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Dear Sirs,

Nambucca Heads is a crown of the North Coast and some of the jewels in the crown are: Gordon Park, Shelley Beach and the V Wall. Councils have a "Duty of Care" to protect the assets of an area, a legal liability in fact. To put a concrete obscenity called a skate park in Gordon Park would be a total dereliction of the councils "Duty of Care" akin to putting a fast food outlet in the Taj Mahal.

I am not opposed to a skate park per se...It's the location that is ill considered. Jack Biffin Reserve would seem to me to be an ideal venue, maybe even masking some of the noise from those trucks on that highway.....but one does not put a steel works in a residential street or a skate park in an arboreal riverside glade.

Gordon Park is almost a heritage of this district, enjoyed by families picnicking for decades and is also a natural amphitheatre. I enjoy the sound of racquet on tennis balls and kids playing cricket on the grass (don't we all) and every home around this natural theatre enjoys the same, because it is an amphitheatre. The natural contours amplify the sounds and a skate park would be an obscene imposition and would augment the disgusting drunken fights that keep us all awake half of Friday nights. But that is a policing matter.

The decision to put a skate park in this jewel is a council matter and would forever reflect on the intelligence or lack thereof of our elected councillors.

Thank You
Phil Reid