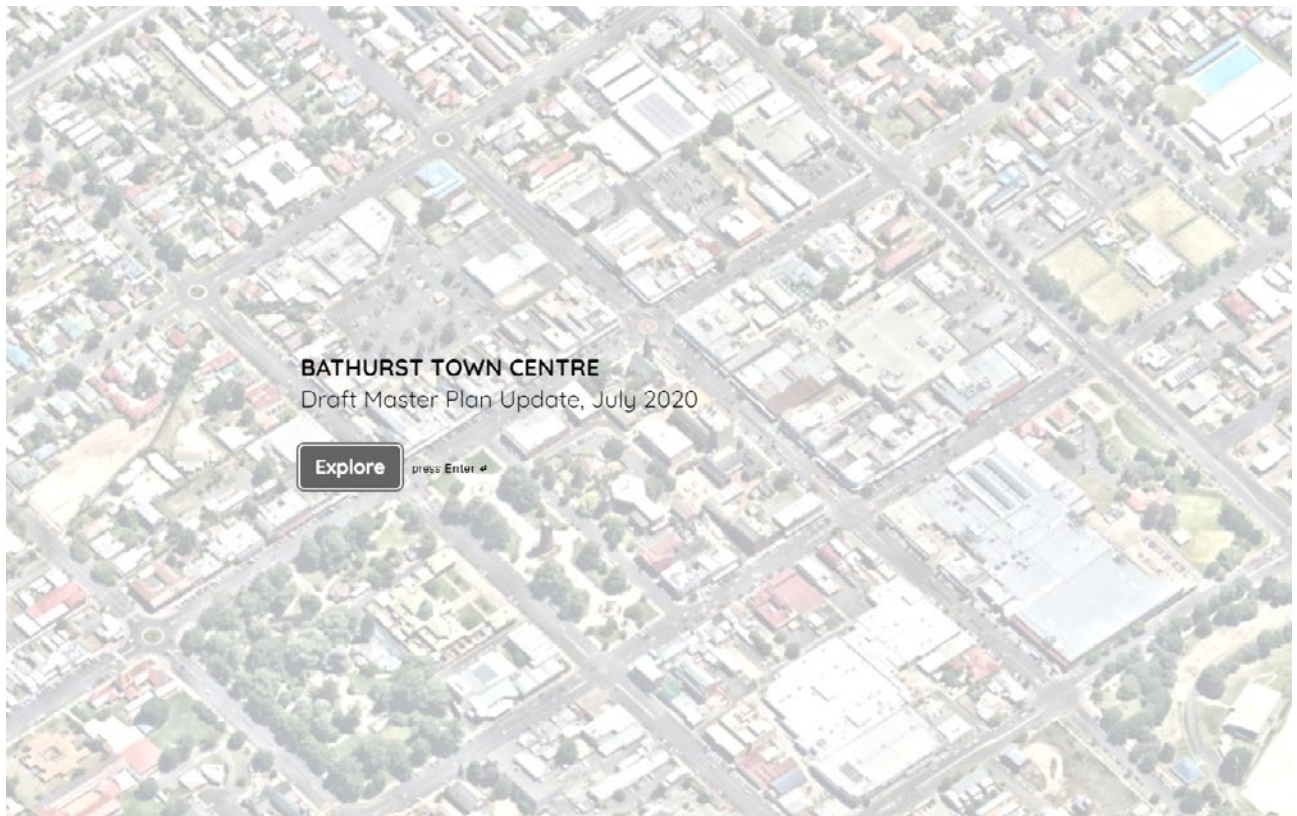




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APPENDIX: SURVEY #2 QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

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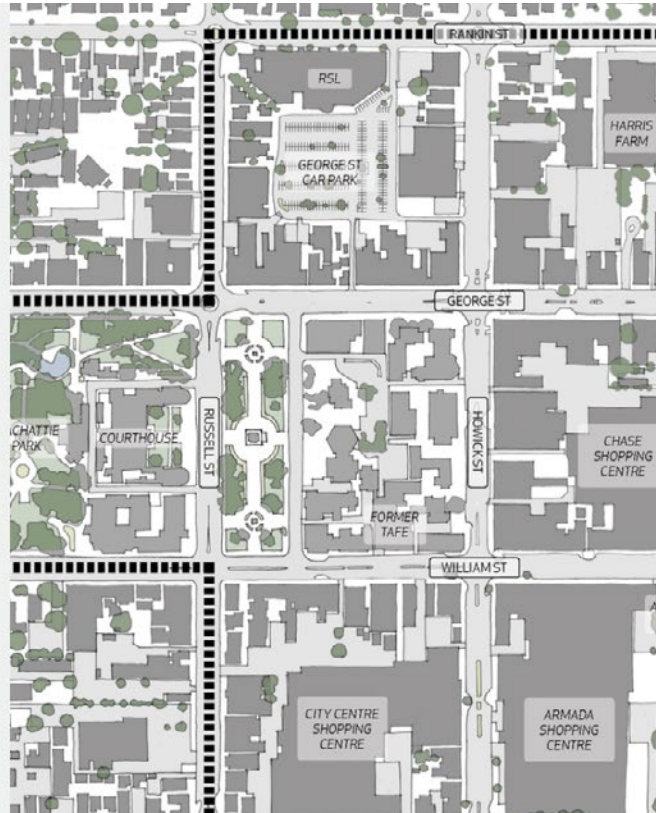


2.

AJ+C Architects have been engaged by Bathurst Regional Council to prepare a master plan for 7-blocks in the Bathurst CBD.

Our study area spans an area bounded on the west by Machattie Park, east by Durham Street, north by Rankin Street and south by Betinck Street.

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3.

This website seeks your feedback on some of the ideas proposed by AJ+C in a public webinar held on Thursday July 2.

If you haven't yet viewed the webinar, it is available online here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=edWCjQ42DR0>

These ideas will then be refined based on your feedback, and then submitted to Bathurst Regional Council for review.

This current survey and the ideas presented within it are by AJ+C, and are not intended to represent any current policy or positions of Bathurst Regional Council.

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4.

1→ Before we begin, we want to ask **a little about you**. These questions are to help us understand how wide a cross-section of Bathurst has responded to this survey.

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1➔ Before we begin, we want to ask **a little about you**. These questions are to...

a. What was your date of birth? *

DD / MM / YYYY

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1→ Before we begin, we want to ask **a little about you**. These questions are to...

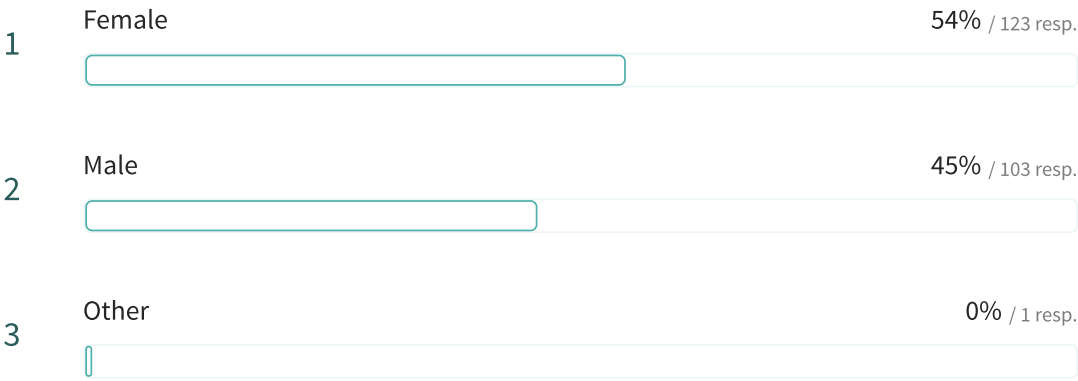
b. What is your sex? *

A Female

B Male

C Other

227 out of 227 answered



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1→ Before we begin, we want to ask **a little about you**. These questions are to...

c. Are you of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin?

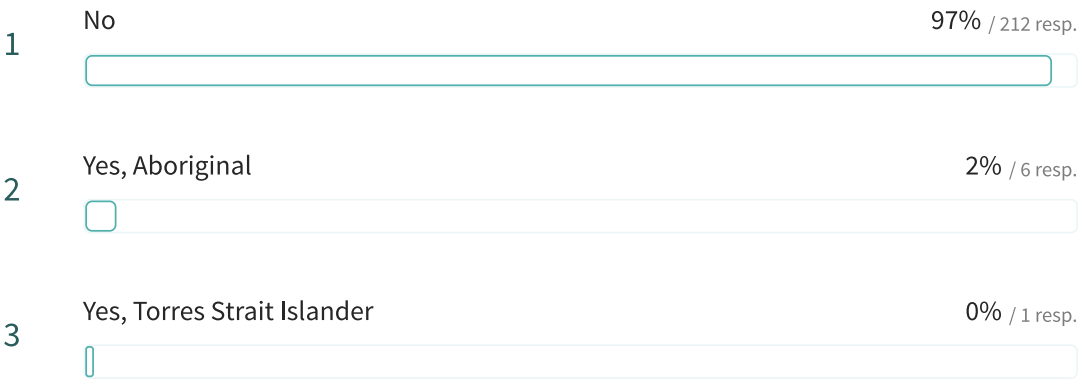
Choose as many as you like

A Yes, Aboriginal

B Yes, Torres Strait Islander

C No

218 out of 227 answered



8.

1 → Before we begin, we want to ask **a little about you**. These questions are to...

d. How often do you typically go to the Bathurst CBD?

☐ A 5+ days per week

☐ B A few days per week

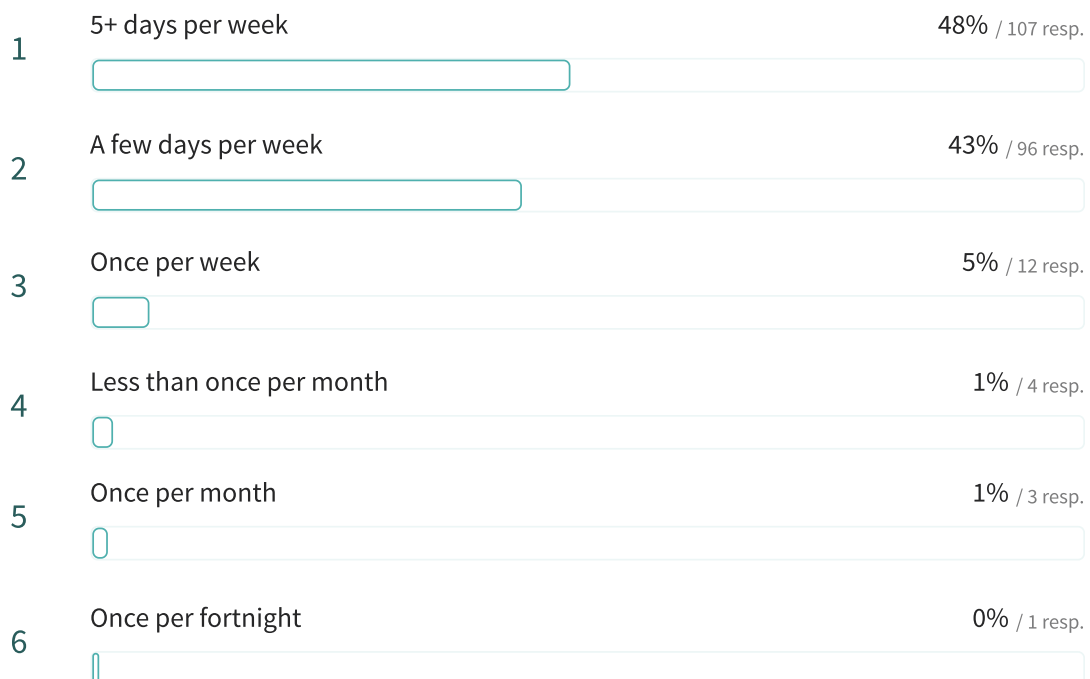
☐ C Once per week

☐ D Once per fortnight

☐ E Once per month

☐ F Less than once per month

223 out of 227 answered



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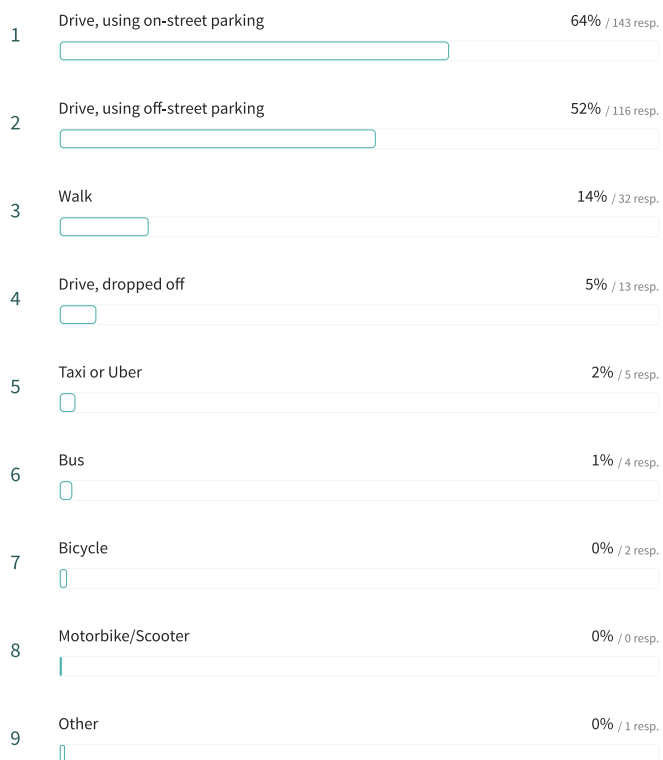
1 → Before we begin, we want to ask **a little about you**. These questions are to...

e. How do you typically get there?

Choose as many as you like

- ☐ A Motorbike/Scooter
- ☐ B Drive, dropped off
- ☐ C Bus
- ☐ D Walk
- ☐ E Drive, using off-street parking
- ☐ F Drive, using on-street parking
- ☐ G Bicycle
- ☐ H Taxi or Uber
- ☐ I Other

221 out of 227 answered



10.

1→ Before we begin, we want to ask **a little about you**. These questions are to...

f. How much of the webinar have you watched?

(Not including the Q&A if you attended the live session).

Note that you can proceed with the survey even if you have not watched any of the webinar. *

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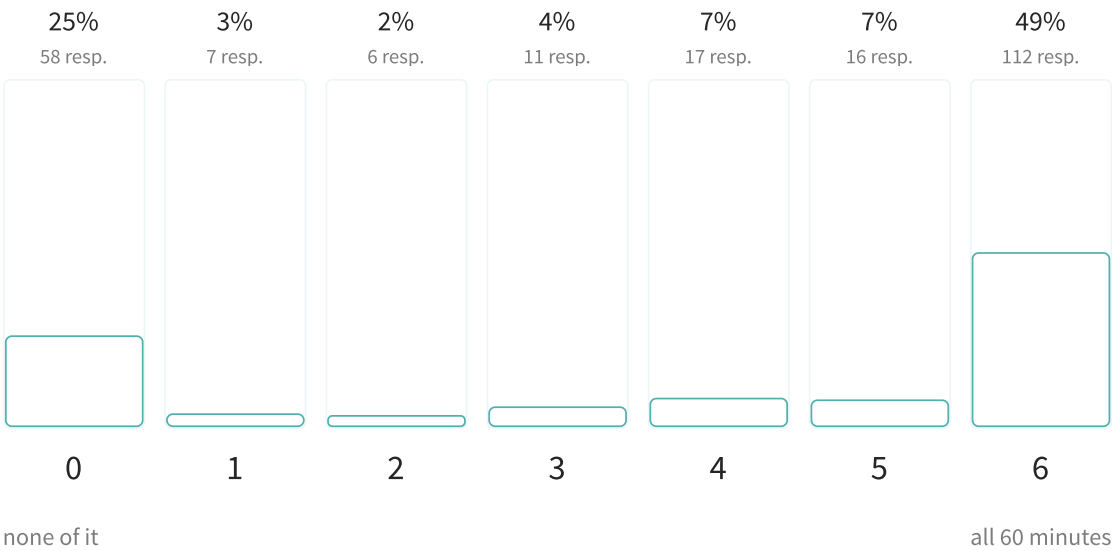
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none of itall 60 minutes

227 out of 227 answered

3.8 Average rating



11.

“ Thank you! We will now move onto the ideas raised in the Draft Master Plan Update webinar.

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12.

2 → First, **Street Changes**

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2 → First, **Street Changes**


Idea 1: **Mid-block crossings.**

First, we propose introducing pedestrian crossings at the mid-point of every block, so that you can cross more easily without walking to an intersection.

As well as improving pedestrian safety, this will shorten walking times, improve people's comfort in walking longer distances, and encourage people to criss-cross more between shops on either side of the street.

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2→ First, **Street Changes**

Idea 2: **Street trees.**


Second, we propose planting trees in Bathurst streets at regular intervals - starting slowly, positioning temporary trees in planter boxes that can be moved or removed if the community does not support their location or impact on parking. With support, these will be installed permanently.

Street trees make an environment cooler, more comfortable, and better looking. They are one of the most impactful changes to you can make to almost any type of street, including commercial/main streets.

For instance, this image to the right is from the main commercial street of Noosa, QLD, where trees have been prioritised.

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2 → First, **Street Changes**

Idea 3: **Bike Lane on William Street**

Third, we propose that the bike lane already identified for William Street should be implemented as soon as possible. This should be part of a larger program of expanding and connecting the Bathurst bike network.

A bike lane could also be positioned on an alternative street through the CBD (e.g. George or Bentinck) or split by direction over two streets.

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2 → First, **Street Changes**

Idea 4: **Parallel Parking**

Longer-term, we think many streets in the very centre of Bathurst would be better served with parallel parking. This would give more room for footpaths, cafe tables, bike/rideable lanes, although it would require in a noticeable reduction in on-street parking.

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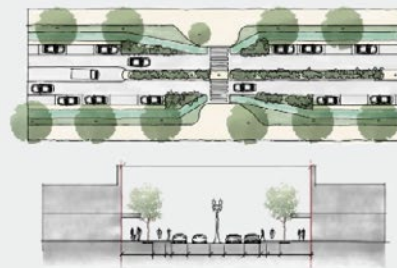
2→ First, **Street Changes**

This graphic shows these ideas applied to Bathurst streets over time:

1) from the current condition of no trees, no parking space markings, no crossings;

2) to an interim condition of new street trees, marked parking spaces and pedestrian crossings;

and then 3) to a longer-term future condition of parallel parking/drop-off, using the space for bike lanes, wider footpaths and street dining.



18.

2 → First, **Street Changes**

a. Would you support a reduction in on-street parking to achieve any of these ideas?

Y

Yes

N

No

227 out of 227 answered



19. IF ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION WAS 'NO'

2 → First, **Street Changes**

b. What about if any lost spaces are replaced elsewhere, for instance in an off-street parking lot or by increasing parking on a nearby street?

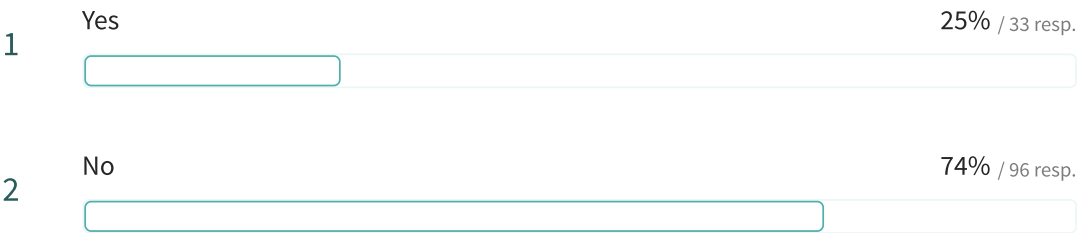
Y

Yes

N

No

129 out of 227 answered



20.

2 → First, **Street Changes**

b. Now, putting their impact on street parking aside, do you support any of these ideas for Bathurst's streets?

Choose as many as you like

A

Mid-block Pedestrian Crossings

B

Street Trees

C

Bike Lanes on William St

D

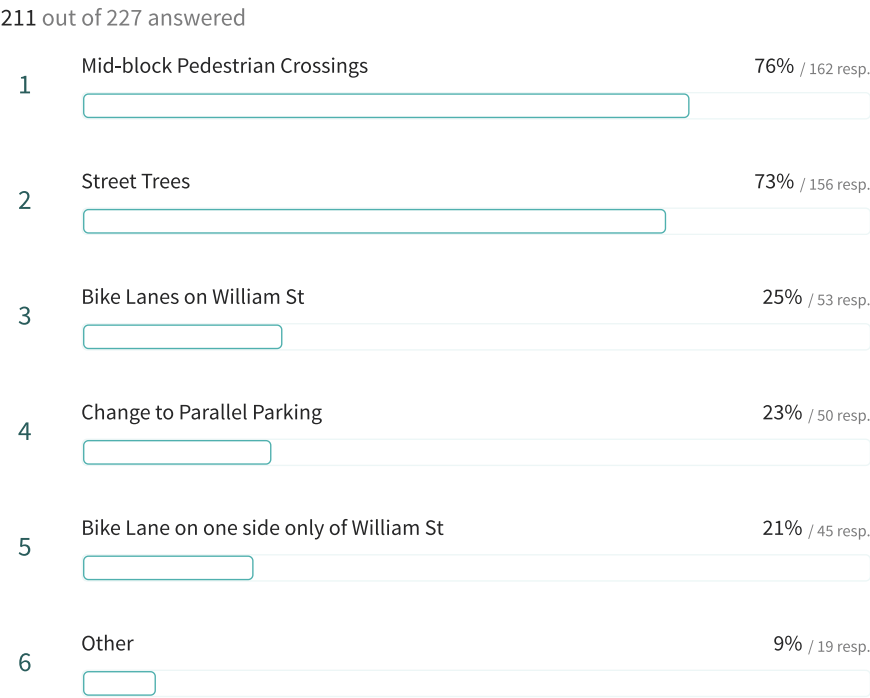
Bike Lane on one side only of William St

E

Change to Parallel Parking

F

Other



- Comments:
- Increase parking, on-street & off-street
 - Nose-in parking & 80 degree nose-in parking
 - Line-mark parking spaces

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“ Next up are **major project** ideas.

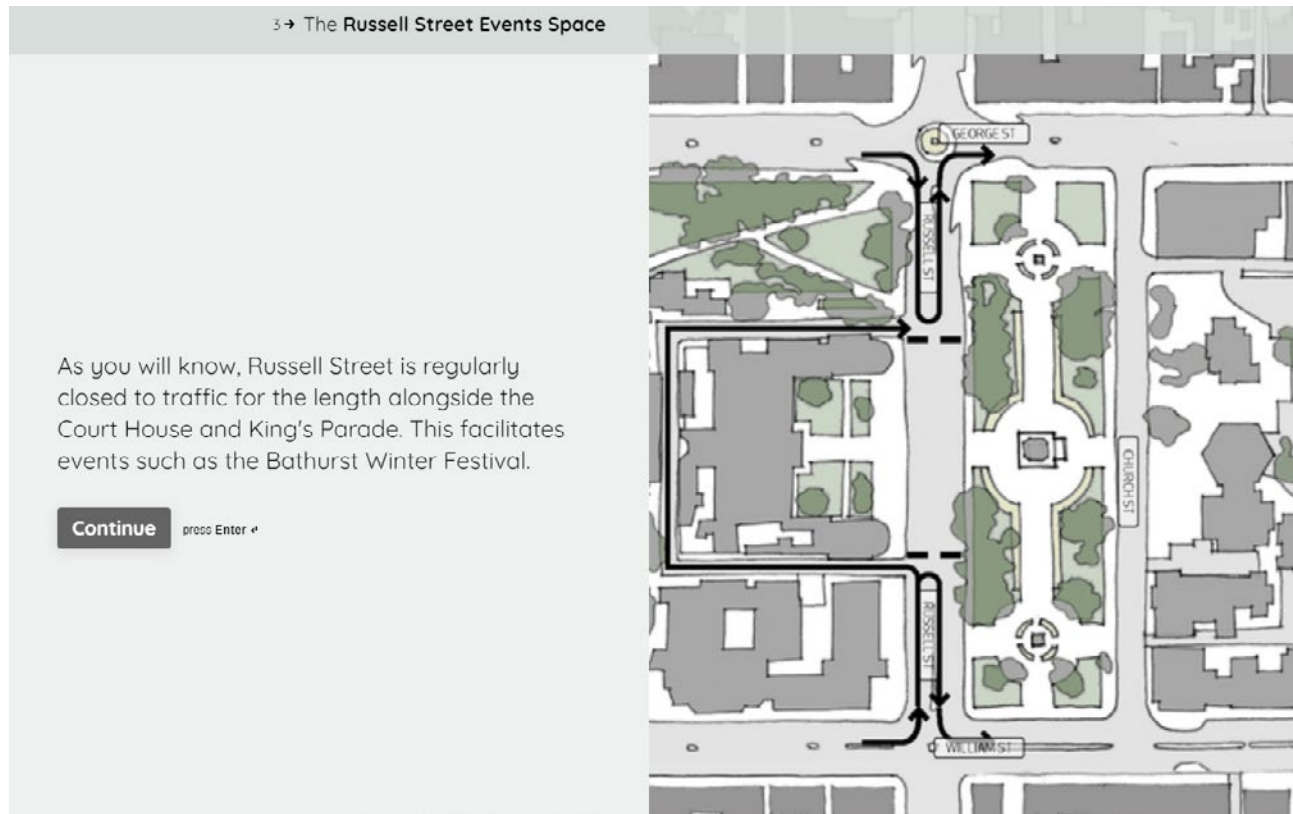
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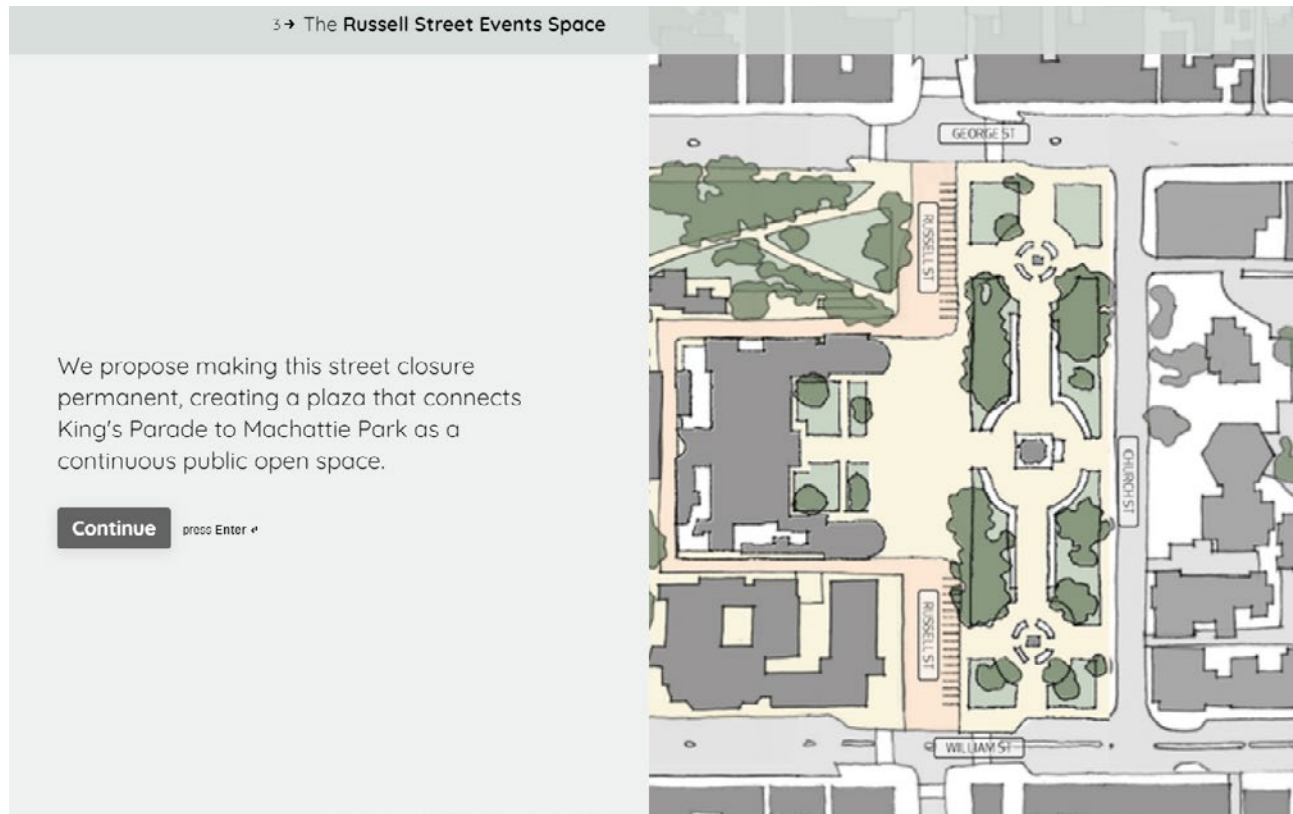
3 → The **Russell Street Events Space**
is an idea for a new public plaza in front of the Bathurst Court House.

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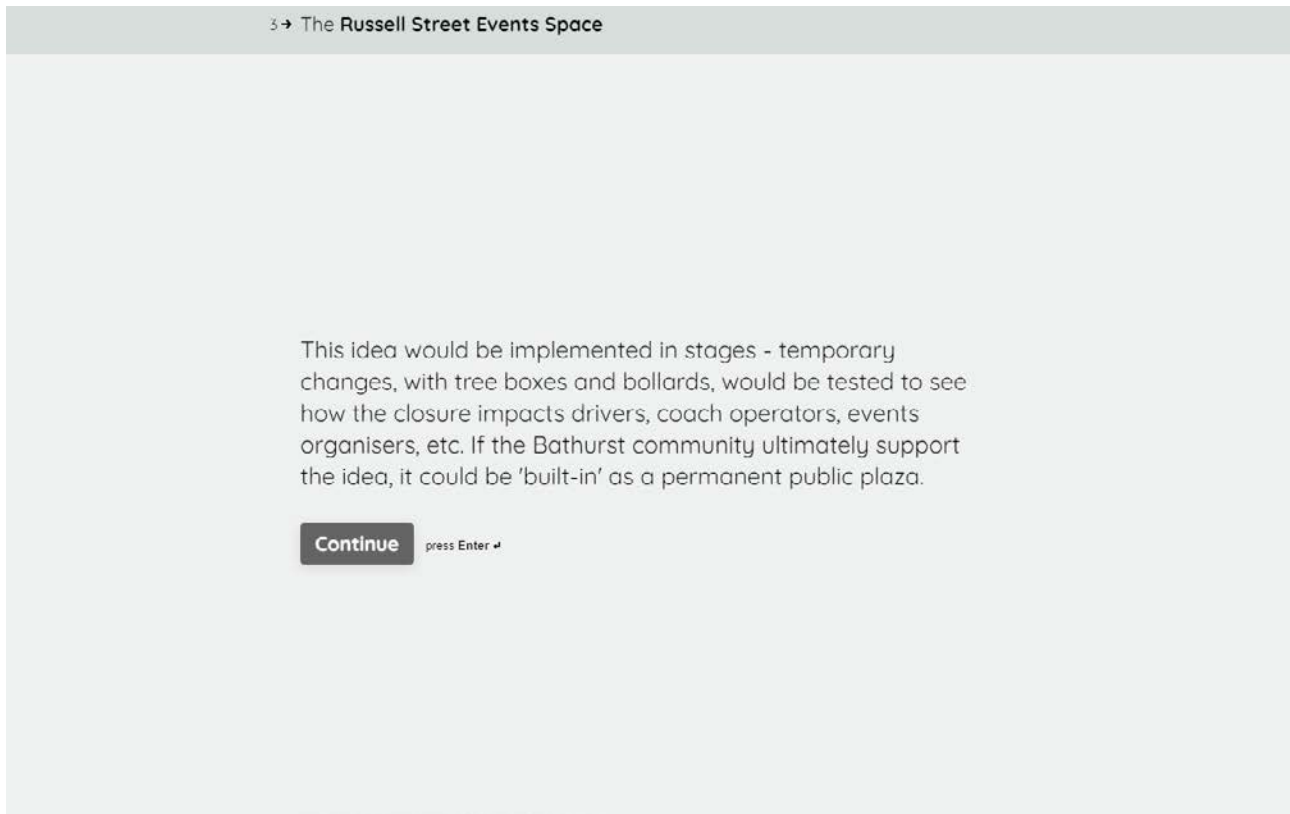
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3 → The Russell Street Events Space

a. How much do you support, or not support, the Russell Street Events Space idea?

A

 Completely support

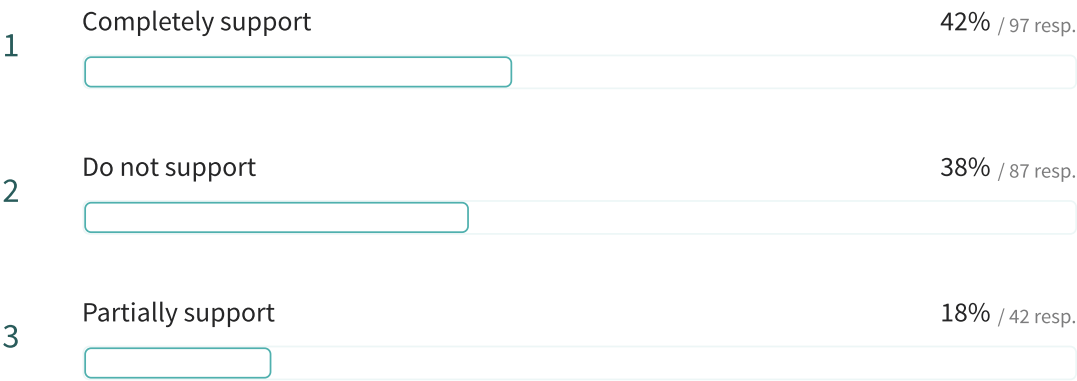
B

 Partially support

C

 Do not support

226 out of 227 answered



28.

4 → Works around the **Bathurst Town Square**

will support the Church Street shared zone, King's Parade and Russell Street Events Space to create a central civic precinct in Bathurst.

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4 → Works around the **Bathurst Town Square**

“ To do this we want to turn all required vehicular streets - those that are required to access private parking lots - into shared zones like Church Street.

This means they will be speed limited, establish pedestrian priority/right-of-way at all times, and ultimately be paved like a plaza.

Eventually, with enough activity in the Town Square block, this will create an incentive for landowners to use their parking lots for (rent-generating) cafes and other contributory uses.

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4 → Works around the Bathurst Town Square

“ This will also involve the creation of new pedestrian links through public and private property (with support from landowners), so that pedestrians can walk straight through the Town Square through multiple paths.

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4 → Works around the Bathurst Town Square

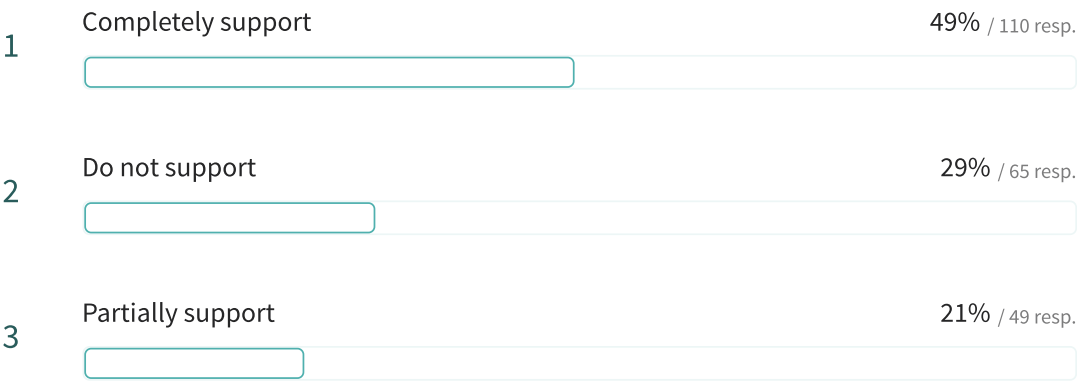
a. How much do you support, or not support, the creation of pedestrian links and the designation of vehicular streets as shared zones within the Town Square?

A Completely support

B Partially support

C Do not support

224 out of 227 answered



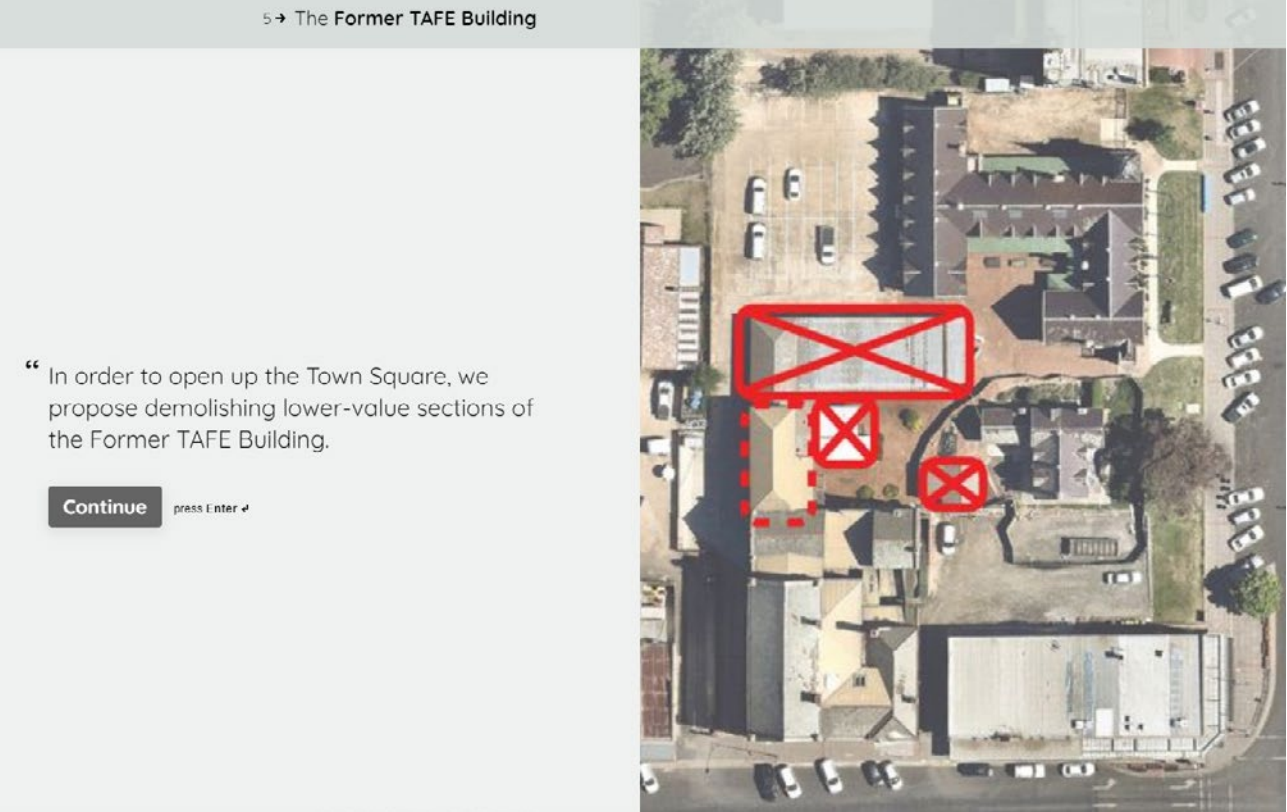
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5→ The **Former TAFE Building**

and its surroundings are a part of the larger Town Square works being investigated in greater detail.

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5 → The Former TAFE Building

“ We hope to retain the first-floor corrugated metal section as a suspended box, with the rest of the demolished area below becoming a public plaza.

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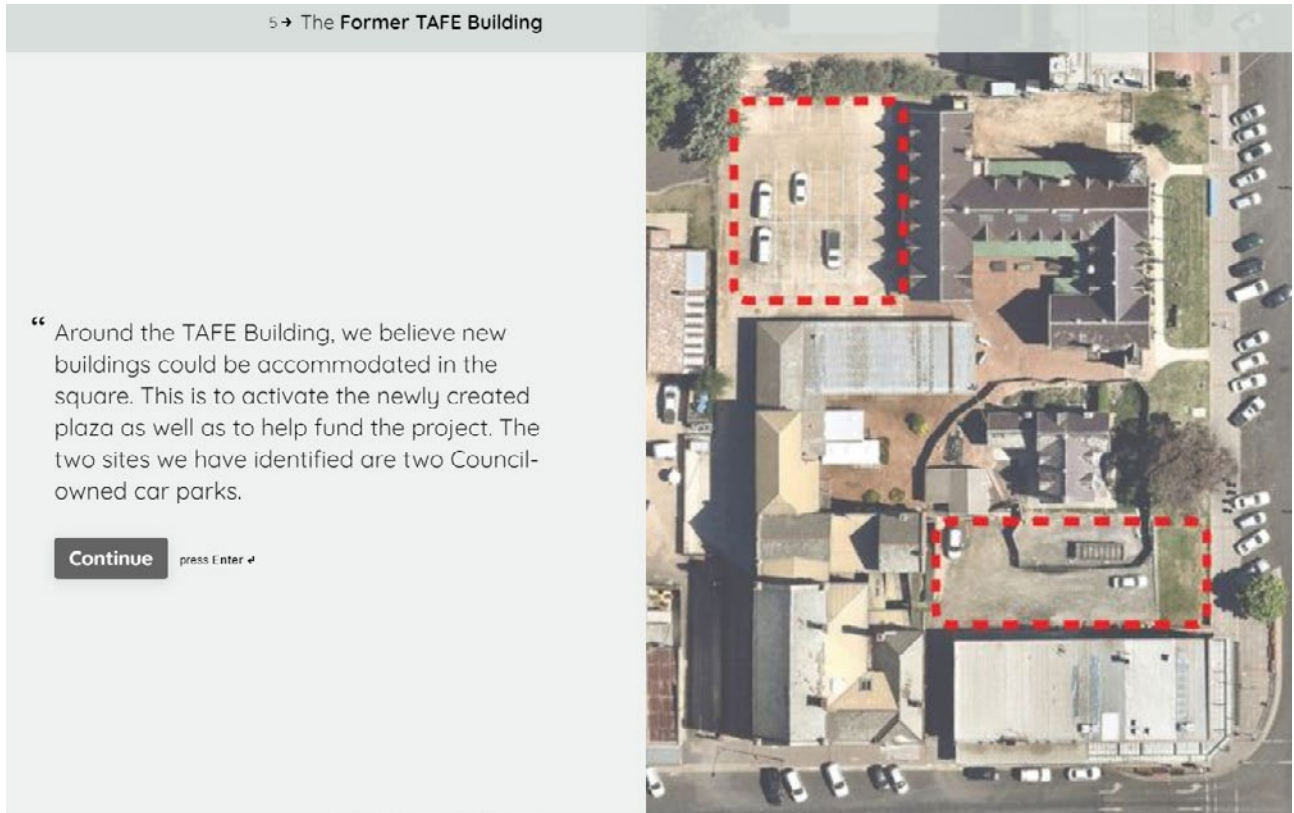
5 → The Former TAFE Building

The Former TAFE Building itself is in current Council ownership and will require a future partner to be renewed. This master plan project does not make a specific proposal for its future tenant, which will be dependent on an interested party with available funding.

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5 → The Former TAFE Building

The new buildings would suit an extension to the Fossil Museum, as well commercial (retail/office) or hotel uses.

Ultimately we hope this will create an active, and interesting, 'town square' in the Town Square.

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5 → The Former TAFE Building

a. How much do you support, or not support, the ideas for the Former TAFE Building and surrounds?

A

 Completely support

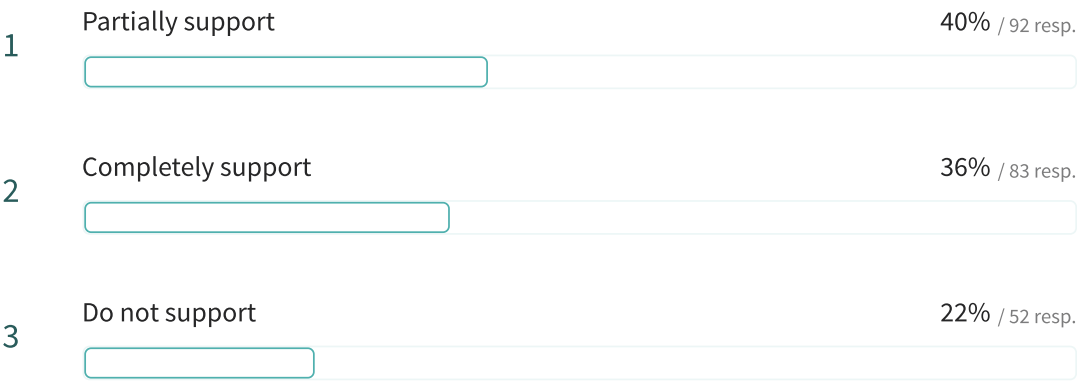
B

 Partially support

C

 Do not support

227 out of 227 answered



6→ The **Former Ambulance Station**
is another site, shortly to be in Council ownership, which we believe could contribute to the master plan.

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6 → The Former Ambulance Station

“ The Ambulance Station is a spectacular building, and we believe it should form the front door or ‘postcard image’ to the city of Bathurst.

Currently a visitor coming from west of Bathurst sees the Armada Shopping Centre loading dock, fast food and petrol stations. The Ambulance Station is an in-between ‘blink and you’ll miss it’ building.

We want visitors to Bathurst to focus on the Ambulance Station, not the lower quality buildings nearby.

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6 → The Former Ambulance Station

To do that, we propose large three-dimensional 'Bathurst' lettering, in the same style as the famous 'I amsterdam' tourist signage formerly in front of the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam.

The Bathurst sign would mean the Ambulance Station building - and so the city's spectacular built heritage - becomes part of a postcard image for the city.



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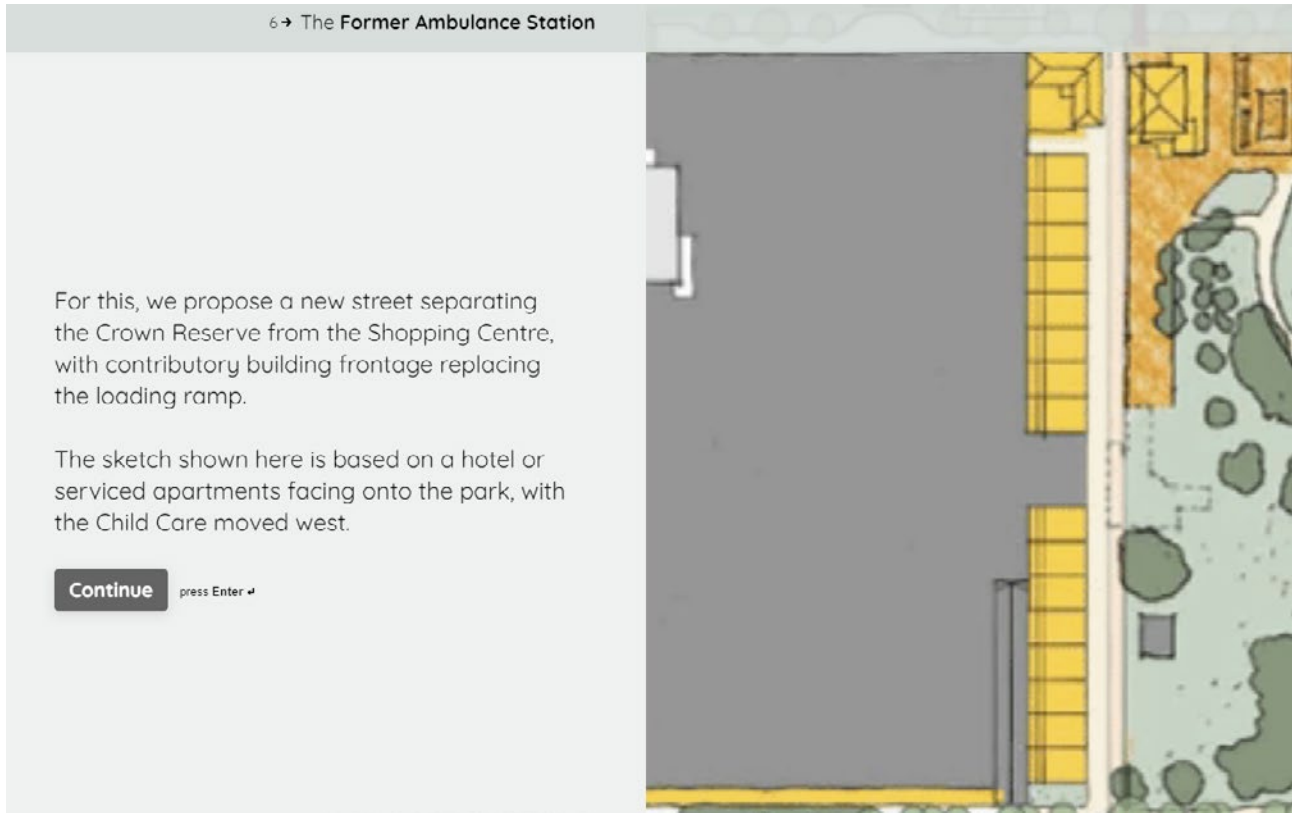
6 → The Former Ambulance Station

“ We also hope to address the current front door to Bathurst from the west: the exposed loading dock ramp of the Armada Bathurst Shopping Centre.

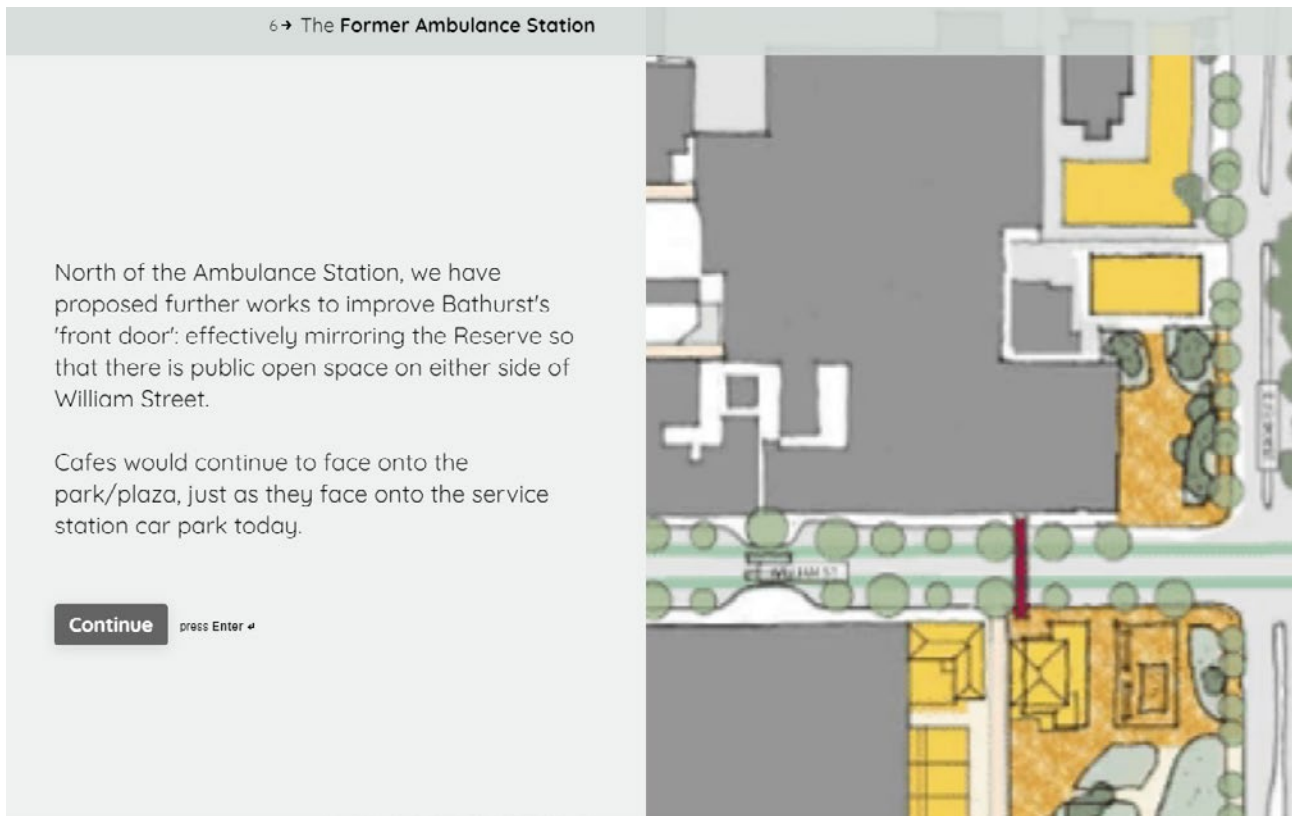
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6 → The Former Ambulance Station

a. Do you support any of these ideas for the Former Ambulance Station and surrounds?

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A

Bathurst welcome signage

B

New street west of Reserve

C

New public open space north of William

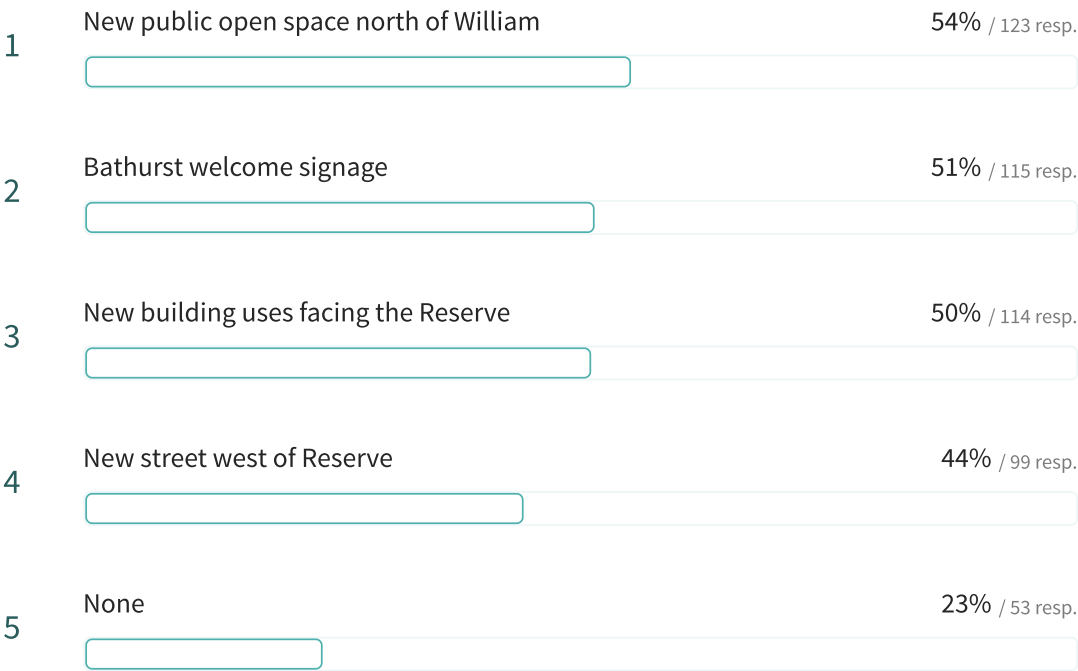
D

New building uses facing the Reserve

E

None

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46.

7→ **Height Incentives**

are also being explored to help deliver some of the master plan proposals shown on private land, such as moving the Armada loading dock or replacing a service station with a public park.

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7 → Height Incentives

Specifically, we believe that the central area of each block in the CBD may be able to sensibly support taller buildings than the current code allows.

This could be done in a way that retains Bathurst's two- and three-storey character when viewed from the existing streets.


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7 → Height Incentives

“ The current code allows 2- to 3- storey buildings throughout the CBD, with no differentiation on where they sit.



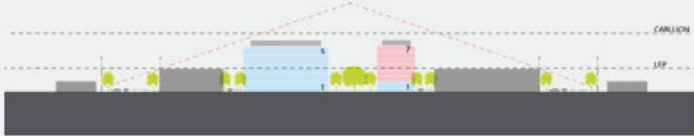
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7 → Height Incentives

We propose allowing increases that are generally not visible when viewed from an existing public street (the red line), while capping overall building heights to always be one- or two-storeys lower than the Bathurst Carillon.



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7 → Height Incentives

The intent is that these height increases over and above the current code would only be permitted where significant public benefit is provided alongside.

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7 → Height Incentives

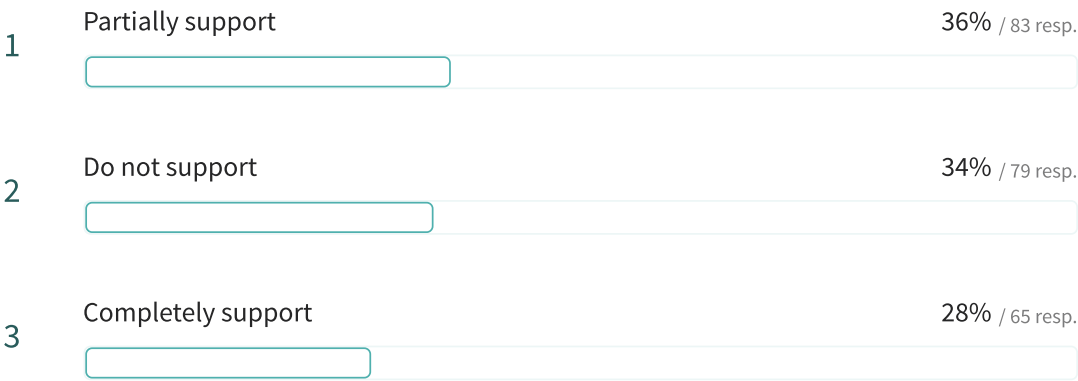
a. How much do you support, or not support, the proposed increase in allowable building heights within the centre of Bathurst blocks?

A Completely support

B Partially support

C Do not support

227 out of 227 answered



52.

8 → The **George Street Council Car Park**
was used as a test-case for this height incentive strategy

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8 → The **George Street Council Car Park**

◦ We first investigated using the Council Car Park as a test case for the height incentives identified. Essentially this would be a commercial development used to fund public works elsewhere around the CBD.

Here a 7-storey apartment building and 5-storey commercial building is shown filling the lot, with basement parking underneath.

Would you support the height incentive if it was used to fund public works elsewhere?

A

 Completely support

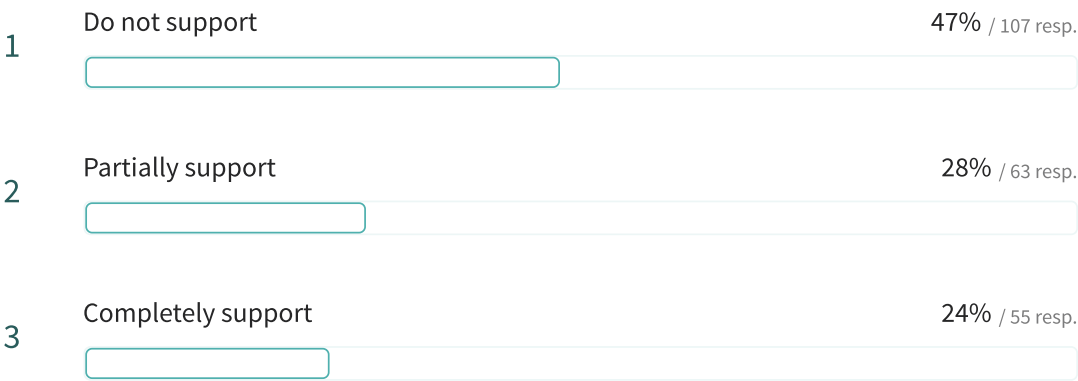
B

 Partially support

C

 Do not support

225 out of 227 answered



55.

8 → The George Street Council Car Park

b. We also examined the opportunity to relocate and expand BMEC, which is coming to the end of its designed building life and is looking for room to expand.

The sketch here shows a 1000-seat theatre that could hold conferences, as well as a second smaller 'black box' theatre. Basement parking is positioned underneath.

Would you support the height incentive if it was used for a new Performing Arts Centre on-site?

A

 Completely support

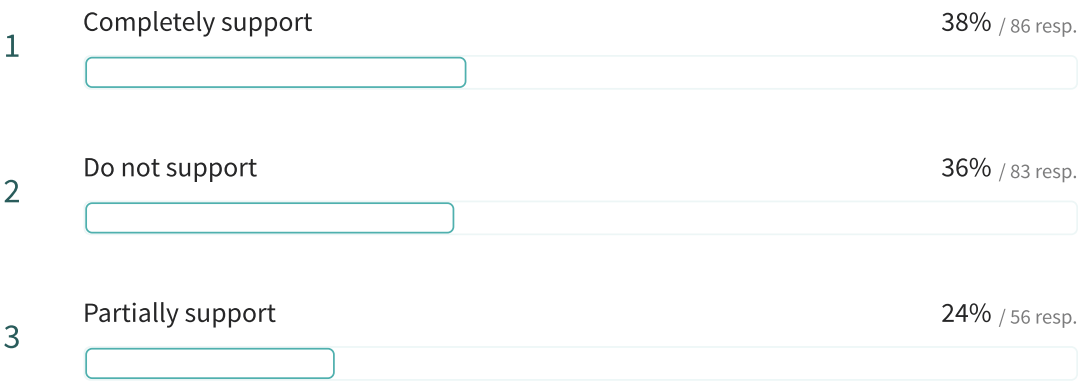
B

 Partially support

C

 Do not support

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9 → Heritage Interpretation & Public Art

“ There are numerous heritage interpretation and information signs around Bathurst. However, they focus on the European history of Bathurst making little mention of the traditional owners of the land, the Wiradyuri.



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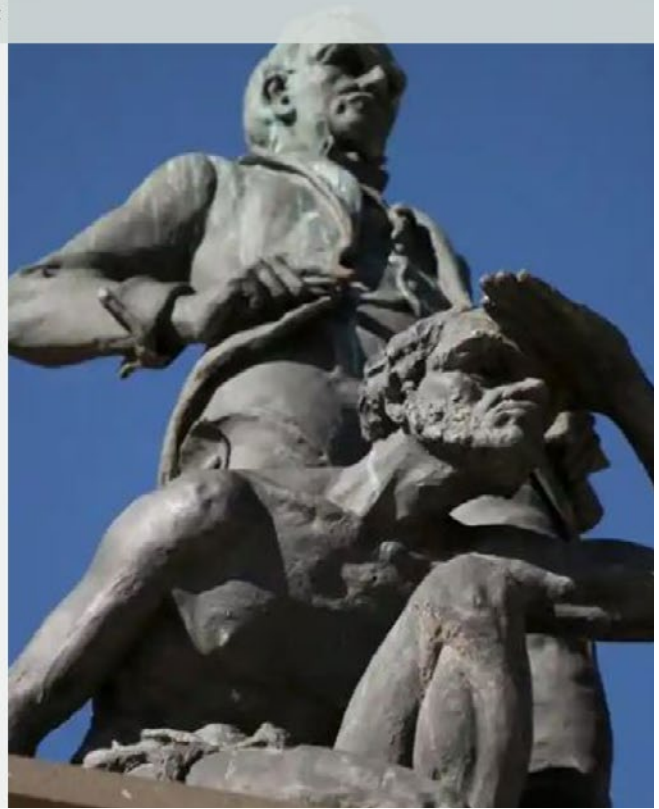
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9 → Heritage Interpretation & Public Art

We propose that this signage be updated and expanded to cover the history of the Wiradyuri prior to the Bathurst settlement, as well as their interactions and involvement in the European heritage already described throughout the city.

For example, we support a previous push to update the interpretive signage at this statute of Surveyor-General George Evans to discuss why the Wiradyuri man is shown next to him: that Evans did not in fact use Aboriginal guides in his surveying work, but that the author of the statute wanted to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land.

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9 → Heritage Interpretation & Public Art

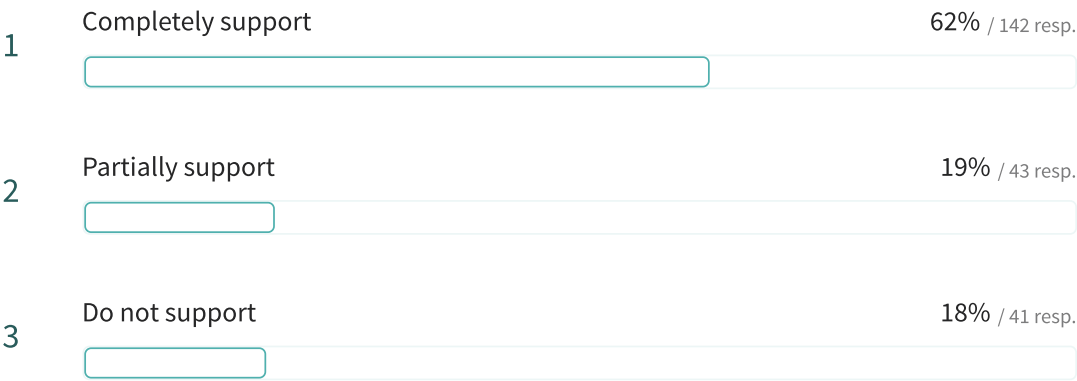
a. Do you support updating and expanding interpretative signage throughout Bathurst to include Wiradyuri histories as well?

A Completely support

B Partially support

C Do not support

226 out of 227 answered

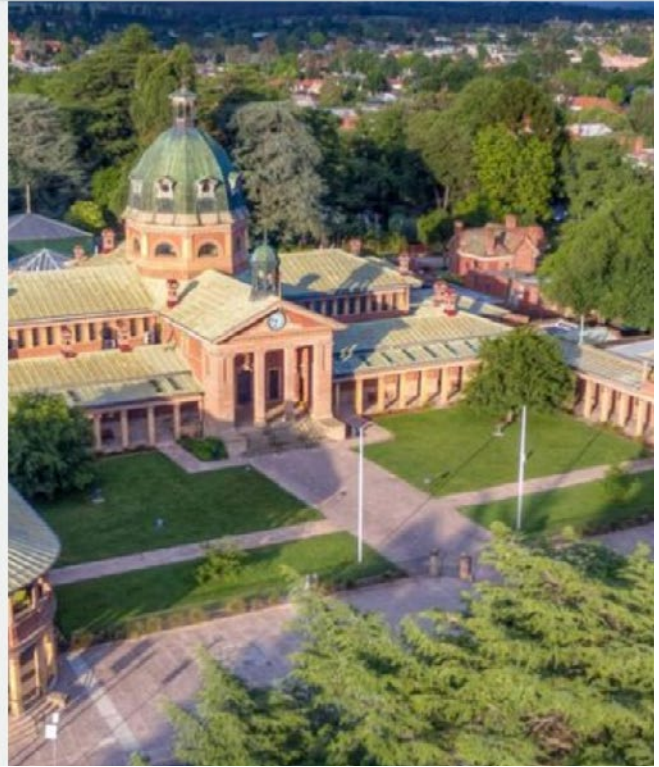


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9 → Heritage Interpretation & Public Art

For example, the proposed Russell Street Events Space in front of the Bathurst Court House could commission a Wiradyuri artist to author part of the plaza design.

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9 → Heritage Interpretation & Public Art

This is an idea inspired by a recent artwork by Bathurst-born Wiradyuri artist Jonathan Jones, *untitled (maraong manaóuwi)*, at the Hyde Park Barracks in Sydney. This artwork served to recontextualise a piece of European built heritage and bring Sydney's Gadigal presence to the foreground.

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We hope that a Wiradyuri art program in Bathurst could have a similarly powerful effect alongside the city's spectacular European built heritage.

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9 → Heritage Interpretation & Public Art

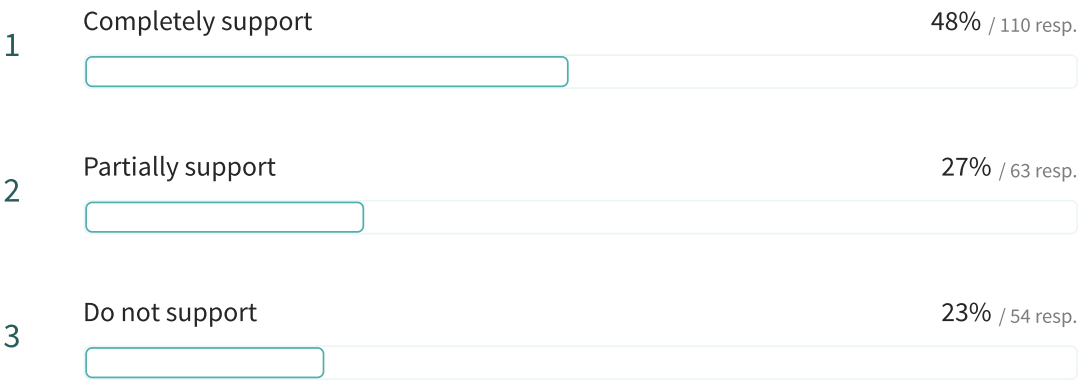
b. Do you support pairing major public works with a specifically Wiradyuri focused public art program?

A Completely support

B Partially support

C Do not support

227 out of 227 answered



64.

10 → That concludes our presentation and survey.

Did you want to add any additional feedback?

ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK SUMMARY

General Comments

- Comments indicating support, and enthusiasm for implementation
- Comments indicating lack of support, often centred on parking
- Concern that the survey had been insufficiently advertised
- Concern that business owners specifically were not adequately consulted
- Requests for clarity around funding necessary for implementation & its potential sources

Town Square & Civic Block

- Need for dedicated space for Mitchell Conservatorium, with the Former TAFE Building identified
- Concern there should not be any additional buildings within the Town Square
- Proposal for outdoor screens/cinema, including in the Town Square
- Idea to move Council offices out of the CBD

Streets

- Mobility concerns for Elderly, noting an aging population
- Desire for better connections between CBD & other areas
- Desire for better street signage
- Concern about vacant shopfronts
- Introduction of native species to street trees palette
- Identification of issues around drought and water use/supply

Parking

- Concern for any reduction in on-street parking due to impact on businesses, convenience, and association with the city's character
- Support for multiple Park and Ride parking lots outside of CBD
- Both support for, and notes against, nose-in parking