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Subject: Item 15.19 Public Exhibition of Draft Plan of Management - Haven Amphitheatre - For Public Forum - Council meeting 14 September 2020

Dear Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors

I'd so like to think that this draft Plan of Management (POM) for The Haven Amphitheatre is actually progressing a functional stage for The Haven amphitheatre!

Why now for this POM and why wasn't it done over the past 8 to 9 years and before the DA for the Haven as many of us requested? We were told then by Officers that a POM wasn't necessary as Heritage Architects were used in preparing the DA and we had all the necessary Heritage reports.

DA 2016/283 approved in December 2018 for a stage (including undercroft) gets little attention in this POM. So much time, effort and money has been spent on this DA. It's strange it seems to be almost AWAL in the POM.

There are some issues with the DA including the proposed access ramps, but as the Officers and our Sailors Bay ward Councillors understand these are quite readily able to be addressed in a modified DA, if there is a will!

As our Ward Councillors and Officers, Melanie Smith and Ian Arnott, saw at the early 2018 Castlecrag community meeting, over 98% of the more than 100 residents attending the meeting enthusiastically agreed to modifications to the DA as proposed at that meeting.

It is now over two years since that meeting and despite representations to councillors and officers NOTHING has been done about progressing amendments to the Haven DA.

We now have a POM for a park in The Haven. Too little too late I feel - after all these years of effort and delay!

Council's support for modifications to the DA would be so appreciated at this stage. I'm sure there'd be State and Commonwealth grants aplenty for this now! This is the silver lining to the pandemic and I trust also for the rebuild of a functional stage for The Haven Amphitheatre.

Regards

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