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102771	Oct 27, 2023, 04:19 PM	We have [redacted] who attend FPS. We also live in Farrer, [redacted]	We are happy with the proposed location of the fence. My only concern is the aesthetic of the fence. At 2.1m it seems very high, and will be flat on top or spiked? I realise there is a dual purpose in the proposed fence - safety and security, but I am wondering if a safety fence at a lower height might look less forbidding in this friendly, inclusive, gentle neighbourhood. Security is a secondary issue and can be addressed in a different way.	The gate locations are fine. The spread of double and single for access makes sense.	I clearly understand the need for both safety and security. Safety within the school environment is absolutely vital and, in order to provide a completely inclusive educational environment, school boundaries need to be defined. Providing community access to school play ground and equipment after hours is noble in its endeavour but a logistical nightmare to maintain - risk assessments, security, maintenance. Not to mention the redirection of limited school funds on repairs/ replacement caused by vandalism. This comes at a cost to other school priorities. However, I have witnessed first hand, the joy of children learning to ride their bikes, climb and play with freedom in a safe space after hours. Initially, I could not believe that the school had no fence. Perhaps it is time to enclose the school - god forbid any need for lockdown should occur - but perhaps, the fence line could be softened by shrubs and plantings. I am uncertain of just how effective the online booking system will be. And, perhaps it is time for the already fabulous Farrer Community associations to plan for extensions to the bike park and playground, to include an asphalt area where children can safely get confident on bikes, scooters, wheels etc. Good luck.
102763	Oct 27, 2023, 09:23 AM	a) yes I have 3. b) yes, [redacted]	I don't think there should be a fence, therefore no fence line. I have emailed directly with some of the concerns. We were never asked if we wanted one, that is not a consultation with the public. Seems like there may be a small minority who have raised this. But overall the Farrer Primary community that I am connected to do NOT want a fence.	I don't think there should be a fence, therefore no gates.	I don't think there should be a fence.
102761	Oct 27, 2023, 08:43 AM	Yes	The fence line should not exist as there is no fence needed in this area. Community support is surely showing the lack of support for this proposal.	The gates are unnecessary as there should be no fence built in this area. The cost of the fence vs the cost of the vandalism is unjustifiable.	I do not believe there should be a fence at all. There is strong community support for NO fence. This would mean continued access from all areas and no gates needed. The building of a fence will negatively affect the feel of the school for both students and the community and will change one of the key reasons families choose this school, its engaged inclusive community.
102760	Oct 27, 2023, 08:38 AM	Yes, [redacted], we live in Farrer [redacted]	<p>My thoughts are that WE WERE NOT CONSULTED about a fence and DO NOT WANT A FENCE. The lovely community feel of Farrer will be ruined by a two metre high prison-style fence.</p> <p>Farrer is in a quiet pocket of Canberra with no through traffic. We have never felt concerned about our children's safety, and the lovely organic interactions among parents that resulted due to families streaming into the school from all directions will be ruined.</p> <p>A \$300k fence to remedy a \$5k (unspecified) vandalism problem seems ridiculous. The school has a tiny library and art room - why not invest this money in something that will actually improve the education and social outcomes of our kids.</p> <p>I would be more than happy to have an in-person conversation with somebody from government about this issue.</p>	<p>My thoughts are that WE WERE NOT CONSULTED about a fence and DO NOT WANT A FENCE. The lovely community feel of Farrer will be ruined by a two metre high prison-style fence.</p> <p>Farrer is in a quiet pocket of Canberra with no through traffic. We have never felt concerned about our children's safety, and the lovely organic interactions among parents that resulted due to families streaming into the school from all directions will be ruined.</p> <p>A \$300k fence to remedy a \$5k (unspecified) vandalism problem seems ridiculous. The school has a tiny library and art room - why not invest this money in something that will actually improve the education and social outcomes of our kids.</p> <p>I would be more than happy to have an in-person conversation with somebody from government about this issue.</p>	<p>Access with a booking system and timed gates is literally the most depressing concept I can think of for the school. How about metal detectors as well?</p> <p>We are not America.</p> <p>The community are against the fence. Please do not proceed with the fence.</p>
102749	Oct 26, 2023, 09:58 PM	A) Yes, [redacted]. B) Yes, [redacted]	I disagree with any fence at all. This is a shared space by the farrer community that is in almost constant use by parents and children on weekends and after school. All questions in this survey seem to indicate the fence is going ahead despite this apparently being a time of community consultation. The vandalism is not great but the cost for a fence is offensive in proportion.	No access points and no fence. We chose this school and area due to the community aspect this would destroy.	No access points and no fence. Obscene waste of money and blocking off the use for a well loved and much used community asset.
102746	Oct 26, 2023, 08:29 PM	Neither, [redacted]	I believe the fence line captures the school boundary well. The school's business manager has drafted some drawings of a possible alternative to the carpark area. This has been done to maximise safety and minimise disruption across the school day.	I am of the opinion that proposed access points are very sensible. Works occur often in school settings. Our school is over 50 years old so we frequently have plumbers, arborists etc on site carrying out maintenance and repairs. Having double gate access will be key to enabling these works to occur. The school has plans to further develop the outdoor environment. The proposed gate access points would enable various contractors on site with ease and most importantly, safely.	My observations are that the hardtop area, play equipment and bike track are the most commonly used spaces. Should a booking system be put in place, access to these areas would be sensible.
102738	Oct 26, 2023, 07:20 PM	No [redacted], Yes, I live in Farrer	I am unhappy about the fence even existing & the consultation process for the need for a fence.	People in the community want to use the green space, play on the netball/basketball court. Teach their kids or grandkids to ride scooters/bikes on the concrete. This is weekend activities that are impromptu & should not require pre-booking as these activities are organic rather than pre-planned. The fence will take all this away from the community.	People in the community want to use the green space, play on the netball/basketball court. Teach their kids or grandkids to ride scooters/bikes on the concrete. This is weekend activities that are impromptu & should not require pre-booking as these activities are organic rather than pre-planned. The fence will take all this away from the community.
102736	Oct 26, 2023, 06:34 PM	[redacted] Farrer	Doesn't matter - the fence won't be erected. The community has not been consulted on whether we want a fence, and we do not want a fence. Given that the education dept has not consulted the community and the community doesn't want it - no fence. Please feel free to share my views widely.	As above	As above
102731	Oct 26, 2023, 04:11 PM	no [redacted] I live on [redacted]	I believe this proposal is absurd! I love living in a community where the school is an asset and everyone is welcome. The graffiti issue won't stop because of a fence and the cost for repairs seems minimal. The new nature playground across the oval is great but it doesn't apply to everyone's needs. If I want to play or improve [redacted] skills, I go to the primary school. If the well-beloved school was to become fenced off, this would remove all activities for everyone in the area, creating less community well-being.	I don't want a fence so I don't care about where the gates go. If you have to have a fence, make it the height of the current fence along Longeranong Street so that the public can just walk over and then you can put the gates wherever you'd like.	I'm confused, you're already talking about gates before our community has had the discussion about whether you restrict access to our main asset in Farrer or not?
102730	Oct 26, 2023, 04:00 PM	Yes, [redacted]	<p>I would like to advocate for no fence to be installed at the school.</p> <p>The playground and facilities are used every weekend by the community and it would be a shame for this to not continue on the account of concerns by a small number of people.</p> <p>The sense of community in having a space for families to go after hours is fantastic.</p> <p>One of the reasons for living in Farrer was the great feel of the school and I believe a fence would compromise that.</p> <p>The expense of the vandalism is small in relation to the cost of a fence.</p>	No fence please	No fence please

102631	Oct 25, 2023, 10:28 PM	Yes. We live on [redacted]	We strongly object to a fence being installed at all. The phrasing of these questions suggests that the decision has already been made that a fence will be installed and the only query is where. This is unacceptable. The character of our school is purely defined by there not being a fence at all. My children are quite upset at the thought of being penned in like animals - their words, not mine - and hate the idea of their current open space being restricted. I understand the proposed reasoning for the fence but there is an overall school atmosphere and benefit that should not be dictated by a small minority.	Other access points should be "all" access and no fence at all. I hope I am being very clear - we do not want the fence and therefore no gates.	This is a terrible idea. Kids come and go after school and across weekends and use it extensively. Restricting access means this will no longer be possible, which means their options for things to do outdoors, and especially safe places to meet friends, will be limited. Kids don't look time to play together - if [redacted] want to go for a ride to use the bike jumps at the school, they will just go. That could happen at 9am, 1.20 or 4.45 - and it's not anyone's right to restrict that. It appears the nature of kids and how they play has been forgotten here. Further, the basketball court is a great open space that is now covered. It's a terrible waste to not have that space being used as widely and frequently as possible.  I cannot be clearer: this fence will destroy a very important part of the school community as well as the Farrer community as a whole. The grounds are used by a lot of kids and their families and that should not be restricted. It will utterly change the character of the school and that is something my children are dreading, as are we.  Do not build this fence.
102570	Oct 25, 2023, 03:55 PM	[redacted]	I would like to see the trees in the South-West of the map be included in school grounds, within the fence line. Students regularly use this area during school time and it is a great shady place that enables great creative play. Everything else is good.	Good.	Main school gate only for safety of staff who are working on site during stand down/after hours.
102522	Oct 24, 2023, 12:58 PM	Yes and yes [redacted]	In addition to earlier responses: 1. Don't fence children in! It's a school not a jail! We also don't cage chicks anymore! 2. Children and parents use school property after hours for recreation - basketball courts; playground; bike track; and ovals. 3. Spending \$300,000 for \$5,000 repairs in 2022 is not value for money. 4. Use the \$300,000 for other priority education expenses. 5. We don't want a prison like facility in our suburb!	Don't install a fence and don't lock gates! Don't enclose children so they can't escape if necessary!	Don't install a fence and don't lock gates! Don't enclose children so they can't escape if necessary!
102508	Oct 24, 2023, 09:20 AM	Yes. Yes. [redacted]	I object to the fence entirely. The school is an integral part of our community and should not be fenced off. If the ED is concerned with vandalism, install CCT and better lighting.	I repeat my first response.	The fence should not be installed and if it is, the gates should not be locked so the school can remain part of the Farrer community.
102491	Oct 23, 2023, 07:51 PM	a) Yes. [redacted] b) Yes, we live in Farrer.	I am completely opposed to the installation of a fence line. We were advised by the school that there would be a consultation about whether a fence would proceed, not that the fence was a foregone conclusion. This has been a very misleading process. In no communications from the school has there been any indication that there would not be consultation about the installation of a fence with the community. As both a member of the school community and a member of the broader Farrer community this is an incredibly undemocratic, and underhanded approach to achieving something desirable to only the school administration (who don't actually live in the community) and [redacted]. Noting of course, there are many more palatable ways to achieve safety, other than a fence. I would value the opportunity to be involved in a procedurally fair consultation process that supports engagement with the local community regarding the decision to proceed or not proceed with the fence, prior to any consultation on its position or design.	There would be no need for access points if there was no fence. I would like the directorate to consider alternative options before progressing to a fence-line that will permanently alter the community look and feel. We moved to Farrer, invested in property in Farrer, and sent our children to Farrer Primary School largely due to the schools focus on 'sustainability' and 'active community engagement'. Indeed, these words are fundamentally aligned to the school vision. The fence, and the approach to consultation about the fence, is diametrically opposed to this vision.	Why bother with a booking system when you could have permanent unfettered access by not installing a fence at all.
102471	Oct 23, 2023, 03:30 PM	a) Yes. [redacted] b) Yes - [redacted]	We do not want a fence at Farrer Primary School. Over the last [redacted] years we have formed a set of deep, long lasting friendships with other parents. [redacted] Farrer has amazing parent participation - at [redacted] "no other school had parents present". None. But Farrer had half a dozen parents there, supporting the teacher and helping with pickup and drop off of other parents kids - parents that know them, and trust them with the safety of their children. Open access to play equipment isn't just about a community asset for kids to play at on weekends. It's about a safe place kids can play before and after school, "while their parents stand by and socialize". Community safety is built through relationships and trust, where parents "know each other" and look after each others children. Fenced schools lose this - pick up and drop off is at a gate, with nowhere for children to play and idle while parents socialise. It's efficient (Great!), but opportunities to build relationships and trust are lost. We don't want a fence, and if we are forced then it should come with additional car parking along Longeranong Street, and an external playground, grass oval and hard court area where parents are welcome to stay and socialize while kids climb and play. Additionally, the fence along Longeranong St should at most be waist height, so parents feel welcome and aren't visually scarred off from entering the school grounds when they are welcome.	This question is like asking which shin we want to be kicked in. We don't want to be kicked at all, thank you! If forced, then the main openings used by parents to access the school grounds are at the currently proposed single gate at the bottom of the map and the two single gates on Longeranong St. This fence should be at most waist high. An additional gate should be added at the other end of the car park (it's very odd having to walk all the way back up Longeranong St or all the way down to the crossing, just to go back the other way again on the other side of the fence). Car parking along Longeranong St should be extended all the way down to the pre-school, with nose in car parking added to fit more cars, just like is currently provided out the front of the preschool, to give parents places to park while they spend time with their children and other parents before and after school.	Again, this question is like asking which shin we want to be kicked in. If forced, then the main openings used by parents to access the school grounds are at the currently proposed single gate at the bottom of the map and the two single gates on Longeranong St. An additional gate should be added at the other end of the car park as explained above. All of these gates, and the double gates on Longeranong St and on Lambrigg St (near the oval) should be automatically opened no later than 8am and closed no earlier than 5:30pm
102470	Oct 23, 2023, 03:18 PM	A) children. B) [redacted]	I think the location is terrible. It's way too close to the school. In fact, it's way too close to Farrer. I don't think the fence is necessary or even wanted by most parents.	The gate access points are poorly placed. So is the fence for that matter. The gates should be placed with the fence, somewhere away from the the school and Farrer.	Hey, I like automated booking systems as much as the next guy, but until you can create a booking system for a child's spontaneity, or conversely an automated Disappointment Management and Control System, last minute after school play time or impromptu gatherings with their friends at a central common ground that parents are both familiar and comfortable with will become a thing of the past. Thank you for putting up a literal block in front of the primary venue in which we, with children attending the school, develop and nurture community in our neighbourhood.
102359	Oct 22, 2023, 07:34 AM	[redacted]	The teenagers that are vandalising the school will climb over the proposed new fence. Asking nearby residents to install security cameras will help apprehend them (or the Directorate changes their policy on security cameras on all ACT schools).		Many locals love accessing the basketball courts, bike track, playground equipment on their daily walks. We often pick up rubbish, pull up weeds to help the school community. We also deter vandalism by being onsite. The fence will shut off the community and ostracise the school especially during the holidays.
102354	Oct 21, 2023, 10:04 PM	No. [redacted]	Location looks appropriate.	Gate locations look appropriate for current and future use.	How will community use be maintained whilst trying to curb vandalism? The playground is used regularly by the community on weekends and after hours now. How could this possibly occur with a fence for security? My children went to a fenced school and it was always locked. Equally, [redacted] would not have likely stayed on the grounds at Farrer without a fence so certainly merit.
102315	Oct 20, 2023, 11:08 AM	[redacted]	The proposed fence encompasses the school grounds. This is absolutely needed to help keep students safe and vandals from entering the school grounds. The proposed fence line means that student's will not lose any play / learning space and the size of the school grounds will not be impacted. It is paramount to have the Cameron Oval included in the fence line and the fence to run along the tree line between the Cameron Oval and Farrer Community Oval. This is due to multiple students absconding from the school grounds on many occasions. Multiple times, students have crossed from the Cameron Oval onto the Farrer Public Oval and walked to the Farrer Play Space. This is extremely unsafe for the students and staff involved. These incidents can happen weekly and sometimes even more frequently. When students leave school grounds, it poses an imminent threat to the students safety, as these students are often heightened or upset and are not looking where they are going or aware of their surroundings e.g. not looking before running across Longeranong Street or Lambrigg Street. [redacted]	The gates are well placed for student, family, community, staff, ACT services and emergency services access. The gates are well placed to facilitate the smooth entry and exit of students, families and staff to conduct the day to day business of school, but also well placed in the case of an emergency e.g. students and staff are able to exit safely and fire trucks / ambulance have multiple points of entry to the grounds.	I believe the access to the school should be limited outside of school hours. This is due to the SIGNIFICANT amount of vandalism and improper use of the grounds regularly experienced by Farrer PS. Vandalism at the school looks like the following: broken/smashed windows; broken doors; graffiti on walls, doors, windows and seats; broken play equipment; stolen equipment etc. This costs the school thousands of dollars to fix / replace. The money used to repair or place if taken from money for teaching and learning resources - impacting the availability of resources for students key learning. We have recently had some playground upgrades e.g. new equipment and bike track. Both of these new instalments have been broken and vandalised since their instalment. The improper use of the grounds looks like the following: drug use during the weekend; drug paraphernalia left on the school grounds; smashed alcohol bottles on school playground; teenagers entering the school building after hours to access school sports equipment; teenagers climbing on school building roofs etc. If the school was to be available after hours it would need to be closely monitored and only open when there are staff onsite or when the site has been booked by community groups / for community events e.g. recent referendum. This however can not come at the expense of the staff or school budget. [redacted] I absolutely want our community to feel welcome at our school and enjoy the amazing grounds we are working hard and spending a lot of money on to create. Our Groundsman is onsite from 7:30am - 4pm Monday to Friday. This is an extremely reasonable time for the gates to be open and family, students and community welcome to use the grounds.
102177	Oct 16, 2023, 03:56 PM	a) Yes b) Yes. [redacted]	I think it is great to have a fence around the school. The current proposal of the fence line is good.	The spots where the gates are look good.	Single gate near shipping container and also on the other side of school near Roseworthy crs with the single gate.
102171	Oct 16, 2023, 02:40 PM	Yes	The fence is being presented as a fait accompli, with no community consultation regarding whether a fence is required or not. The arguments presented to justify the fence are not robust and the issues raised can be addressed through alternatives that do not result in the loss of a safe place for kids to play outside of school hours. The fence could be restricted to the building envelopes themselves, leaving the playgrounds and open areas available for access. This would treat the supposed risks of kids running away and vandalism, without the loss of amenity for the community. A fence won't stop vandals - they will just climb over it. It will also mean that they are more likely to complete their work without being disturbed. A fence won't stop kids running away - they will just run out the gates.	This question pre-supposes the need for a fence. One of the justifications of the fence was to stop children running away. Installing gates will defeat the purpose of the fence because won't the kids just run through the gates? If the fence alignment is restricted to the building envelopes then gate could be adjacent to the building entryways.	Unfortunately my kids don't forward plan their play time strategies to enable a "booking system" to be a realistic option. This proposal will result in my kids having to travel further on their bike to access places to play, meaning that they will be exposed to risk associated with the "three busy roads" for a greater period of time. This proposal just transfers risk onto the children during after-hours and holiday times. This is not community consultation. It's a process set up to validate the substantive decision (to install a fence) that was made without appropriate consultation.

102148	Oct 15, 2023, 02:39 PM	A) no b) yes	I think the fence line is fine.	The gates appear to be located in the spots that people naturally enter the playground.	The biggest issue with restricting access is it takes away the opportunity for spontaneous community play. Our will regularly message other in the neighbourhood to catch up to. It's not pre-planned and often they end up down there for hours and other kids who they don't know will join in. I understand the school wants to prevent damage but you are also taking away a neighbourhood facility that a lot of teenagers use as it's safe, fun and outdoors. The oval next door hasn't been maintained, nor have the cricket nets. Restricting access just pushing these kids out of the neighbourhood unless the Govt is intending to create a community facility such that they have done in new suburbs. Unfortunately the older suburbs are being forgotten when it comes to these facilities when they have a high number of young people in and around them
102147	Oct 15, 2023, 01:35 PM		Strong support the fence. For children's safety and security this is a long time coming. Farrer must be one of only a limited number of schools without a boundary fence. Support location of fence and fence line. Still allows for access to footpaths around the school, access to the decommissioned oval and the nearby Farrer nature play space and community hall. It also gives the kids ample play space and room to be kids and play safely.	There are a significant number of access points. I'm surprised by how many there are. Not sure so many are required on the side of the decommissioned oval. Like there are some larger access points in case equipment/cars need to enter for any maintenance/improvements. Appreciate there are access points on entry to school and Lambrigg and Longernong Streets. Seems well thought through.	I'm surprised by this. How many other schools in Canberra offer access to school play areas outside hours, particularly when there is a Farrer nature play space so nearby? Suggest the number of access points be limited outside hours to what is manageable and to limit vandalism to school, including broken glass which I often see littered around school after a weekend on my walks.
102146	Oct 15, 2023, 01:17 PM	a) yes b) yes I live in Farrer	I think the fence line closely following the school boundary is appropriate, but where able to, allow for increased public green space eg on Lambrigg street boundary. Suitable gate access looks good. Given the school borders the streets with no pedestrian crossing supervisors and then a large public oval, creating a safe space for the children to attend school is important.	Good access points. Needs to allow for disability access, pram access, bikes/scooters for sibling pick up at school.	I actually think there doesn't need to be community access. Most other schools in the ACT don't allow public access except under specific circumstances. Farrer residents are lucky to have a large oval right next door with the adjacent Farrer Nature Park and pump track. Apart from being able to use rings (which have been absent since last year) I don't see why we need access after hours. Keep the grounds more protected from vandalism and property damage if possible.
102145	Oct 15, 2023, 12:35 PM	A) Yes b)	The fence line is suitable and logical for the need.	Logical	No real preference. Consider adding / developing the oval with more amenities such as a running track. Basketball court.
102144	Oct 15, 2023, 10:10 AM	a. No. b. Yes,	The fence line appears to make sense given the reasons provided being the safety of school children and deterring free access into school grounds after school hours. On the fence itself. What is not provided is the style of fence intended eg solid color/bond or mesh fence. I do not support a solid fence - this would be aesthetically displeasing, making the area look industrial and would be a graffiti magnet. I am also not in agreement with a 2.1m high fence. I have seen schools bounded by fencing of such height and they look like a remand centre. I support a lower height of max 1.5m. At the end of the day, if someone wants to access the school grounds to do wrong they will climb the fence of 2.1m height. A 1.5m high fence (standard urban) is aesthetically better and serves the purpose of being a physical barrier and demarcation of the grounds. We don't want our children growing up thinking that a school looks like a remand centre.	No concerns and nothing further to add.	This makes me query why you are advocating a fence for security when arrangements for after hours access will occur. As I previously said, if someone intends on accessing the school grounds after hours to do wrong, they will find a way irrespective of a 2.1m high fence. To me the strongest argument being provided (which I fully support) is enhancing the safety of children when at school. A fence height of 1.5m achieves this and removes the school looking like a fenced-in remand centre.
102085	Oct 13, 2023, 08:54 AM		I think a fence is required for the safety of all students as well as the wellbeing and peace of mind for the staff who are trying to manage students attempting to abscond from school. It will also ensure school buildings and equipment aren't damaged out of school hours.	I am happy with the proposed design and gate access points.	I would think via the carpark entry.
101868	Oct 10, 2023, 01:02 PM	I have children attending Farrer Primary school. I live on	I am very sad to see the fence going up at all. I have lived in Farrer for years and the school has always been a welcoming and central part of the suburb. To have a large fence around the school will destroy that. My children regularly use the play areas on the weekends and during the school holidays. Again with a fence it is not guaranteed that those resources will be available to the community. While an appreciate that the school has their reasons for putting up a fence, I implore that a different solution is considered.		
101842	Oct 09, 2023, 08:52 PM	A) yes b) yes	I do not agree there is a need for a fence but I think if a fence is going to be erected it is important to facilitate access to the new bike track and the soccer goals on the bottom (western) field - as these are important community assets that give children and families safe and positive activities outside of school hours and outside of a rigid booking system. This seems to have been a fundamental part of Canberra's community design and shouldn't be taken away lightly. Is it possible to use security cameras to address the vandalism issue and/or fences closer to the buildings and not close off the open play space?  I do not understand why the bike track was built up so close to the school playground if it was not intended to be available for community use.	The proposed gate access on the western end of Lambrigg st will need to accommodate bike riders	The proposed double gate on the western end of Lambrigg st will be a key point of access for use of the bike track as will the two car park entries. Can the timed gates be open daylight hours on weekends and school holidays without the need to book?
101840	Oct 09, 2023, 08:32 PM	Yes,	I don't believe there should be a fence line at all. Restricting access to any play spaces that encourage families and especially children to be active should remain as open as possible. There is already a big enough obesity issue as it is, and any moves that take away areas to encourage participation in sport or play should be discouraged.  Putting a fence up does not necessarily reduce the amount of maintenance required as those who want to break something will generally find a way anyway. The capital costs of putting up the fence would account for at least 10 years, if not more of the maintenance fees suggested, not to mention the upkeep then required on the fence over time.	See comment above.	As per above. If there needs to be a fence, then have the facility open throughout the daylight hours, and locked over night - not a booking system that takes away from general community use.  Disappointing that the survey is suggesting that the fence has already been decided upon, and this is just a matter of where the entry points are.
101834	Oct 09, 2023, 07:59 PM	No. Yes.	Strongly support the fence and fence line. It gives ample space for kids in the school to play and be kids and still allows for plenty of room for the community on the decommissioned oval, Farrer play space and footpaths around the school. I also like fence line is connected to adjoining preschool which keeps those that have to walk up for after school programs safe. Surprised it has taken so long for this school to have a fence. It is a must when anyone can just enter the grounds.	There appears to be more than enough access points. I'm surprised by how many there are actually. Hopefully this many won't be an impost on the school to manage.	Curious about whether other schools allow for community access outside hours. Will the school receive additional resourcing to help manage this? Do other schools in the area do this? Will vandalism be prevented if outside hours access is allowed? If it must proceed, suggest only one or two entry points - at front of school and on longernong and Lambrigg streets.
101796	Oct 09, 2023, 12:17 PM	Yes attending Farrer Primary. Yes we live on	I do not like the Fence concept in any form and wish for it to not be constructed. My children and I use the soccer oval and play equipment on weekends. Farrer does not have any decent grassed areas to kick a soccer/ football so the space helps us alot.	I do not like the fence in any form. Gates are a none issue.	Booking playtime timeslots seems ridiculous. The children should be able to attend the space with no notice. The ACT Government and parents alike are battling to keep children off screens and have more playtime outside. Fencing off play spaces and booking timeslots seems counterintuitive and would be putting in place a barrier that is not required.
101725	Oct 08, 2023, 06:00 PM	Yes.	Fence is not necessary at our school. It will ruin the beauty of the school. I acknowledge the vandalism but a fence won't really prevent vandals. The current fence in the front of the school can easily be climbed over. Fence will really not serve any purpose apart from ruining the open plan feeling of the school	I don't agree with the need for a fence and hence gates are completely unnecessary.	This is ludicrous. Leave the school as it is. The school and local community enjoy the school grounds and creates a good sense of community. We don't need to go with US style security and protection. What's next, armed guards?
101634	Oct 07, 2023, 04:56 PM	Yes I do. Yes we do,	The fence in general is exclusionary. I wouldn't like to see a fence at all. The one proposed need not include the new bike track area. I also think that given children currently utilise the school grounds for biking/ learning to ride etc b) cut through the school grounds to get to the park that consideration needs to be given to the fence lines impact on providing wide enough street side access along the footpaths, particularly on longeranong street.		All gates should have access at all times during daylight hours (aside from when students are at school) at a minimum without the need for a booking system. A booking system is exclusionary of young people who would be unable to independently book (assuming would need a device or to have an adult book) as well as to vulnerable families and community members including CALD community members. We need to be mindful of the rights of children to have access to community spaces and reduce barriers. We have seen ongoing community issues with schools across the territory with gates that were supposed to be opened or timers that aren't adjusted for school holidays at gated public schools. This isn't good enough. Government response times to issues such as promised access/ gates not functioning is slow and often outside of business hours nothing is actionable, meaning community misses out.
101632	Oct 07, 2023, 04:08 PM	A) yes. B) yes	I think the fence line is mostly appropriate, however don't understand why it is cutting off part of the school property at the bottom left of the map (through the trees). Students should have access to that forest during school hours.	There should be a double gate next to the shipping container on Lambrigg St (bottom middle of map, currently single gate) as this is both an access point for students on bikes and also trades. There should be another single gate adjacent to the children's crossing on Dookie St just before the intersection with Longernong St (middle right of map).	This would be much easier if you had labelled the gates (A, B, C, D, etc), however I think all weekend access should be restricted to entry points from Lambrigg Dt, and preferably just via the school carpark.
101489	Oct 04, 2023, 12:10 PM	A)no b)Yes	Looks to be ok, would prefer no fence at all though	Gate locations look ok	Single and double gates on the south, southeastern side of school would be ideal for out of hours use, it would be a shame if our kids can no longer use the play equipment and basketball hoops out of school hours and on weekends.
101488	Oct 04, 2023, 11:59 AM	a) No, b) yes,	The fence line seems perfectly logical	Irrelevant to us	There is no need for public access to play equipment on the school grounds as there is an adventure playground only a hundred meters or so from the school near the Greek Church.
101434	Oct 02, 2023, 06:46 PM	A. Yes b. Yes,	I would not like there to be any fence except on Lingrenong street side where there is a fence already.	I would not like ther to be any gates except the ones there already.	I would not like the school to be fenced at all but if it is, I would like gates to be unlocked during daylight hours so kids/families can play there.
101311	Sep 29, 2023, 08:12 PM	No. I live in Farrer.	I support the fence and fence line. The children's safety should be paramount. I have personally witnessed teachers having to follow children who have absconded. I have seen vandalism, including broken glass on my morning walks past the school.	There seems to be ample access points from all sides.	I am curious to know if other schools with fences provide for community access outside of school hours. If not, why is this being considered for a small school like Farrer? Surely it creates further impost on teaching staff. There is a play space down the road, a decommissioned oval nearby and an entire ridge. Canberra is also full of parkland and parks. I'm not sure I support this proposal and if so, it should be limited to what the school can feasibly manage.
101271	Sep 28, 2023, 05:05 PM	Yes. Yes.	I would prefer no fence. It has been wonderful watching my kids grow up, and use the ovals and paved playground to learn to ride, play soccer and use the school playground equipment after hours.  Adding a fence would be a BIG negative or in my opinion.	See 2	Seriously! Let kids and families play when they like, at short notice, without red tape, booking systems and bureaucracy.
101084	Sep 24, 2023, 08:02 PM	1a. Yes. 1b. Yes,	The fence should enclose all the land allocated to Farrer Primary School. Specifically, the fence should include as many trees as possible within the boundary line of the bottom left corner of the map. Excluding the trees reduces natural/nature play areas, shade options and usable school space. I recommend seeking the land beyond the FPS boundary in order to fully enclose all the trees within a revised school boundary. There is little use for the council/community in retaining this small parcel of land. Indeed I have not seen any community member engage with this section of park.	Gates must be located in positions that promote convenient access for parents dropping of their kids. Gates must not create bottlenecks or be placed in existing positions that do not resolve bottlenecks or promote convenient access. Existing FPS paths should not influence gate position. Paths should be enlarged to accommodate families walking into school. Paths should be at least two metres wide.	I recommend only one gate to be used for out of hours access. One gate provides better positive access control and less onerous on staff to monitor and secure gates. I recommend a type of CCTV or image capture device mounted in the vicinity of the single access point in order to deter unsocial behaviour.
101045	Sep 23, 2023, 02:50 PM		WE DONT WANT A FENCE!	WE DONT WANT A FENCE!	WE DONT WANT A FENCE!

100984	Sep 22, 2023, 07:27 PM	A) yes b)	No concerns with position of fence.	Gate positions and sizes appear appropriate	Single gates on Lambrigg and Longerenong st.
100976	Sep 22, 2023, 06:40 PM	Yes, [redacted] - I live in Farrer at [redacted]	I hate the whole thing	I hate the whole thing	Would like to know where the open times will be advertised. Yuck
100950	Sep 22, 2023, 04:03 PM	1) [redacted] 2) Yes, live and walk in Farrer, [redacted]	I do not support of a boundary fence around the school at all. Are we turning our educational institutions into prison like environments, akin to schools in the USA? What are the costs to erect the fence? With all the supposed 'advancements' in education, why is vandalism on the increase? As for using a fence to keep students in for their safety, it's preventing the next generation being exposed to risk and preventing them having the opportunity to make judgements and decisions, which are vital in all our lives.	There should be no need for gates as a fence should not be installed	Timed gates to permit access outside school hours sounds like a sophisticated and costly solution. What is the predicted ROI of the proposed solution?
100897	Sep 22, 2023, 08:53 AM	I live in Farrer, [redacted]	My family and I do not support a fence. My children use the school's playground and facilities out of hours, after school and on the weekend. It has been great that Farrer Primary does not have a fence, unlike other schools in Canberra. A fence would prohibit this access. I do not understand how a booking system and timed access prevents the issues you are concerned about - vandalism and destruction of school property. It is counterintuitive and illogical - someone can just make a booking to vandalise property. In the meantime, the community would shoulder the indirect cost of not being able to play on the school grounds when convenient for them.	As above, my family does not support a fence or the approach you are taking.	As above, a booking system and timed gates are illogical. My family does not support a fence or the approach you are taking. If you are concerned about vandalism, why not consider alternative measures like installing CCTVs or undertake random security checks out of hours?
100891	Sep 21, 2023, 11:29 PM	Yes, [redacted]	Strongly support full fence line as proposed, from a safety perspective, to give parents and teachers peace of mind on whereabouts of students and helping ensure there is some protection of school premises and assets out of school hours. I am aware the school only collects small financial contributions from families, and these small amounts are often redirected to repairs from vandalism. I would like the fence to protect both the primary school and preschool.	There seems to be more than ample access points - would support a fewer number.	I have limited views, except to note there is ample facilities in close proximity to the school, including a decommissioned oval, the Farrer adventure play space (with new toilet facilities), and the Farrer nature reserve. I'm not sure other schools with fences in the Woden area or wider ACT allow for access outside of school hours.
100887	Sep 21, 2023, 10:01 PM	[redacted]	I do not agree with a fence around public facilities we have enjoyed being our children down to FARRER primary on weekends to play on the basketball courts and in the maze for many years	The fence will detract from the family nature of FARRER - very disappointing	This will detract from the atmosphere of FARRER
100883	Sep 21, 2023, 09:23 PM	a) yes b) yes - [redacted]		The single gate at the bottom left hand side should be a double due to many children this access point as the best option riding bicycles and scooters to and from school and the surfaced area leads straight to the bike cage.	We often use Lambrigg Street to access the school after hours. It is excellent for a large flat surface for beginners bike riders and to access the bike track. I am not sure if the school would effectively be able to manage a booking system unless they had more admin assistance. I would like to suggest a timed gate at set hours. It is a great community space and it would be a shame to not have access to this.
100870	Sep 21, 2023, 04:53 PM	A) yes, B) [redacted]	Fine as shown	Fine	
100818	Sep 21, 2023, 12:19 PM	Yes; yes [redacted]	Support full perimeter fence as proposed, noting it minimises existing student/ staff safety and security/ vandalism risks for both primary school and preschool facilities.	Support, noting the proposal includes significant access points, which should be sufficient for all access requirements related to current usage by different parts of the school community.	I would expect such community access to be closely monitored, given the amount of school resources being redirected to cover cost of repairs and maintenance related to vandalism. This is a small school that cannot afford to have community contributions redirected from chosen priorities to cover avoidable damage resulting from broader community access to facilities. I note the proximity of play spaces near the school, and related proposal to have a basketball facility established in close proximity to the school would help to mitigate the need for broader community access to school premises and facilities.
100802	Sep 21, 2023, 09:44 AM	a) [redacted] b) [redacted]	I think the idea of having a fence is good.	No overly concerned however I'd suggest following the flow of people as they walk out of their neighbourhoods into the school grounds through gates. The more direct the gates are as entry points the better. Might have to also consider zebra crossings and where they're located in proximity to gates.	Not aware that the community needs to access the school equipment out of hours as there is a playground on the other side of the open field.
100779	Sep 20, 2023, 07:02 PM	No. Yes, [redacted]	I agree with all the fence locations .	I agree with all location's for gates.	Single gate on lambrigg st.
100777	Sep 20, 2023, 05:43 PM	[redacted]	Your wording suggests a fence is a given, you are just seeking specifics. Why? You state the expenses of \$5000/pa on vandalism. I would suggest a fence like this is \$200k plus to install. The interest revenue earned from avoiding this cost could be twice the amount of the repairs bill. We would prefer you spend such money on renovating the Farrer oval surface for the use of both the school and the community, and leaving easy access to the playground, ball sport courts and bmx track.	Lets first discuss the worth of the whole proposal rather than the specific details.	A booking system and timed gates aren't a proven solution. Do you have any evidence that such a system does not impede on the after hours use of school outdoor facilities? Surely the ACT Gov prioritises the well being and living standards of local communities; how would a fence contribute to this?
100769	Sep 20, 2023, 03:43 PM	Yes, on [redacted]	I feel that the fence should not be installed and has been previously voted down by the Farrer community during the last consultation. It is unfair and disingenuous to structure this feedback in a way that does not allow feedback on whether a fence is necessary in the first place. If a fence is unavoidable please consider leaving the side that faces the oval open to allow community access.	I would like to see completely open access from the oval side of the school. No gate.	A booking system is inadequate and ridiculous. Children and families should be able to access the play equipment out of school hours without prior booking. You cannot reasonably expect a child to book in to play at the school playground on the weekend!
100767	Sep 20, 2023, 03:18 PM	No, but used to have [redacted] children attending from [redacted]. Live in Farrer on [redacted].	Proposed location of fence line is fine.	Proposed gate access points are good. Access points on existing fence should be retained and new access points should be near footpaths out of school and other natural entrances to the school.	Booking system is going to discourage local children from spontaneously going to the school to ride their bikes or play basketball after school. It will also discourage a lot of adults and teenagers from using the basketball courts. [redacted] The school facilities are frequently used by the community after school. What about building public basketball courts in Farrer? Or increasing security with a monitored camera system? Have other alternatives and their cost been compared to the fence cost? How much will the fence cost? Timed gates on Lambrigg and Longerenong Sts.
100725	Sep 19, 2023, 11:30 PM	[redacted]	The proposed fence line looks reasonable.	It may be useful to consider an additional gate near the school crossing on Dookie Street.	The gates around the carpark should have afterhours access.
100674	Sep 19, 2023, 03:39 PM	-	It's great to see that it is so extensive and cover the play and learning areas for the students. This will support all students with their needs particularly students with additional needs and allowing them to have some safe space if they need it.	All locations support safe pick up and drop off of students.	The double gate at the bottom of lambrigg st
100454	Sep 18, 2023, 08:28 PM	[redacted]	I believe the fence line is good. It encompasses the entire school property and is a good safety measure for the children against traffic and for the school against vandals.	I believe the school has put gates, both single and double in places that work for them and families to be able to drop off safely in locations that are already used.	At this stage we don't access the school outside of school hours however could look at this as an option as the kids get older for bike track use and new play equipment although the nearby nature playground is sufficient for us.
100418	Sep 18, 2023, 07:50 PM	[redacted]	Horrible. The school already has natural boundaries. The school buildings could and should be used along Lambrigg and Dookie streets, with gates / fences securing the admin area and the use of the existing structure to secure the hall. This would be similar to the entrance to kingsford smith. The windows on lambrigg could have security screening added.		The fence design should be to secure the buildings. Allowing families with young children the opportunity to access the play equipment, and flat surfaces to ride bikes / scooters. The fence will not stop people accessing the school buildings, the fence is easily damaged due to the poor design and materials used. It only acts as a barrier to people wishing to use the facilities.
100399	Sep 18, 2023, 07:36 PM	[redacted]	My main concern regarding the fence is the height of the fence. It is possible a fence could cause children to have more accidents from climbing over it etc?		
100397	Sep 18, 2023, 07:34 PM	[redacted]	I think the fence line is appropriate. I wouldn't change anything. It encompasses the school and grounds.	All appropriate except for the double gate on the west side near the community oval. Too many gates defeats the purpose of safety. What is the purpose of all the gates? Will they be locked or open? If left open I think at least the double gate on the west side is unnecessary and an easy escape for students toward the Farrer shops.	I think the double gate leading into the car park is the only gate that really needs to be open. This way, in the case of an accident, emergency service vehicles can access the school if needed more easily.
100318	Sep 18, 2023, 06:23 PM	None, [redacted] out of area	It is where I would have suggested. No changes	Sensible where they are currently planned and are close to existing gates already	I believe only the front gates near the front office. This way administration staff can keep an eye out on who is coming and going
100293	Sep 18, 2023, 05:50 PM	[redacted]	It looks great	Excellent	Single gate in Lambrigg Street and single gate on Longerenong Street
100223	Sep 18, 2023, 04:12 PM	[redacted] Isaacs	I'm all for a new fence! Proposed location looks fantastic	Perfect!	
100213	Sep 18, 2023, 03:47 PM	[redacted]	I am happy with the fence line. I think this is the best thing that could happen to this school.	I am happy with the gate access points.	I don't think that the gate should be open outside of school hours this is when break ins occur and damage to the school and play ground.