

Report Summary

Hilton Esplanade Improvement Project

Community Engagement Phase 1



Phase 1 community engagement for the Hilton Esplanade Improvement Project was undertaken between March and May 2026.

The consultation attracted more than 450 community contributions, including 302 online survey responses, over 150 face-to-face conversations across three community pop-up sessions and two resident workshops with adjoining landowners, as well as written submissions.

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Feedback was consistent across all engagement methods, providing Council with a robust evidence base to inform the next stage of planning.

The engagement consistently identified five priorities for future planning:

- 1. Protect the character:**
Preserving Hilton Esplanade's natural, quiet and low-key character.
- 2. Protect the environment:**
Protecting the health of the river, foreshore and natural environment.
- 3. Priority infrastructure:**
Addressing erosion, drainage and road condition as priorities for future investment.
- 4. Safe access:**
Improving pedestrian safety, accessibility and connectivity through low-impact solutions.
- 5. River & recreation:**
Maintaining access to the river, parking and recreational opportunities while respecting the area's natural values.

