



1. Why do Portside Christian College want to increase the area that they occupy under Licence from Council.

Portside Christian College propose to construct new multi-sport courts and a nature style playground on the reserve for use during school hours, and also the community outside of school hours. They also need a small additional area to accommodate the fencing adjacent to the new access road.

2. What benefit will the community get from these proposals?

The community will have the benefit of being able to utilise the new multi-sport courts, and playground outside of the school times of use. Additionally an area of the reserve currently exclusively leased to Portside Christian College will become part of the Licence area and available for community use outside of the school times of use.

3. What is Community Land?

The Local Government Act 1999 dictates that all land owned by or under the “care and control” of Council is classified as Community Land unless the land was excluded from Community Land classification, or has had its classification as Community Land revoked. All Community Land must be subject to a management plan which states the purpose for which the land is held by Council; and state the Council’s objectives, policies (if any) and proposal for the management of the land. Council cannot sell Community Land, and must carry out public consultation in accordance with its public consultation policy prior to granting a lease or licence for a term in excess of five years.

4. Why are you carrying out this community engagement?

Council has a legal obligation under the Local Government Act 1999 to carry out community engagement prior to granting a licence for a term exceeding five years. Notwithstanding this legal requirement, Council would like to receive feedback from community stakeholders in relation to the proposals (both the proposed Licence variation, and the proposed new multi-sport courts and nature playground) to help inform the decision making of Council.

5. Who will be paying for all of this work?

Council has not budgeted for, and is not proposing to pay for the cost of the proposed works.. The cost of the works will be covered either directly by Portside Christian College, or through any other available alternative funding sources.

**6. Will the reserve still be available for community use outside of school hours?
What is the difference between a Licence and a Lease?**

Like the existing agreement between Council and Portside Christian College, the varied occupancy agreement will still be in the form of a Licence. Unlike a Lease, which grants exclusive occupancy of the land, a Licence grants only the right to use the land at defined times (non-exclusive use). The area subject to Licence will still be available for community use outside of school hours, including school holidays, but will be restricted to daylight hours.

7. Is it worth my while submitting feedback. Hasn't Council already made a decision? Will my feedback be listened to?

Yes! Your views are important, and will be taken into consideration as part of the decision making process of Council. Council has not made any decision in relation to the proposals, other than to conduct this period of community engagement, with a further report and recommendation to be presented to Council.

8. If Council agrees to the proposals, when will the works happen?

Portside Christian College would like the works to happen as soon as possible.