

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Write to Council.

Please email/write to Council about your objections to the proposed floodlights at OH REID Reserve.

Please write an email/write a letter in your own words incorporating some of the objection points listed below. Address your letter to the General Manager and cc: all Councillors. Please be respectful, and concise but firm in your wording of your letter.

Contact details for the General Manager and Councillors follow in this document.

We are planning on speaking to Council at a Council meeting on **Mon Feb. 11, 2019**. If you could write before then that would be greatly appreciated.

Summary – Key Objection Points

Background – Residents are Pro-Sport and Pro-Environment

The residents of West Chatswood are **not** against OH Reid Reserve being used for sporting activities. Residents have not objected to the increased use of the reserve for sporting activity usage, over the years. OH Reid Reserve is a special mix of bushland reserve, Community open space and a sports field.

Overall Position of Concerned Residents

Residents strongly reject the potential installation of floodlights on the reserve which would severely degrade the surrounding bushland and quality of life for nearby residents.

The potential floodlights are clearly inconsistent and at odds with many of Council's stated positions, historically and currently, on protecting habitat and native bushland, wildlife and community well-being.

1. Floodlights would have a Negative impact on Wildlife
Floodlights would severely degrade the adjacent native bushland and quality of the habitat (dark sky areas) for the wildlife in the area that are primarily nocturnal. Some of the wildlife are threatened or vulnerable species(e.g. micro bats, Powerful Owls and Sugar gliders).
2. Floodlights inconsistent with natural bush environment
OH Reid is as much a native bushland area and park as it is a sporting field. Floodlights are totally inconsistent with a natural bushland setting. Connectivity to remnant bushland is imperative.
3. Dog walker access- off leash oval
Dog walkers who use the oval extensively for dog walking, exercise and socializing would be further alienated due to the increased use of the oval. To date, dog walkers have been co-operative and patient in trying to co-exist with using the oval while organized sporting activity is present on the oval.

<p>4. Increased Noise – Extended into the late evening</p> <p>Local residents, not just around the Reserve, would experience increased noise due to the extended use of the oval till well after dark with installation of floodlights. This noise is amplified and extended to and beyond the adjacent houses due to the natural Amphitheatre created by the typography of the elevated bushland surrounding most of the oval.</p>
<p>5. Increased Traffic and Parking</p> <p>There would be considerable increased traffic and over flow parking in streets around the reserve, due to the extended use of the oval, facilitated by floodlights. This would be particularly evident during the changeover period as players leave the area while others are arriving.</p>
<p>6. Floodlights – Increased light pollution</p> <p>Floodlights would create light intrusion and light presence, for the homes of all the residents that border the reserve. Due to the topography of the area, the light presence would extend many streets back from the playing field and on the other side of the Lane Cove river.</p>

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Note:

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