



# Analysis of Public Submissions

## Cleland National Park Draft Management Plan

The Cleland National Park Draft Management Plan was released for public consultation from 25 October 2021 to 25 January 2022.

Members of the public had the option to have their say by completing an online survey or providing a written submission through the YourSAy website, email, or mail during that time.

Ninety-five submissions were received, comprised of 87 survey responses and eight written submissions. These submissions are summarised in the tables below.

All submissions on draft park management plans are carefully reviewed against set criteria.

Feedback meeting criteria 1-3 below, result in alterations:

1. Feedback provided additional information of direct relevance to management;
2. Feedback suggested an alternative approach that was considered more appropriate than that proposed in the draft plan;
3. Feedback highlighted omissions, inaccuracies or a lack of clarity.

Feedback meeting criteria 4-9 below do not result in alterations:

4. Feedback clearly supported the draft plan;
5. Feedback was already addressed in the plan;
6. Feedback addressed issues beyond the scope of the plan, or recommended the inclusion of detailed or prescriptive information that is not appropriate for a strategic plan of this type;
7. Feedback proposed an alternative approach but the recommendation of the draft plan was still considered the most appropriate option;
8. Feedback was based on incorrect information;
9. Feedback offered an open statement, or no change was sought.

A summary of all feedback received and any changes arising is provided in Table 2.



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Eighty-seven survey responses and eight written submissions were received. These submissions are summarised in Table 1 below. An analysis of all feedback received and the response to this feedback is provided in Table 2.

Question 2 and 3 in the survey involved survey respondents rating the themes and objectives of the draft plan from strongly don't support to strongly support. Figures 1 and 2 show the results from these questions with a corresponding paragraph summarising results and the response to this feedback.

**Table 1 – summary of submissions**

| Submission Number | Name                        | Background  |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1                 | Name not provided           | Park visitor  |
| 2                 | Name not provided           | Park visitor, Interested individual, Local community member |
| 3                 | Susan Soong                 | Park visitor  |
| 4                 | Edward Burgess              | Park visitor  |
| 5                 | Name not provided           | Park visitor  |
| 6                 | Michael Cornish             | Local community member                                      |
| 7                 | Name not provided           | Local community member                                      |
| 8                 | Name not provided           | Park visitor  |
| 9                 | Name not provided           | Environmental volunteer                                     |
| 10                | Name not provided           | Volunteer at Cleland WLP                                    |
| 11                | Name not provided           | Park visitor  |
| 12                | Name not provided           | Park visitor  |
| 13                | Name not provided           | Park visitor  |
| 14                | Tony (surname not provided) | Park visitor, Interested individual                         |
| 15                | Name not provided           | Park visitor, Interested individual                         |
| 16                | Name not provided           | Park visitor, Interested individual, Local community member |
| 17                | Name not provided           | Park visitor  |
| 18                | Name not provided           | Park visitor  |



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| 19                | Name not provided | Park visitor  |
| 20                | Name not provided | Park visitor  |
| 21                | Name not provided | Park neighbour, Park visitor  |
| 22                | Name not provided | Park visitor  |
| 23                | Name not provided | Park visitor, Local community member  |
| 24                | Name not provided | Park visitor, Local community member  |
| 25                | Name not provided | Local community member  |
| 26                | Name not provided | Park visitor  |
| 27                | Name not provided | Park visitor  |
| 28                | Name not provided | Park visitor, Interested individual, Environmental volunteer                |
| 29                | Name not provided | Park visitor, Park neighbour  |
| 30                | Name not provided | Park visitor  |
| 31                | Name not provided | Park visitor  |
| 32                | Name not provided | Park visitor  |
| 33                | Name not provided | Park visitor  |
| 34                | Name not provided | Park visitor  |
| 35                | Name not provided | Park visitor, Interested individual, Local community member, Park neighbour |
| 36                | Name not provided | Park visitor, Interested individual, Local community member                 |
| 37                | Phil Lawrence     | Park visitor, Interested individual, Local community member, Park neighbour |
| 38                | Name not provided | Park visitor, Local community member, Park neighbour                        |
| 39                | Name not provided | Park visitor, Interested individual   |
| 40                | Name not provided | Park visitor, Interested individual, Local community member, Park neighbour |



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| 41                | Name not provided | Park visitor   |
| 42                | Name not provided | Park visitor   |
| 43                | Name not provided | Interested individual  |
| 44                | Name not provided | Park visitor   |
| 45                | Name not provided | Park visitor, Interested individual  |
| 46                | Name not provided | Park visitor   |
| 47                | Name not provided | Park visitor, Interested individual, Local community member                      |
| 48                | Name not provided | Park visitor   |
| 49                | Name not provided | Park visitor, Interested individual, Local community member                      |
| 50                | Name not provided | Park visitor   |
| 51                | Name not provided | Park visitor   |
| 52                | Name not provided | Local community member   |
| 53                | Name not provided | Park visitor   |
| 54                | Name not provided | Park visitor, Interested individual, Interest group, Non-government organisation |
| 55                | Name not provided | Park visitor, Interested individual  |
| 56                | Name not provided | Park visitor, Interested individual, Local community member                      |
| 57                | Name not provided | Park visitor, Interested individual, Local community member, Interest group      |
| 58                | H. F.             | Park visitor, Interested individual  |
| 59                | Name not provided | Interested individual  |
| 60                | Name not provided | Park visitor   |
| 61                | Name not provided | Park visitor, Interested individual  |
| 62                | Carol Cox De Vore | Park visitor   |



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| 63                | Name not provided | Park visitor, Interested individual   |
| 64                | Name not provided | Park visitor  |
| 65                | Austin            | Park visitor  |
| 66                | Name not provided | Park visitor  |
| 67                | Name not provided | Park visitor  |
| 68                | Name not provided | Environmental volunteer, Park neighbour                                     |
| 69                | Name not provided | Park visitor  |
| 70                | Name not provided | Interested individual   |
| 71                | Name not provided | Park visitor  |
| 72                | Name not provided | Interested individual   |
| 73                | Name not provided | Park visitor, Interested individual, Local community member, Park neighbour |
| 74                | Name not provided | Interested individual   |
| 75                | Mark Daker        | Park visitor, Interested individual   |
| 76                | Name not provided | Park visitor, Interested individual   |
| 77                | Name not provided | Park visitor  |
| 78                | Name not provided | Frequent bushwalker   |
| 79                | Name not provided | Park visitor  |
| 80                | Name not provided | Park visitor  |
| 81                | Name not provided | Park visitor, Interested individual, Environmental volunteer                |
| 82                | Name not provided | Park visitor, Interested individual   |
| 83                | Name not provided | Park visitor, Local community member, non-government organisation           |
| 84                | Name not provided | Park visitor  |



| Submission Number | Name                              | Background   |
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| 85                | Kathryn Galpin                    | South Australian Tourism Commission  |
| 86                | Friends of Cleland National Park  | Volunteer group  |
| 87                | Anita Allen                       | State Planning Commission  |
| 88                | Tanya Jarman                      | Adelaide Hills Tourism   |
| 89                | Catherine Miles                   | Miles Environmental Pty Ltd  |
| 90                | Paul Badenoeh                     | Climbing Club of South Australia   |
| 91                | Nature Conservation Society of SA | Environmental non-government organisation  |
| 92                | David Shearman and family         | Owners of a Heritage Area neighbouring Cleland National Park   |
| 93                | Name not provided                 | Park visitor, Local community member   |
| 94                | Name not provided                 | Park visitor, Local community member, Park neighbour   |
| 95                | Name not provided                 | Park visitor, Interested individual, Local community member, Environmental volunteer, Park neighbour |

**Table 2 – Analysis of all feedback**

| <b>Comment number</b>                          | <b>Comment</b>  | <b>Submission number</b>   | <b>Plan Amended</b> | <b>Proposed response</b>  | <b>Criteria</b> |
|--|---|----------------------------|---------------------|---|-----------------|
| <b>General support/opposition</b>              |   |                            |                     |   |                 |
| 1  | Expressed general support for the draft plan                  | 38, 55, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89 | No                  | Feedback clearly supported the draft management plan. No change required.   | 4               |
| 2  | Expressed general opposition for the draft plan               | 1, 6, 8, 77, 84, 91, 92    | No                  | Specific feedback, including from the submissions which raised this general opposition, has been addressed on an individual basis.  | 9               |
| <b>Tracks, trails, roads and accessibility</b> |   |                            |                     |   |                 |
| 3  | Opposed construction of additional walking and cycling trails | 1, 6, 52, 77, 92           | No                  | To ensure that new trails are of lower impact, the management plan outlines restrictions on the development of new trails, including no further development in Conservation Zone A, and that further trail development in Conservation Zone B may only be appropriate in the future if environmental risks are assessed as low. | 7               |
| 4  | Opposed all cycling in the park                               | 6, 7, 92, 94               | No                  | The Department for Environment and Water considers appropriately managed cycling a valid visitor use within Cleland National Park, originally allowing some degree of cycling since 2010.   | 7               |
| 5  | Opposed shared walking/cycling paths                          | 4, 7, 11, 35, 78, 92, 94   | No                  | The management plan outlines that a review of the trails plan should occur, which should include a risk assessment considering issues associated with the use of shared trails. The plan allows for   | 7               |

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|    |   |                    |    | this assessment to be the basis on which decisions are made about shared trails.   |   |
| 6  | Opposed any additional tracks in high conservation areas  | 8                  | No | The plan contains appropriate provisions to restrict future development in Conservation Zone A, including new tracks and trails. New tracks in Conservation Zone B are subject to a risk assessment that will help protect environmental values. | 7 |
| 7  | Opposed cycling being included with "provide opportunities for engagement with nature close to the city"  | 6                  | No | Cycling is seen as a valid method of experiencing and engaging with nature close to the city.  | 7 |
| 8  | Supported more cycling trails   | 18, 19, 22, 29, 73 | No | Feedback is already addressed in the plan, which provides for additional trails.   | 5 |
| 9  | Expressed desire for cycling to be allowed in both Conservation Zone A and B  | 65                 | No | Final decisions on cycling are not yet made. A risk assessment of the impact of cycling on the natural values in the Conservation Zone A should be undertaken to inform the future of cycling in Conservation Zone A.                            | 7 |
| 10 | Opposed cycling in Conservation Zone A  | 91, 92             | No | Final decisions on cycling are not yet made. A risk assessment of the impact of cycling on the natural values in the Conservation Zone A should be undertaken to inform the future of cycling in this zone.                                      | 7 |
| 11 | Suggested further restricting unauthorised bike access to high conservation areas, for example improving bike exclusion features as existing fences are simply being ridden around or bikes are carried over fencing. | 95                 | No | This is a compliance issue that is beyond the scope of the management plan to resolve.   | 6 |



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| 12 | Suggested some cycling only trails   | 23, 35, 65 | No | Final decisions on trails across the park are yet to be made. The management plan outlines that developments will be managed consistent with the walking and cycling trail strategy when prepared.                   | 7 |
| 13 | Supported more walking trails  | 22, 73     | No | Support is noted. Final decisions on trails across the park are yet to be made. The management plan outlines that developments will be managed consistent with the walking and cycling trail strategy when prepared. | 7 |
| 14 | Expressed a desire for opening some paths to dog walkers (with dogs on leads) along with promotion of responsible dog walking practises      | 21, 25, 63 | No | The management plan currently contains no provisions relating to dogs. No dogs are currently permitted. Should a decision be made to permit dogs in the future, this can be managed at an operational level.         | 7 |
| 15 | Expressed concern that dog walkers are regularly found on no dog tracks. Suggested further controlling dog access/providing better education | 36, 38     | No | This is a compliance issue, beyond the remit of a management plan to solve.  | 6 |
| 16 | Suggested re-routing a number of walking trails to prevent erosion and gullyng   | 4          | No | These concerns have been noted. The re-routing of individual trails is of a specific nature beyond the remit of this management plan.  | 6 |
| 17 | Suggested installing better warning signage where tracks and roads cross   | 4          | No | This concern has been noted. The signage associated with individual tracks is beyond the scope of this management plan.  | 6 |
| 18 | Expressed concern that building new trails has destroyed pretty sections of the creek and associated vegetation                              | 7          | No | This concern has been noted. The impact associated with the development of a specific trail is beyond the scope of this management plan, which instead seeks to form   | 6 |

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|    |   |    |    | strategic principles to guide responsible trail development.  |      |
| 19 | Suggested enhancing the accessibility and inclusion of visitors of all ages and abilities                     | 17 | No | This is covered in the management plan by the strategy to investigate opportunities to create trails and other visitor experiences which provide universal and equitable access for all ages and abilities.   | 5    |
| 20 | Expressed desire for the rustic walking trails in Zone B to remain undeveloped and unpaved                    | 55 | No | The design specifications of individual trails is beyond the scope of a strategic document of this kind.  | 6    |
| 21 | Suggested a strategy for improving traffic flow   | 62 | No | A strategy for improving traffic flow is not considered appropriate in this plan, and is considered better managed at an operational level. An updated walking and cycling trail strategy, when prepared, will assist in managing the flow of visitors. | 6    |
| 22 | Suggested including some low impact infrastructure (shelter, table, benches) for SA's best parkrun at Cleland | 83 | No | The park management plan allows for the minor development of low impact infrastructure. However, the design of specific infrastructure around an event is not considered necessary for a strategic document of this kind.                               | 6    |
| 23 | Suggested that funding must be made available to maintain cycling tracks regularly to avoid erosion           | 86 | No | It is not the role of the management plan to determine funding. Erosion will continue to be managed at an operational level.  | 7    |
| 24 | Suggested improving connections to other nearby parks (e.g. Belair national park)                             | 5  | No | Theme 3 details priorities for creating quality visitor experiences. The management plan outlines that the 2010 Trails Master Plan will be updated, which will include consideration of linkages.   | 5, 6 |

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| 25 | Suggested installing more road barriers to keep animals inside the park and way from dangerous roads   | 70 | No  | The installation of road barriers can occur under the provisions of this plan. However, the installation of individual infrastructure is beyond the scope of a strategic document of this kind.  | 7   |
| 26 | Suggested road improvement along Greenhill Road and better speed and safety controls near park boundaries  | 71 | No  | It is beyond the scope of a park management plan to adjust speeds outside of park boundaries. The Department for Environment and Water will continue to work with stakeholders to ensure safe entry and exit from parks.                                       | 6   |
| 27 | Suggested DEW should set up a volunteer "walking trails support group" to maintain tracks  | 54 | No  | While the plan does not go into specifics, it raises the importance of working with volunteer groups to better manage the park. The creation of specific groups is best managed at the regional operational level, in consultation with existing stakeholders. | 6,7 |
| 28 | Expressed the view that the so called "illegal" tracks were there before DEW controlled the park, and thus the term "illegal" is not appropriate   | 54 | Yes | The term 'illegal' has been removed.   | 3   |
| 29 | Suggested developing a linking trail through Eurilla CP to incorporate the Mt Lofty Botanical Gardens. i.e. allowing access through the northern fence so that walkers don't have to go out onto the dangerous Sprigg Rd | 54 | No  | The management plan outlines that the 2010 Trails Master Plan will be updated, which will include consideration of access to further areas of the park.  | 5,6 |
| 30 | Suggested improving public transport opportunities to the area, or opportunities for a private minibus/ tour operator to fill this gap   | 10 | No  | It is beyond the scope of the management to increase public transport opportunities.   | 6   |
| 31 | Suggested making the park accessible to everyone by removing all paid parks and entry fees   | 11 | No  | It is beyond the scope of this management plan to determine the pricing structure for park entry.  | 6   |

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| 32 | Suggested providing closer access to the Third Falls creek itself  | 30     | No | The management plan outlines that the 2010 Trails Master Plan will be updated, which will include consideration of trail access to further areas of the park. | 5, 6 |
| 33 | Suggested better defining 'low environmental risk' in relation to potential for trail development  | 89     | No | The plan outlines that the 2010 Trails Master Plan will be updated, and will include a risk assessment. This assessment will appropriately define risk.       | 7    |
| 34 | Suggested conducting a Pc survey to better define where trails should be allowed to be built   | 89     | No | The plan outlines that the 2010 Trails Master Plan will be updated, and will include a risk assessment to determine new trails.                               | 6    |
| 35 | Supported rationalising (reducing) tracks in Conservation Zone A   | 91, 92 | No | Feedback supports the aims of the management plan.  | 4    |
| 36 | Suggested updating the 2010 Trails Master Plan including a comprehensive risk assessment   | 92     | No | The plan outlines that the 2010 Trails Master Plan will be updated, and will include a risk assessment.   | 5    |
| 37 | Suggested if cycling is still to be permitted in the park, a licence and fee should be applicable and attendance at an educative session required  | 92     | No | There are currently no plans to introduce a mandatory licence fee for cyclists.   | 7    |
| 38 | Suggested that the small minority of bike users who create new trails and or damage old walking trails should be prosecuted  | 95     | No | This is a compliance issue, rather than a matter for the management plan. No specific change to the management plan is sought.                                | 9    |
| 39 | Suggested repairing/reconstructing some of the old scenic walking trails that start from Waterfall Gully such as the historical trail to Castle Rock and the zig zag trail that starts from the base of the waterfall and heads south/uphill | 90, 95 | No | The management plan outlines that the 2010 Trails Master Plan will be updated, which will include consideration of trail access to further areas of the park. | 5, 6 |

#### Privatisation, development and accommodation

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| 40 | Expressed general concern that management priorities are tourism/visitor rather than conservation driven. Need conservation first | 1, 2, 6, 8, 23, 77, 84, 91, 92, 95 | No | The first theme of the plan is Conserving & enhancing wildlife, highlighting the importance on the conservation values of the park..  | 5 |
| 41 | Opposed privatisation/private commercial events and activities in parks   | 6, 8, 15, 45, 82, 84, 92           | No | The Department for Environment and Water considers private commercial events and activities a valid land use in parks, provided they are supportive of other park values.   | 7 |
| 42 | Opposed any further development in parks (public or private)  | 77, 84                             | No | Responsible development of low impact infrastructure is considered appropriate in South Australian parks. The plan provides zoning to ensure conservation values are protected.   | 7 |
| 43 | Expressed concern that no details were provided about commercial ventures and accommodation, and would like to see more details   | 45, 53, 69, 92                     | No | It is not considered appropriate for a strategic document such as a park management plan to be tied to an individual venture or proposal. Instead, it creates the conditions and principles suitable for any proposal to proceed in a responsible manner. | 7 |
| 44 | Opposed tourism accommodation in Cleland Wildlife Park  | 2, 6, 8, 77, 82, 84, 95            | No | The provision of environmentally sensitive public and private development in parks allows for enhanced visitor experience and creates more opportunities for people to appreciate and enjoy parks.  | 7 |
| 45 | Noted that tourism accommodation areas A and B should be conservation priorities because they border on Conservation Zone A       | 2                                  | No | The provision of environmentally sensitive public and private development in parks allows for enhanced visitor experience and creates more opportunities for people to appreciate and enjoy parks.  | 7 |

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|    |  |            |    | Consideration of potential impacts of development at individual sites is given at the detailed planning stage.   |   |
| 46 | Would accept much smaller scale accommodation but oppose numerous ‘cabins’ or similar                      | 10, 77, 84 | No | The provision of environmentally sensitive public and private development in parks allows for enhanced visitor experience and creates more opportunities for people to appreciate and enjoy parks.<br>Consideration of potential impacts of development at individual sites is given at the detailed planning stage. | 7 |
| 47 | Expressed a preference for the accommodation to be located just outside the current Wildlife Park boundary | 10         | No | The park management plan does not preclude private developers from seeking to develop tourism accommodation outside of the park. It is beyond the scope of the plan.   | 6 |
| 48 | Suggested Arthur's seat on the Summit Rd as an alternative site for accommodation                          | 10         | No | The park management plan does not preclude private developers from seeking to develop tourism accommodation outside of the park. It is beyond the scope of the plan.   | 6 |
| 49 | Expressed concern about fire danger for accommodation  | 10         | No | Consideration of potential impacts of development at individual sites is given at the detailed planning stage.   | 6 |
| 50 | Expressed desire for accommodation to be family rather than luxury oriented, i.e. more affordable          | 10         | No | The level and standard of accommodation is outside the scope of this plan.   | 6 |
| 51 | Encouraged DEW to ensure all operators or proponents are engaged to ensure ecological values come first    | 85         | No | General comment seeking no specific change to the plan.  | 9 |
| 52 | Supported proposed accommodation and operator led nature based experiences                                 | 88         | No | Feedback demonstrated support for the objectives of the plan.  | 4 |

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| 53 | Opposed the objective “Investigate opportunities to amend State Heritage regulations for Cleland National Park to exclude specific areas or types of development from requiring development approval, where the development has no relevance to the heritage listing.”   | 6, 8, 92 | Yes | A change has been incorporated to stress that any change is focussed on existing buildings, and only those which are not mentioned in the heritage listing.  | 6 |
| 54 | Suggested removing the mapping of the tourist accommodation areas and replacing with an in text statement explaining that the accommodation will be permitted in areas where the native vegetation clearance for the footprint of the buildings, services and fuel reduction zones is minimised (as per the NVC Principles), and that no clearance (particularly for the fuel reduction) is required outside of this zone (i.e. in Conservation Zone A). | 89       | No  | The clear identification of where tourism accommodation is envisioned within a park management plan is a requirement under the State Planning and Design Code if tourism accommodation is not to be considered a restricted development.   | 7 |
| 55 | Noted that the accommodation area B is only 25m wide and if the standard CFS requirement for a 20 m buffer was applied (or a larger buffer which is common for such high risk areas), buildings in Area B would require additional clearance within Conservation Zone A and in the Wildlife Park. As a result, commented that ecologically sensitive tourist accommodation in an area like this is basically impossible                                  | 89, 93   | No  | The provision of environmentally sensitive public and private development in parks allows for enhanced visitor experience and creates more opportunities for people to appreciate and enjoy parks.<br>Consideration of potential impacts of development at individual sites is given at the detailed planning stage. | 7 |
| 56 | Suggested camping or glamping may be the only ecologically sensitive accommodation option  | 89, 93   | No  | The development of small cabin structures is considered an appropriately ecologically sensitive accommodation option.  | 7 |
| 57 | Recommended the exact locations of accommodation should be removed or revised following engagement with CFS and the NVC  | 93       | No  | The clear identification of where tourism accommodation is envisioned within a park management plan is a requirement under the State Planning and Design Code. The Tourism Accommodation Areas have been determined in consultation with   | 7 |

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|    |   |    |    | stakeholders. Final approvals would be the responsibility of a private tourism operator.  |   |
| 58 | Opposed economic emphasis in the statement “This draft plan supports the park’s ongoing role in the state’s economic development and provides action to meet increasing demand for nature based tourism and guide investment in new tourism infrastructure in the park.”  | 91 | No | The draft plan emphasises both the environmental significance of the park, and its role in providing tourism opportunities  | 5 |
| 59 | Highlighted importance of minimising vegetation clearance around accommodation buildings  | 91 | No | Feedback offered an open statement, rather than seeking a specific change.  | 9 |
| 60 | Supported a ‘conservation dividend’ being required from any development within the park   | 91 | No | Feedback clearly supported the management plan.   | 4 |
| 61 | Opposed the statement “Collaborating with Commercial tour operators to provide ecologically sensitive opportunities to the public will help more people appreciate and understand the natural setting of the park. Managing the park for sustainable visitor use is critical to ensure ecosystems are conserved for future generations to enjoy”. | 92 | No | The current wording is considered a valid statement – tour operators across South Australian parks can provide opportunities to help the public appreciate the state’s natural features.  | 7 |
| 62 | Suggested a small visitor centre to provide audio self-guided tours and maps for education for Zone A   | 92 | No | The plan allows for the development of such a centre, but detailing the installation of individual infrastructure is beyond the scope of a strategic document of this kind.   | 6 |
| 63 | Opposed ““Approve commercial events and activities that foster community connection with the environment and limit visitor impact”, suggesting education should not be commercial.  | 92 | No | There is no suggestion within the statement that all education should be commercial. However, the plan recognises that commercial events should have a component that ensures connection with the environment and limits impacts. | 7 |

## Ecological management



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| 64 | Expressed desire for further reintroduction of native flora and fauna that has disappeared over time   | 4  | No | Theme 1 outlines the strategies for conserving and enhancing wildlife. Reintroduction is not planned at this time.   | 6    |
| 65 | Opposed changing the change of status from a Conservation Park to a National Park because this opens the way to more tourism and less conservation | 8, 84, 92                                  | No | It is beyond the scope of the park management plan to change the classification of the park. The change in classification has now occurred.  | 6, 8 |
| 66 | Supported weed control and suggested increasing active weed management with more funding   | 10, 22, 29, 35, 54, 72, 77, 82, 84, 92, 95 | No | Feedback is supportive of the weed management objectives and strategies outlined in the plan. The management plan cannot directly increase funding attributable to these activities.   | 4, 6 |
| 67 | Suggested creating an eradication plan for declared weeds  | 62, 82                                     | No | Weed management is addressed in Theme 1.   | 5    |
| 68 | Opposed culling of native animals  | 35   | No | The humane culling of native animals is seen as a valid management regime by the Department for Environment and Water and the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972</i> , once all non-lethal alternatives have been explored and found to be ineffective. | 7    |
| 69 | Supported management of total grazing pressure, including by culling if necessary  | 91   | No | Feedback clearly supports the objectives of the plan.  | 4    |
| 70 | Highlighted the need for a careful management plan for weeds such as gorse and blackberry provide habitat for wildlife                             | 77, 84                                     | No | The plan already recognises the value of some weeds in providing habitat in significantly altered environments.  | 5    |
| 71 | Suggested planting before and in between removal of weeded areas that provide habitat for native animals   | 84   | No | While this may be a useful method in preventing the re-establishment of weeds, this level of detail is better worked through in annual operational planning.   | 6    |

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| 72 | Expressed concern that feral species control is not covered in the plan. Suggested acknowledging and addressing the impact of foxes, deer, rabbits and cats, particularly on Southern Brown Bandicoot populations   | 35, 72, 77, 91, 92 | Yes | Information regarding feral animal control has been added into the management plan.   | 3    |
| 73 | Suggested fox baiting and deer culling  | 92                 | No  | This level of detail is beyond the scope of this management plan. However, additional information has been included regarding pest animals, as above.   | 6    |
| 74 | Suggested better training staff in low impact weed management (e.g. cut and paint)  | 77, 84             | No  | It is beyond the scope of the management plan to detail training requirements for staff.  | 6, 9 |
| 75 | Expressed concern that weed management does not have committed resources. Suggested including a reference to increased resourcing (time and staff) to assist with weed control in Conservation Zone A and B - particularly blackberry along the creek lines | 29, 84, 92         | No  | Staffing and budgets are determined at an operational level rather than a strategic plan on this kind.  | 6    |
| 76 | Suggested including a strategy for working with abutting private landowners to reduce planting of garden escapees   | 29                 | No  | The current management plan includes a strategy to work with adjoining landowners and land managers to limit the impact of neighbouring land uses on conservation values by encouraging them to adopt weed control approaches similar to those carried out within the park. Specific approaches towards this strategy are not considered appropriate for a strategic document of this nature. | 5    |
| 77 | Suggested creating a large platypus breeding environment  | 11                 | No  | Creating a large platypus breeding environment is not currently identified as a priority.   | 7    |
| 78 | Suggested including a greater variety of native animals at Cleland Wildlife Park including quolls and platypus  | 36                 | No  | It is not appropriate for a strategic plan of this kind to dictate the animals available at the wildlife centre.  | 6    |

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| 79 | Suggested providing education to park users and visitors about Conservation efforts and the native species in the park.  | 38     | No  | Educating visitors is already an important consideration in management. As no specific change was sought, this was taken as a comment.  | 9   |
| 80 | Expressed desire to leave Cleland National Park as natural as possible   | 58     | No  | Cleland National Park will continue to be managed with a focus on the conservation of important ecosystems, with visitor use appropriately managed. The Wildlife Park has been consistently managed for visitation and education. | 7   |
| 81 | Supported development of a biodiversity plan   | 89, 91 | No  | Feedback supported the aims of the management plan.   | 4   |
| 82 | Suggested a supplementary “management action plan” which identified “no regrets” priorities for the short term before the biodiversity plan is fully prepared  | 89     | No  | It is considered that park management processes, which prioritise the protection of biodiversity, will ensure the preservation of biodiversity while the biodiversity plan is prepared.   | 7   |
| 83 | Supported the nomination of bogs as a nationally threatened ecological community   | 89, 91 | No  | Feedback clearly supported the objectives of the plan.  |     |
| 84 | Suggested better defining the bog community and their threatening processes  | 89     | No  | The plan does describe the bog community. Increasing detail would not be appropriate in a strategic plan of this kind.  | 6   |
| 85 | Identified an error on page 11: Environment Protection Act, not Environmental Protection Act   | 91     | Yes | Change made to address mistake.   | 3   |
| 86 | Suggested providing more concrete support for volunteer groups, including group facilitation and planning support, an annual budget for follow-up contractor weed management, and support to follow a strategic approach to tackle weed fronts | 89     | No  | These ideas are best explored with park managers as a part of operational planning, as opposed to inclusion in a strategic plan of this type. The plan contains the objective to work   | 5,6 |

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|    |  |    |     | collaboratively with partners to provide a consistent approach to threat management, which may address this feedback.  |   |
| 87 | Supported identifying “reversing a general decline in bird populations across the Mount Lofty Ranges” as a key challenge   | 91 | No  | Feedback clearly supported the direction provided in the management plan.  | 4 |
| 88 | Suggested including appendices that list the rare and endangered species that occur in the park  | 91 | No  | A comprehensive list of rare and endangered species that occur in the park is not considered necessary for a strategic plan of this kind.  | 7 |
| 89 | Supported the reference to the Regional Recovery Plan for Threatened Species and Ecological Communities as a key document to guide action  | 91 | No  | Feedback clearly supported the direction provided in the management plan.  | 4 |
| 90 | Suggested rewording “where this is no regenerative potential to return the landscape to its native biodiverse state, the value of these weeds in providing habitat should be acknowledged” because all landscapes have “regenerative potential” but some are beyond the scope of resources available | 91 | Yes | The plan has been changed to stress this is about a pragmatic approach to ecological restoration.  | 3 |
| 91 | Expressed a desire to see adequate funding to undertake management actions such as weed control and visitor management included in the State Budget  | 91 | No  | While the objectives and strategies in this management plan can be used as a basis for determining funding, it is beyond the scope of this management plan to determine funding in the State Budget. | 9 |
| 92 | Suggested reviewing and improving the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 and the National Vegetation Act before finalising the plan  | 92 | No  | Updating legislation is outside the scope of this plan.  | 6 |
| 93 | Suggested the plan should identify short, medium and long-term actions and priorities for biodiversity that must be budgeted for   | 92 | No  | This level of detailed planning is considered more appropriate in operational planning, rather than a strategic document of this nature.   | 6 |

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| 94  | Suggested referencing “Opportunities to improve the future of South Australia’s terrestrial biodiversity” by Professor Corey Bradshaw, and the National Strategy and Action Plan to implement the Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) Framework  | 92 | No | This information is not considered necessary for a management plan of this kind.   | 9 |
| 95  | Expressed the view that current funding allocations will be unable to “strengthen the area’s conservation and biodiversity values” in Conservation Zone A.  | 92 | No | Taken as a general comment. The management plan cannot dictate funding, but can be used as a basis for funding.  | 9 |
| 96  | Suggested getting another foundation to take on the task of managing the park’s biodiversity, and raising publicly donated funds to support this  | 92 | No | This is beyond the scope of a strategic plan of this kind.   | 6 |
| 97  | Suggested surveying a baseline of Cleland biodiversity before the plan is finalised   | 92 | No | This is beyond the scope of a strategic plan of this kind. Theme 1 addresses conservation and enhancing wildlife, and the development of a biodiversity plan.  | 6 |
| 98  | Expressed the view that the scale of biodiversity loss is not emphasised enough in the plan   | 92 | No | While the extent of biodiversity loss across the Mount Lofty Ranges is an important consideration in having this protected area, the management plan is a forward looking document focussed on management to support biodiversity outcomes.      | 9 |
| 99  | Expressed the view that climate change is not given enough importance in the management plan. Suggested explaining a proposed baseline for the proposed climate change research, and mentioning how commercial development will impact underground water availability and associated impact on vegetation | 92 | No | Climate change is addressed within the plan, including identifying several key impacts that climate change will have on park management values, and outlines multiple strategies to address these impacts to support climate resilient outcomes. | 5 |
| 100 | Suggested adding an objective/strategies about ensuring that the Park identifies and manages  | 93 | No | Theme 1 outlines the strategies for conserving and enhancing wildlife,   | 6 |

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|             | refuges for populations of species/communities that may be impacted by climate change  |        |     | which includes a strategy to develop a biodiversity plan for Cleland National Park to guide habitat restoration, protection of species, threat abatement activities and species recovery. This biodiversity plan would be the better place to address these specific concerns.     |   |
| <b>Fire</b> |  |        |     |  |   |
| 101         | Suggested creating an app for education as well as bushfire warnings, park closure and risk, and which track provides the quickest and safest exit in the event of a bushfire    | 7      | No  | It is beyond the scope of the management plan to require the development of apps.  | 6 |
| 102         | Expressed the desire for Aboriginal knowledge to be used when planning prescribed burns  | 68, 74 | Yes | First Nations people and groups have a cultural connection with Cleland, and aspirations for its land and fire management. This aspect of fire management helps NPWS contribute to DEW's commitment to reconciliation and nation-building.   | 1 |
| 103         | Suggested better managing and protecting fauna during prescribed burns including checking the burned areas afterwards for burned and injured wildlife                            | 74     | No  | Prescribed burns are managed according to Fire Management Policy and Procedures. Under these protocols, ecological monitoring is established in conjunction with all prescribed burning (before, during and after as required).  | 6 |
| 104         | Opposed the use of the phrase 'ecological advantage' in relation to managing bushfire risk and recommended changing this to reflect that over-burning is a risk for bird species | 91     | No  | Over-burning is recognised as a risk for bird species, and the risk of fire to hollow-bearing trees is reflected in the plan. The ecological advantage phrase is used in the plan to demonstrate that fire planning will aim for an advantage for the overall ecology of the park. | 5 |

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| 105           | Expressed the view that the 'ecological needs' of the park should be elevated in any considerations relating to fire management                               | 91 | No  | The theme currently focuses on the importance of ecological requirements, whilst stressing that the paramount importance is visitor safety during bushfire events.   | 5,7 |
| 106           | Suggested the plan should reference evidence in relation to burning, for example of decline in birds observed at burnt rather than unburnt sites              | 91 | No  | Information of that nature is best incorporated into a bushfire management plan, rather than this holistic park management plan.   | 6   |
| 107           | Suggested acknowledging the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005 and Bushfire Management Committee for the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges region in the plan | 91 | Yes | The <i>Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005</i> has been added to the plan, as requirements and rules stipulated under this Act will be an important consideration for future developments.  | 1   |
| 108           | Supported increased firefighting capability, including early response through aerial suppression of fires   | 91 | No  | Comments supported the overall aims of the plan, and provided no specific further feedback.  | 9   |
| 109           | Expressed concern about foreshadowing the creation of 'new fire management infrastructure', as this could include tracks in sensitive areas                   | 91 | No  | The strategy regarding new fire management infrastructure notes that this will only be developed where appropriate.  | 7   |
| 110           | Emphasised the importance of prescribed burning not being too regular and being based on up-to-date science   | 92 | No  | The scale and frequency of prescribed burning will be determined in operational level planning. This plan already outlines that prescribed burning should be used to help cater to the varying habitat and fire requirements of all species. | 5,6 |
| <b>Zoning</b> |   |    |     |  |     |
| 111           | Opposed splitting Conservation Zone A and B – all should have high level conservation   | 6  | No  | Both zones have a conservation focus as a priority. It is considered that separating management in this way recognises that certain areas are of greater conservation significance.  | 7   |

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| 112 | Supported incorporating Eurilla as part of Cleland  | 29 | No  | Feedback clearly supported the position of the management plan.   | 4 |
| 113 | Suggested providing clear delineation in any future plans between Cleland Visitor Centre experiences and the unstructured activities available in the rest of the Park. Objective should read ‘provide facilities at Cleland Visitor Centre and Mt Lofty Summit that concentrate visitor experiences in these locations.’ | 69 | No  | The plan uses zones to delineate different management prescriptions.  | 5 |
| 114 | Supported the proposed Cleland Wildlife Park Zone and the Visitor Use Zone  | 85 | No  | Feedback clearly supported the position of the management plan.   | 4 |
| 115 | Strongly suggested a minor zoning adjustment to Zone A to include the area between the First and Second Falls and land in a line across to the Long Ridge Track   | 86 | Yes | Zoning has been updated.  | 2 |
| 116 | Suggested rigorous weed control measures be required for vehicles accessing the Wildlife Park Development, including a written contractual agreement  | 86 | No  | A contractual obligation for all vehicles entering the park through public access tracks would be inappropriate to mandate in a park management plan. | 7 |
| 117 | Recommended including a specific section that clearly articulates the envisaged land uses for the National Park, based on the land use definitions used in Part 7 of the Planning and Design Code   | 87 | No  | This has not been deemed appropriate at this time, given the scale of development envisioned across the park.   | 7 |
| 118 | Recommended acknowledging the low-lying valleys, creeks and south facing slopes in Conservation Zone B that may become increasingly important refuges for both fauna and flora under climate change, and provide protection on that basis   | 89 | Yes | Conservation Zone B has been edited to recognise these potential climate refuges.   | 3 |
| 119 | Generally supported priorities listed for Cleland Wildlife Park Zone  | 89 | No  | Provided general support for the priorities listed in the plan.   | 4 |



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| 120          | Commented that they supported the statement on p. 9 that no further development is permitted in Conservation Zone A, but noted that p. 4 and 13 uses the terms “restricted to low impact uses” and “restrict future development” and suggested changing them to also say “no development”.         | 89, 91 | Yes | Text has been updated within the plan to better clarify the minimal development envisioned in Conservation Zone A.   | 3 |
| 121          | Expressed the view that the statement on page 4 that “Outside these zones (i.e. Visitor Use Zones), visitor facilities will be restricted to low impact uses such as picnic areas, walking and cycling trails, and ancillary facilities such as shelters, toilets and barbeques” should be deleted | 91     | Yes | Text has been removed.   | 3 |
| 122          | Recommended that the zoning should be recognised by the Planning and Design Code   | 91     | No  | The management plan cannot stipulate how zoning under this plan is recognised by the Planning and Design Code. Under the Code, all parks are zoned as Conservation.                  | 6 |
| 123          | Highlighted that Conservation Zone policy in the Code does not contemplate any areas where no further development is allowed, which contradicts the policy for Conservation Zone A   | 91     | No  | National Parks can be managed in accordance with directions stipulated in this plan, which is prepared under Section 38 of the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972</i> .         | 8 |
| 124          | Supported intent to improve Conservation Zone B to a quality that would enable it to become part of Conservation Zone A  | 91     | Yes | Feedback generally supported the intent of the plan.   | 4 |
| <b>Other</b> |  |        |     |  |   |
| 125          | Suggested providing a mechanism for those that use the park to enhance the park and get involved   | 22     | No  | Getting visitors involved in enhancing the park is explored in Theme 5. There are multiple avenues for people to get involved with park management; however, these are best explored | 6 |

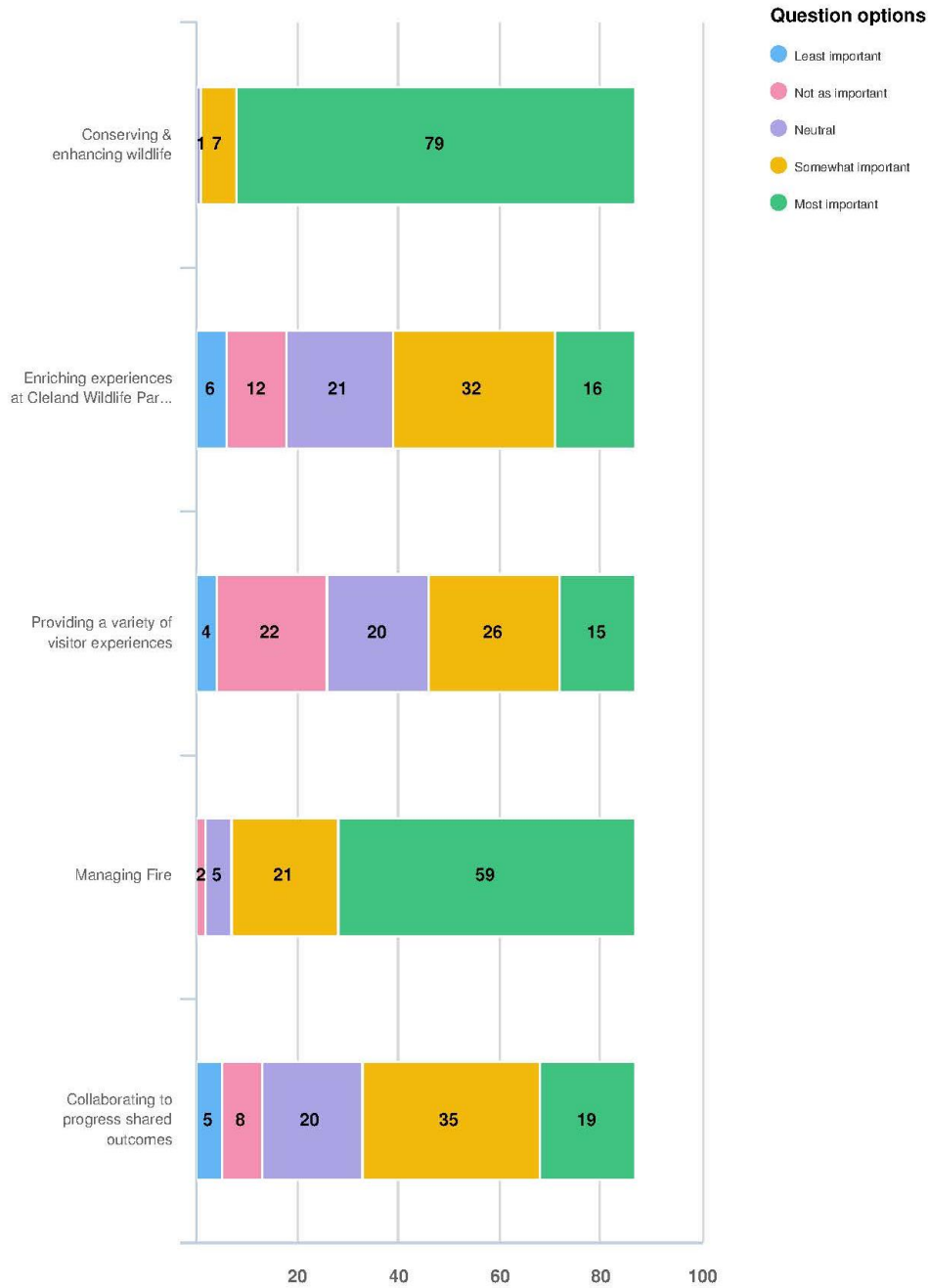
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|     |  |    |    | through media besides a park management plan.  |   |
| 126 | Suggested improving toilet facilities for visitors   | 26 | No | The design and installation of specific small infrastructure is beyond the scope of a strategic plan of this kind.   | 6 |
| 127 | Suggested renaming Cleland to a Kaurna or Peramangk name such as Yuridla, the Kaurna name for Mount Lofty  | 29 | No | Renaming the park is beyond the scope of this management plan.   | 6 |
| 128 | Suggested building a changing place for people with significant disabilities and their families/carers   | 17 | No | The design and installation of specific small infrastructure is beyond the scope of a strategic plan of this kind  | 6 |
| 129 | Suggested allowing rock climbing to be permitted at Elephant Rock – also known as Castle Rock or Sunset Rock, the prominent crag high on the hill above Utopia – as a ‘unstructured recreation activity’ at Cleland, as well as re-establishing the associated path. | 90 | No | The opening of individual tracks, trails or experiences is beyond the scope of a strategic plan of this kind, and will be managed at an operational level.                                 | 6 |
| 130 | Supported the “what are we looking after” dot points   | 91 | No | Feedback clearly supported the plan.   | 4 |
| 131 | Supported the collaboration theme  | 91 | No | Feedback clearly supported the plan.   | 4 |
| 132 | Suggested making all the information and submissions from the technical specialists engaged in the process of developing the plan publicly available   | 92 | No | General comment about management plan processes, rather than regarding a change to the management plan itself.   | 9 |
| 133 | Suggested international science and its implications for Australia and South Australia should be the basis for the park management plan  | 92 | No | Feedback noted. Management plans, and the operational plans that enact management actions, are formed with a consideration of the latest science and its implications for park management. | 9 |

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| 134 | Suggested creating a short term management plan that is reviewed and updated every few years | 93 | No | Feedback noted. Management plans are longer term documents. Operational plans sit beneath management plans, and are prepared on an annual, or as needed, basis. | 7 |
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## Quantitative Survey Questions

The draft plan identifies five themes of importance to protect and manage the parks. Question 2 asked survey respondents to rate these themes from least important to most important. The results of this are displayed in Figure 1 below.

**Q2** 3.The draft plan identifies 5 themes that describe the park priorities and recommended management objectives and strategies...



Mandatory Question (87 response(s))  
Question type: Likert Question

**Figure 1 - Question 2 responses**

Figure 1 indicates that 'Conserving and enhancing wildlife' is considered to be the most important theme by survey respondents, with 79 respondents ranking this as most important. 'Managing fire' was also identified as an important theme with 59 respondents ranking this as most important. 'Enriching experiences at Cleland Wildlife Park', 'Providing a variety of visitor experiences' and 'Collaborating to progress shared outcomes' received similarly mixed rankings, with the majority of respondents ranking these themes as somewhat important or neutral.

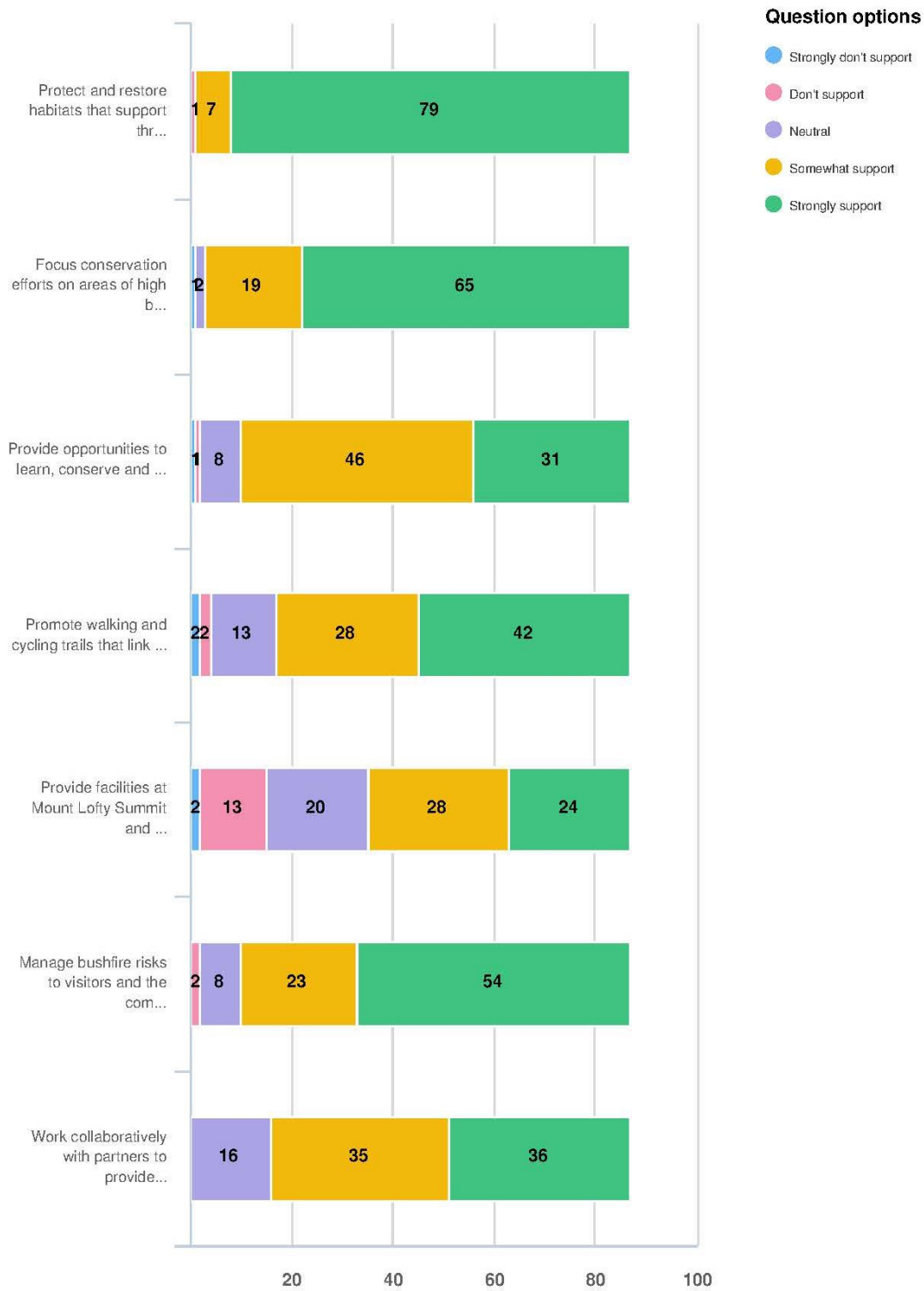
The responses support feedback received during other components of the survey and in written submissions: that the conservation and biodiversity of this park is highly valued, and the management plan should act to protect these values as a priority. Various changes have been made to the plan to help emphasize this importance.

Each theme also sets out objectives for management. Question 3 asked survey respondents to rate these objectives from strongly don't support to strongly support.

Question 3 demonstrates similar results to Question 2. Figure 2 on the following page provides a summary of this data, which indicates that "Protect and restore habitats that support threatened species and natural processes" was considered by survey respondents to be the most important objective for management, with 79 respondents indicating strong support. "Focus conservation efforts on areas of high biodiversity and natural value in Conservation Zone A" and "Manage bushfire risks to visitors and the community while maintaining or improving biodiversity values" were also considered important with 65 and 54 respondents respectively indicating they strongly supported these objectives.

This further demonstrated the importance of the environmental values of the park to park visitors.

**Q3** Each Theme sets out an objective for management activities. Please rate your level of support for each objective.



Mandatory Question (87 response(s))  
Question type: Likert Question

**Figure 2 - Question 3 responses**