



# Catherine Hill Bay Residents' Survey

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Catherine Hill Bay Community Alliance

Catherine Hill Bay Progress Association

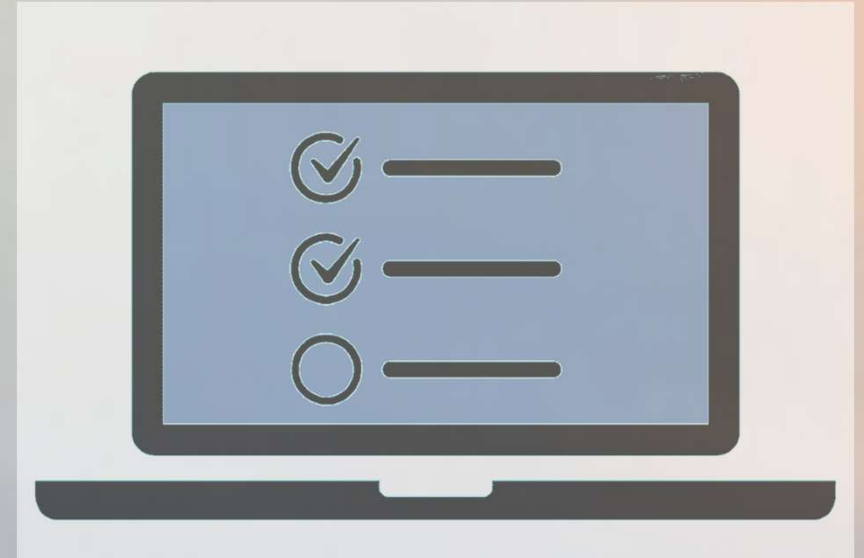
# Survey process

Paper form to every house in Catho,  
Facebook link, email to CHBPA and  
Alliance members

Open for 2+ weeks

Survey tool prevents multiple responses  
from same device

About half of responses provided an email  
address

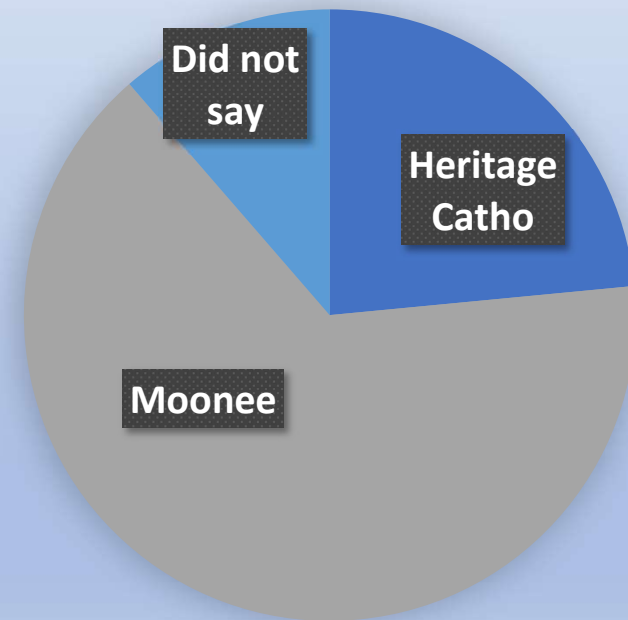


# Survey demographics

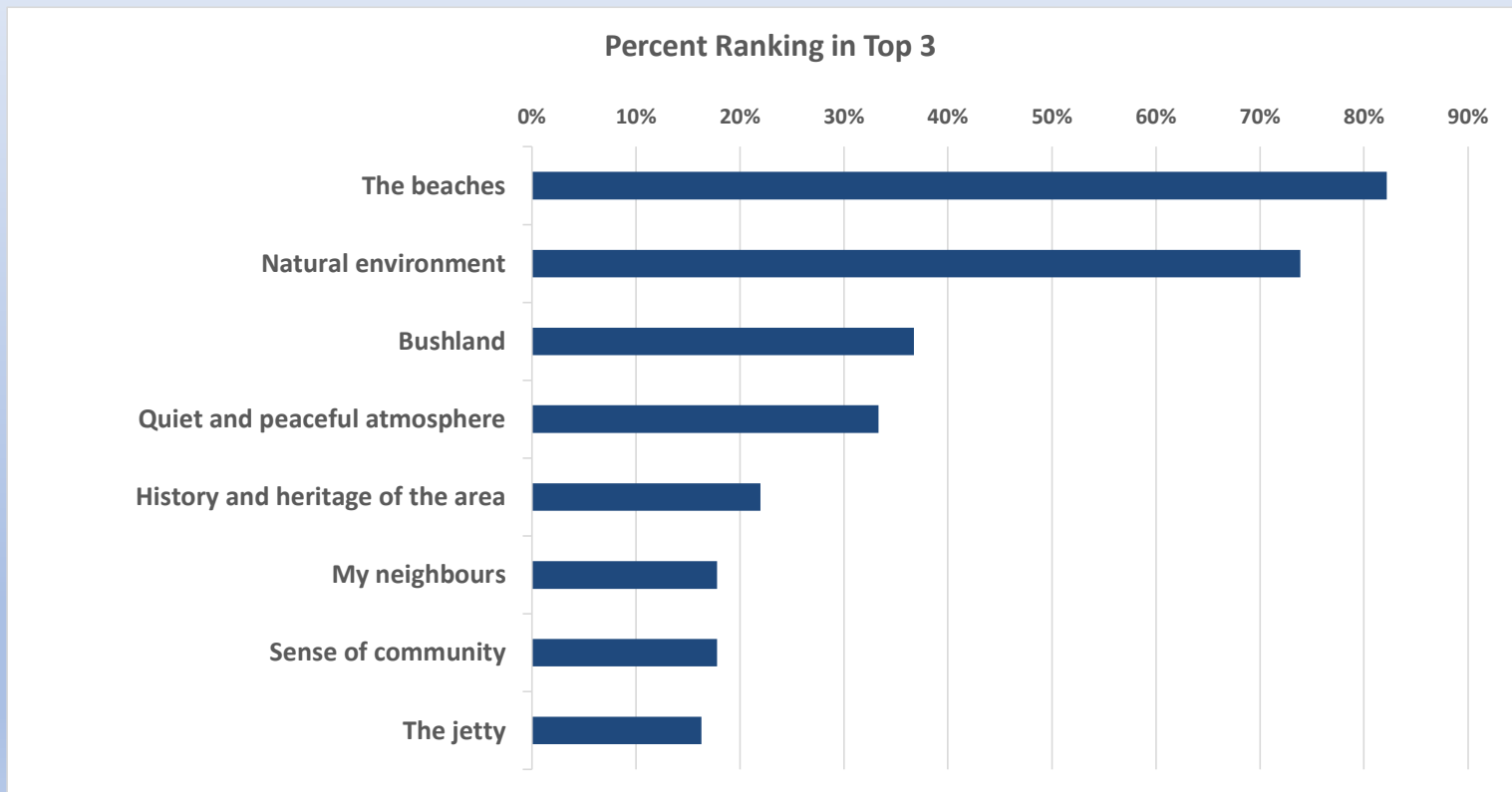
## Who responded?

- 265 responses - 30 paper / 235 online over 2 weeks
- 10 non-residents - most building in Beaches/Moonee or are previous residents

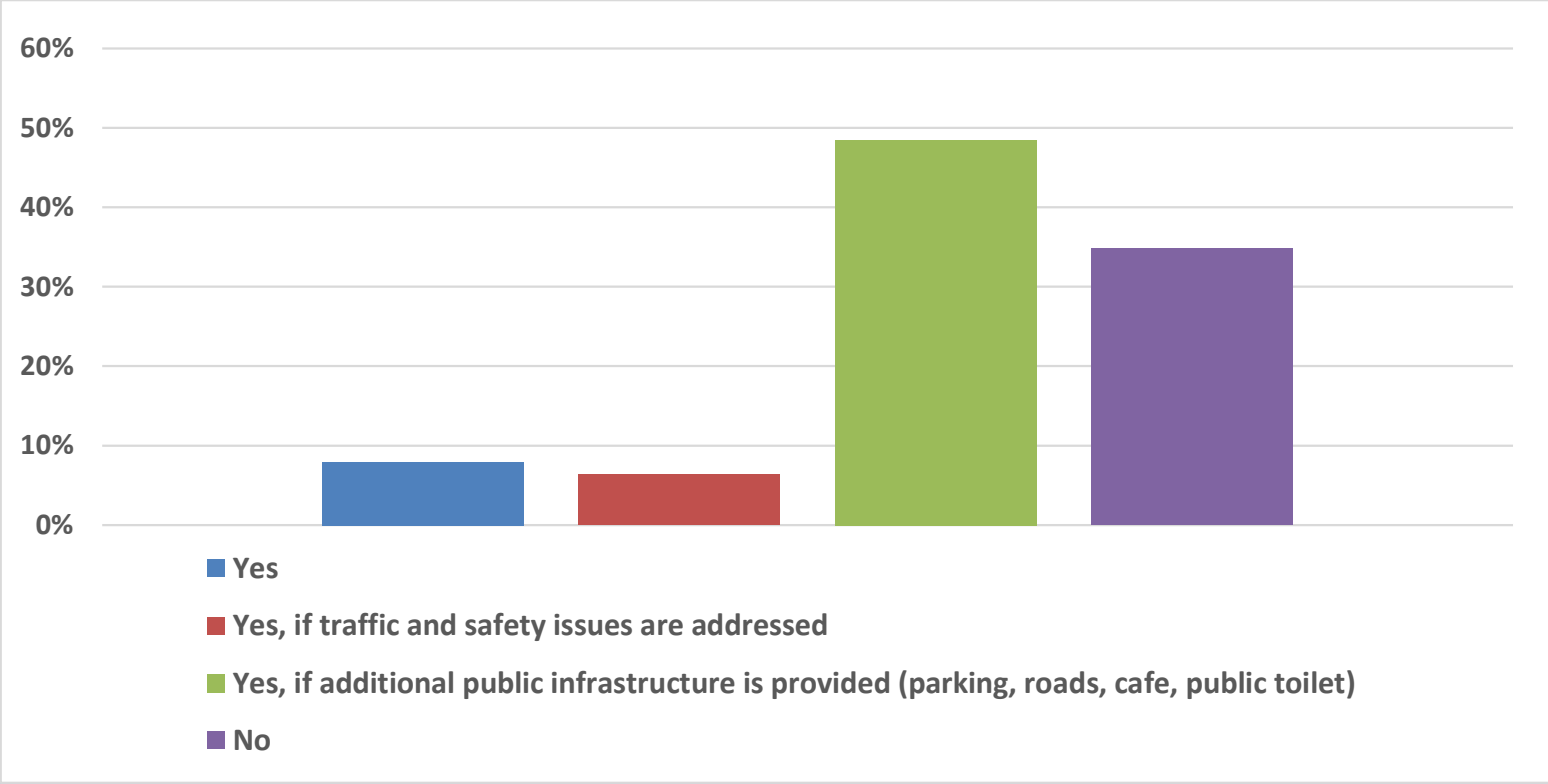
## Where they live



# Question 1: What is most important in making Catherine Hill Bay a special place?



# Question 2: Do you support more development that will make the town more popular with visitors?



# Comments

I am not opposed to sharing this special place with others, but because of past experience, I am very wary of anything labelled as "development" as it has almost always destroyed the character of Catho.

We need decent public parking, decent access to the beaches, at least a fish and chip shop and necessary infrastructure to support tourism.

Council and developers have failed to address the infrastructure currently, when is that going to change or be addressed before we open up to additional tourist and or visitors.

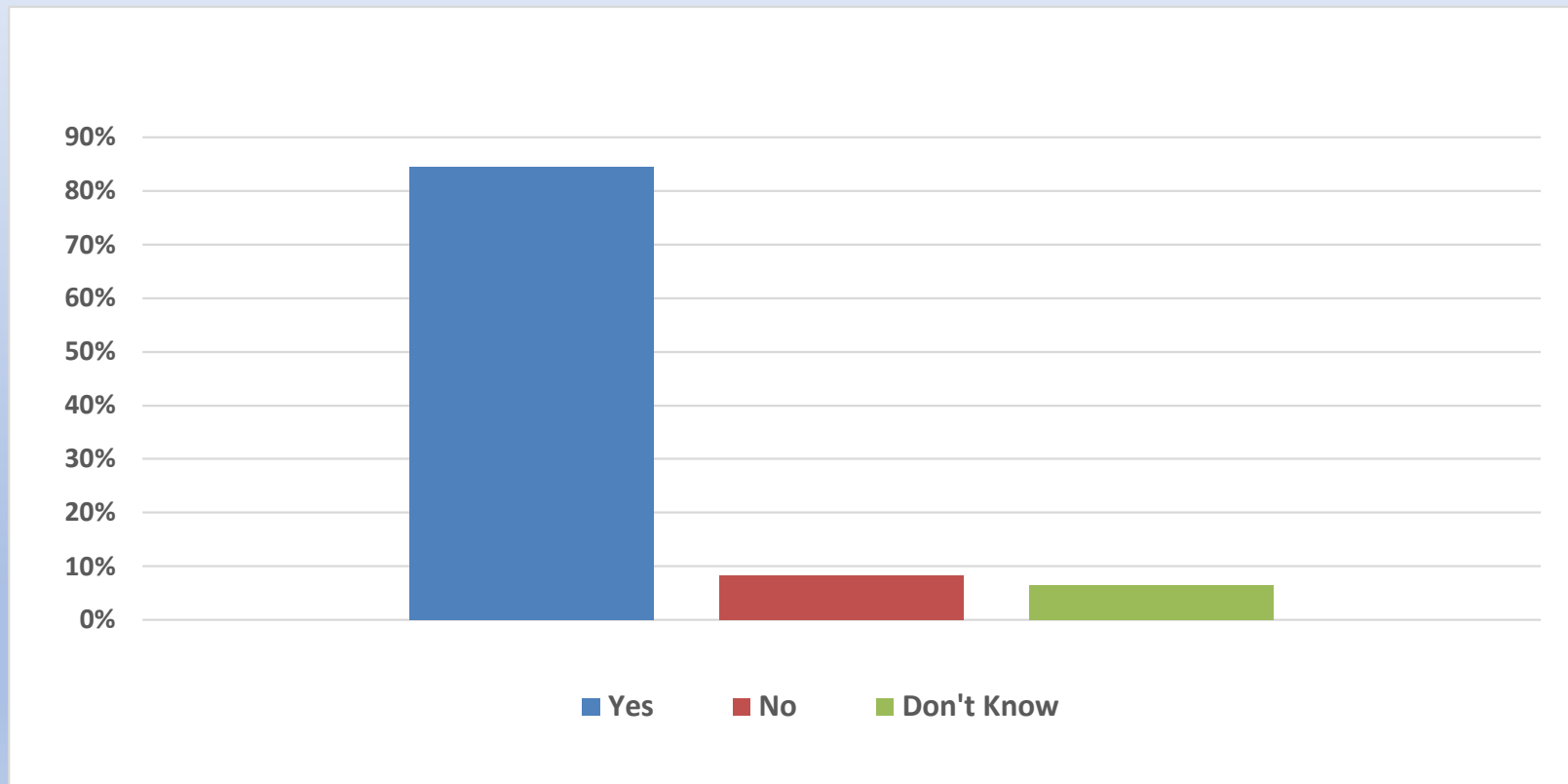
Less short-term rentals such as Airbnb.

I don't want to see Catho packed with tourists and taking away its peaceful beautiful nature. I think we need a cafe, small supermarket and another place to have a beer by the beach.

Moonee Beach is too dangerous for tourists.

I support tourism which is focused on the heritage attributes, e.g. a walkway with references to the history of CHB.

Question 3: The Catho Jetty is an iconic feature of the region. Do you believe that the Jetty should be preserved?



# Comments

The jetty is Catho.

It's part of History.  
How life once was.

I do not support hotels,  
restaurants etc on the  
jetty.

The preservation of the  
jetty is a question of  
economics.

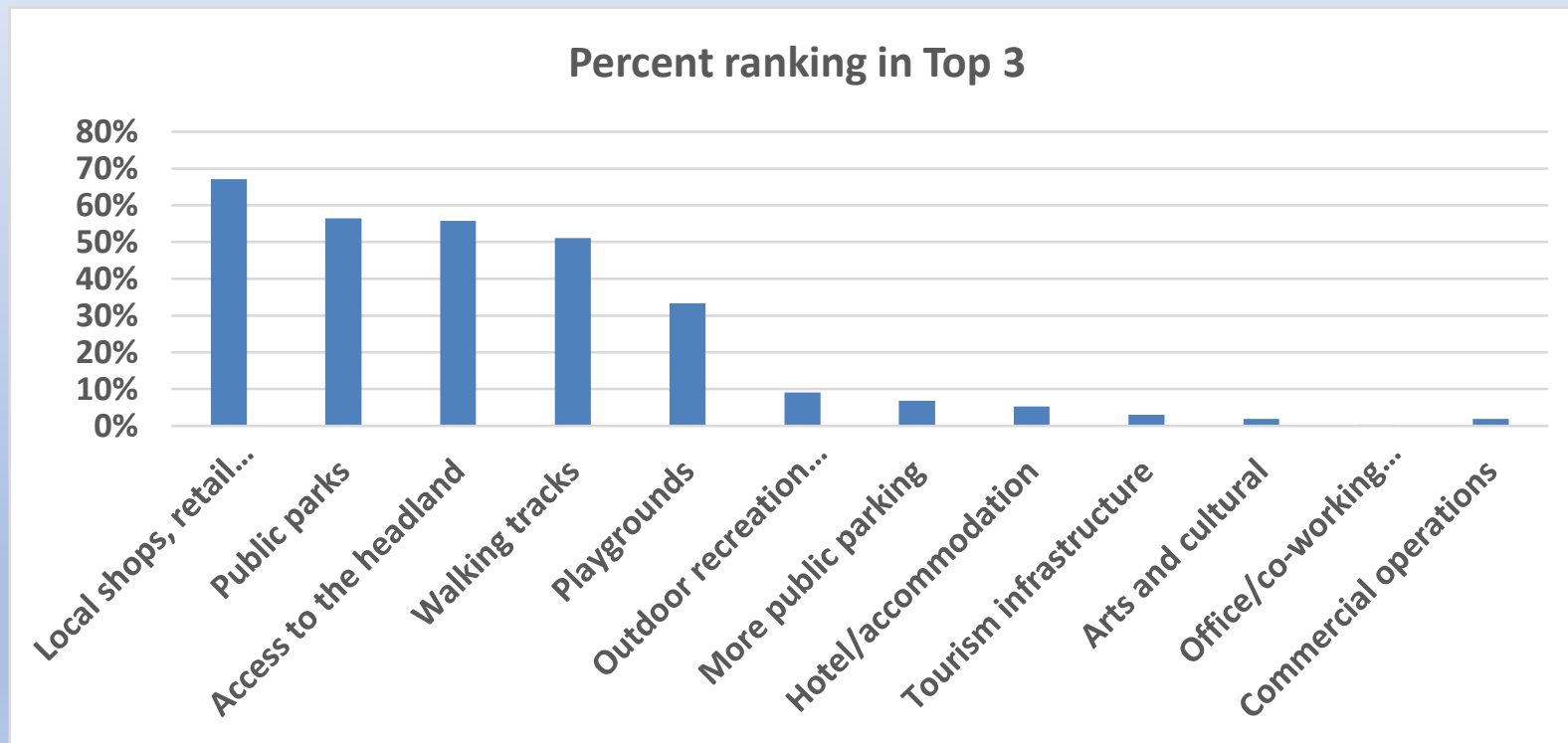
The jetty is part of what  
makes Catho as it is. It HAS to  
be preserved.

Don't believe preservation is  
still achievable in current  
state and has become more  
dangerous. Some form of  
homage to the historical  
structure may be easier to  
achieve.

It is an awe-inspiring  
structure that is not  
see elsewhere.



# Question 4: In terms of development, what do you think is most important to improve the lifestyle for you and the community in Catherine Hill Bay?



# Comments

I believe we need a few specialty shops but would hate to see it turned into a huge tourism area of mini Noosa.

Without small shops, parklands and walking trails I would not want to raise a young family in CHB.

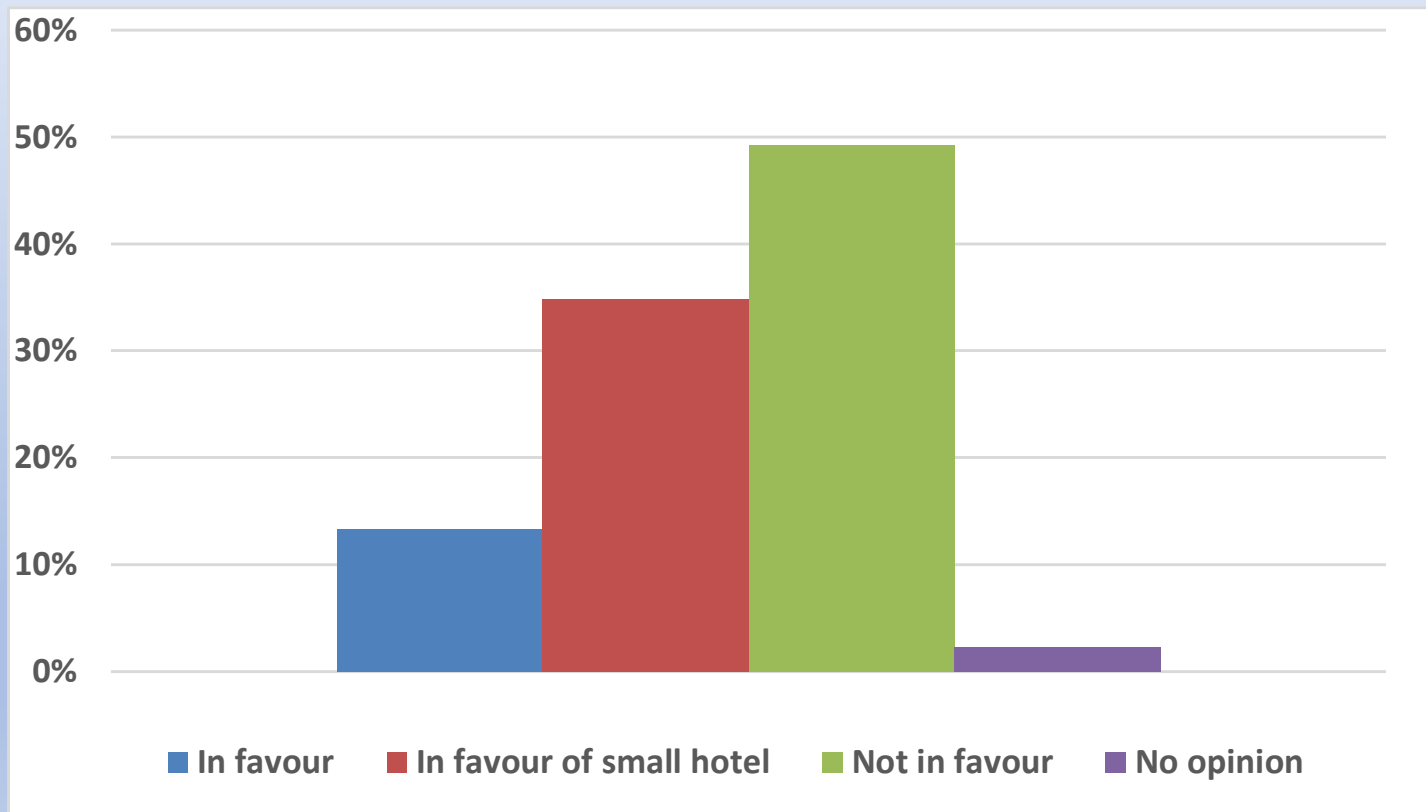
We need to replace Coastal Haze ASAP. We need a park. Public toilets. More public bins.

I support development such as an upgrade to the pre-existing Surf club, upgrade/maintaining current parks and car parks. I would not support large commercial buildings, multi-story dwellings and anything that might detract from the natural beauty/ heritage of Catho

All our family would like to see is a green area for kids to kick a ball, play equipment for kids to play on, a corner shop for the basics, a cafe to get a coffee & maybe a takeaway shop.

Shops, parks, parking, better beach access, BBQ/picnic areas, sports areas should be addressed as a priority before any further development goes ahead.

# Question 5: How do you feel about the Headland at the end of Montefiore Street being the site of a new hotel?



# Comments

There is already plenty of Airbnb accommodation. There is already an historic pub. No need for another hotel with pokies.

I don't mind if it is hotel or houses so long as approved height restrictions are observed.

The viewing platform was vandalised weeks after completion. Putting a hotel there with a restaurant would ensure the area was attractively and securely maintained and would give the public access to enjoy the glorious location rather than just giving it to those who can afford to buy and build there.

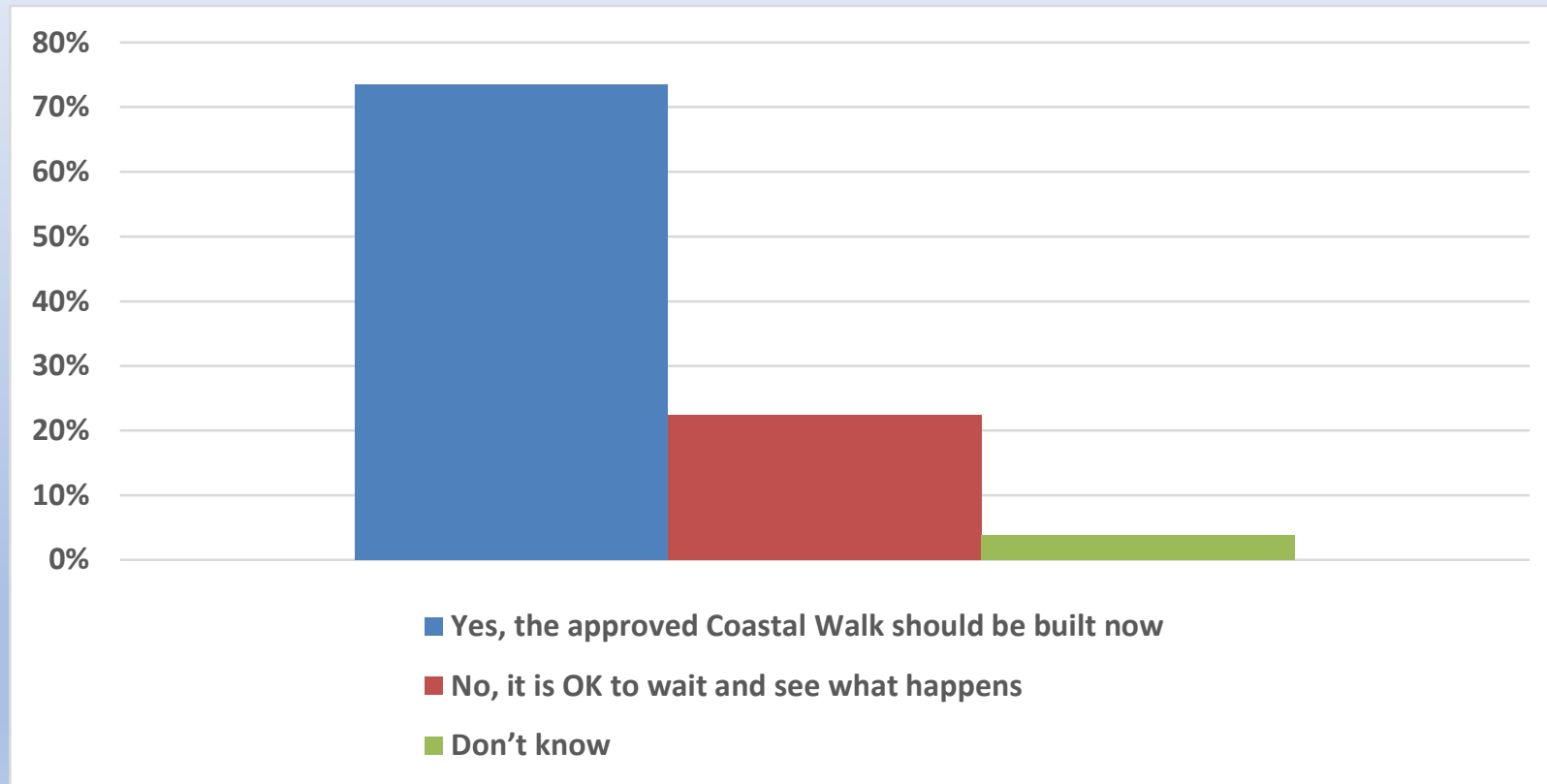
A hotel on the headland is everything CHB is not. The magic of CHB will forever disappear if a hotel is allowed to go ahead on the headland.

A small single-story hotel and a general store/cafe/restaurant may be okay, however anything more substantial would have a negative impact on the natural environment.

As long as there is access to bushland and walking tracks past the site that non-guests can use.

The headland should be available to all residents/visitors alike. A single storey restaurant would be excellent.

# Question 6: Do you feel that public access to the Montefiore Headland needs to be a priority?



# Comments

Rose Group should deliver on their promise of a headland walkway as soon as possible. It is long overdue.

Urgently, for safety reasons...following the coal rail line, with interpretive signage. This is what a historic village should have!

I want to see the coastal path built - connecting the three villages. This is an absolute priority.

Should include a cycleway which will eventually connect to the Fernleigh track.

The coastal walk would certainly be nice, but I don't feel like it needs to be prioritised over parks/play areas for the kids in the community.

The coastal walkway is much in need, as walking along the road between the different parts of the village is currently extremely dangerous.

# General comments

The charm of Catho is that it is quite historic gem that would be ruined by over development.

What we really need is public transport. I know it's a NSW Government issue but the lack of buses is a nightmare.

In an estate of over 500 homes it is a DISGRACE that there are no playgrounds or ovals.

The lack of an overall plan for the town is a disaster. We need the state government to intervene as they have planning controls, but instead we have a piecemeal mess.

I hope there can be a united Catho voice that opposes any development that encroaches on the natural beauty of Catho as well as the quiet community environment.

If the council continues to develop the area unabated without addressing the need for public transport options, shops and health services it shows they only care about money and couldn't care less about the locals or the environment.

# General comments

Don't ruin something that works. Catho is a gem.

Rose Group have not even delivered on original plans so why would amendments be approved or even considered.

Overdevelopment would destroy the very elements that makes Catho unique and a desirable visitor destination.

There is a certain amount of development that is just going to happen here. The priority should be to maximise the natural features that make Catherine hill bay good and slightly different to everywhere else

Why are there three community groups trying to represent the people of Catho? It's embarrassing. No wonder these developers get their own way. They just walk over a divided community.

I appreciate and am proud of the town's heritage however there is far too much focus on zero progress being achieved. The place is DEAD, it is not the CHB of the old mining days with schools, shops, etc.