



Consultation Old Beach Foreshore Track Feasibility

The Brighton Council has commenced a project to investigate the feasibility of a new walking track in the Old Beach area.

We would like your feedback on the project.

The track investigation area is mostly along the River Derwent foreshore with some sections within the St Ann's Living precinct, East Derwent Highway, Clarries Creek and Blackstone Drive. Attached is a map showing the track investigation area.

The investigation area is divided into four (4) stages:

1. St Ann's Living to Compton Road
2. Compton Road to Blackstone Drive
3. Blackstone Drive to Morrisby Road
4. Morrisby Road to Jetty Road/Old Beach pontoon "Ferry Point"

The total length of the investigation area is approximately 3.2km. This includes areas of existing partly formed track.

Currently, there are many gravel walking tracks along the River Derwent that connect with other trails and reserves through-out the Brighton area.

We have so far written to residents in the area to advise of them of the project and have completed site investigations. These were natural values assessment, Aboriginal Heritage assessment, boundary survey checks and general feasibility around safety, amenity, practicality and land ownership etc. We are also consulting with the residents more broadly for their feedback.

The project is still in the investigation phase only. We have not formalised a design or final location for the track. The intent is to undertake careful planning and stakeholder consultation before a design and final scope of works is determined. This will also require a report to the Brighton Council at an Ordinary Council Meeting to proceed to the next stage.

The next stage will be to prepare a design of the track works and again consult with the community.

Below are further details on the project which you may find useful.

Background and Information

The overarching objectives of the project are to:

- a) To investigate and provide options for a new walking track between Compton Road and Jetty Road based on risk assessment, feasibility of options, cost, stakeholder and community feedback and approvals; and
- b) To investigate connections to Riviera Drive and new subdivision on the eastern side of the Derwent Highway.
- c) To provide additional walking tracks in the Old Beach area
- d) To enhance amenity and liveability of Old Beach foreshore and Old Beach area
- e) To provide safer public access to foreshore



- f) To eradicate declared weeds, better manage erosion and long-term native plantings for habitat, biodiversity and site stability along the track route

Part 1.3 of the *Brighton Council Annual Plan 2024-2025* provides that Council will:

- *Ensure attractive local areas that provide social, recreational and economic opportunities; and to*
- *Consider community feedback for additional sections of gravel walkway along the Old Beach Foreshore from Morrisby Road to Blackstone Drive.*

The track investigation area map can be accessed at

<https://www.brighton.tas.gov.au/community/have-your-say/>. The chosen area is the result of the following studies and preliminary investigations:

- Aboriginal Heritage Survey and Assessment
- Threatened Flora, Fauna and Natural Values Assessment
- Track investigations, observations and preliminary findings by Council Officers
- Boundary Survey work

The track investigation area is located entirely within public land, with the exception of a small section of land within the St Ann's Living precinct located at Stanfield Drive, Old Beach. The track area is otherwise within land owned by the Brighton Council or land leased to the Brighton Council by Crown Land Services or other public reserve (i.e. riparian reserve). Part of the track may also be within the land owned by State Growth along the East Derwent Highway.



Figure 1 – Existing walking tracks in Old Beach area (Source: Brighton Council)



Some further boundary survey work is required, however at this stage, we have a reasonable understanding of the boundaries of the foreshore reserve and the scope of the investigation area. There appears to be sufficient room for a gravel track and landscaping in most areas. Some decking or concreting may be required over steeper sections or over waterways and creeks.

You will note, in the map (<https://www.brighton.tas.gov.au/community/have-your-say/>) there is an alternative crossing point for Clarries Creek from the St Ann's Living precinct. This is shown as the red dashed line "6 Alternate Creek Crossing". This crossing may be a more practical place to cross the creek without the need to run a track adjacent to the East Derwent Highway, but this is subject to further studies and detailed design. We would like your feedback on this alternative crossing point.

We hope the track will extend Brighton's network of walking trails and improve access to the River Derwent foreshore.

Consultation

We ask for your feedback on this proposal. We ask that you review the above information and map and provide us with any comment or feedback on a walking track in this area. Please email admin@brighton.tas.gov.au or write to:

The General Manager
1 Tivoli Road
Old Beach TAS 7017

Please respond by **Friday 4:45PM on the 9th August 2024**

Please include your contact details in case we need to discuss your submission directly with you.

We will address any concerns or suggestions as part of a report to the Brighton Council. Your personal details will not be disclosed in the public meeting agenda.

Once we have this feedback then our intention is to prepare a design and again seek your feedback later this year (2024). This will occur before we make any applications for formal approvals if necessary.

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