



State Public Parkland Strategy

Current Issues

Allocating spaces

- Population increases place greater demand on resources and facilities.
- Is POS allocation base on 10% of sub-divisible land still relevant in light of calls for higher residential densities?
- What is the most appropriate approach for park classification?

Allocating water

- Climate change is causing us to rethink our water use.
- Maintaining current expected levels POS surface quality needs a sustainable water supply - need to effectively manage licensing and allocation systems.
- Groundwater is a finite resource and uncertainties remain around recycled water use.
- Uncertainties around fit-for-source water use.
- Licensing problems.

Site design and activation

- Current planning guidelines focus on amount of POS - very little focus on design elements and long-term functionality.
- Little consideration of natural landscape or ecosystem features resulting in sub-optimal site use-ability.
- Current design is often not climate sensitive.
- Need to provide diverse range of Public Parkland opportunities and activation programs.

Monitoring and review

- Few parks are monitored for level and type of community use - with little direct community engagement in Public Parkland monitoring or review processes.
- Few parks are monitored for water use and it is being suggested that many licenses are over allocation.
- Lack of systematic and collaborative reporting framework that measures Public Parkland contribution to community health and wellbeing or ecosystem health.

Education and information

- Lack of evidence of best practice examples or ongoing research that will maximise positive outcomes for community and urban environment.
- Lack of understanding of need for, or how to achieve, climate sensitive design.

Governance and resourcing

- Lack of co-ordinated governance between state and local government agencies.
- Limited resources and lack of collaborative funding models.
- Many LGAs have ageing community and irrigation infrastructure.
- Low level of capacity within many LGAs to change current approaches to Public Parkland management and resourcing.