



# PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

**Objective:**

**PROVIDE A RANGE OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE RECREATIONAL, PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL NEEDS OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.**

Principle	Considerations	Strength of evidence	Yes	No	N/A
<b>Access:</b> Public use of open spaces can be improved by ensuring that they are easily accessible to, and by, all members of the community	Do all community members have at least one open space within a 400m - 800m walk?	***			
	Are there clear pedestrian and cycle routes, designated crossings, and suitable ramps to, and within, the open space?	***			
	Are the public open spaces accessible to people of all ages, genders and cultures, including those with disabilities and limited mobility?	***			
<b>Function:</b> Open spaces assist in meeting the physical, recreational and social needs of a community.	Have the open spaces been designed to meet the diverse needs of the community? How were those needs identified?	***			
	Are there a range of uses that promote physical activity and community interactions? How do these uses generate activity throughout the week and day and night?	***			
	How are the open spaces and supporting infrastructure managed and maintained?	***			
<b>Design:</b> Open space designs that respond to their surrounds can enable a strong connection to the community and the environment.	Does the open space reflect the cultural heritage and identity of the site, and the character of the surrounding community?	***			
	How well do the surrounds contribute to safety? Do nearby buildings and streets overlook the space? Is there adequate lighting within the space?	***			
	How does the open space respond to existing environmental conditions such as drainage, slopes and retaining trees?	***			

**Process considerations:**  
 Establish linear connections and access along the coast, public foreshores, wetlands and waterbodies to enhance opportunities for physical activity.  
 Undertake a community needs assessment to identify open space needs. Consider roles and functions within public open spaces holistically to resolve needs across the open space network.