

# New skatepark noise concern

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TARPEENA'S young people are a step closer to having a skatepark facility after funding was obtained and community members expressed overwhelming support.

Submissions and suggestions from the community have been passed on to the Queensland-based builders who will design the park over the next few weeks.

District Council of Grant community development officer Jan McIntyre said community feedback would be incorporated into the design and, based on responses, the park would now be situated eight metres back from the road.

"It has been requested that the bowl aspect of the skatepark gets redesigned along the Edward Street side to aim noise back into the skatepark," Ms McIntyre said.

"Council will look at planting trees as part of the landscaping of the area which is also important.

"Most of our feedback has



□ Tarpeena resident Malcolm Keenan stands in his front yard which is just metres away from the proposed site for the skatepark development. Mr Keenan hopes council will listen to community concerns and provide adequate soundproofing at the Edward Street site.

been overwhelmingly positive, but we will continue to work with the community to address any concerns residents may have."

Tarpeena resident Malcolm Keenan, who lives near the proposed Edward Street site,

said he had voiced concerns to the council, but due to a misunderstanding these were not included in the community consultation.

Mr Keenan donated money towards the project and said he was worried about the lack

of sound proofing, the location and the potential for after-hours use.

"They need to put in some sort of noise reduction whether it be trees or dirt mounds, or perhaps redesign the park so noise is directed to the centre," he said.

Mr Keenan said he wasn't concerned about the skatepark users creating trouble in the area, but was worried "idiots" would use the concrete surface as a quick burnout pad or for other inappropriate behaviour.

"I'm not against the park," he said.

"If that's the best position (for it), then so be it, but keep the noise leakage down."

Ms McIntyre said plans would be available for viewing at the Tarpeena Rural Transaction Centre in coming weeks and Council hoped the skate park would be completed by December.

Funding was sourced from the Federal Government's Regional and Local Infrastructure program, Community Benefits SA, the District Council of Grant and \$20,000 was raised by the Tarpeena community.

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**Question:** What do you think about paid maternity leave funded by the Government?



"I think it's a good idea but people might take advantage of it."

Courtney Day  
Mount Gambier



"What took them so long? I've been a bit of a campaigner for this for a few years."

Robyn Downs  
Mount Gambier



"I'm sure it's fine, you can't expect small businesses to bear the cost of maternity leave."

John Keenan,  
Tarpeena