



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why are you undertaking a *Request for Proposal (RFP)*?

For nearly 30 years, Fox Creek Bike Park (FCBP) has been a premier mountain biking destination for all ages in South Australia. The park suffered extensive damage and was closed for 12 months following the 2019 Cudlee Creek bushfire, necessitating a multi-year recovery plan. Since its redevelopment, FCBP's popularity has surged, welcoming over 120,000 visits in 2023-24.

FCBP is managed by ForestrySA on Crown Land vested under the *South Australian Forestry Act (1950)*. ForestrySA has non-commercial community service obligations to ensure safe access for recreational activities, community fire protection and native forest management.

With FCBP's growing popularity, ForestrySA must consider a new management model to sustain and expand the asset without compromising the agency's core operations.

The objective of the RFP is to identify potential, viable models and/or partners to ensure that FCBP can be maintained, and enhanced, as a national destination, alongside ForestrySA's forest management operations.

What opportunities will there be for community input and involvement in the decision-making process?

ForestrySA values community feedback and has initiated a two-stage process to assist in identifying a viable management model:

Stage 1: YourSAy community survey. This engagement channel assists in gathering feedback, opinions and suggestions from the community.

Stage 2: Proposal Submission. Proponents with viable proposals to undertake the ongoing maintenance, and enhancement of Fox Creek Bike Park are invited to submit their official proposal.

The results from the community YourSAy will be collated into key information, trends and themes for consideration by the assessment panel alongside official proposals.

If a viable proposal is identified, a secondary community engagement process may be initiated.



How long will the survey take to complete and what are the key questions?

The survey is divided into two parts:

1. Basic user information and demographics. This is for ForestrySA to better understand who the core users of Fox Creek Bike Park are.
2. Freeform responses to seven non-compulsory, questions focusing on what works now, what doesn't, improvements you would like to see in both the short and long term and suggestions of viable management models that could facilitate those improvements.

Part 1 should take no more than a few minutes, Part 2 depends on the level of detail you contribute to the answers. Please allow time for a considered, and balanced, response.

Will we have to pay to ride at Fox Creek Bike Park?

There are many models in Australia, and internationally, that have been implemented to support trail networks. Some examples include establishment of community trusts, membership-based organisations, major corporate sponsorship, paid parking and commercial management practices.

The RFP aims to identify individuals, businesses or groups that can deliver a sustainable management model. At this stage, no option is ruled out.

Feedback from YourSAy will be essential in guiding the assessment panel to a decision that supports the consensus.

Do I need to be a Mountain Biker to complete the survey?

No, we are seeking diverse feedback from a wide variety of users at Fox Creek Bike Park; trail runners, dog walkers, birdwatchers – anyone with an interest in the park can contribute to the survey.

How will the proposals be assessed?

The proposals will be assessed over five key criteria points including long term vision for the park, capacity of the proponent to deliver the proposal, a high-level business plan, community and stakeholder engagement and an understanding of environmental and cultural impacts.



In addition, the assessment panel will incorporate feedback from the community survey into the assessment process.

What are the next steps?

If viable models are identified, shortlisted proponents will be invited to provide a detailed business plan outlining their vision, financial management and governance structure. A secondary community engagement process may be implemented if significant changes are identified.

I have more questions, who can I speak with?

If you have broad questions, where the answers are beneficial for the wider community, please add it to the question message board on the YourSAy page. A member of ForestrySA will respond promptly, and both the question and answer will be visible to all users.

If you have a question about your own experience in participating in the YourSAy survey or RFP process, please contact:

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