

WIRE MILL PARK DOLA REVIEW - FACT SHEET

Council is reviewing the Wire Mill Park Dog Off-Leash Area (DOLA) from 3 April – 14 May 2023. It is being reviewed in accordance with Council's resolution for officers to provide an update on the functioning of the time restricted off-leash dog operations within Wire Mill Park to Council after 12 months.

Council wants to hear from the community about the experience you have had during the last 12 months, any suggestions you have, and ideas for improvements or changes.

More information can be found at:
collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/wiremillpark

FAQs

Why was a time restricted DOLA established?

Council received requests for a DOLA at Wire Mill Park in Chiswick and decided to consult with the community before deciding on the usage of the space.

In July 2021, following consultation with the community, feedback showed divided views, Council voted to conduct a three-month trial as an off-leash area. This ran from December to February 2022 and community feedback was collected.

In March 2022, Council officers shared feedback from the trial which again showed divided views on the DOLA. By recommendation of Council, staff consulted further on establishing dedicated off-leash times in the park as a compromise.

Since April 2022, the park has been used as a timed DOLA, operating as off-leash between 7- 9am and 5 – 7pm every day.

You can find more information, including a timeline of the project, and all related Council Meeting agendas, minutes, and consultation reports at collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/wiremillpark

What is the purpose of the review?

In April 2022, Council resolved to review the operation of the DOLA, after 12 months, to get an understanding of how the community feels about the arrangement now, and if there are any changes that need to be made.

How is Council reviewing the functioning of the DOLA?

Council staff have already begun visiting the park, both during and outside off operation hours, to observe usage and what is happening in the space.

Staff will also be reviewing feedback provided by community, enforcement records and incident reports submitted during the 12-month period since the DOLA and subsequent time restrictions were established.

Combined with community feedback during the past 12 months, this review will provide a comprehensive understanding of the functioning of the DOLA.

What happens to our feedback?

Staff will prepare a report to Council reviewing all feedback. The feedback report will provide an evidence-based review of DOLA operations to inform appropriate recommendations to Council.

The report will be presented at an upcoming Council Meeting. Officers will keep the community updated on the process ahead of the Council Meeting where the review will be presented.

Why hasn't any new infrastructure been provided as per the Council resolution?

Infrastructure for the DOLA was planned to be delivered in early 2023, however it was decided that the review should take place first to facilitate any changes or innovative ideas to the original direction.

I have another suggestion or question for Council

The best way to direct general feedback is through our customer service team by emailing council@canadabay.nsw.gov.au and including key words in the subject line. This will help the customer service team to efficiently direct your email to the right team.