

kanamaluka / Tamar Estuary Community Consultation



The Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce invited members of the community to share ideas about how we can transform the upper estuary into a place for everyone to enjoy. An online consultation was launched in August and feedback was received on the draft vision for the future of the kanamaluka/Tamar Estuary.

We have reviewed the feedback and are pleased to present the updated design concepts. We want to make sure we heard what you said and that your ideas are reflected in the final vision.

WHO WE HEARD FROM



We asked a range of demographic questions to understand who was responding. These are important to make sure we hear the views, experiences, and aspirations from a range of community members. These questions were not compulsory.

210 survey respondents

Age	Participants
12 to 17 years	10
18 to 24 years	6
25 to 34 years	15
35 to 49 years	41
50 to 59 years	41
60 to 69 years	55
70 and above	41

Gender

Male - 114, Female - 88

Non-binary - 1, Prefer not to say - 4

Identity

14 people who have a disability

2 Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander

7 people speaking a language other than English

638 map interactions



Common responses

- Boardwalks and increased development are great but do not address the sediment and look of the Estuary.
- Control willows as a priority and weeds and return the natural system.
- Address sediment build up around river access points.
- Improve linkages and use of area for festivals and events.
- Love the idea of walkways but concerned about rubbish increasing, would need more bins.

WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU

More than 140 respondents said the most important aspects of the estuary were environment, natural beauty and tracks and trails.

YOUR CONCERNS

River health was the top concern for participants. The appearance of the estuary was also a high concern.

WHAT YOU ENJOY

Tracks and trails is the reason most people said they visit the estuary, followed by dining.



CONNECTIVITY AND ACTIVITY



ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITY



CULTURE AND HERITAGE



YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

Improve and provide new tracks and trails, including beyond the estuary.

Accessible and safe paths for both pedestrians and cyclists.

New bridges across the Estuary.

Activity ideas such as off-lead dog areas, running tracks, market and event areas, mountain bike trails, access for kayaking/rowing, play areas, and food vans/container bars.

Improve water quality and address combined stormwater and sewage overflows.

Remove invasive species, plant more trees and vegetation.

Remove rubbish and provide more bins to prevent littering.

More amenity such as seating and shaded areas.

Reduce sedimentation and improve access and navigability.

Celebrate the full history of the area.

Tell stories about Launceston's history and culture, including Aboriginal stories, culture and their relationship to the area.

Ideas such as rebuilding Kings Wharf, creating a maritime or boat building museum.

WHAT WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE VISION

Improve connectivity and accessibility through tracks and trails.

Create bike and pedestrian accessible and safe paths.

Enhanced wayfinding to connect areas.

Develop an harbour structure with potential for events and pop-up food and dining events.

Activation through natural play spaces, boardwalks and viewing platforms.

Enhance the natural environment through revegetation, potential willow removal.

Commitment to improving the health of the Estuary through the River Health Action Plan, with work underway to upgrade systems.

Introduce seating, bins and shading.

Proposal to increase tidal prism, which will reduce sedimentation in the North Esk, Seaport Marina, and Home Reach, through preserving and restoring select wetlands.

Explore creating public art, historical and cultural trails.

Consult with Aboriginal people to understand the significance of the kanamaluka/Tamar estuary as a cultural landscape.

Acknowledge the deep connection between the Traditional Owners and the estuary over 40,000 years.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE VISION

Our focus for the current vision is on the cultural and recreational precinct. Extending tracks outside the area could be considered in the future.

We had a lot of great ideas submitted during the consultation. Priority has been given to proposals that align with the vision, work within the constraints of flood plain sites, and are not found elsewhere within the area of the upper estuary.

There are constraints to planting trees or building infrastructure on the levees due to flood risk and the risk of damaging their structural integrity.

We are working with partner government agencies to discuss the rice grass issues.

Alternative sediment management options have been suggested. We are recommending the option to increase the tidal prism because it is supported by the available science, has positive environmental impacts and can be scaled according to available funding.

Ideas to rebuild Kings Wharf or create a new museum have not been included. Significant projects such as these need to be considered on their own merits.