

# Consultation Analysis Report



MAY 2023

## CONSULTATION ANALYSIS REPORT

for the proposed

**Forest Hill Silos Mural**

## BACKGROUND

A survey on the proposed Forest Hill Silos Viewing Precinct opened on Monday 17 April 2023 and closed on Wednesday 10 May 2023. The survey was hosted on the Engagement Hub online platform and supported with printed versions available at Council's Customer Service Centres, Visitor Information Centre (VIC) and Libraries, as well as Van Ansem's Garage and Caffè Sorella in Forest Hill.

The survey was promoted through Council's social media, Council Highlights in the local newspaper and flyers in Council's public venues, as well as all shopfronts in Forest Hill. Copies of flyers were also provided to key community groups, nearby schools and businesses. Five large corflute signs were placed around Forest Hill including in Railway Street in front of the silos. Promotion and engagement were further supported by in-person pop-up consultations in Forest Hill as follows:

- Saturday 22 April, 9am – 12pm
- Wednesday 26 April, 3pm – 6pm
- Sunday 30 April, 9am – 12pm
- Tuesday 2 May, 3pm – 6pm

Freeform comments were provided within the survey, in both printed and online versions. While these comments can't be translated into the survey results, they are included towards the end of this report as they provide qualitative feedback on the project.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This project consultation has received one of the highest levels of engagement from the community we've seen (270 quick polls plus 40 surveys, 78 in-person conversations and additional direct submissions). While the total number of participants represents less than 1% of the Lockyer Valley's population, it is not a project that directly affects a large portion of the population.

We believe the response and completion rate of the quick poll and survey demonstrates genuine community interest in the project.

The results show very strong support for the Viewing Precinct including the perceived potential to attract visitors to both Forest Hill and the wider region. This support is consistent across sub-sets including Forest Hill residents and Forest Hill businesses.

The results of this survey support the intent to proceed to detailed design of the Viewing Precinct identified in the concept plans. The results of the survey may also be used to support funding applications to advance the project to construction.

Further, it is recommended that this report be made available to the community, especially project respondents, via the Engagement Hub platform which hosts the project.

## ANALYSIS PROCESS

### **Quick Poll Respondents: n=270**

### **Pop-Up Consultation Attendees: n=78**

22/04/2023 – 26 attendees including engagement by Forest Hill Woodcrafters and Forest Hill Cricket Club – *positive comments.*

26/04/2023 – 8 attendees – *questioned on cost/benefit analysis and the pull-up zone for coach drivers, with a suggestion for toilets and BBQ to be in the Stage 1 area, rather than the RV Stage 2 area.*

30/04/2023 – 35 attendees

02/05/2023 – 9 attendees – *positive comments with the exception of one local resident who questioned the changes to the Forest Hill lifestyle and parking challenges.*

### **Survey Respondents: n=40**

Note that not all survey respondents completed every question, and for some questions, respondents were able to select more than one answer, so figures do not total 40 for each question.

The analysis provides summaries at several levels:

[Overall Results](#)

[Filtered by current Forest Hill residents only](#)

[Filtered by current Forest Hill businesses only](#)

This process provides an insight into any notable differences among certain respondent types.

## OVERALL RESULTS

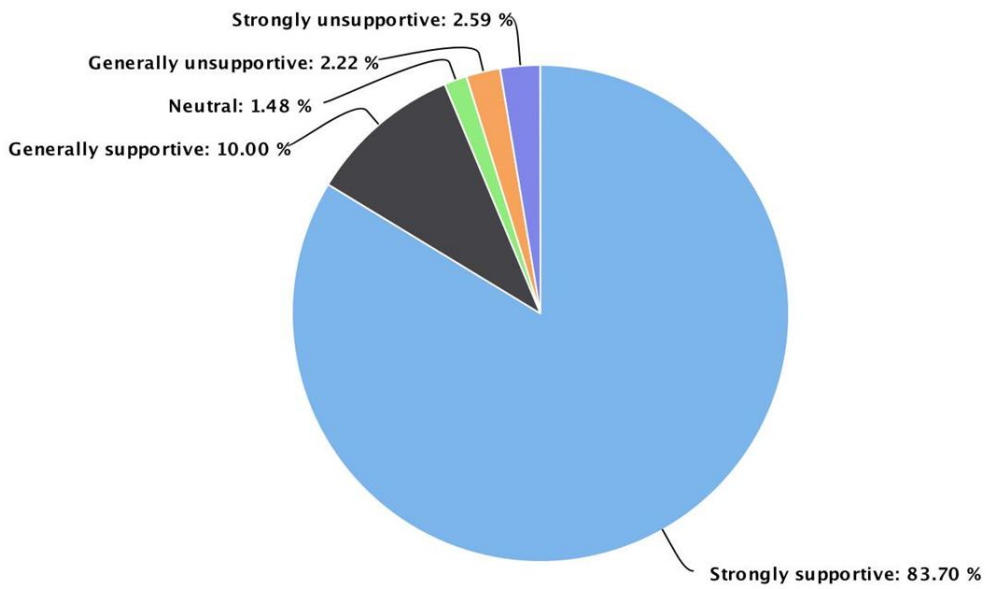
### QUICK POLL (n=270)

93.7% of respondents reported being *Strongly supportive* or *Generally supportive*

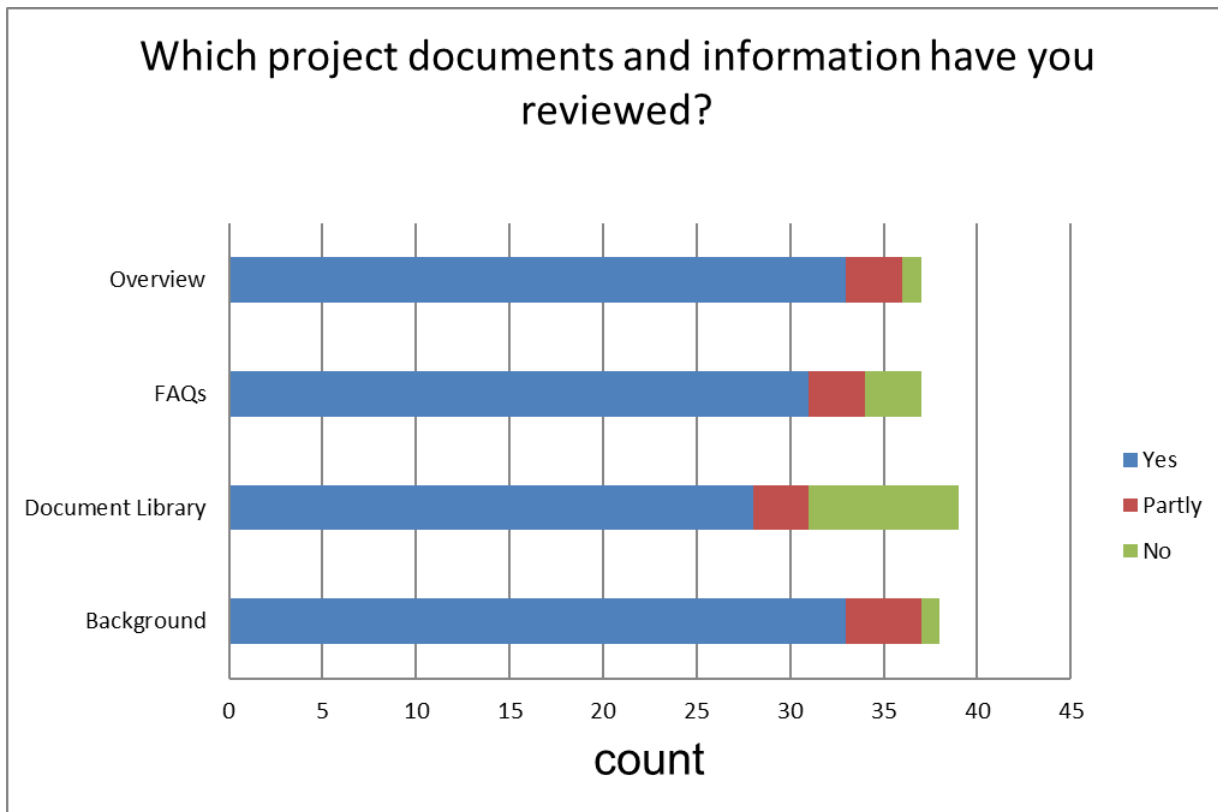
1.48% were *Neutral* or *Unsure*

4.81% responded *Generally unsupportive* or *Strongly unsupportive*

**SUMMARY:** A significant majority (93.7%) of respondents who completed the survey are supportive of the Viewing Precinct.



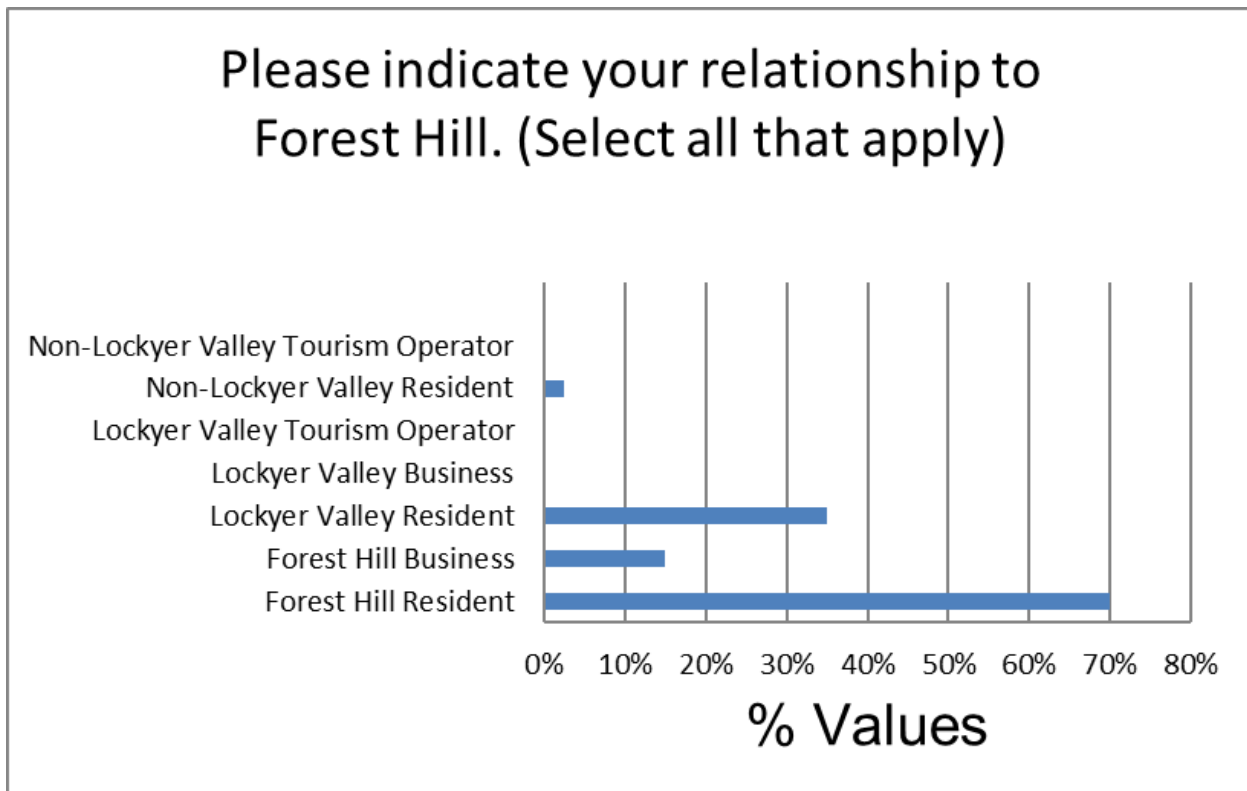
**PROJECT AWARENESS (n=40)**



	Yes	Partly	No
<b>Overview</b>	33	3	1
<b>FAQs</b>	31	3	3
<b>Document Library</b>	28	3	8
<b>Background</b>	33	4	1

These results indicate respondents made informed responses and comments.

**RELATIONSHIP TO FOREST HILL (n=40)**



Forest Hill Resident	Forest Hill Business	Lockyer Valley Resident	Lockyer Valley Business	Lockyer Valley Tourism Operator	Non-Lockyer Valley Resident	Non-Lockyer Valley Tourism Operator
28	6	14	0	0	1	0
70%	15%	35%	0%	0%	3%	0%

These results indicate the responses are strongly influenced by Forest Hill residents and business, who are likely to have greater interest in the positive and negative impacts of the project.

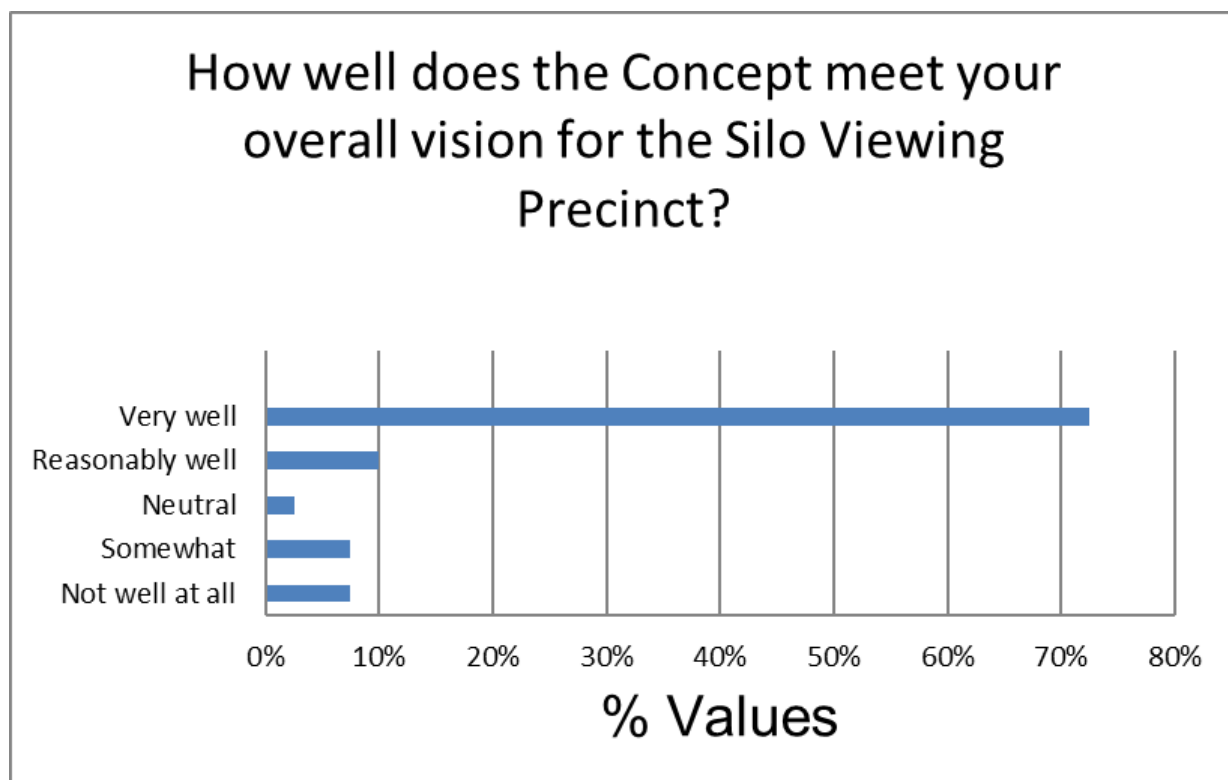
**HOW WELL DOES THE CONCEPT MEET YOUR OVERALL VISION FOR THE SILO VIEWING PRECINCT? (n=40)**

82.5% assessed that the Concept meets their overall vision for the Silo Viewing Precinct *Very well* or *Reasonably well*

2.5% were *Neutral* or *Unsure*

15% responded *Somewhat* or *Not well at all*

**SUMMARY:** A significant majority (82.5%) of respondents responded favourably regarding the Concept meeting their overall vision for the Silo Viewing Precinct.



Not well at all	Somewhat	Neutral	Reasonably well	Very well
3	3	1	4	29
7.5%	7.5%	2.5%	10%	72.5%

**INDICATE YOUR LEVEL OF SUPPORT FOR LIGHTING THE SILOS UNTIL 9PM, ENCOURAGING EVENING VISITORS (n=40)**

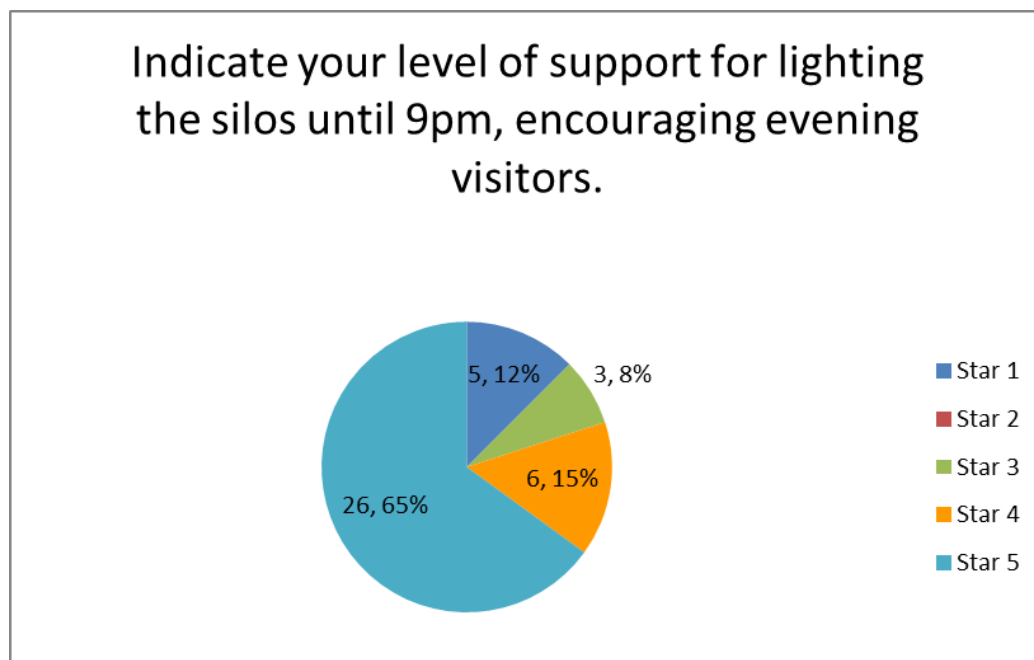
80% responded 5 stars or 4 stars

8% responded 3 stars

0% responded 2 stars

12% responded 1 star

**SUMMARY:** The majority (80%) of respondents were in support of lighting the silos until 9pm.



The following additional comments were raised (*this section is verbatim and has generally not been corrected for respondent typos*):

1 star – *“a blight on the dark sky”*

3 star – *“should be 8pm to not annoy neighbourhoods/residents”*

3 star – *“residents not to be affected by lights. Lights only on Friday and Sat nights”*

5 star – *“we wouldn’t want the bright lights to effect any homes at the silos. Minimal visitors at this time 6-9pm, there wouldn’t be to many”*



**HOW MANY VISITORS PER DAY (ON AVERAGE) WOULD YOU EXPECT TO VISIT THE PRECINCT? (n=40)**

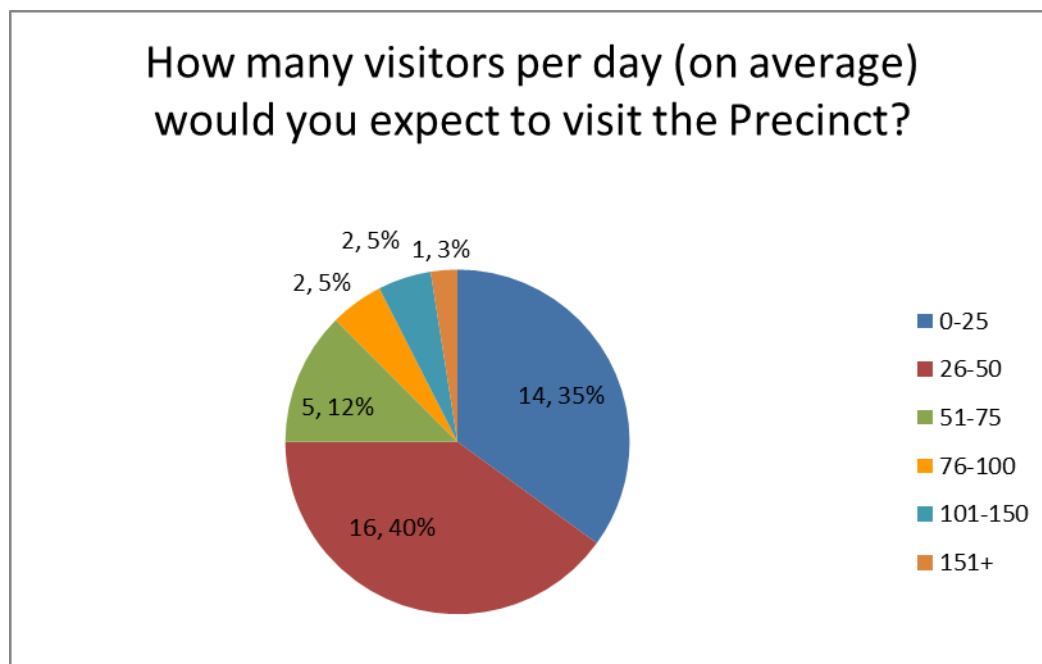
35% responded 0-25

40% responded 26-50

17% responded 51-75 or 76-100

8% responded 101-150 or 151+

**SUMMARY:** The majority (65%) of respondents would expect the Precinct to have at least 26 visitors per day (on average), with 25% expecting more than 50 visitors per day. 35% of respondents expect 25 or fewer visitors per day.



The following additional comments were raised (*this section is verbatim and has generally not been corrected for respondent typos*):

0-25 – “established and ongoing”

0-25 – “this question does not reflect reality of project into the future”

26-50 – “initially”

101-150 – “initially but I think/would expect the number to drop back to 25 mid-week and then as many as 75-100 on weekends”

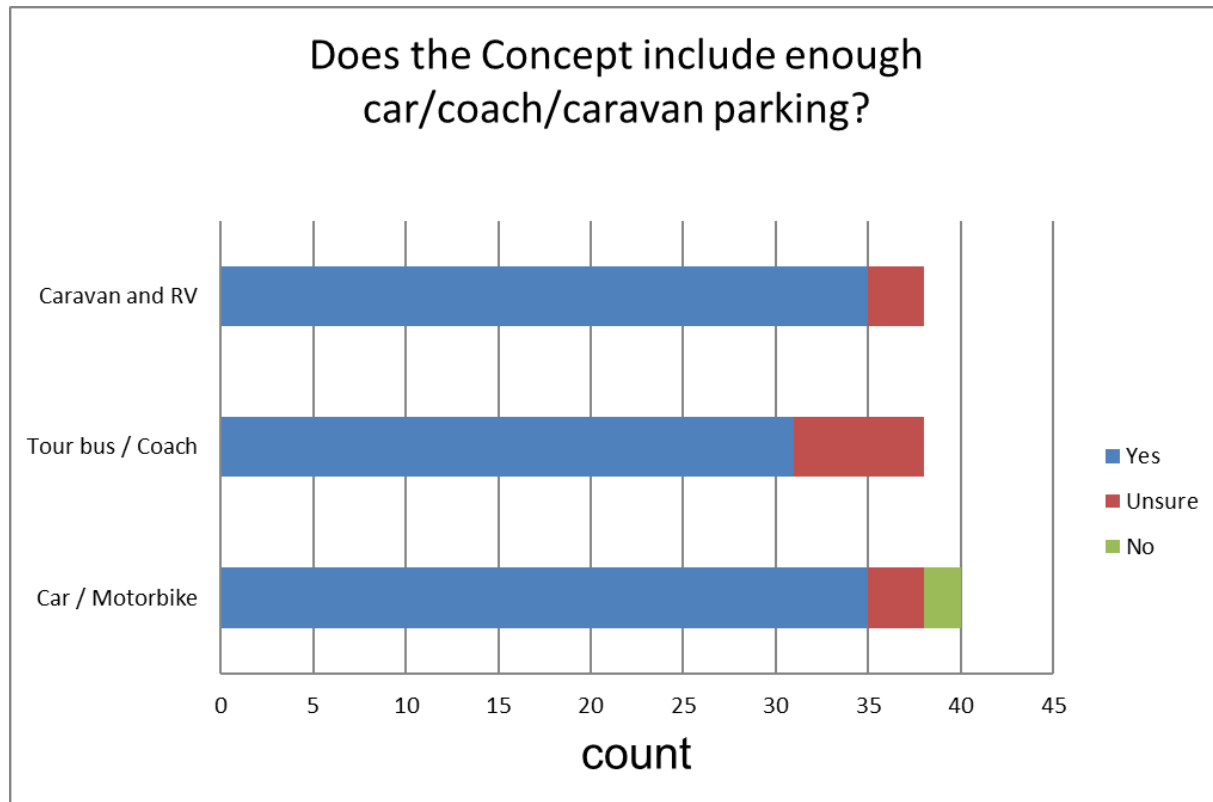
**DOES THE CONCEPT INCLUDE ENOUGH CAR / COACH / CARAVAN PARKING? (n=40)**

87% of responses indicated *adequate parking*

11% were *Neutral or Unsure*

2% of responses indicated *inadequate parking*

**SUMMARY:** A significant majority (87%) of respondents indicated that the Concept includes adequate parking for each vehicle type.

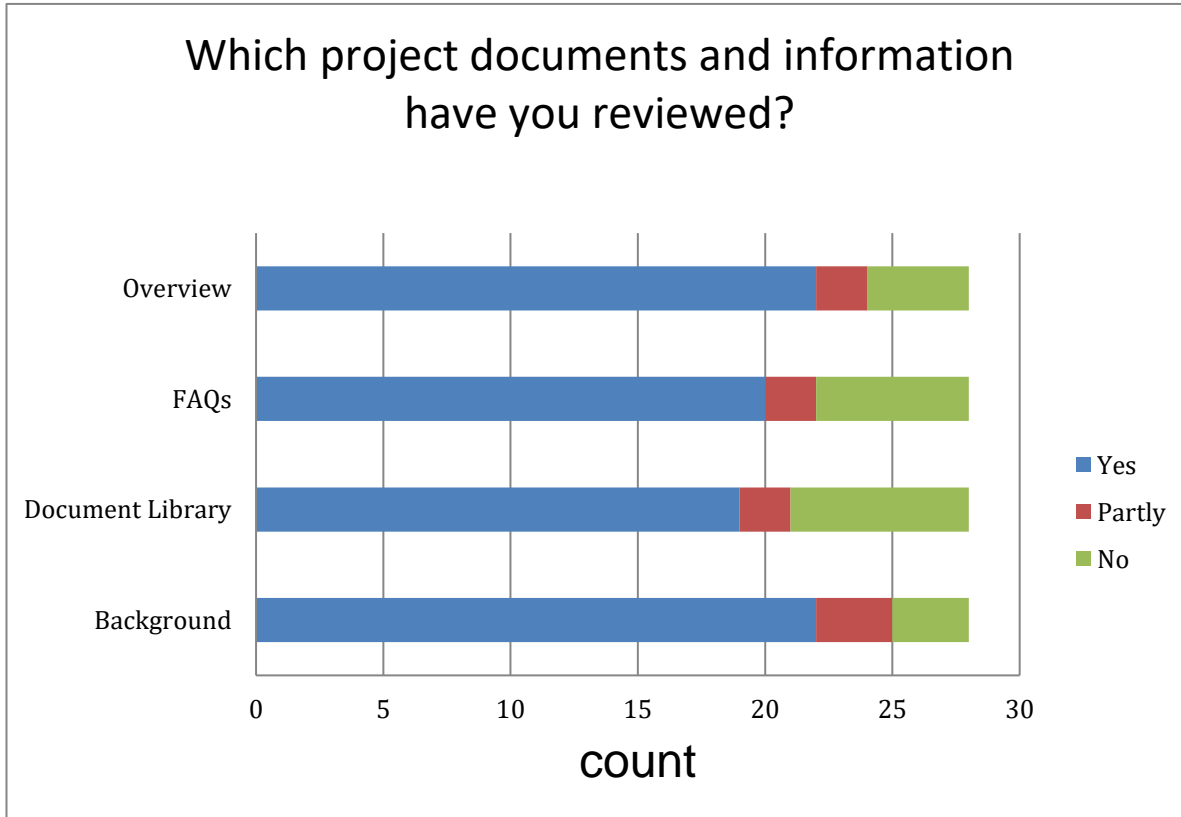


	Yes	Unsure	No
<b>Caravan and RV</b>	35	3	0
<b>Tour bus / Coach</b>	31	7	0
<b>Car / Motorbike</b>	35	3	2

## RESULTS – FOREST HILL RESIDENTS ONLY

21% of Forest Hill residents surveyed are also Forest Hill business operators.

### PROJECT AWARENESS (n=28)



	Yes	Partly	No
<b>Overview</b>	22	2	4
<b>FAQs</b>	20	2	6
<b>Document Library</b>	19	2	7
<b>Background</b>	22	3	3

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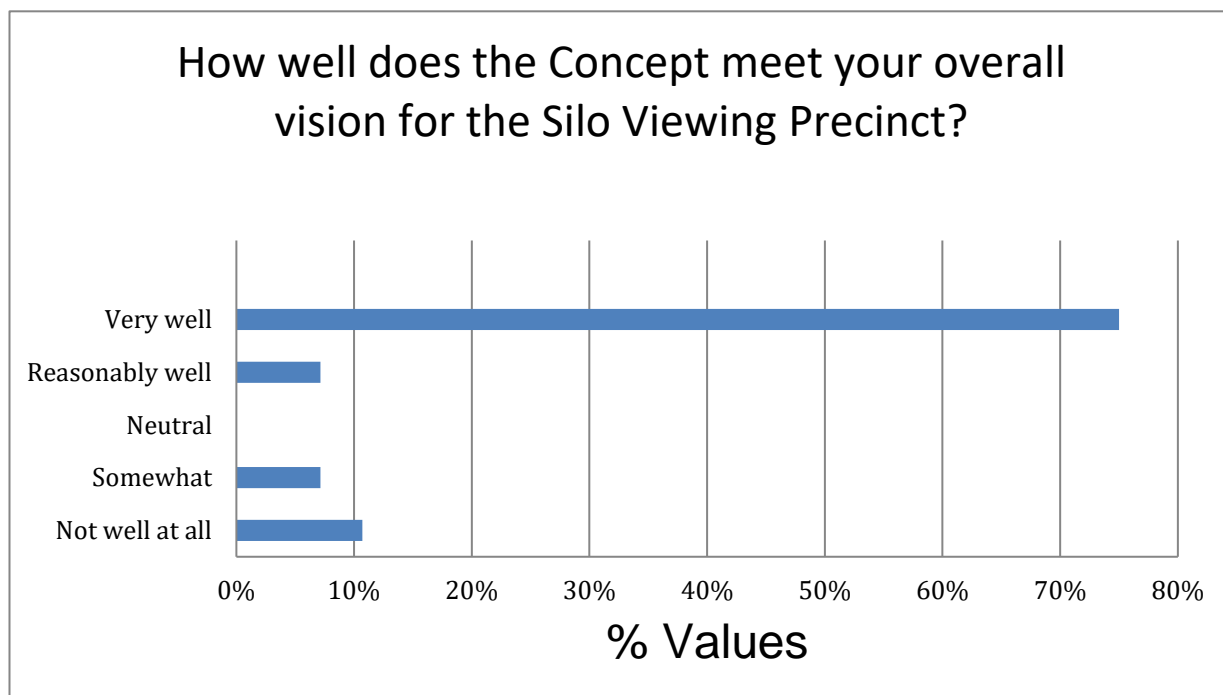
**HOW WELL DOES THE CONCEPT MEET YOUR OVERALL VISION FOR THE SILO VIEWING PRECINCT? (n=28)**

82% assessed that the Concept meets their overall vision for the Silo Viewing Precinct *Very well* or *Reasonably well*

0% were *Neutral* or *Unsure*

18% responded *Somewhat* or *Not well at all*

**SUMMARY:** A significant majority (82%) of Forest Hill residents responded favourably regarding the Concept meeting their overall vision for the Silo Viewing Precinct.



Not well at all	Somewhat	Neutral	Reasonably well	Very well
3	2	0	2	21
11%	7%	0%	7%	75%

**INDICATE YOUR LEVEL OF SUPPORT FOR LIGHTING THE SILOS UNTIL 9PM, ENCOURAGING EVENING VISITORS**  
(n=28)

75% responded 5 stars or 4 stars

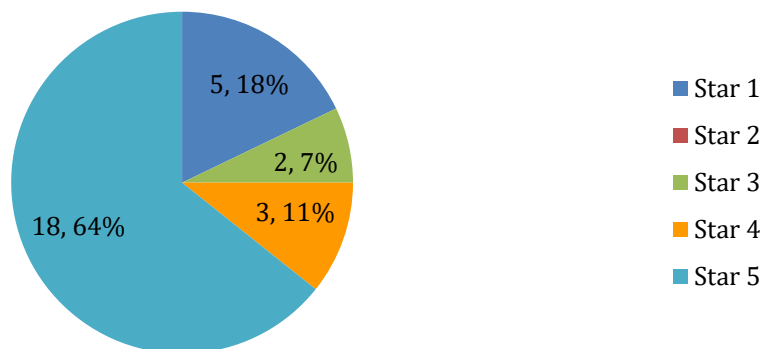
7% responded 3 stars

0% responded 2 stars

18% responded 1 star

**SUMMARY:** The majority (75%) of Forest Hill residents were in support of lighting the silos until 9pm.

Indicate your level of support for lighting the silos until 9pm, encouraging evening visitors.



**HOW MANY VISITORS PER DAY (ON AVERAGE) WOULD YOU EXPECT TO VISIT THE PRECINCT? (n=28)**

43% responded 0-25

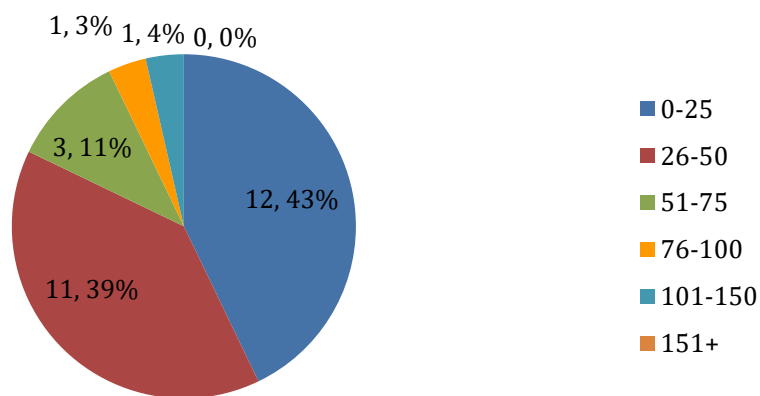
39% responded 26-50

14% responded 51-75 or 76-100

4% responded 101-150 or 151+

**SUMMARY:** The majority (57%) of Forest Hill residents would expect the Precinct to have at least 26 visitors per day (on average), with 18% expecting more than 50 visitors per day. 43% of Forest Hill residents expect 25 or fewer visitors per day.

**How many visitors per day (on average) would you expect to visit the Precinct?**



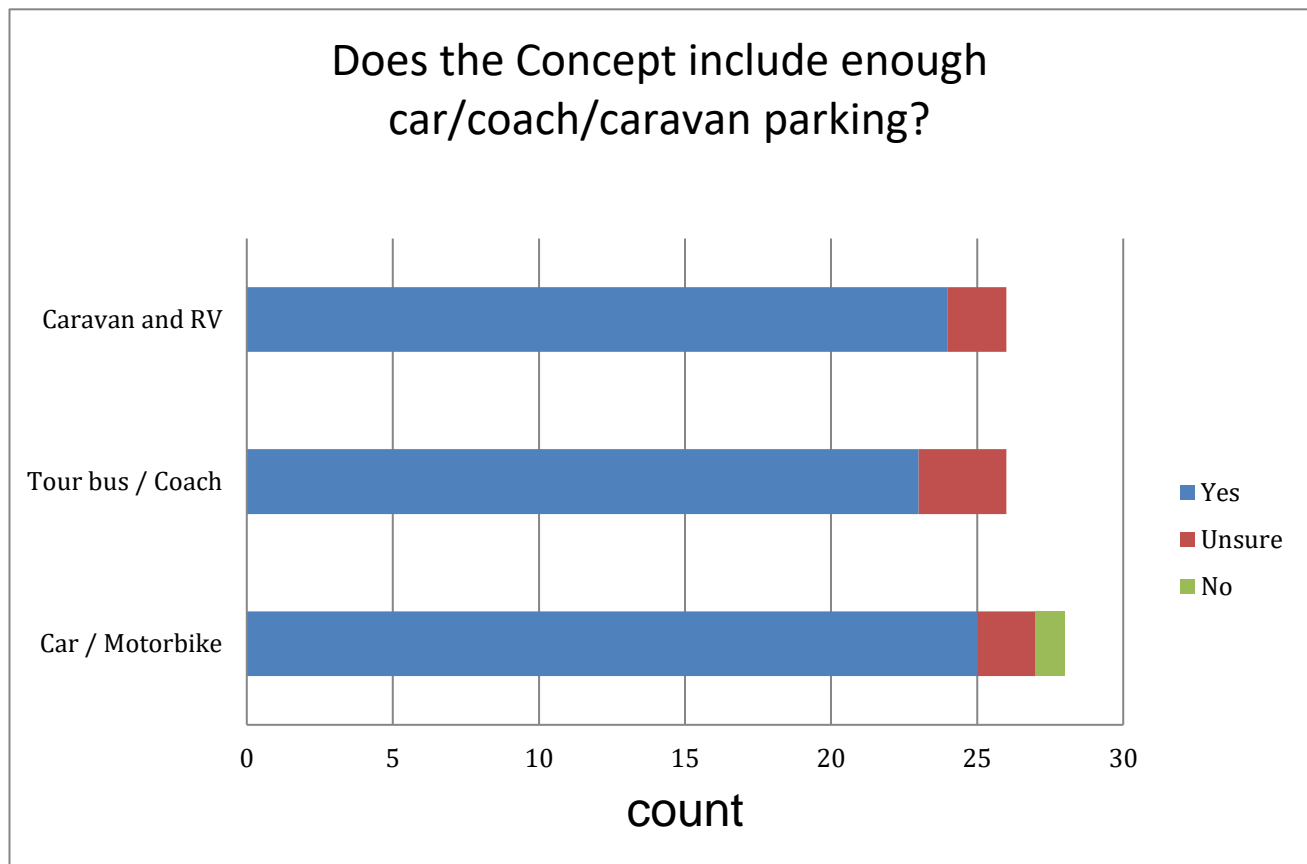
**DOES THE CONCEPT INCLUDE ENOUGH CAR / COACH / CARAVAN PARKING? (n=28)**

90% of responses indicated *adequate parking*

9% were *Neutral* or *Unsure*

1% of responses indicated *inadequate parking*

**SUMMARY:** A significant majority (90%) of Forest Hill residents indicated that the Concept includes adequate parking for each vehicle type.

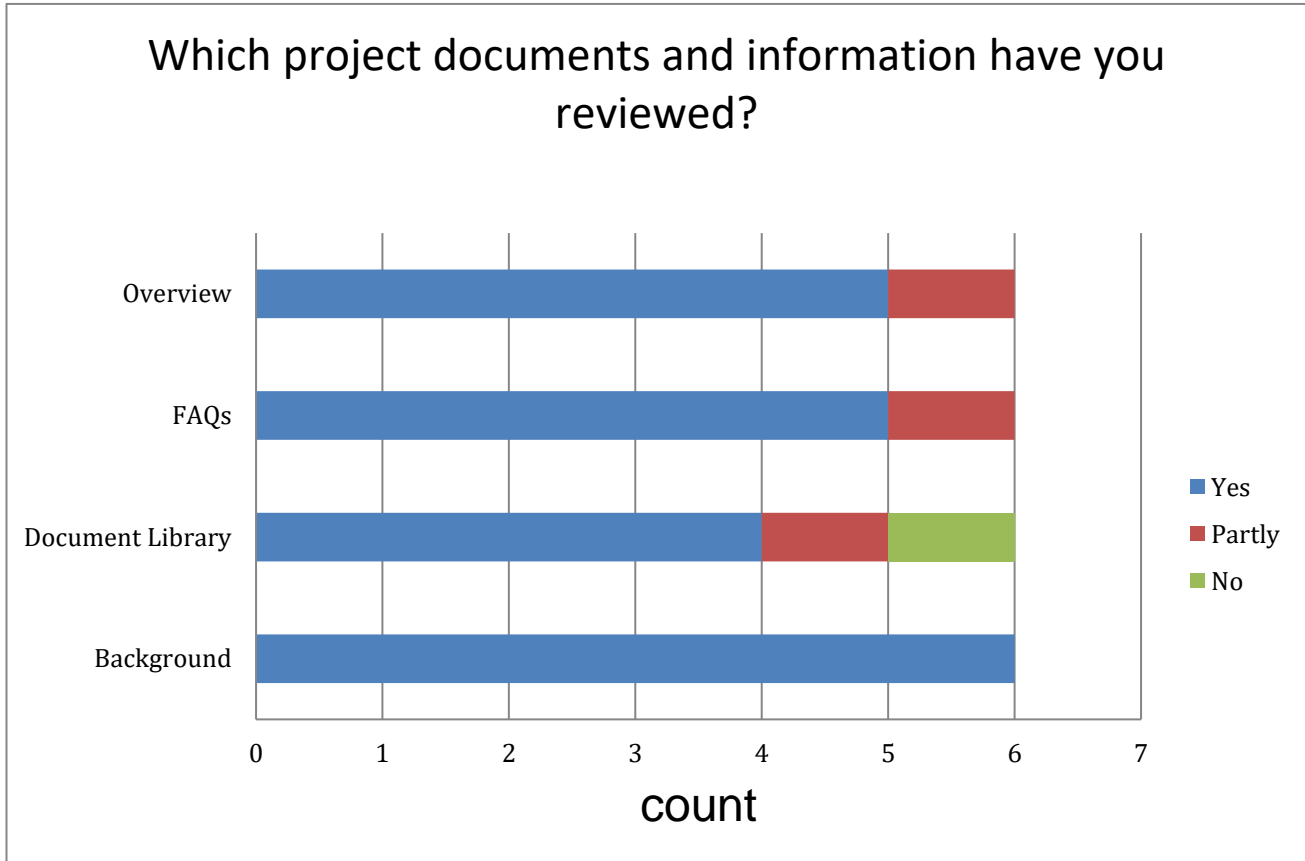


	Yes	Unsure	No
Caravan and RV	24	2	0
Tour bus / Coach	23	3	0
Car / Motorbike	25	2	1

## RESULTS – FOREST HILL BUSINESSES ONLY

100% of Forest Hill business operators surveyed are also Forest Hill residents.

### PROJECT AWARENESS (n=6)



	Yes	Partly	No
<b>Overview</b>	5	1	0
<b>FAQs</b>	5	1	0
<b>Document Library</b>	4	1	1
<b>Background</b>	6	0	0

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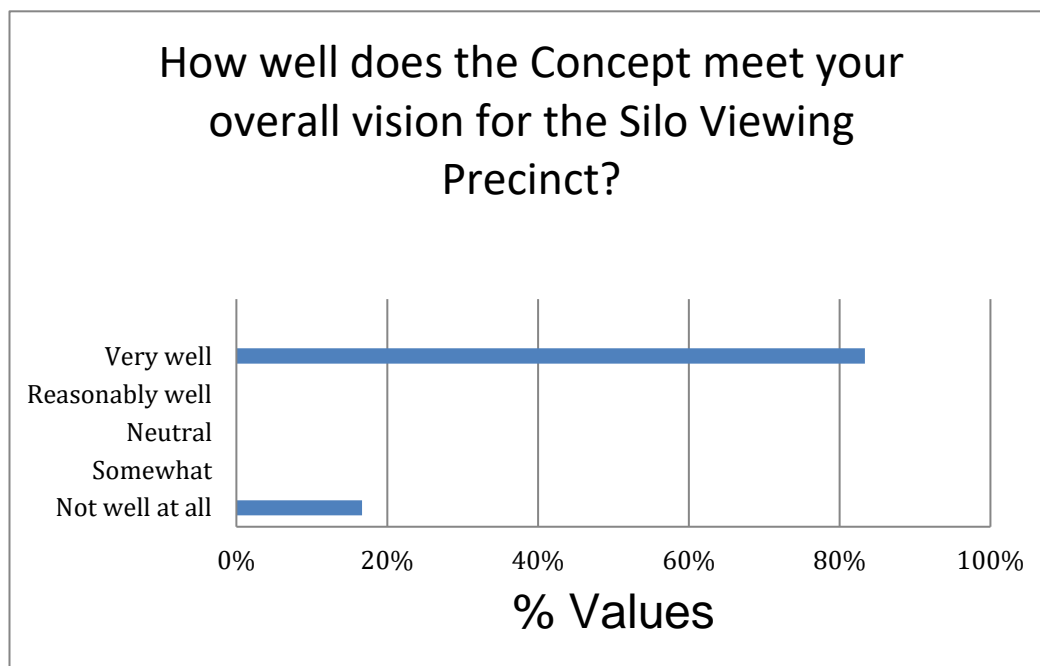
**HOW WELL DOES THE CONCEPT MEET YOUR OVERALL VISION FOR THE SILO VIEWING PRECINCT? (n=6)**

83% assessed that the Concept meets their overall vision for the Silo Viewing Precinct *Very well* or *Reasonably well*

0% were *Neutral* or *Unsure*

17% responded *Somewhat* or *Not well at all*

**SUMMARY:** A significant majority (83%) of Forest Hill business operators responded favourably regarding the Concept meeting their overall vision for the Silo Viewing Precinct.



Not well at all	Somewhat	Neutral	Reasonably well	Very well
1	0	0	0	5
17%	0%	0%	0%	83%

**INDICATE YOUR LEVEL OF SUPPORT FOR LIGHTING THE SILOS UNTIL 9PM, ENCOURAGING EVENING VISITORS (n=6)**

83% responded 5 stars or 4 stars

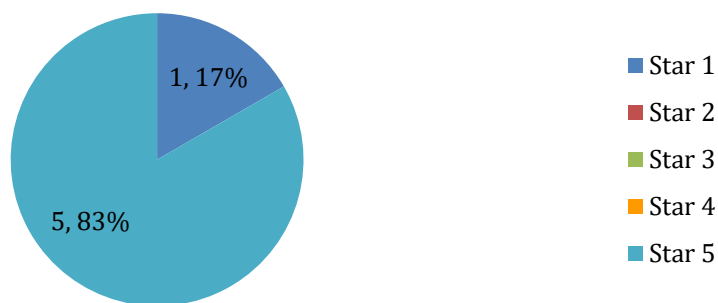
0% responded 3 stars

0% responded 2 stars

17% responded 1 star

**SUMMARY:** The majority (83%) of Forest Hill business operators were in support of lighting the silos until 9pm.

Indicate your level of support for lighting the silos until 9pm, encouraging evening visitors.



**HOW MANY VISITORS PER DAY (ON AVERAGE) WOULD YOU EXPECT TO VISIT THE PRECINCT? (n=6)**

16.67% responded 0-25

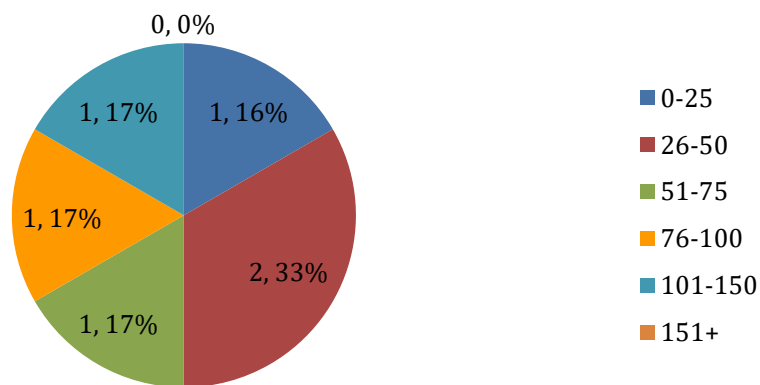
33.33% responded 26-50

33.33% responded 51-75 or 76-100

16.67% responded 101-150 or 151+

**SUMMARY:** The majority (83%) of Forest Hill business operators would expect the Precinct to have at least 26 visitors per day (on average), with 50% expecting more than 50 visitors per day. 17% of Forest Hill business operators expect 25 or fewer visitors per day.

**How many visitors per day (on average) would you expect to visit the Precinct?**



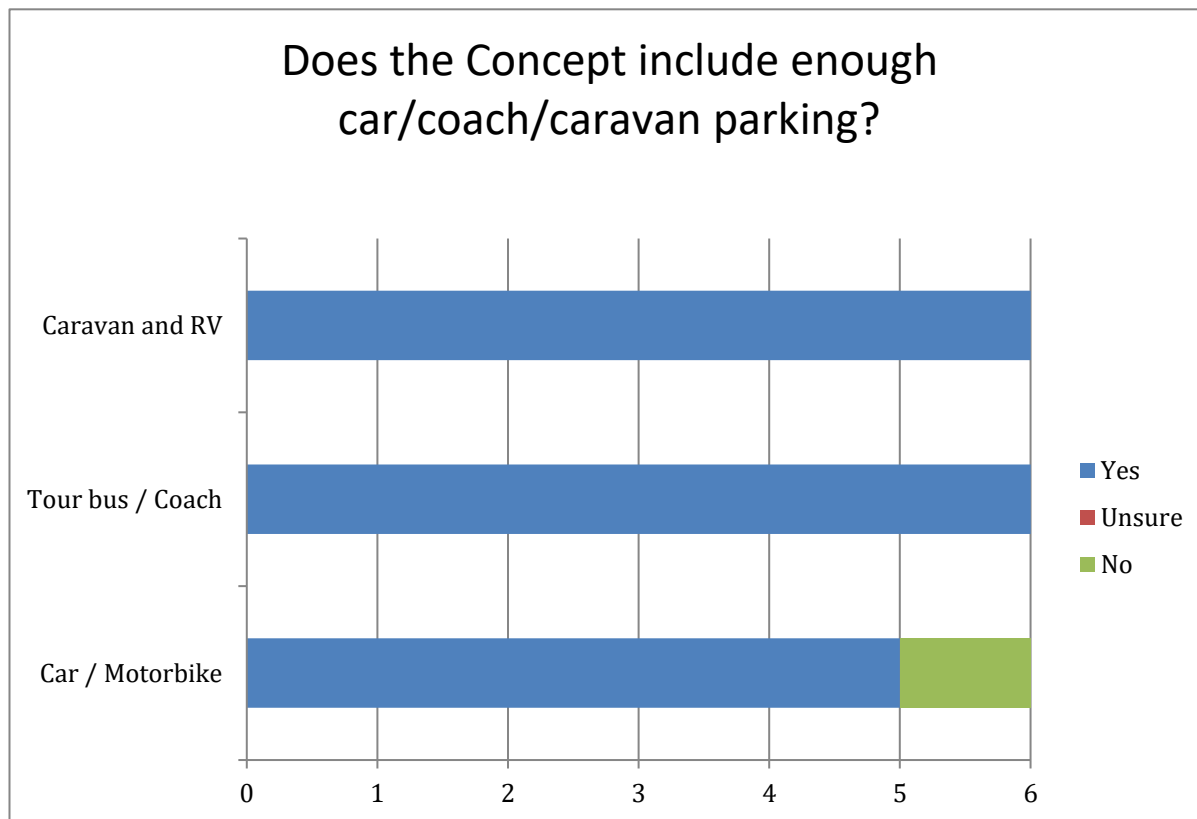
**DOES THE CONCEPT INCLUDE ENOUGH CAR / COACH / CARAVAN PARKING? (n=6)**

94% of responses indicated *adequate parking*

0% were *Neutral* or *Unsure*

6% of responses indicated *inadequate parking*

**SUMMARY:** A significant majority (94%) of Forest Hill business operators indicated that the Concept includes adequate parking for each vehicle type.



	Yes	Unsure	No
Caravan and RV	6	0	0
Tour bus / Coach	6	0	0
Car / Motorbike	5	0	1

## FREEFORM FEEDBACK

There were several recurring themes extracted from the freeform feedback provided in the survey. These include:

- the project will not only bring tourism to Forest Hill, but also benefit the wider Lockyer Valley region
- concerns regarding the impact of Inland Rail including the sound barrier wall/fencing
- concerns about maintenance of the Precinct, surrounding gardens, roads, businesses and the township itself to maximise tourism appeal, including considerations post-flooding
- concerns regarding the impact of the cricket field, including the need for a safety net/fencing between the field and the carpark as well as warning signs
- suggestions for an information stand, café or similar outlet, that will provide an opportunity to promote local history, local businesses and other attractions in the region
- suggestions to position the toilet block closer to the day-trippers car park
- suggestions to enhance or increase the amount of greenspace, picnic, playground and BBQ areas to attract families
- suggestions to enhance or improve the car parking and pedestrian access at the Precinct and into the township, including signage
- suggestions for regular community events in the Precinct such as markets, street parties and music festivals
- suggestions for enhancements to the mural artwork, including having artwork on both sides of the silos to maximise views, and adding interactive elements such as projections and light shows with reclining seating.

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### WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT THE CONCEPT? (n=37)

the functionality of it and how modern it it
Concept looks great. Great for Forest Hill
It is in a location that is currently being under used and away from residence housing
Increasing Tourism and Business to not just Forest Hill but the Lockyer Valley, as well as utilising the silos that are currently a boring eyesore that is only good for breeding pigeons
I think it is a great idea. You have to travel so far to see the other silos, so it would be great to have them in our valley.
Beautify the town
That the dream looks like it will finally become a reality. The car park area and viewing platform looks good and easily accessible for day trippers, travellers and locals. Stage 2 with the RV short term camping area looks inviting and is in a great spot with beautiful views, not only of the silos, but the surrounding farmland, recreation grounds and the mountains.
This project will provide our small business owners more security & hopefully give our local people potential employment & also put Forest Hill on the map!!!!
I love that the community has been involved and the silo project will be a breath of fresh air into Forest Hill.
The tourism it will bring to the valley
Will be an amazing attraction for the Lockyer Valley especially as it is the closest silo art to Brisbane.
RV parking & Campground area with it.
The plan for parking and space for camping.
i like the idea of having picnic tables and public BBQ's

Providing recreational use area and inclusive of RV and camper trailer facilities which encourages visitors to stay in township
The silo's generally which will attract more visitors to the region.
It's a wonderful use of an existing greenspace with a good amount of parking for various vehicle types, catering for day trippers and overnight guests. The roads and pathways seem to flow well. There is a good amount of trees and grass areas for picnicking as well as parking of recreational vehicles. It will enhance the current recreation ground and attract more users to its current facilities, particularly walkers, families and general recreational use.
The total concept is good and well presented. Have no objection to the parking area or the the RV overnight zone. I would estimate the total concept in the order of \$1.5 to \$2.0 million. The only point I would make is this project about silo presentation first and foremost, however it appears the silos are receiving the least expenditure in the total concept. This needs to be rectified.
It's beautiful. It will be good for our town.
This will bring many tourists to Forest hill and the Lockyer valley, from all over australia and globally, this will have a profound impact not only on Forest hill but south east Qld.
The murals themselves, and a simplified version of the viewing area (i.e. Phase 1 only).
The tourist aspect and the beauty of them being done and they are a part of our history
The painting of the silos.
Modern design with provision for green space.
All types of visitors appear to be thought of. Those just stopping in can sit in their car and view the silos, day visitors can have a picnic and overnight campers have a great facility. It will be a benefit to have a campground for those using the cricket ground and hall for events as well.
I think it's a fantastic idea to bring more business to the beautiful small town
Bitumen road for Railway Street Use of flood areas - but who pays to fix after a flood, or will it be like our current problem with no action since Dec 2021 awaiting funding.
More people coming too town
Brighten up Forest Hill, adding some much needed character and colour to the area
Will bring tourism to our area. There is great interest in painted silos down south at the moment. Having picnic tables at silos would be a draw card. Not many silos in NSW have these nice facilities for families
It will be a major boost for Forest Hill and the region. The plans (draft) look well planned, easy to maintain and accessible for all visitors
Bringing visitors to the area to see what else is on in the area to see (Bill Gundam campground, watersports, fishing, golf course)
Silo mural and RV park
Access to site. Night time view. Tree planting and use of native and flowering scrubs. Improved amenities will upgrade the area
If it stops inland having a track through Forest Hill, it will be well supported
I don't think concept is required for Forest Hill. It seems that every small town that has silos also has silo murals. What differentiates FH?
It is a fact that silos bring visitors

## WHAT DO YOU LIKE LEAST ABOUT THE CONCEPT? (n=37)

nothing
Potential Inland Rail impacts
I would like to see the water tower include in this project.
The possibility of inland rail blocking the view with sound barrier fencing
Nil
The idea of modern art does not interest me at all, I love the silos that feature historical pictures and relevant to the location.
Nothing
Some aspects need "tweaking"- the toilet block should be positioned closer to the day-trippers car park rather than in the RV area. If visitors have travelled for more than an hour or so, the first port of call is usually a toilet!! ( Especially if travelling with children or the elderly.) A "safety net" to be installed around the cricket oval to protect cars, caravans and people from stray cricket balls. This would be a OHS requirement? A water bubbler for the use of travellers.
Nothing
Nil
The potential Inland Rail sound barrier wall.
Where the painting is- I imagined it to be the other side of the silos and railway to incorporate the town more - I imagined seeing the silo artwork from the 'town' side of the silos, to make it a part of the town, not the other side.
The potential ARTC inland rail noise wall.
There is no mention of gardens at the site.
Design and use of space
It needs to also be family friendly. It would be great to have a picnic area where the silo's can be viewed from. Also a play area for children to encourage families to also visit and stay in the region and increase business for the local cafes and pubs.
I think it has very positive feel and will further enhance the appeal of the Silo Area and Forest Hill in general.
It dislike the fixed painted artwork. The silo artwork needs to be interactive, i.e. project additional animated artwork over the painted artwork at night (not just lighting) that can be updated and changed to encourage re-visits. We spent significant time getting detailed quotes which were given to Neil from LVRC, was this ever presented to council ??
More car parks needed.
That it hasn't happened already!
Phase 2. The idea of building a campground right next to the proposed IR corridor (who wants to camp next to that?), and more significantly on a known floodplain. The nominated campground area is categorised by Council as DFL H3 hazard, meaning 'Unsafe for vehicles, children and the elderly' (critical when your impacted demographic are tourists). Secondly, Council is literally undergoing consultation for removing infrastructure in flood zones - now we want to build some there instead?
I worry the possibility of them beginning painted as abstracts it needs to reflect our area & heritage including our history
I believe the intention of the overnight campsite is to cater for tourists visiting the silo art, but as it will be a free campsite, there is no way to make sure only visitors to the silos will stay at the campsite. We have school aged children who frequent the park close to the proposed site of the overnight camping area. I don't feel comfortable having a camping area where anyone can stay (at no cost), close to where our kids play. Who is going to monitor how long people stay?
nil

There must be sufficient room for caravans and trailers to pull out of the car park easily and make sure that visitors cannot disrupt cricket or be able to cause damage to the cricket facilities.
I believe there should be a space to have market stalls, as a stall holder myself I think that would be a fantastic way to utilise the space and bring more people to the town and silos
Position of the carpark, concrete areas. Right in front of the attraction. I've taken photos of the silos at night and all this infrastructure will obstruct viewing. Cricket field - does not allow for cricket field improvements to size of oval. Risks and hazards from cricket balls hitting cars/people/buses. People utilising that area will be at risk. Who will cover insurance for this. Is there any improvements to the existing public toilets and gravel access road to Recreation Grounds?
Parking?
Depends what the picture depicted on the silos will it represent us properly as the Lockyer Valley?
Very positive on this proposal
The position of the toilet block is too far away from the day-visitors area – especially for the elderly, small children or people with disabilities
NIL
The modern style of the picnic shelter. Street Bond feature pavement. Laser-cut rust coloured fence panels. Style of timber bollards
Monies being directed from other needy areas
The fact that murals will be facing north and not easily visible to residents of Forest Hill
Needs some additions to stage 1
See attached notes*

**PLEASE NOTE ANY IDEAS THAT MAY IMPROVE THE CURRENT DESIGN. (n=31)**

looks good to me
Other uses for the area?
Some local history boards
Souvenir Shop that contributes to funding
Definitely historical or pictures depicting life in the area.
See Q5. Also an illumination display similar to what happens on the Sydney Opera House, or some other Silos each night. Run the illumination/movie/cartoon twice each night. The illumination should incorporate the silo artwork and tell the story of the history of Forest Hill and the wider Lockyer Valley. The illumination could also be used for advertising pre and post each show. An off leash dog park in the Maurice Muche Gabusch for travellers to safely exercise their pets.
Nothing
Legacy swing, include opportunities to promote other areas of the region. Incorporate a way of telling Forest Hill stories. Include signage, sculptures, artwork.
Not have the sound barrier wall in front of the silos?!
Utilise painting on each side of the silos, the silos can be seen from all directions near and far and would absolutely enhance the vision and overall appeal :)
include a street art trail at various locations around the lockyer valley to encourage visitors to explore the region and spend money in multiple towns. mobile phone app to make finding and following the street art trail fun. promote Lake Dyer as a camping destination for the visitors who would like lengthen their stay.
Local attractions information display
More green space and less concrete in the viewing area.
Moving the amenities building to between the Phase 1 area (10) and the RV park. Having the cement path for the coach set down area continue the whole way to where the coach is parked (see 1 3D imagery). There



needs to be some form of deterrent on both sides of Railway Street, in front of the silos so that no one parks there and blocks the view from the viewing platform. Please be mindful of the size of the trees planted so as to not block the view from the Gatton/Forest Hill Rd and Warrego Hwy
The silo artwork needs to be interactive, i.e. project additional animated artwork over the painted artwork at night (not just lighting) that can be updated. Could LVRC do more work on the different interactive options available in term of technology and its impact.
More car parks.
The current design looks good, we need to make sure this precinct is done precessionally, we need sewage, power and water facilities for the RV's via an online booking service with unmanned PIN code access. We need to make sure there is enough room for parking, also we will require more parking in Forest hill to cater for tourists.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adding in information cues and links at the site, to reference other parts of the region and associated history, to encourage further exploration around the valley (see response to Q11).</li> <li>- Limiting the development area to DFL H1 flood zone / and reverting the concept back to a day-use area encouraging tourists to take advantage of existing camping and accommodation options.</li> </ul>
Think about extra area's for picnic's & BBQ as locals will show this off too & visit there a lot
<p>Not include the overnight camping area.</p> <p>Keep the toilet block and BBQ area, but move them closer to the proposed carpark.</p> <p>No night time viewing.</p>
Include maybe solar lighting in the parking area and RV park. On page 3 Landscape Concept Plan, Area 16 to allow for trees between the N/W boundry fence and RV/ camper trailer parking area.
Perhaps some kind of fencing and gate that blends in at the picnic table and bbq area at the campground to help prevent children from going on the cricket field.
Market stall area/open field for kids (cricket grounds aren't always allowed to be used)
<p>Change the area of the carpark to the unused Railway yards. People can then walk to the viewing area, which doesn't need to be anything other than maintained grassed areas.</p> <p>Double lane Railway Street from the corner of Hunt Street.</p> <p>Nice fencing along Railway Street, to blend with the fences of Forest Hill Cricket Club and Forest Hill School of Arts.</p> <p>Keep grass on the Western side of the cricket ground. Balls hit onto bitumen roads damage the match balls.</p> <p>No Trees or gardens, its too hot/dry.</p>
Water bubblers / park benches
I'd like to see an information board, details on history of the silos, history on the artist, tourism board with an undercover shed type thing. Grenfell NSW silos had this. Excellent idea
Put the toilet block in a central position to both the viewing area car park and the RV camping area. Netting / fencing similar to what is around some golf clubs between the cricket oval and the RV park and car park to protect cars, vans and people. OH&S issue?
I viewed the concepts designs. No 1 3D imagery looks good
Important to have traffic control with signage. Consideration of Forest Hill School of Arts – 1911 – and recreation grounds. SES. Lockyer Woodcrafters. Tennis. Cricket. Children's playground
Toilets closer to viewing platform. Toilets adequate for coaches in stage one. At least 4 for women. Sound barrier begins east of silos
See attached notes*

## WHAT COULD BE DONE TO ENHANCE THE VISITOR EXPERIENCE AND INSPIRE RETURN VISITS TO THE PRECINCT?

(n=31)

i think the current design is enough
Plenty of local history provided
Carrying the theme through onto the water tower.
Better parking in the Main Street
More Gardens and enhancing other places within the forest hill town. Eg. More parking for the town. Enhancing parks.
Include them in a Lockyer Valley Trail.
A small tourist information <input type="checkbox"/> room (manned by local volunteers? Or paid staff?) This tourism office could hold local brochures promoting the Lockyer Valley, CWA information and baking or art and craft work, the FH woodcrafters could display and sell products, advertising of the many beautiful small halls that are available for hire in the region.
Perhaps a dedicated cafe for the precinct as well. Need to have the silos included in the silo trail information.
Keep the gardens looking beautiful.
Have a nice walkway into town from the parking/campground. Improve the area where pedestrians cross the railway into town to not go past the old smelly toilet block, and make it a pleasant walk into town and back to the car park/campground - to encourage the visitors to stay and buy meals in town and browse the shops to increase the time tourists stay in town.
A stand for phones to be placed in to take group photo's similar to that at the big watermelon in Chinchilla.
Ensure local businesses have street appeal by maintaining their shop fronts. Encourage more food businesses (Dine in and with footpath tables and chairs) to open and stay open later so that visitors can enjoy their evenings dining out. Fairy lights and coloured tree lights in the main streets of Laidley and Gatton to create an inviting atmosphere.
Small history of forest hill walking tour
More recreational space for families and people to have lunch, picnics etc.
I think it is important to do both Phase 1 & Phase 2 at the same time. I can imagine people in RV's visiting the silos and then seeing a lovely big green space and then parking for a couple of nights anyway, even if the RV park isn't finished. I think having an off leash dog park incorporated into the design would be one way of welcoming guests back. Clear signage and well-lit paths to the town centre would be desirable.
Have in the open movie nights in the railway yards projecting onto white space once every month.
Advertising. This is an important regional project that is very worthy of support. This will be the single biggest tourist attraction in the Lockyer region. One possible funding option in order to stay away from the ARTC is to force the state gov into funding in lieu of the prison expansion. Similar to what Steve Jones did when the prison was first built. Wherever the funding comes from, this project is a legacy project for our region. I look forward to seeing the art proposals.
Have fantastic facilities, information on history of the area, have sufficient parking throughout the town so the residents and visitors don't complain, promote a "tourist drive" around the valley.
Making sure it's well maintained, clean and tidy all the time & not only in the short time it should be a continuous project
Have an information board that describes the history of Forest Hill, and the silos.
Ensure the town center is safely accessible by walking path for both able and disable visitors. Signage for walking distance and time taken.
A farm stall nearby. At Monto we stop each time we go through to see what is on the honesty trailer to buy. They sell produce in season, cakes, eggs and food cooked with the produce.
Monthly market events/any reoccurring event

In town parking - locals can't get a park now Clean up the town. some of the houses and businesses on the main road in and out of town are very unkept and not inviting.
Tidy up the town in general houses and businesses
Large signage from Toowoomba and from Warrego Hwy Ipswich end. Covered picnic tables / BBQ / water fountain
Clean toilets that are easily accessible. Amble seating and shade. A light show / display at night not just a spotlight! A history board that tells the story of F/H and the info about the silo. Info regarding the artist and why the artwork was chosen. Reclining seating to watch the light show
BBQ's. Undercover picnic tables. Toilets
Involvement with businesses in town, to try to make the shop facades more in the design when they were built, maybe an est. date on each building. Five heritage listed sites in Forest Hill and four are in Victoria Street
Keeping the surrounding streets tidy. Good road maintenance
Better access for coaches

### WHAT COULD BE DONE TO MAXIMISE LOCAL AND REGIONAL BENEFITS FROM VISITORS TO THE SILO PRECINCT?

(n=31)

QR codes giving information about the area and business and local attractions
Better access into the shops eg ramp from the (P) parking area at Forest Hill place to footpath both at shops and the Forest Hill hotel
Maps of the region including paid and unpaid attractions
Charge for your overnight stays to contribute to maintenance and funding.
Tourists, maybe even a coffee shop at the site.
See above. Get the businesses from the whole Lockyer Valley on board. The FH silo Art Project is not just about Forest Hill, but it will hopefully encourage visitors to spend time and money throughout the Valley. Ask businesses and individuals to "purchase a paver", for the pathways. The name of the business or individual or family could be stamped onto a paver and the pavers placed in the pathways. For the Viewing of the silos-especially at night, have some reclining seating .
Inclusion in the silo trail documentation.
Have this as part of a wider arts and culture trail across the region and show other locations for visitors to check out. Make it enticing for visitors to park up and walk into town, footpath and landscaping into town.
As above suggestion - make the walkway from the car park/rv/campground easy and pleasant to encourage the visitors to stay overnight, buy meals in town and browse the shops to increase the time tourists stay in town.
The silos will be enough, art work on silos has an excellent reputation, it will get people in.
have a country music festival (street party) at the silo's once a year.
Give preference to local contractors for works Develop a Lockyer Valley sightseeing tour incorporating the solos
Trails and maps for other locations of significance in the area.
Have a whole of region tourism promotion. Encourage people to come for a day and extend their stay! Encourage other towns to become a destination by highlighting or creating a feature which will draw tourists. Provision of more car parks in the town centre should be considered. Clear signage for motorists coming into town so that people continue along Railway St and not drive to the Silo yard.
I think the balance is right. While we want to enhance visitor numbers for the Forest Hill businesses,
Make Restraunt, bar and tourist bussiness council Aproval processes easier but still safe so that we can offer more to tourists

Incorporating the silos into a region-wide 'history tour', with a linked theme for families to discover particular landmarks. Signs/information boards at each site could reference the others, to encourage further travel and discovery.
Have story boards up re the history, about Lockyer Valley & Forest Hill & the story of how this came to be
Have an information board that showcases other places/areas of interest to visit.
Include signage with other areas in the shire to visit if the main street of Forest Hill businesses are full of patrons.
Visitor information station with printed brochures for the travelling older generation.
Markets
Daily 1 hour local tours with local guides. We are an agricultural area and other than that I feel people will come drive past, take the pic and keep going. Will there be a dump point if there is RV parking? Where will this be, I can't see it on the map.
Tidy up the town businesses and homes
Put a little shop / coffee / info / coffee vans / food vans to encourage traffic from highway
LVRC to advertise in tourism leaflets, RV subscriptions, TV and social media
Encourage businesses, families, individuals to buy a brick and have the name stamped onto the paver. Make this open to anyone in the LVRC area. Have a "street party" to celebrate the completed art. 2 silos turn 50 in 2025! Check out what other towns / communities have done and are doing – why try to reinvent the wheel? Aust Silos Art Trail website / facebook page and book
Social media campaign
When visitors come to Forest Hill, businesses to encourage customers to go to other special interesting places in the LVRC area. A lot of people appreciate history. Forest Hill has history, build on that and only one hour from Brisbane by road
Electric car recharge
See attached notes*

## ADDITIONAL SUBMISSIONS (n=7)

<p>Hi Just wondering why I never heard anything about applying for this project as an artist. I spoke to the locals and paper couple years ago and even had a write up in the paper about this project</p>
<p>We would love to see the mural reflect farming i.e. ploughing horses fruit and vegetables etc. Also the viewing precinct looks great. Thank you.</p>
<p>History through implements used from original people on country to farming by settlers to present day.</p>
<p>I like the concept of the silo art with the RV park and day parking areas. It will be great for tourism for Forest Hill and the Lockyer Valley. With the painting of the silos I would like to see the mural right around the end silo (eastern end) as it is viewed from the township side as well and is the first visual as you drive through the town.</p>
<p>There are many aspects that I have queries on. As for traffic nuisance to locals. Has the users of the hall been considered? As for the position of the very expensive car park in flooding ground. Why is it right in front. This needs to be away for clear view without obstruction. I ve not been able to attend the sessions but I can't think of too many Attractions where views are obstructed by bitumen when this is green foreground which should be protected. What plans are there to fix the gravel road into the rec grounds. For the last 11 years this hasn't been fixed and holds water after rain. The grassed area also holds water and that this area has public you needs addressing. Risks to public parking around a cricket ground. Cricket insurance only covers players and those involved not public. How will this project be sustainable? Without burdened cost to rate payers. With projected increased by visitors where will they park? Souvenir marketing. Who controls this. The \$ s to be spent on this project when drains affecting our property have not been fixed since Dec 21 and 22 flooding have now been.</p>
<p>Wondering if a dump point has been considered in the project or at existing toilets? A dump point would be convenient for RVS travelling through or staying for a short term.</p>
<p>Trees/gardens need to be planted in a way as to not impact the Cricket Field eg small shrubs and away from boundary/fence. It may be necessary in the future to extend the fence for safety reasons. This needs to be allowed and taken into consideration. Parking may be an issue as cricket balls can be hit into the proposed parking areas. Signs may need to be erected to warn of the possibility of cricket balls being hit into the area.</p>

\*Additional notes from respondent

Overall, I am **not** in favour of the Silo Project. I feel that it will do nothing to 'enhance' (your word not mine) Forest Hill. It is already a bustling township with parking in the main (Victoria) street at a premium. How does this help the locals? Most of the extra employment that this project will conjure up is jobs at the LVC tourism department and outside contractors who will be awarded the work of planning and constructing the project.

Also, I am not in favour of Forest Hill's lifestyle being sacrificed for the benefit of the greater Lockyer Valley. Did anyone ever contemplate that people may visit Forest Hill because it is the way it is?? Maybe people like that we are not too touristy, being authentic in what we do now!

Also, how can you approach ARTC for funding for the Silo project on one hand, and on the other campaign against their construction of Inland Rail through the Lockyer Valley? Is that not morally bankrupt?

Q.5

This project is taking up Forest Hill's 'green space'. Just because the recreation reserve is not developed does not mean that it is a waste. Other communities are 'crying out' for areas that allow 'space to breathe' without man-made obstructions, while ours is being taken away.

This area according to your FAQs is subject to "low-level, low-velocity flood waters", so does that mean it will become a case like Grantham that has so much damage that the whole site will be abandoned.

According to your FAQs, there are "significant unknown factors regarding Inland Rail", and one of these is that there is no guarantee that ARTC will 'mitigate the disruption'. There is no agreement to this effect. Having experience with this organization, I know that they do not have any concrete obligations to rectify problems caused by the construction and/or running of their business. According to your plans, if Inland Rail was to come to fruition, at least 50% of the mural will be obstructed by the sound wall &/or trains. As well, who wants to come and view artwork that will be drowned out by the noise of trains every hour or more often.

Your FAQs do not cover the impacts of increased traffic on the main (Victoria) street as there are already enough vehicles to make parking a problem that spills into the nearby residential areas. One of the reasons that Forest Hill is popular for visitors is that they can park in close proximity to the main business areas. A lot of our visitors seem to be seniors who do not/can not walk long distances.

It will be curious as to who will maintain the gardens and surrounds of this area as at present the LVC does not have the resources to clean out the drains on the residential streets of forest Hill but miracouly will find the staff to maintain this area in a state required for a tourist destination. Surely, that would require all of Forest Hill to be in the same pristine state.

Where did the helicopters take off from last time the residents of Forest Hill needed to be evacuated because of flooding?

Why is an RV park needed at all? Surely some of our 'green open space' could be preserved, as there are already plenty of other caravan/RV parks in Gatton, Laidley showgrounds, Lake Dyer to mention a few that are in easy commute of Forest Hill. As it is at present, lots of these visitors come on a day visit to see Forest Hill from where ever they are parked.

There has been no guarantee that none of the cost of this project is going to affect our rates. The cost of \$1.5 million is a substantial amount that will need to be recouped in some way. Has there been a 'business case' done to weigh up the costs against the benefits? Also, what about the ongoing cost of maintenance to the precinct, not to mention the fact that outdoor painting needs to be redone on a 7 to 10 year basis. Have these costs been factored into the equation?

Q.9

Apparently, "ivory curl" trees/shrubs though a magnificent specimen under the appropriate conditions, do not endure frosts!

Has consideration been given to permeable or porous pavers instead of concrete and asphalt? This area is really part of a soak system so laying concrete pathways and bitumen roadways will leave less area for rain to seep into the ground so giving rise to more flooding.

Are the picnic shelters of the same design as existing shelters? It would be better if the area looked coordinated not higgly-piggley.

Q.11

Why is consideration not given to painting some other structure in the Lockyer Valley that will not encroach on the liveability of Forest Hill? Many structures are painted in towns and localities throughout Australia, not just silos. Though these silos may be closest to Brisbane, our artwork will be in no way unique or even unusual.

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