish and chips and watch the sunset in a relaxed and convivial environment. Currently that is unique and

should be maintained. I am not filling in the Community feedback form as it is prescriptive and I believe disingenuous as it has a prescribed outcome. I.e. in order to add a comment you have to rank items that I do not want to see in the area – there is no choice and you cannot submit without ranking the items. This is designed to reduce community engagement not encourage it. You have put toilets in the form twice – and yet the \$350k is in the 2021-22 budget of Council capital works budget how does that work? The Ngarrindjeri signage which was the big 'sell' by council staff is a tiny part of the overall plan (\$61k) surely this is grant worthy on it's own and does not need to be part of the huge concept plan. Adding it all up comes to \$3,962,000 yet the press release of 11 March endorsed by Mayor Parkes and David Basham MP states: Council has secured funding through the State Government's - Regional Growth Fund, 'Opening our Great Outdoors' funding stream, which will contribute to the \$7.6M project to transform Sugars Beach and the Murray Mouth into a pristine eco-tourism hub. (Alexandrina Council website) What is the other \$3,638,000 for and why is this not part of the community consultation process? I have considerable doubts that this project will have any return on investment to the ratepayers. I believe the boardwalks and their construction in fact will damage the fragile environment and take away from the natural beauty that nature enthusiasts seek. There are tour boats that can go up the Coorong who do not need to stop at Sugars Beach, accordingly, the re 'aligning' of the jetty and a "pontoon" is a waste of money. The plan also spends a lot of money on accommodating buses. Has there been any consultation with tour operators? Traffic management surveys to ascertain how many buses actually visit Sugars Beach, and on what information have the projected numbers been calculated? I believe the 'tourism' push by council will not eventuate and rate payers money will be wasted on grandiose statements and future generations will be stuck with the bill. I also note the sea level rises for the area and that Council has accepted a Coastal adaption plan, the area is precarious and money would be better spent protecting the shoreline than on infrastructure that will be inundated with water level rises. These are not part of your tick list but are itemised in the project Plan (Section K) – what are these costs? Why are they not discussed in the brochure or community consultation? The smaller items like \$4k for lighting should be business as usual for Council. I cannot support this expensive and ill conceived project that benefits so little of our community.

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I am making a submission via email because any online consultation that offers only a limited number of options is not truly a community consultation, in my opinion. It looks and feels like Council is simply ticking boxes from the Local Government Manual 101. This comment is not reserved only for Alexandrina but by observation, many



Councils use this approach in order to achieve a specific predetermined outcome. My preference for Sugars Beach is for it to remain a natural environment, with only minor enhancements. This would also be in line with the stated strategy of Council for looking after the environment I see no advantage to me as a ratepayer, or ratepayers more generally, in Council investing our money in expensive & intrusive infrastructure at this natural location. However I do encourage the following: - the installation of some simple, non-intrusive interpretative signage covering the natural & historical environment. - A toilet block that can be blended into the surrounds. - repairs to the road & carpark surfaces - repairs to the Jetty - Coorong Cafe has developed a very positive reputation and response to the area, and should stay where it is! The Grandiose Plans proposed by Council are not affordable in the current financial environment, are not wanted by most of the ratepayer community, and provide little or no benefit to the ratepayer community The proposals appear to me to benefit only a very small number of tourist operators, and I am disappointed to see my money being utilised in this way.

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Our family moved here in 1980. We lived right next to the lookout at the end of Sugars Road. In 1981 the Murray Mouth closed. It was the first time this had happened in recorded history. Nobody appeared to know what to do or how to react. Whilst the mouth cleared temporarily in mid-1981 so that the river was able to flow again, from this time on the mouth filled continually with sand, pushed in by the sea, because there was severely reducing outflows from the river. There were wetlands and a channel in front of our shack. In winter we used the channel as a means of getting into the Coorong via Scab Channel and the back of Bird Island. But the filling up of the mouth was incessant and by the late 1980s the wetlands had gone and there was a need to stop the rising sand levels in front of the shacks. On a very windy day in the late 1980s/early 1990s the sand level on our front "lawn" rose by almost a metre. We erected sand drift fencing to stabilise the area in front of the shacks. This can still be seen at the lookout. This has contributed to the stabilisation and establishment of the growing small dune system at the lookout. From the beginning we tried to plant here. Pretty well all of the swamp paperbarks along Sugars Road and north-east of the lookout were planted by our family. We made lots of mistakes along the way because the advice from the Department of Environment was wrong, and to take notice of what was successfully growing in neighbour's gardens was also wrong, if we were to re-establish the local ecosystems that had largely vanished from the scene. The original Landcare group on the island (late 80s/early 90s) planted Western Australian species (Melaleuca nesophila) at the mouth. We planted some Victorian species (Leptospermum laevigatum) and some from the Bunda cliffs of the Nullarbor Plain. By the late 90s we were getting some plant species

right. What I want to see here, in this very special location 1. The area concerned needs its Ngarrindjeri name restored. It is a significant site for First Nations people. Mr Sugars was just an early fisherman in this locality. Most of the roads etc on the island are named after the English, explorers and settlers, Sturt, Denver, Grundy, Randell, Mills, Semaschko, Chappel, McLeay, Barker, and so on. This could be undertaken quite quickly. 2. The minimum of infrastructure only, decent toilets, parking, fixed rubbish collection, boardwalk to the Interpretative Centre/Café from the carpark at Sugars Beach, picnic area adjacent to present carpark, Toilets Alternative locations to those in the proposal must be explored. The best location would be on the dune on the edge of Mundoo Paddock, hidden in the vegetation that is being established there. There must be a toilet at the MM lookout on the dune, in the vegetation, behind the carpark. This is the most visited part of Sugars Beach and Hindmarsh Island. Cafe The present location is poor for a number of reasons. There is no panoramic view. It is also so exposed. An alternative location on the dunes at the edge of Mundoo paddock, combined with a second toilet location would address these concerns. The café could also be part of an interpretative centre about the history of this site, particularly the Ngarrindjeri experience. In the short term, the café will need to provide their own toilets. Rubbish collection This has always been a serious problem at the Murray Mouth. On the last windy day here ALL of the 3 bins on loan from FRWA were blown over and the rubbish disbursed. Local people are sick of picking up the rubbish in this area. It is just another example of us not caring about this important place. There are good examples of bins that work effectively! 3. The retention of the wild experience here. This is really the main entrance to the Coorong and is the best location to see the Murray Mouth, and it is so accessible from Adelaide. The Mouth is wild at times, windy almost always, changing incessantly. Visitors need to enjoy the experience, understand the fight going on over water in the Murray Darling Basin and the significance of that for maintaining a naturally open mouth, which provides essential habitat and food for migratory wading birds. Visitors should leave far better informed and willing to support the stand needing to be taken by everyone to provide more water to the Lower Lakes and Coorong. Retention of the wild experience here ought to influence this whole development 4. The retention of the lookout site with better, up-to-date and honest information about what is being seen/happening here and why this is happening. This probably needs some protection from the wind too as people drive to the lookout and then don't get out of their cars because of the conditions. 5. The removal of the ugly, confusing, huge highway signs from here. I have tried to identify who gave permission for these inappropriate signs to be erected here. Alexandrina Council doesn't appear to know. They are part of a state-wide tourism program that promotes travelling up and down the River Murray. I have seen similar signs only on major highways. This

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experiences by us all, by the ecotourism operators, by the bird watchers and by those who appreciate being in the natural environment. We must ensure that visitors to this significant place leave changed through understanding what it is that they see here, and with a desire to act, to care, and to not exploit this wild place.”

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Sugars Beach and the Murray Mouth The Murray Mouth Estuary Restoration (MMER) Project of the Hindmarsh Island Landcare Group (HILG) Since the beginning of the MMER Project in 2001/2, the Murray Mouth has been targeted regularly as an icon SITE for environmental restoration work. It was actually one of the sites first planted on by the original HILG way back in the early 1990s. The large Melaleuca nesophilas on the northern side of Sugars Road back towards Murray Mouth Road were planted then. In fact, family Owen first planted the swamp paperbarks here in the 1980s when they owned the second shack from the lookout. They also planted the swamp paperbarks east of the lookout at the same time. Hindmarsh Island Landcare Group have been back here many times since the late 1990s, to plant, remove woody weeds and other rubbish, and undertake other tasks for Alexandrina Council, the DEH, DEWNR, DEW and other projects, like the 3 projects in 2018, 2019 and 2020 that we have undertaken for the Australian Landcare and Coca-Cola Foundations. In 2019 we planted 500 swamp paperbarks behind the “old Melaleucas” on Mundoo Channel here and have been removing old fence-lines, tyres and other rubbish in the Lawari Conservation Park and the Coorong National Park, along with planting 5000 understorey plants on nearby Grey Paddock. Our woody weed contractors have been removing weeds from the lookout area and Sugars and Murray Mouth roads too. We planted 500 trees and shrubs along Murray Mouth Road in 2020. In 2023 we will be planting another 2 000 trees and shrubs in the Sugars Beach/Murray Mouth area as part of the Queen’s Jubilee Tree Planting project, continuing the beautification of this wild place. This area is starting to look so much better now with the revegetation we have undertaken over the past 20 years. This program must continue on . . . What we want to see happen here, in this very special ICON location 1. The area concerned needs its Ngarrindjeri name restored. It is a significant site for First Nations people. Mr Sugars was just an early fisherman in this locality. Most of the roads etc on the island are named after the English, explorers and settlers, Sturt, Denver, Grundy, Randell, Mills, Semaschko, Chappel, McLeay, Barker, and so on. This could be undertaken quite quickly. 2. The minimum of infrastructure only, decent toilets, parking, fixed rubbish collection, boardwalk to the Interpretative Centre/Café from the carpark at Sugars Beach, picnic area adjacent to carpark, Toilets Alternative locations to those in the proposal must be explored. The best location would be on the dune on the edge of Mundoo Paddock, hidden in the vegetation that is

being established there. There must be a toilet at the MM lookout on the dune, in the vegetation, behind the carpark. This is the most visited part of Sugars Beach and Hindmarsh Island. Cafe The present location is poor for a number of reasons. There is no panoramic view. It is also so exposed. An alternative location on the dunes at the edge of Mundoo paddock, combined with a second toilet location would address these concerns. The café could also be part of an interpretative centre about the history of this site, particularly the Ngarrindjeri experience. In the short term, the café will need to provide their own toilets. Rubbish collection This has always been a serious problem at the Murray Mouth. On the last windy day here, several weeks ago, ALL of the 3 bins on loan from FRWA were blown over and the rubbish disbursed. Local people are sick of picking up the rubbish in this area. It is just another example of us not caring about this important place. There are good examples of bins that work effectively! 3. The retention of the wild experience here. This is really the main entrance to the Coorong and is the best location to see the Murray Mouth, and it is so accessible from Adelaide. The Mouth is wild at times, windy almost always, changing incessantly. Visitors need to enjoy the experience, understand the fight going on over water in the Murray Darling Basin and the significance of that for maintaining a naturally open mouth, which provides essential habitat and food for migratory wading birds. Visitors should leave far better informed and willing to support the stand needing to be taken by everyone to provide more water to the Lower Lakes and Coorong. Retention of the wild experience here ought to influence this whole development 4. The retention of the lookout site with better, up-to-date and honest information about what is being seen/happening here and why this is happening. This probably needs some protection from the wind too as people drive to the lookout and then don't get out of their cars because of the conditions. 5. The removal of the ugly, confusing, huge highway signs from here. I have tried to identify who gave permission for these inappropriate signs to be erected here. Alexandrina Council doesn't appear to know. They are part of a state-wide tourism program that promotes travelling up and down the River Murray. I have seen similar signs only on major highways. This should be done immediately 6. A low profile interpretative centre/café built on the dunes at the southern edge of Lawari CP. This needs to be sited to allow the best view of the Murray Mouth and the Coorong/Goolwa/Mundoo Channels. Maybe a small theatre with historical footage about this location. This centre should be built from local materials, limestone etc. Advice must be sought about design from First Nations people. There needs to be investigation of other centres like this: eg: the Grampians (Gariweld?) There would be toilets here with access from both outside and inside the centre. The Coorong Café from October – Easter has been successful so we already know there would be demand. A raised walkway from the carpark at Sugars Beach to the Interpretative Centre/Café would be

essential. A one-way ring road(?) from Murray Mouth Road to the centre and down to Sugars Road would be desirable. The Interpretative Centre would show photographic/digital records of the changes to the Murray Mouth and explain why we are in this mess today. There would be hard copy information (brochures . .) for the taking on many aspects of the Coorong region: Ngarrindjeri heritage, birds, Ramsar, changes to the Murray Mouth, consequences of over extraction from the Murray Darling Basin, building of the barrages, fishing (both commercial and recreational), whaling, etc. etc. This will need considerable time to get right. 7. Maybe a small jetty/launching area for canoes/small boats adjacent to the Sugars Beach boat-ramp. This can be a dangerous area so great care would need to be taken at the design stage. Canoe the Coorong operates from here most of the time. 8. The rationalisation of signage to reduce the mess here and elsewhere (19th Beacon) 9. Ongoing environmental restoration of this region so that it is both more attractive and healthy and reflects the natural vegetation that was here when the English arrived in the 1830s. 10. Effective protection of the walking trail along the river edge will be essential. Storms from the south-west are common in winter and will continue to erode what remains of the coastal dune between the present carpark and the shacks. With climate change/sea level rise there will be increasing pressure on this frontal dune. 11. The shack area needs to be tidied up to be more in-tune with this development. \*\*\*\*\* And then what about the Murray Mouth end of Sir Richard Peninsula? No infrastructure there at all We should we be charging a levy for visitors to the mouth here, or even prohibiting access by cars etc. "The Murray Mouth is one of those places in this country that are worth keeping. I've never been able to understand why people cannot see that the care and restoration of the natural environment leads to improved experiences by us all, by the ecotourism operators, by the bird watchers and by those who appreciate being in the natural environment. We must ensure that visitors to this significant place leave changed through understanding what it is that they see here, and with a desire to act, to care, and to not exploit this wild place."

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The Murray mouth as the centre-point of the Coorong, is a beautiful, rugged, wild place, and utterly unique. As we are increasingly seeing (after it's too late), the most significant scarcity in the world is untouched natural environments. The peace, connection with the environment and awareness of it, that being in these spaces brings, is priceless. In the case of Sugars beach, the remoteness is part of the magic. I love the challenges that there are to accessing this place. Along with the character, it means there's not hundreds of people there. Given the importance of this site as part of the mouth, I would favour even removing the current infrastructure and remediating the area to be more natural, even if it meant I had to walk through a

kilometre to access it. I say this only to highlight the value of keeping the true beauty of this place as an opposite to trivialising it by funnelling hundreds of tourists into it every day, and also that I'm not just against change or like it the way it is. There MUST be a balance in the way we plan our infrastructure. I am a civil engineer, and understand the requirements of environmental/erosion protection and accessibility access etc. However, if you apply all these standards and common practises of public infrastructure to everywhere, you destroy the variety of experience. Similarly, encouraging high numbers of people easily ruins such locations. Instead, encourage people to come in numbers to places that can handle them, or won't be ruined by doing so. Victor Harbor, the Cockle train, even Goolwa beach are accessible and beg for lots of people. (Though not quite that many 4wds.) but the quiet, rugged locations that would easily spoil, leave them alone, Quietly protect them. If we don't do this, Goolwa will lose its precious spark that sets it apart from the rest of the south coast - it's already lost enough of this in the last 30 years. Finally, There are many places on which to build new infrastructure to educate and explore Indigenous culture and heritage, (which I wholeheartedly endorse) but that don't involve destroying more of it in the process!

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We just have one comment - As Council plans public investment in infrastructure at Sugars Beach, this provides a wonderful opportunity to revitalise the area and provide local ratepayers with similar certainty. Public investment at Sugars Beach should go hand-in-hand with allowing Mundoo Channel and other leaseholders to make our own private investment to make our land freehold.

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As usual I find the MySay consultation on Sugars Beach is structured so as to favour a pre-conceived outcome and does not allow for individual views to be properly expressed. Consequently I have chosen to submit my views by email instead. I believe that the unique place at the Murray Mouth should be mostly left alone in its semi-wild state. At most any 'development' should be limited to: - Paths made of light-colored dolomite. - Some simple, unobtrusive interpretative signage. - An unobtrusive composting toilet block. - Repairs to the road & carpark. - Repairs to the Jetty Even at Council's inflated prices this should be relatively cheap. And it is important that any new facilities are properly maintained into the future.

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I add hereby my name to the no doubt many other rate-payers most unimpressed with the plan to overdevelop this wonderful natural space, especially given the large rate rises, the already-huge budget deficit, and the 'fact' that there would appear to be not enough money

for more important matters, like extra re-cycling bins for Horseshoe Bay in the summer time.

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In addition to my previous submission I would like to suggest you consider a toilet block at the Murray Mouth viewing area. This area is constantly littered with toilet paper. Not a good look for visiting tourists.

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I strongly object to the proposed developments at Sugars Beach and the Murray Mouth on the grounds of significant environmental impact, negative aesthetic intrusion into a natural surrounding and unwarranted financial expenditure. I believe the proposed development to be a total waste of funding and tax-payers money, whether that be Council, State or Federal funding. I do support the installation of toilets at Sugars Beach and sensitively designed and constructed (using natural materials) interpretative information about traditional Ngarrindjerri ownership of the land and cultural heritage information. There are no details provided on the commercial precinct, so I believe this information needs to be provided for comment also. The current Coorong Café is an iconic facility, being locally family-owned, appropriately sensitive and in keeping with the surrounding environment. It is popular due to being low key, non-invasive and unobtrusive with people sitting on chairs on the grass, feeling connected to the water views and the wildlife. There definitely should not be some concreted commercial development in such a fragile environment. The Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth are protected under an international RAMSAR International Wetlands agreement, whereby any developments or changes to the environment need to be reported. Increased traffic, noise and people will potentially interfere with bird breeding and the passage of migratory birds. Already a series of flashing beacons in the Coorong has contravened this agreement and have been shown to cause damage to migratory bird movements. Sugars Beach and the Murray Mouth are one of the few areas so close to Adelaide which are an unspoilt natural environment, there are few places left that are untouched wilderness. People enjoy visiting because it is not a fabricated, controlled and concreted tourist destination. Increased traffic noise and pollution will not only impact the local bird and wildlife populations, but local residents too with visitors encouraged at all times of day and night. With increasing global temperatures heading to 1.5C by 2050 and rising water levels Sugars Beach will likely be between 0.5 – 0.7m and it will be inundated with water. Any developments therefore submerged or inaccessible (attached mapping). There is no permanent levy or temporary protection infrastructure which will avoid this flooding catastrophe. In May 2022, shacks on Mundoo Channel were flooded and sea water was washing



across the submerged health land from the Murray Mouth (attached photos). This is only going to increase.

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Firstly the prescriptive nature of the consultation leads me to believe a specific outcome was being sought & the structure of the consultation was to elicit the desired response from participants and the desired outcome of the Administration and some on Council. Therefore I have decided not to participate in the My Say 'consultation' & provide my own feedback which I sincerely hope will be included in the data collected. Based on my previous experience, I am not hopeful! That aside, I have no desire for expensive & intrusive infrastructure at this beautiful natural place. I bring many visitors from interstate & overseas to Sugars Beach & they beseech me to not let it be spoiled like so many other iconic places in the world. - Some simple, unobtrusive interpretative signage covering the natural & historical environment would be excellent. - An unobtrusive toilet block, preferably composting. - well overdue repairs to the road & carpark - repairs to the Jetty - Coorong Cafe to stay where it is! Enough of the Grand Plans that this community neither wants or can afford!

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Preamble: I have to seriously question your costings for this project. Whilst we may all want a "Rolls Royce" sometimes reality has to kick in and we have to settle for a perfectly good functioning Toyota. Yes, you should have a development plan, which can be drawn up by existing council staff after consultation with the community. You DO NOT need to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on east coast consultants who have no empathy with our region. That development plan should then be scheduled for regular review, either annual or bi-annual as funding becomes available. PLEASE be aware your rates are now a major part of our pension and every dollar you take is a dollar less we have for daily essentials. Your real rate increases are way ahead of the CPI and need to be reigned in. 1. Boardwalks and viewing platform. Not necessary in the short term. Most people I have observed visiting Area J (on your map) stay for a few minutes and will then walk onto the sand and get as close as they can to the water. What is there can be tidied up and even enlarged at minimal cost. \$30,000 should do that. Boardwalks are part of the "Rolls Royce" approach that are un-necessary. 2. Car Parking Improvements. \$373,000 22? 1 suggest you open this up to tenders and put a fixed budget of \$200K on it, and then it would be over priced. 3. Connected Paths, group meeting zone and wayfinding signage. No. Grossly over priced and something that will be under utilised and costly to maintain. Put up some signage and use QR codes on the signage to provide description and directions. Paths can be an on going project over three (3) years using road base or crusher dust. Total cost

should be no more than 100k. Maintenance will be an ongoing issue no matter how much you spend. 4. Interpretative Signage & treatments. What do we get for our \$61,000 ? not enough information provided. 5. Jetty and Landing platform. Is this necessary and who will use it beyond a few millionaires ? Seriously, would this have widespread useage ? Think the money could be better spent and again the amount budgeted seems excessive. 6. Lighting. No issue, assume it is pre-dominately solar ? 7. Toilet Facilities. I can build a very nice home on my own land for \$350,000 and you want to spend that on a toilet block ? Council has to get serious about its costings and contract specifications / conditions, get tough on your contractors, operate in the real world and treat council spending as it were your own money, not a bottomless pit. What you should do now: The area by the fish and chip van has done more for tourism at the mouth in recent years than anything else. The problem with this area is it can be "cool" and windy which does not add to the ambience. You could put up a series of screens in a maze configuration each with a table and seats, the screens could be a mixture poly carbonate etched with the history and story of the Murray Mouth and acrylic / composite panel / upon which you could make a mural of the history in a mosaic form ( allocate say 500mm sq to 1m sq panels to local artists and photographers to contribute to the mural) ....this has been done successfully in many places around the world ... go to this link to see examples. <https://www.muralmosaic.com/> Using etched Poly Carbonate the costing would be something like: (and that depends on how big you would go with it but using a 3.050m X 2.030m 6mm poly carbonate sheets ...quote for a single sheet at Aug 31 is \$810 incl gst), so say 20 sheets is some \$16,000 and councils buying power should negotiate a much lower price than that. Plus posts, plus etching, plus installation .... you should have change out of 100k and have something quite unique. Most of the materials & installation could be sourced locally thus supporting your rate payers as well. Using composite panel for a mural and getting local artists etc involved the cost would be significantly less. Council could also work with other councils along the length of the Murray Darling system to create a "River Trail" (startin g at its headwaters of Queen Mary Falls on the Condarnine River in Qld) whereby each town has in interpretive centre dedicated (or utilise Visitor Info facilities) to the Murray Darling with a QR code system that people can scan with their phones and get the story ... the big advantage in this for Goolwa is that being at the end of the trail it will motivate people to drive the trail and see the final ending point Over time this could become known as one of Australia's great drives, because although some similar ideas exist today, none start at the Condamine, but all finish at Goolwa. The toilets should be within reasonable walking distance (remembering not everyone is a fit 35 yr old) ... and should not cost \$350,000. The one thing you will have to add in that does not appear in any of your costings is video surveillance. Any upgrade and in

particular the provision of toilets will attract free campers and you will need to keep any eye on things for vandalism. Strategically placed cameras and signage to that effect would go some way to alleviating this problem. Community criticism of council has evolved from the handling of the Wharf project where the community is incredulous at the fact you engaged a Sydney consultant and then tried to foist that upon the community ... no wonder you got push back. If you want the community, your ratepayers to go with you on these projects, go to them first, hold open forums, talk, discuss and get a handle on what is needed versus what is wanted. Capital projects are all wonderful stuff, but if the ratepayer has to pay increased rates to provide facilities for tourists and then get no benefit from that expenditure then council needs to re-assess how it does business. Somewhere in there is a balance and it behoves council, as servants of its ratepayers, to find that balance.

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As residents of Lot 117 Sugars Ave we strongly oppose boardwalks or hard paths on the sand dunes in front of our shack (Lot 108 to 120) as this would be an invasion of privacy for all of the shack owners on Sugar Ave. That area is also full of snakes and people prefer to walk on the beach anyway as they do now. Also we believe the funding for that could be spent on more important infrastructure.

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Thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback. I've chosen not to use the form provided, as requesting my prioritisation of eight proposed elements did not provide the opportunity to adequately express my views. I trust however that this feedback will still be accepted and treated as equally representative of a relevant viewpoint. I'm a ratepayer and part time resident of Hindmarsh Island - last time I calculated, I spent just over 50% of my time on the island. I'm also a long term visitor to the island and Sugars Beach; our family has been involved in the area since at least the mid 1970s. Clearly much has changed over that time. What remains, however, is the relatively unspoilt nature of Sugars Beach. One of the best activities in the Goolwa area at present is to visit the Coorong Cafe in the late afternoon to enjoy some fabulous food and live music in a wonderfully simple setting. There is little to distract from the raw natural beauty of the area. The wind carries the sound of the waves crashing at the mouth and the cries of the gulls; sunset is a truly magical time. All the essential elements are already there for a truly premium experience, with the possible exception of some well-maintained, permanent public toilets. It seems it is harder and harder to find places to visit where one is not told how to feel, think, or act. Sugars Beach doesn't have formalised parking lines marked, but from my observations, patrons of the cafe and visitors seems to be more than capable of working out how to do this harmoniously. There is little or no

interpretive centre or signage, but those who visit with an interest in the natural beauty of the area don't need such instructions to appreciate what is spread out in front of them. Kids happily explore the rocky banks, the shallows and the sandy beach further to the east. I suspect other people of my age enjoy watching the next generation enjoy an area just as we used to when younger. I don't believe the majority of the proposed development is necessary or appropriate to the area, and with the exception of provision of some safe and clean public toilets, I am very much opposed to the proposed development. In my view, Council should be recognising what it currently there at Sugars Beach as a huge success, an area much loved by locals and visitors alike for its simplicity and natural beauty, and if anything, just looking to subtly facilitate its ongoing enjoyment through provision of toilet facilities. I have no affiliation with Coorong Cafe but very much appreciate what they have created and achieved. Their offering is absolutely in keeping with the special nature of this place; it's perfect to be able to take visitors to enjoy superbly cooked local fish at an unpretentious venue with the mouth as a backdrop. Any moves towards additional mobile food vendors that might threaten the future of this local institution should be rejected outright. In a nutshell - I strongly feel the proposed development should be binned, and instead focus be placed on provision of well-maintained public toilets, being perhaps the one key element necessary to enable people to stay longer to enjoy the Sugars Beach area. I note in closure how disappointing it is that the feedback form only allowed for prioritisation of each of the proposed elements. Council is clearly aware of the presence of public opposition to this project, and issue of a form that did not allow for the respondent to make this clear is unsatisfactory.

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I would like the following views to be considered during the consultation process for the proposed development. Toilets As a resident I can assure you that toilets at Sugars Beach are urgently needed. The current council expectation that visitors will travel to the Mundoo Channel Boat Ramp to use the toilets there is patently ludicrous! Currently many visitors to Sugars Beach foul the bush adjacent car parks. A toilet block is desperately needed and should be located near the existing jetty/boat ramp Pathways in the scrub No additional formal paths should be created East of the proposed Informal Boardwalk (Note I on your schematic plan). This is an area of semi natural scrub. The proposed pathway that is shown on the current plan (ie the proposed track running West/East in front of the shacks between the samphire and the low coastal scrub) is totally inappropriate and a complete waste of money. Moreover, it is not sympathetic with its surroundings and does not follow any existing path. It will intrude on resident shack owners and be void of aesthetic merit. It will be environmentally damaging and irresponsible. Given

the recent build-up of sand on the sea side of the samphire patch, the path does not have a view of the sea. This may not have been the case when this plan was first created some years ago. In all reality it will be an expensive path to nowhere! Walkers (incl dog walkers) will be plagued by snakes. As a resident I can assure you that all visitors who go to the beach area walk on the beach. That is the reason they visit Sugars Beach. No-one walks in the scrub!

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Please find my comments as follows. 1. I'm disappointed that the impression given by the wording of the questions is that the Consultation Process only applies to people who agree with the proposal. 2. I believe that only a toilet is required for visitors to enjoy the view in comfort. 3. Tourism and development are necessary for our region. But this particular staged proposal seems inappropriate. Encouraging tour buses and building tracks through Coorong vegetation in order for visitors to enjoy our pristine environment seems contradictory. 4. The mosaic sitting area would no doubt be attractive to look at. But is it necessary? A First Nations' People interpretive area could perhaps be achieved with words and pictures instead. It's the message that important.

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This graph from Council's summary of community feedback on the 2022/23 Draft Budget says all that needs to be said about this Community's response to the Sugars Beach proposal. General Comments What follows is my feedback response to this sham additional 'consultation' exercise. To be asked only to rank a list of predetermined actions is not in any way a genuine consultation about the desirability of the actions per se. That Council has been given prior public notice of not only the major shortcomings of this process (see below my letter, Fleurieu Sun, July 14th 2022), but also in the detail of the information provided to ratepayers; and yet has proceeded to implement this 'consultation' without any modification, suggests an obstinacy and lack of flexibility that does not auger well for any meaningful response by Council to the feedback received. Consultation without heed is a waste of everyone's time – but one can only hope that these observations will at least be noted for the information of the newly elected Council post the November elections. Specifically • I strongly object to the use of euphemistic language which obscures the reality of what is proposed – for good faith, genuine consultation, plain language is essential, for example o "Jetty extension, reorientation and addition of a new landing platform to improve safety for SA Water operations, accommodate larger vessels and potential increased activity in the future.", o Really means a completely new longer jetty will be built, including a landing platform for the tour boat operators for whom this whole expensive exercise this project is clearly intended, so o Why not say so? (If deception is

not intended.) • The major construction proposed, and the potentially most intrusive, is the interpretative information centre structure, which if (and only if), the fine print is read carefully, will apparently incorporate the toilets which are referred to in the 'consultation' proforma. • So, when respondents are asked to select in which of the two proposed locations the toilets should be, they are really being asked where the interpretive centre structure should be. • Indeed, the plan fine print around the interpretive centre declares that one of the two sites shown would be selected "depending on engineering requirements and community feedback" and yet the feedback proforma mentions only toilets and not this major structure. • Toilets have already been budgeted for and have met with general community approval; the grand plan tourist infrastructure proposal has not. • One might think that again, deceptive language has been used to cloud the real meaning of what is proposed. • These are just two identified apparent attempts to mislead ratepayers about the reality of this tourist venture proposal; or they are at the very least, inept communication. • If indeed there has been a conscious attempt to mislead, might I say that would be an appalling example of maladministration. • There may be more examples but the point is made.

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Visitors and locals enjoy nature. That is why they come to Sugars Beach. Do not destroy it by adding other things - apart from toilets. We already have a Tourist Info Hub in Goolwa so no need for anything else. I believe Signal Point is going to be a cultural hub, river flows, Ngarrindjeri cultural info, river flows etc. so this does not need to be duplicated there. Less is more. Also all of this costs money which residents / ratepayers are not keen on. Please leave nature as it is so we can enjoy it.

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I believe the need for increased jetties to allow larger vessels to moor is using taxpayers and ratepayers funds to aid private companies (they would have 'larger vessels'). I think our rates are too high already and believe residents needs should come before private companies.

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If visitors turn up, which is what is expected, where are the toilets?  
Not all visitors will consider good hygiene.

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Abort the above. Instead continue the road from number 19 Beacon to the Mouth which is the focus for every visitor. A suitable car / coach park would be beneficial with public toilet facilities. A public viewing platform would be a grand addition. Reduce sand erosion

with rocks to both sides of the Mouth if funds permit.

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Murray Mouth turn off needs improvement. Dogs being off lead and taken to the Mouth needs to be watched. More rubbish bins.

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Please get on with the job of putting toilets in at Sugar's and forget about destroying the area with all the other palava. The recent survey is too prescriptive, leaving out options like leave the area as it is and toilets only make it biast. Just build some bloody toilets already.

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As I wish to have MYSAY, apropos to the feedback form, could you please ensure this gets to the appropriate person(s). I am not in favour of the Council's feedback form. Please note my comments: Toilets are required and A light by the boat ramp. Nothing further is needed. The Mouth of the Murray is the attraction in itself , plus, there are not the funds available. Time the Council stopped spending. The debt is too high.

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Thank you for the opportunity to give feedback on the ideas for developments at this site. I did start by attempting to complete the survey but found it rather confusing when trying to register ideas on each aspect of the plan so I have chosen to respond by email. My reaction to the plan is mixed. It is already a special place and very popular with the many visitors we have here. A visit there is always on the agenda for newcomers who come to visit us and they always return on their next visit. It has been interesting to see how many have heard of Sugars Beach and they all enjoy going to see where the River Murray meets the sea and note changes to the water flow. Personally, we feel a jetty extension at Section B and boat ramp at Section E is not necessary. Toilets are an excellent idea and improved signage of the local Aboriginal history is a great idea also for Section F. A viewing platform is also an excellent idea but to me, it should be located at Section J. If possible, I feel this is also the section for the improved parking but I feel lighting this area is not a priority. Should it seem that erosion needs addressing (section K ), then now would be the time to do this. The iconic fish and chip caravan needs to stay. It has become a local icon and is extremely popular with locals and tourists alike. To remove it would create considerable angst among all those who have supported it over time.

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Please this area as is. The hay bales, plastic chairs, world class fish and chips are all this area needs. It's iconic and quaint. A 'state of the art' new build is unnecessary, waste of money and will ruin the charm

of this spot. Don't do anything council! Spend the money on helping your ratepayers by lowering rates for example. Councillors, officers, you don't need to leave your mark on this area. Love it fir what it is. Leave it as is, apart from essential maintenance.

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As a Hindmarsh island resident and one who wishes to protect the relatively untouched nature of the Murray mouth area, I feel it is inappropriate to add significant facilities to the area. Some discreet toilet facilities (well hidden by native vegetation and out of sight from mouth viewing areas as possible - incl sugars beach) would be acceptable but other permanent structures should be excluded. The current facilities including jetties, launch ramp and the coorong cafe should remain unchanged. The cafe clearly attracts people to the area and being non permanent, it does not present a long term threat to the area. Information boards could be placed in a parking bay or similar near the T junction just before turning left towards the mouth. Any further development risks ruining the relatively pristine area which should be unchanged so that future generations can enjoy what we have been able to do up until now. The proposals are clearly not aimed at maintaining the main attraction of the area. Please leave the area alone

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The Murray Mouth is a very significant site, and I have enjoyed fishing and sightseeing there for over 70 years. My wife and I walked and enjoyed "the mouth area" from the early 1980's, when we had a house on Sir George Ritchie Cres..... However there needs to be better toilet facilities, better car park and a raised viewing area....only. The proposed "edifice" is not warranted or needed..... Most people come to the mouth to see the "end of the Murray" \_ to enjoy fishing \_ fish and chips \_ toilet facilities... We do NOT need more wasted council rates !!

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Re proposed redevelopment of Sugars beach My wife and I often take visitors to Coorong Cafe at Sugars Beach. It is a unique experience to visit this untouched area near the Murray Mouth. It is precisely the unspoilt, undeveloped nature of this location that makes it so appealing. We believe that new toilet facilities are necessary but the pop up caravan, bales of hay etc should be left in its current form. It's been a brilliant success and we would hate to see it change. In our opinion it would be ratepayers' money wasted.

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As a regular visitor to Sugars Beach and being from Alice Springs, if your proposal goes ahead as it is, I will, like many from here that I know also visit, won't be coming back. Toilet upgrades would be great



but you are falling into the trap of all the other places in your region by doing the same as everywhere else. If you go ahead you will be just like Henley Beach, Seacliff Grange, etc etc - so many other places along the coast. The advantage of Sugars Beach being what it is now is that it is different, not a heap of concrete everywhere, shops, and stuff you don't need. It's simple. And yet you want to change all that makes it different. Just like all the other places so there will be no need to make the effort and come down further south. For the money you are investing I'm sure there are many other things this could be used for that your rate payers (I know at least 55 locals in the region) in so many better ways. It's sad that councils think they can change things to such huge degrees without doing a proper consultation – a word I'm sure you really don't understand. Consultation is talking/working with locals, listening to their feedback and the heeding their feedback. All I've seen is majority of locals be against this over development of such a lovely simple area. Keep it simple. And listen. Or most of us who come to visit won't because it will be just like all the other beaches and places we can go to that are closer. And that would be sad.

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