



Doug Parkinson, MLC

Labor Member for Wellington

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"Give us our Sand Back"

Member for Wellington Doug Parkinson today said the Hobart City Council has thrown what little sand Cornelian Bay has left right into the faces of local ratepayers.

"With much fanfare the council proclaimed recently it will fix the bay, but the devil is certainly in the detail.

"Here is a list of what the council won't be doing –

- No plan to put sand back on the beach
- No plan to provide any covered picnic/barbeque facilities equivalent to Sandy Bay
- No plan for a boat ramp to replace the one to be removed
- No plan to put the stormwater outlets off-shore as has been done at Sandy Bay
- No plan to re-do the public grassed open space which is low quality.
- The current plan will continue with the unsightly, smelly vista at low tide.
- No timelines set down for any of the plan.

"The Council have been caught out treating those who use the area as second class citizens once again.

"The Hobart City Council might as well be called the Sandy Bay City Council.

“The Council spends millions on projects for Sandy Bay - I’ve heard about playing favourites but this is ridiculous.

Mr Parkinson said the beach and the facilities at Cornelian Bay were in a state of disrepair.

“Foreshore degradation cannot be properly addressed without sand replenishment.

“Cornelian Bay has given plenty to Hobart – it’s sand filled sandbags for gun battery’s during the war and to stop floods destroying the city in the 50’s.

“It’s time we gave something back, and that something is the sand. The Public outcry for Cornelian Bay to be returned to its glory days has been immense.

“I call on the council to get their heads out of the sand and give us our sand back,” Mr Parkinson said.

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