



Public Consultation for the RIMP (2020-24): Summary and Analysis of Public Submissions

During the public exposure period, opportunities to provide submissions or comments were provided by two means:

- an online survey (including provision for comments); and
- submission by email, post or in person.

Thirty-six (36) written submissions and twenty-seven (27) online survey responses deemed to be valid were received.

The major issues raised during the public consultation period relate to:

- the potential impact of increasing visitor numbers on the Island environment;
- the balance between commercial development and retention of the Island's natural values;
- development outside the settlement area as defined in the Act (with specific reference to the foreshadowed development of a camping facility at City of York Bay);
- coastal erosion risk, with specific reference to the erosion 'hotspot' identified at South Thomson Bay;
- provision of visitor amenities, including the need for increased provision of shade, drinking water and public transport services;
- traffic management, including the growth in bicycle and pedestrian traffic.

Most of the matters raised in submissions were assessed as being already within the scope of the proposed key initiatives contained in RIMP 2020-24.

Four submissions were found to raise matters warranting amendment to the draft RIMP 2020-24. These relate to:

- the specific planning needs for management of coastal erosion;
- acknowledgement of recreational fishing interests;
- inclusion of an Island Conservation Centre proposal; and
- acknowledgement of the volunteer contribution of Rottneest Society members.