



Forrest Primary School Community Meeting re. Boundary Fence

Meeting Date: 24 July 2018
Meeting Time: 7.00pm – 8.00pm
Venue; School Library

Purpose of this Meeting

The purpose of this meeting is to enable the school community to come together to discuss what our new school boundary fence might look like.

Who will be at the Meeting?

At the meeting there will be representatives from our school staff, from our school's Board, from our school's P & C and also some representatives from the ACT Government's Education Directorate plus as many members as possible of our school community.

Why do we need to talk about our new school Boundary Fence?

In 2015, consultation was conducted between the Forrest community, the school Board and school representatives and it was agreed to install a security fence at our school. Conversations continued until November 2017 when a letter agreeing to a security fence was co-signed by the Principal, the Board Chair and the P&C President (attached to this communication). We are now at a stage to progress this matter further.

Who will pay for the Boundary Fence?

The ACT Government, through the Education Directorate, will meet all costs of the installation of the boundary fence.

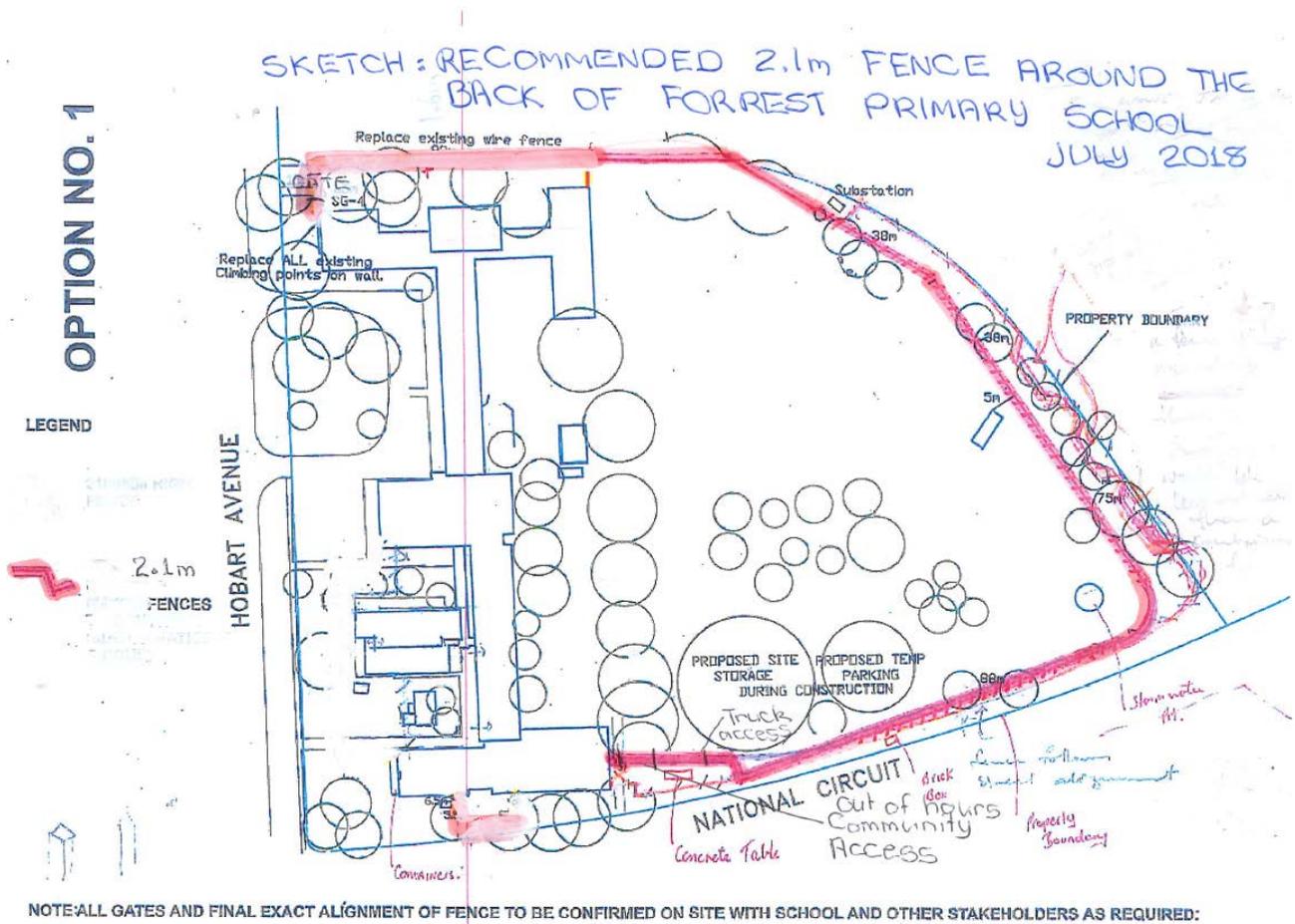
Given that the school community has endorsed the installation of a Boundary Fence and given that the ACT Government is paying for the fence, why do we need another school community meeting now?

Keeping in mind the purposes of having a school boundary fence (particularly with regard to ensuring the safety of children and staff and property, and to deter unauthorised persons from entering our school grounds) we wish to consult about the style, colour, height and location of access for the community.

This meeting is also an opportunity for us to hear from the ACT Education Directorate, who have installed many school boundary fences across the ACT.

Where might the Boundary Fence go?

This map of our school grounds shows the proposed placement of the boundary fence:



On behalf of the School Principal, School Executive, Board and P & C, we look to seeing you at the meeting tomorrow night, Tuesday 24 July 7-8 pm in the library.

Can't make the meeting but want to provide feedback/comment?

Do the Google Survey – Open 25 July 9am and closing 1 August 9am

On Wednesday 25 July at 9am a 'Google Forms' Survey will be distributed to all parents so that you can give your feedback about the look of the fence. The survey will be open for one week and will close at 9am Wednesday 1 August. Google Forms will be programmed such that: returns will be anonymous; there will be one survey per email. Please ensure that you use Chrome search engine when completing the survey.

Kind regards,

Chris Pilgrim
Principal
Forrest Primary School
School

Michael Nobelen
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To Rodney Bray
Director of Infrastructure and Capital Works
Education Directorate | ACT Government

Dear Rodney,

We are writing to provide a written agreement from the principal of Forrest Primary School, the Board Chair and the P&C president, that a fence is required at Forrest for the safety and wellbeing of children, security and to reduce stress on staff.

A fence is needed around the back of the school because there are increasing numbers of children with higher needs and safety is becoming an increasing concern. Staff are reporting increasing stress as a result of concerns for student safety between the children's actions and the increasing number of people walking onto the oval as a result of the growth in the suburb by business and residences.

Although the community may remain divided about the need and purpose of a fence, the board and P&C acknowledge leadership is required and rather than continue the consultations that polarised the community in 2014 we need to provide unity, progress the fence and tell the community that it is necessary.

We would appreciate consideration being given to a deterrent over a security fence, that is in keeping with the neighbourhood and allows for after school and weekend access for families as there is no playground in the suburb.

In addition, we would appreciate the Education Directorate work with Transport to alleviate ongoing concerns regarding the increasing density of traffic, and consideration as a priority school for traffic safety. Speed bump crossings, fencing around National Circuit side of the building and more active parking inspectors would be some options to start.

Yours sincerely,

Christine Pilgrim
Principal

Robyn Calder
Board Chair

Tui Davidson
P&C President

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