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12855	Yes		There's a nice little playground by lasscock ave and Riverview drive in lockleys, it seems to be in a similar size space as the proposed playground for Montgomery reserve. Perhaps the new playground could take into consideration some different equipment, as it will be very close to the Riverview drive playground. The two different options will be great for the kids!	The design of the proposed new playground at Montgomery Reserve will consider the size of the reserve, other playgrounds in close proximity, opportunities for other activities, and passive surveillance.
12857	Yes		We would like the council to consider including a half court or even just a basketball/netball ring at the playground. There are very few outdoor basketball/netball rings in this council area that are maintained. As my kids are getting an older a playground is really only good for younger children and there are many along the river and close to us already where as there are very few things for older kids to do and it would encourage outside play and less time on a device for the older kids. We would be happy to discuss further and have many other people we know in our local area supportive of a basketball/netball ring in this area.	A new basketball/netball ring is not proposed for Montgomery Reserve at this time, however this comment has been noted for future consideration. There are basketball rings at River Park, located on the shared use path (1.1km away), Ross Reserve and Torres Reserve (900m away).
12893	Yes		Community Vegie Garden	A community vegie garden is not proposed at this time however this comment will be noted for future consideration. Space for a future community garden will be considered in the design process.
12915	No	There are already two playgrounds within 500m of this area. One at John Keeley Reserve and the other just over the foot bridge off of Kanbara Street. The appeal of this area is that it's simple and natural. No highly coloured, plastic play equipment of which we have plenty already. Sometimes you don't need to fill a space to make it enjoyable.	Also feels like money could be better spent on a different, more creative project for kids.	Comment noted. The design process could include working with local schools and consider use of natural materials. Nearby playgrounds will be considered as part of the design process. These include John Keeley Reserve, Tedder Reserve, Flinders Park Oval, Gerard Reserve, playground in City of West Torrens, across the bridge at the end of Kanbara Street.
12896	Yes		I could take my 3 great, grandchildren down there.	Comment noted.
12900	Yes		Our children are now married - adults, and our grandchildren are past playground age, but my wife and I would like to see a playground established at Montgomery Reserve for the children of young couples in our area.	Comment noted.
12901	Yes		A playground at Montgomery Reserve will create a lovely place to take our grandchildren to play and encourage outdoor activities.	Comment noted.
12902	No	As your letter states, we already have numerous playgrounds in this vicinity. The existing lawned area is ideal for kicking a football.	Save the money for upgrades on existing playgrounds in the area. Kids can still play games on the reserve lawned areas.	Comment noted. Nearby playgrounds will be considered as part of the design process. These include John Keeley Reserve, Tedder Reserve, Flinders Park Oval, Gerard Reserve, playground in City of West Torrens, across the bridge at the end of Kanbara Street. Space for kicking a football will be considered in the design process.
12904	Yes		Great idea	Comment noted.
12906	No	Because there are playgrounds close by. We have young children and love playgrounds but still don't feel like we need another one. It's nice to have just open space for ball sports, running, picnics etc. Less traffic in a corner/no-through road.		Comment noted. Nearby playgrounds will be considered as part of the design process. These include John Keeley Reserve, Tedder Reserve, Flinders Park Oval, Gerard Reserve, playground in City of West Torrens, across the bridge at the end of Kanbara Street.
12907	Yes		There is not enough seating.	Adequate seating will be included in the design, consistent with similar playgrounds around the council area.
12909	Yes		There are a number of new babies in our area. A playground will be an added bonus and create a community feel. A community garden would be good, too, but of course needs community volunteers.	Comment noted. A community garden is not proposed at this time but could be considered in the future. Space for a future community garden will be considered in the design process.
12910	Yes		It is the perfect place for a playground, and there are lots of families nearby! This space is not used at the moment.	Comment noted.
12911	Yes		Great idea - there is a lot of space in the area not currently being utilised.	Comment noted.

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12913	Yes		Sounds great. Swings to be toddler friendly, not with a chain but with rubber safety harness. Swings with chains are not very safe for smaller children. Any toddler swings put in place it would be great to see it with an all-in-one rubber harness or similar. Also, equipment that is suitable for toddlers as well as older kids. Very excited :)	Comment noted and will be considered as part of the design process.
12914	No	Strong no. While there is merit in this development, money could be better spent on servicing or upkeep of the reserve. Landscape/nature islands etc. As a long-term resident of 20 years, we have had varied problems [redacted] - with school litter debris, parents' litter and debris, student litter and debris, park loitering and associated drug use [redacted] and vandalism. We feel a structure will only increase these activities. submission 2: We as long term residents have seen it all. And all the real problems came hand in hand with the school . School litter debris and pollutants . [redacted]unruly behaviour, speeding cars , wheelies and vandalism to our houses and so on . School Parents ,litter , loitering, verbal abuse , speeding cars , aggressive behaviour. All where children once played freely. The city of Charles Sturt council has always struggled to keep Montgomery reserve in tip top condition ,as it has fallen solely on us residents to actively every week pick up any and all associated debris from the school drops and collections ,after dark Vandals & drug users ect. These problems never existed before [redacted]. [redacted] kids used to park there cars over here but that was about the extent of it . We strongly feel a structure of any form would only increase these undesirable activity's . Especially [redacted] vandalism and loitering at night time especially during the summer months. As [redacted] already drive in groups to Montgomery reserve to park on Wirringga street and actively consume drugs and alcohol at night time. As the next morning we have to clean up [redacted]s. We already do not feel safe anymore and it's not going to get any better anytime soon. Montgomery reserve is the sole reason I bought in 2005 as my family history is Montgomery on my mothers side. Already we work tirelessly to keep it safe and clean for the park users who all do their bit and we the active residents view this new proposed development to be a degenerative decision only to exacerbate the already present problems. Please find this in good faith, [redacted]	As long-term residents, City of Charles Sturt have shown that they have little or no regard for litter, graffiti and debris on Montgomery Reserve. As we residents actively remove rubbish daily from the grounds and remove any graffiti/vandalism. It would be a great shame to build in the last, cleared, open space suitable for kids to play, ball games, play with animals, and a game of chasey. Our children have played here since the 60's. Montgomery Reserve is too small. Second submission: Montgomery reserve is too small for a play ground. And it's the last remaining open space has been enjoyable and treasured by many local families since circa 1962 . We all would hope that city of Charles Sturt council not waste its money on such a development but instead beautify the current Montgomery reserve with some nature island landscaping with natives, and letting this quaint little park shine on its own merits, that being simple open and a place for solace. It doesn't have to be a place of structured play. As children from all over the district run and jump all over and through it , with after school games of hide and seek behind the large tree trunks, and what's the time mr wolf. The older students use the reserve to shelter from the hot sun in summer and sit in quiet little groups talking and socialising whilst waiting for their parents. They are not interested in a play ground. We also believe that just like other parks with play equipment other structures follow.	Council's Customer Request Management (CRM) system shows 4 requests of illegal dumping in the past 4 years. Three (3) instances of graffiti were recorded in 2017, with no instances in the past 4 years. The addition of a new playground is likely to improve passive surveillance and reduce opportunities for anti-social behaviour. Montgomery Reserve is a regional linear reserve, 3.8105 hectares in size. The area proposed playground will be approximately 200m2, leaving ample space for unstructured recreation. The design will ensure space for unstructured recreation at the reserve is preserved.
12916	Yes		Please leave the beautiful trees. We have just moved from a town in New Zealand where all trees are cut down. We love the bird life here.	The design may require the relocation of a recently planted tree to a more suitable location. No other trees will be impacted.
12917	Yes		Will it have a fence or part fencing? Will it have toilets? Will it have extra shade ie shade cloths? Will there be a wheelchair friendly access path?	The need for fencing will be considered in the design proces, including adjacent hazards such as roads (and vehicle speed), shared use path and the river (although this is also fenced). Toilets are not proposed as the proposed playground is intended to be of local/neighbourhood size and scale, catering for local residents and relatively short visits. Toilets are located at John Keeley Reserve (600m) and Tedder Reserve (1km) along the shared use path. A shade structure (shade cloth) is not proposed as the design will consider existing natural shade. The design will consider universal design principles, including a wheelchair friendly access path.
12918	Yes		My grandchildren love playgrounds - the more the better.	Comment noted.
12919	No	There are enough playgrounds in the area. Instead, how about either a sensory garden, community garden, dog park or outside exercise equipment? Let's try something new.	Enough playgrounds!	Comment noted. A sensory garden could be considered in the design process. A dog park is not proposed at this time, due to other dog parks nearby at Jervois Avenue and Tedder Reserve. Fitness equipment is also located at John Keeley Reserve, however play elements that consider fitness could be included in the new playground.
12920	Yes		We do not have children now living with us. I would think a mix of age range equipment would suit a family of mixed ages. If mains water is available, minor irrigation redesign around equipment would maintain the lovely green (grass) area. Please provide clear signage to the West Torrens toilets on Holdbrooks Road across the pedestrian ridge, over the river.	Comment noted. The design will consider opportunities for different ages and abilities, and maintaining turf in good condition. Signage will also be considered.

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12923	Yes		Fantastic Location. Brilliant Idea.	Comment noted.
12924	Yes		We think it's a great idea!	Comment noted.
12935	No	There are quite few playground already in Flinders Park. We live in Woodville West and I have noticed in past few years there have been many streets have been re-surfaced. From Findon road to Holden Ave. We are on Pitman Ave. We have received letter in Aug 2021 about work to be commence in between Oct 2021 to Dec 2021 and since then there is no action. I would like council to spend money on things are which are more require rather then in suburbs where there are many parks already exists. Pitman Ave road there bevel (slops going toward to curb from centre). Due to this slop whenever we park car on curb side car door hits with curb or grass on side. I would you council to priorities this first. Thank you.	We would like to re-surface our street first and provide ground in Woodville West.	Comment noted. Comments regarding road resurfacing are not related to this consultation, but have been noted and provided to council's Engineering Strategy & Assets team.
12821	No	Flinders Park already has several playgrounds. I am a resident of Beverley. Our suburb has NO playgrounds. We need to cross main roads with our toddler and walk 1km just to reach one. There are many families with children aged under 10 in my street alone. Our suburb - and it's residents - would benefit from being more family friendly. Are there any other suburbs in Charles Sturt with no playgrounds? The council should make provision of a playground to the residents of Beverley the highest priority.		Council aims to provide playgrounds with 500 metres of all residents. Beverley is a mix of light industry, low and medium density housing, with limited open space, as acknowledged in council's Open Space Strategy. There are other suburbs, such as Welland and Devon Park with no playgrounds, however there are playgrounds located nearby. Ledger Oval, Woodville Oval and Allenby Gardens Reserve are located in close proximity to Beverley. Future sub-divisions could consider new playgrounds in Beverley.
12823	Yes		We love the idea of a playground!	Comment noted.
12824	No	HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE REQUESTING A PLAYGROUND AT THIS LOCATION	WHAT RESEARCH HAS BEEN DONE TO JUSTIFY THE PLAYGROUND	The request was made by an Elected Member, on behalf of local residents. Council's Open Space Planner is aware of two families who have requested a playground. Whilst the initiative is not identified in Council's Open Space Strategy, there are no council-owned playgrounds within 500 metres. This project involves community consultation and concept design only, and requires further consideration by Council before proceeding to construction.
12825	Yes		Nature play, natural elements connecting to environment, toddler based as many playgrounds in our council cater for older children. Some type of fencing (can be natural eg logs) to serve as a boundary, especially being close to the river track. Points of interest, varying levels/platforms for children to have vantage points, different surfaces eg bark, pebbles, sand...	Comment noted.
12829	No	I pass numerous playgrounds in proximity to Montgomery every day on my regular walks & runs that are very rarely in use at any time of day. Why go to added expense of another one when there are so many others already available and vacant?	Unnecessary expense & maintenance!!! Plenty of equipment for kids in the area!	Comment noted. Natural elements will be considered in the design process.
12838	No	There are 3 amazing playgrounds within 5 mins either way of this area. Along the river and at the primary school. There is not much green space along the river and this is an ideal area for a sit on the seat, kick a ball, walk the dogs. Also lots of lovely shaded trees that should be preserved.	The playground across Holbrooks has just been upgraded and it's less than 5 mins away. There is also the big playground in city of west Torrens council less than 5 mins away. Plus more along the river. There is an abundance of playgrounds along the river and yet another big one with bbqs along the river less than 7 mins away towards Rowells road. Trees and green space along the river is what is needed as it's very narrow just after the reserve to the next playgrounds on either side of the river. Please leave it untouched.	Comment noted. Whilst the initiative is not identified in Council's Open Space Strategy, there are no council-owned playgrounds within 500 metres. This project involves community consultation and concept design only, and requires further consideration by Council before proceeding to construction.
12845	Yes		Catering for different ages - smaller raider climbing for little ones and more complex climbing for older ones. Fencing due to river being so close	Comment noted. Play opportunities for different ages and abilities will be considered in the design process.

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12963	Yes		Nature play elements would be great, these elements could then be used as seating elements by others when not in use by kids. And a hammock near the trees. I saw these well constructed ones, along the Seine in Paris - https://i.pinimg.com/originals/16/28/62/16286294656ee99fdf41436748d046dc.jpg	Comment noted. Natural elements will be considered in the design process.
12957	No	I am opposed to this on the grounds of - existing congestion associated with school parking and school pick up makes it dangerous for young children - there is already a community safety issue in that it is impossible for emergency services (ambulance etc) to get to this area in the event of an emergency during school pick up and drop off hours - the area is already a playground where children go to kick the footy or play cricket (about the only flat grassed area in the area that allows that - we don't need to put up structures for children to be able to use the area for play - there is an existing group that pre COVID used the area for bocce games (and others use it as a quiet park to read a book or picnic)	The Council seriously should consider attempting to visit this location during school pick up or drop off times. My guess is that you won't even get close! The close proximity of the reserve to the schools and foot bridge would also mean that any playground equipment installed at this location would potentially be vandalised very quickly!	Comment noted. Council staff will visit the reserve during school pick up and drop off to understand this further. There are a number of playgrounds located along the River Torrens / Karrawirra Parri, in similar locations, where instances of vandalism are minimal.
12959	No	This space with its open flat ground, grass and beautiful trees and bird life is already a complete play space. Local children and families kick balls,ride bikes and enjoy this space. No additional built structure will add to this environment but only detract from the nature beauty.	I strongly believe we need less built structures and more open play space for children to play and explore giving them opportunities to use their imaginations, space to run and learn. The natural elements are already at Montgomery Reserve for our community to enjoy, especially children. There is also an ongoing issue of safety and parking during during school pick up times that impact heavily in the proposed area.	Comment noted. The design will consider natural elements and maintaining the natural and open 'feel' of the reserve. Council staff will visit the reserve during school pick up and drop off to understand this further.
12961	No	The area is already severely congested and making a playground at the end of Gaskin Road would make this significantly worse. During the school week it is exceptionally difficult to get in and out of our homes due to the significant traffic from the school. Plus the number of cars and the way they drive is extremely dangerous to have a Childrens playground here. Finally it is the only bit of open green area around here which people already use for recreations.	I am strongly opposed to this development	Comment noted. Council staff will visit the reserve during school pick up and drop off to understand this further and consider this as part of the design process.
12962	No	Gaskin Road is very busy during school times which makes it noisy and impossible to move around in the car. Getting into and out of our driveway and the street during school pick up and drop is almost impossible. The Montgomery Reserve area is currently peaceful outside of school hours and losing that will be a huge shame. There are several other playgrounds close by so having an additional one here is unnecessary.	Traffic congestion and parking is already a major issue in Gaskin Road during school times and a playground will only extend this problem outside of school times. This is one of the few flat, open spaces that can be used for activities that need space and it would be a shame to lose it, especially since there are other playgrounds close by.	Comment noted. Council staff will visit the reserve during school pick up and drop off to understand this further and consider this as part of the design process.
12811	Yes		Please make it little kids friendly so that high school students from near bye schools are not using it as there hang out	Comment noted. The design will consider opportunities for different ages and abilities. The proximity to the high school is likely to mean the area is used by older children by default, however the design will consider other equipment at John Keeley Reserve, which caters for older children.

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	Yes		I am a resident of Kidman Park , regularly go for a walk on the river and I think its a great initiative by council to consider a playground at this location. Me & my wife both noticed on my many occasion kids playing around this area (Weemala and wrrinnga street) and sometimes School kids as well sitting there in this reserve.	Comment noted.