

Good evening, Mayor, Councillors, and members of the community.

Between 2026 and 2031, the Northern Coastal Growth Corridor is projected to welcome **40,000 new residents**. Drive through the area, and you see the reality of modern planning: 300 square metre house blocks.

Because modern planning has effectively erased the private backyard, the burden of play has shifted entirely into the public realm. To meet statutory Public Open Space requirements, developers take the path of least resistance—a suburban parkland with grass, trees and a prefab playground. A perfect public asset for young children, pet owners and the elderly.

But what about the 12-year-olds? What about the 15-year-olds?

When you combine dense housing with a total absence of youth infrastructure, you don't stop teenagers from recreating. You force them to find their own activity, build jumps and ride bikes in sensitive bushland, or risk their lives on busy arterial roads. The easiest way to get youth off e-bikes and e-scooters is to provide them with the facility to return to their pushbikes and skateboards.

Fast-tracking dedicated youth recreation is no longer a luxury—it is an urgent duty of care. Yet, when we examine how the Otium Community Facilities Plan addresses this, we find several critical flaws four of which I will address for you now.

First, the land area allocated for action sports is completely detached from projected demand.

The plan points to facilities like **John Dunn Challenge Park** as benchmark examples—a facility spanning over 6,000 square metres. On pages 90 and 91, the framework states that neighbourhood skateparks and BMX parks should each receive **700 to 1,000 square metres**. Yet, if you turn to the unnumbered budget tables at the back, that number quietly shrinks to a tiny **300 square metres**.

A 300-square-metre footprint is smaller than a standard residential lot. Squeezing a facility that small into a corridor gaining over 40,000 residents doesn't solve the problem—it guarantees immediate overcrowding and safety conflicts.

Second, the framework severely mislabels facilities and conflates distinct sports.

The draft classifies **Aduro Park** as a City of Wanneroo BMX jump asset. Aduro Park was built as a mountain bike trail by a Joint venture between Development WA and the developer. It can't yet be classed a municipal facility and in no way is it BMX jump facility. Due to its unpaved surface and current state of disrepair, suggesting a young child on a BMX bike can ride that track presents a genuine safety risk.

Furthermore, the report repeatedly lumps BMX jump tracks, pump tracks, and skateparks together, implying a single 300 square metre patch can cater to all three. These are vastly different disciplines with distinct spatial and safety requirements.

I acknowledge in this third point that the Alkimos MTB Advisory Board was formalised after the drafting of the CFP. It must be included as an amendment so that council, the community and wider stakeholders are able to factor into their decision-making process.

Finally, look at the delivery schedule. The city heavily promotes place-making for the whole community. Yet the consultant's report acknowledges that youth infrastructure is missing, and its solution is to simply "plan to plan for it" in 2035.

To put that in human terms: my son is 6 years old today. Under this proposed schedule, he will be 15 before planning even commences—and an adult before ground is broken.

A whole generation of kids living in high-density housing right now will be adults before these facilities are realised. Council has a duty of care to *all* residents, not just toddlers and dog walkers. We cannot continue approving token developer playgrounds while kicking youth infrastructure down the road to 2035.

The action sports advisory Jump, Skate, Pump is available and willing as subject matter experts to assist all stakeholders ensure the community gets the facilities it needs and council gets its value for time and money. JSP also holds the offer of the 2028 Pump Track World Championship which the UCI and the promoting organisation wish to hold, fully funded, right here in the City of Wanneroo. This is an amazing opportunity to build the infrastructure for the community and engage them in a world class event while putting all your efforts on a global stage.

I include as attachments to this deputation the Letter of Intent for the 2028 World Championship offer, and a visionary concept of what modern progressive action sports infrastructure looks like with spatial requirements and high-level costings.

We ask Council to:

1. Revise spatial allocations to match real-world benchmarks like John Dunn Challenge Park.
2. Correct asset definitions so facilities are built safely for their specific disciplines.
3. Include the proposed Alkimos MTB precinct in this plan.
4. Accelerate the delivery timeline so our kids can use these facilities while they are still kids.

Thank you.

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