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29973	Yes		Looks great I like the focus and update that you have proposed.	Mark Johnston	
29987	Yes		Fantastic opportunity to upgrade and encourage children to get out and play /skateboard rather than be indoors.	Debbie Johnstone	Harcourts
29988	Yes	On many occasions the rubbish bins are overflowing, we would like to see more bins possibly larger not only by the skate park but other areas.		Colin and Sue McIntosh	
30005	Yes			Bronwyn Varcoe	
30018	Yes			Rebecca Parish	Foodstuffs SI Ltd
30051	Yes	The rail is set for .36m - this is a common rail height and Chch lacks any low rails. Could the rail be lowered to < 20cm and be a round profile (all rails tend to be square.). This would help those learning to use rails	Make the mini wider - it's going to be the most used feature, and it should be restricted so that scooters can't use it (as they will damage the wood surface.). If possible make the coping prominent - similar to the Sumner ramp, not like the Washington way mini coping.  Also if there could be an extension added to the mini - like Sumner has - half 4 ft. other half 4.5ft. or something - that way two people can use it at the same time if they stick to their sides.	Melanie Hendren	CIB Christchurch Chapter
30154	Yes	Put a staircase in and a mini ramp. Also a manual pad.		Finn Husband	
30245	Yes		About time. Now what about the disgraceful toilets at the Bishopdale Mall	Crossroad Properties	
30301	Yes	Plenty of seating, rubbish bins, this has been a problem over summer with more families using the park and rubbish bins overflowing and blown down the street. Perhaps BBQ for community use.	A good relationship with community patrol so they can stamp out bad behaviour.  It is a well used park and any upgrade would be good.	Julier Roberts-Bye	
30452	Yes			Andrea Barr	
30513	Yes	We definitely need more of a flat area for all the people practicing their flat tricks, rails, manual pads are all defiantly something we need.	We need things for all different skill levels, for example a nice not too steep ramp for beginners, and maybe something taller for more skilled riders.	Lucas Yearbury	
30514	Yes	Park looks amazing.  Make sure the jersey barrier is flush into the existing bump.  Perhaps a 90 degree curved ledge in one of the corners?  A pole jam in the empty space by the entrance.  The mini ramp would be great if it's a 4ft transition with a 7.5ft radius. 20/24ft wide please, this would be fantastic!!! Sometimes less is more and parks are often ruined by too many obstacles.	Skate on brothers. Thank you very much for asking the skateboarding community.	Will Bartlett	SLC skate crew
30570	Yes	Make the miniramp out of wood instead of concrete to reduce injuries, renew the old box (same design) and the concrete.		Brooklyn James-Hay	
30610	Yes	If possible, some kind of colour, possibly in the form of sponsored street art; to make the concrete space more dynamic.	Really like the inclusion of the halfpipe, allows a separation of sorts between those of different skill levels, without excluding the interactions between different groups.	Josh Wharton	
30621	Yes	Is there any provision for a toilet block?		Alan & Catherine Best	

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30623	Yes		Mini ramp is awesome. This is a great design for beginner level.	David Nge	
30699	Yes		I think it looks great!	Anna Tempero	
30703	Yes	Water fountain if not there already Shaded seating	Awesome idea	Tama Swinard-Noah	
30719	Yes	Looks pretty cool would love a long manual pad. Bumps look ok but might get boring.	That barrier and granite ledge look really neat.	Barrett Boland	
29980	Generally but have some concerns	Could have more to cater for BMX & MTB jump bikes.	Smaller parks spread round the city are better for beginner skaters and riders, rather than reducing the quality of key larger skate parks in the city to make them more beginner friendly. Beginners benefit from a quieter smaller park and skaters and riders are less likely to be injured by beginners making poor decisions (e.g. not understanding etiquette that ensures everyone can ride without hitting each other or where skaters and riders are and what lines they are on).  It's great to see the council providing facilities for sports popular with risk taking people - skating and riding bikes when I was a teenager gave me a way to enjoy taking risks without hurting anyone else or upsetting anyone reasonable. I can imagine the kinds of things I might have got up to without a creative sport to focus on.	Mark Penrice	
30002	Generally but have some concerns	I think it would be awesome to include some mini road-type environments, with stop signs and roundabouts etc. for young kids learning to scooter and bike to practise their skills in a safe environment, and then as they build confidence to join the older kids on the "skate park" part. It would be wonderful for families with kids of different ages to be able to cater to different stages of ability within the same supervisable area.		Laura Bates	
30003	Generally but have some concerns	The design seems to be more focussed on beginner riders. Please don't use asphalt as this greatly increases the wear on wheels as well as potential for more severe scrapes when riders fall on it.		Chris Reddell	Scooterbitz 2015 Ltd
30027	Generally but have some concerns	The park is at the lower end of the scale when it comes to progression, it seems more for under 10 year old kids with nothing to attract more experienced park users.		Tak Broadhurst	
30049	Generally but have some concerns		I am the Secretary for the Bishopdale Centre Association, and I have had some feedback from members of the public on this issue. Many people agreed with the need to improve the condition of the skate part, but would like to see priority given to the public toilets in Bishopdale Village, which are in dire need of refurbishment. People seem to feel that the sanitary needs and comfort of all the people, especially the elderly and children, should come before the recreational needs of the few.	Clare Whatmough	
30234	Generally but have some concerns	Please include some high / hard features (like the pyramid and tall concrete parts) as the kids love challenging themselves to get up/down them, and they have consistently been some of the most used features. Also, keep the slope behind, (near the tennis club), as it's great even for really little kids to ride down on their scooters and bikes, as well as the older ones on skateboards. All ages and abilities need a challenge!	Heaps of kids from Breens come here - don't dumb it down to be suitable for beginners/ small kids. There are many places for them to play, but older kids, especially young teens, need somewhere too. They are physically bigger, but still want to play, and a neighbourhood park like this is a safe place for parents to let them go to. There are very few places suitable for them. Most of the revamps of parks put in things for little kids and then usage falls and vandalism increases. Our own teens complain about this themselves. They have loved using the skate park as it is. Jelly Park skate park is not safe, and too far away.	Sarah Dunning	

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30512	Generally but have some concerns	<p>Where to start.</p> <p>I've been a skateboarder for over 20 years now and have been skating this park on and off in that time. I now have kids of my own and have brought a house in this suburb.</p> <p>I was excited to see that the park would be remade but was disappointed when I saw the proposed renewal ideas.</p> <p>The mini half pipe is a great idea but needs to be integrated in to the actual park.</p> <p>Would love to see a set of stairs even if it's a little 4 stair. How can kids progress if you don't give them something to challenge themselves on.</p>	<p>I skated the park at Halswell last week next to the miniature trains and loved the half-pipe, it's a great size.</p> <p>An awesome pump track too. With the land size we have to play with - I ask why are we not doing something similar.</p> <p>Thank you for letting me have my say.</p> <p>I'm willing to talk further if someone is willing to listen.</p> <p>Before I spoke to you at the skate jam I was unaware that the current foundations would be left as is.</p> <p>This makes the park rebuild a waste of time and money.</p> <p>It's like having your property badly damaged in an earthquake left with uneven and cracked foundations, missing floorboards, liquefaction, and weeds popping up through the cracks.</p> <p>Then going to the trouble of putting in a new kitchen and bathroom before even fixing the earthquake damage.</p> <p>The parks concrete is the worst in Christchurch.</p> <p>Let's fix that before we start dotting half assed skate obstacles around the park.</p> <p>I have plenty of ideas for a new park in this space but until new concrete is laid there's no point.</p> <p>You've said you want to make a skate park for skaters. Well.....</p> <p>I look forward to hearing from someone</p> <p>Kind regards One very unimpressed skater. Tim Keates.</p>	Timothy Keates	
30573	Generally but have some concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is it going to interfere with the obstacle park which is well liked</li> <li>- Money needs to be spent upgrading the rest of the park including steps up the hill on the flying fox side</li> <li>- Return the original rocking horse &amp; elephant tusks</li> <li>- Add picnic tables &amp; landscaped areas - empty rubbish bins more often</li> <li>- Upgrade the toilets</li> <li>- The skate park need stair / ramp / rail combo</li> </ul>		P J Russell	
30579	Generally but have some concerns	<p>The concerns I have are that it isn't monitored or maintained (you haven't done it in the past or now so what will change?) - there is rubbish all around it and kids light fires there. What are you going to put in place to stop/address this please? I reported the fires to the community constable I think it was and he didn't care. That area reflects that - you don't care about it - what about all the rubbish? What about the anti-social behaviour? The older kids can and are very intimidating to younger kids and even adults - there's bottles (broken and whole) all around there. A bit like Condell Ave, which has broken glass on it ALL the time....</p>		S Croft	

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30704	Generally but have some concerns	Please do not upgrade the skate park perhaps just touch up.	<p>As per my written comments I have no problem with retouching and making small changes but to keep the skate park for beginner (not experienced), we do not want the skate park bigger as this will attract a different type of user, and most likely more issues with drugs and troublesome behaviours.</p> <p>As a long-term resident of Leacroft Street, we are opposing the change at the skate park. The "Elephant" park is a family friendly park with lots of young families spending a relaxing time and picnics at the park. The current skate park suit the younger beginner in developing the skill. Changing this to a bigger skate park venue will attract older teenagers and often with this age group there comes trouble, which will deter the general young families to visit the park. There are several other skate parks, one as close as Jellie Park. The park is now nice and "clean" as there have been trouble in earlier years with drugs. Please leave what is good and don't renew and extend the skate park.</p>	Joyce de Bok & Graham Adams	
30039	No	You are getting rid of the 3 good things at the skate park, they are the only reason I go there.		Hamish Williamson	
30160	No		Money would be better spent on the traffic lights on the corner of Breens and Gardiners Road	T Clements	
30161	No	<p>I personally think a bowl &amp; some more ramps should be added.</p> <p>I think the triple pump bump should be removed because I don't see the point in it.</p>	I go to the skate park daily and I feel like the new design is too babyish and a lot of open wasted space. If this design goes ahead I will have to find a new skate park.	Jamie Cockburn	
30592	No	<p>Not an effective use of the space at all. As a BMX rider there are no features or elements that would attract me or my friends to come and ride there, and there's no sort of progression to the park's design. With a space this size there's no reason why the park couldn't cater to both skaters/scooter riders as well as BMX riders. This can be done with some fairly straightforward tweaks.</p> <p>I'd recommend retaining and simply resurfacing the existing quarterpipe, reshaping the existing spine into a box jump, using the cost of the proposed features to create a bowl (minimum 4.5ft) and move the rails so that they're features around the bowl.</p> <p>The miniramp will be a good addition, but ensure the proposed miniramp is wide enough (minimum 20ft and at least 4ft high.) It would be great if half the miniramp was built at 4ft and the other half at 5ft to encourage progression.</p>	From a rider's point of view, the existing park has a better layout and features than the proposed one. However I believe it would only take a few tweaks to turn this around and cater to both skaters, scooter riders and BMX riders.	Simon Makker	
30825	No	<p>I have just seen the concept plans for Bishopdale skate park. Although the "have your say" has closed, I must say this design is sub-par at best and does not capture the desire of the majority of end users (unless your focus is children with no real intentions of using a skate park).</p> <p>I know I am outside the voicing period; however, if you do want to hear my opinion, including 2 other BMX riders, I can provide our feedback.</p> <p>It is hard to give in-depth feedback about the Bishopdale skate park concept without knowing the desired end-users and build budget; however, we will do our best to provide feedback.</p> <p>The original layout is superior to the proposed design: it has many more non-basic features and vastly greater flow.</p>		Ben Fortune	

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30825 – cont.		<p>We think the quarter pipe, spine and table top/box jump should be kept, as these are relatively unique features, however, they should have some modifications. They should all be wider, rounded coping, the quarter pipe should have a deeper top deck, the table top should have sloped landings (only one standard kicker side, the side facing the spine).</p> <p>Feature 9 would be better if the original piece was removed and replaced with a small, more user-friendly, mellow roll in or quarter pipe with a large flat deck.</p> <p>The park should have multiple ledges and rails, different heights and lengths. A wide ledge, like feature 1, is a good idea.</p> <p>Its important to ensure any ledge or rail does not disrupt the flow of the park (in the path of obstacles that require speed e.g. table top landing etc.) and that they are at least BMX peg height.</p> <p>Kind regards, Ben Fortune</p>			