



#7 Surface area of development

In examining the proposal for development at HR a number of facts were incorrectly stated. We have tried to point these out to you so that Council can make decisions made on the basis of correct information. Stated Council policy is that if an error occurs in documents produced by Council, the error will be corrected at the earliest opportunity

In the HRDIP presented to Council on 28/8/2013 and repeated in Information Bulletin #1 it was stated that, "The area to be leased is under 7% of the total 82.2ha." **This is close to the truth** – the area to be leased is just OVER 7% of the total 82.2 ha of hanging Rock Reserve – but **disingenuous!**

Elsewhere Council documents attempt to separate the East Paddock from HRR e.g. "the HR Reserve is Crown land managed by MRSC in conjunction with a Council owned piece of land adjacent known as the 'East Paddock' in 1st paragraph of HRDIP synopsis as presented to MRSC on 28/8/13. The East Paddock is public land purchased, using entry fees to the Rock, to prevent inappropriate development and take the pressure of tourist activities off the adjacent Crown land.

The area proposed for leasing to a private developer is 26% of the area of the East Paddock. At least another 25% is marked for "permanent car parking (permeable surface, well vegetated)". This would mean a 26% reduction in the land available for enhancement of conservation values of the reserve, public use and passive recreational pursuits (area leased) and another 25% given over to permanent car parking with the limitations on habitat value that that entails.

The aims of the Hanging Rock Action Group have been consistent.

1. Have Council undertake Community Consultation
2. Distil the real issues and facts of the proposed development
3. Raise community awareness of the issues

This error has been pointed out to Council but to date no acknowledgement of the error has been made and no correction has been provided to Councillors or the community.

Surely Councillors and the Community are entitled to be told directly that an error was present in the Hanging Rock Investment Proposal put to Council on 28 August 2013 and repeated in HR Information Bulletin #1.

Why doesn't Council publish a correction as per their stated policy?

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