

Mountain Bike Feasibility Study - phase 2 consultation

Engagement Summary

Central Coast Council

Image: world trail

Summary

Between 22 February and 22 March 2021 Central Coast Council sought community feedback on the Mountain Bike Feasibility Study Discussion Paper which was informed by what the community and stakeholders told us during the first round of consultation hosted in 2019.

The discussion paper explored key topics including:

- Views and attitudes on mountain biking
- Site selection criteria for mountain biking
- Management options mountain bike trails
- Recommendations for consideration

Council provided an opportunity for the community to attend virtual information sessions and submit questions to the project team online. Prior to making a submission, we encouraged the community to read the discussion paper or view the information video prior.

Engagement Results

Online submission form results revealed that:

- 54% of participants read the discussion paper in full
- 40.3% of participants watched the video overview
- Of the six options, the one most important to the largest number of respondents (44.3%) was the development of a regional trails plan
- increased enforcement was the least important option for 61.9% of respondents.

Topics discussed in the open-ended questions covered:

- the importance of protecting both heritage and the environment and minimising impacts when considering the implementation of authorised trails and in the control of unauthorised trails
- the importance of supporting mountain biking as both an economic driver for the region and as a wellbeing opportunity for our community
- site selection criteria and the minimum site area criteria
- the importance of collaboration between industry bodies, private and state landholders in any potential trail network investigation

How you connected



1,575 visits to the Your Voice Our Coast website



The discussion paper was downloaded 277 times



More than 11,582 social media users reached generating 83 likes, comments and shares.



11,194 stakeholders were kept up-to-date through e-news.



13 people participated in the virtual information sessions



371 submissions via the online form



A total of 121 submissions were received via direct email or letter



11 questions were received via the online tool



206 people viewed the information video

What's next?

Further analysis of the feedback received during the phase two consultation is currently being undertaken. These results will be used to guide recommendations presented to Council. A detailed phase two consultation report is underway and will be released soon.

Find out more and stay up to date at yourvoiceourcoast.com

March 2021