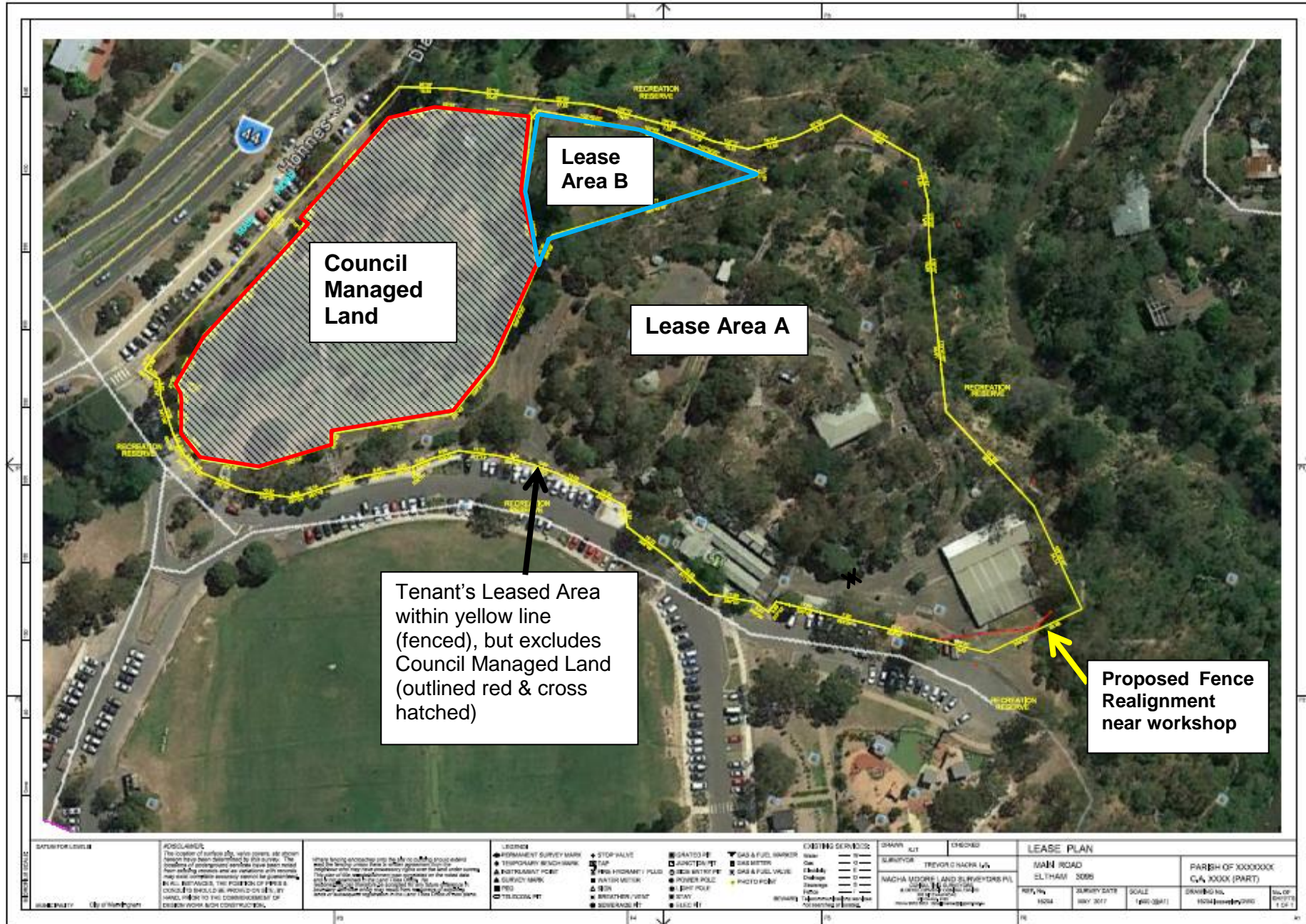


ELTHAM LOWER PARK



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1	12/1/18	Concern and confusion about the consultation process over the Christmas period which proposes the inclusion of a significant parcel of land in the lease agreement. Community concern at increasing the current footprint of the land.
2	17/1/18	Do not object to the current lease, but strongly object to transferring 'Council Managed Land'. Eltham Lower Park frontage is particularly important and a visible part of the entrance for Nillumbik's Green Wedge. DVR is not the only stakeholder and it may deny residents access to the picnic area.
3	17/1/18	If mixed management were to occur, a separate licence agreement is required to ensure current public access and use for the duration of the licence.
4	7/1/18	Concern about the lease agreement and the conditions.
5	14/1/18	Concern about lease arrangements. Will the public be able to access the barbeques, will trees be removed, will the street drain be kept under Melbourne Water management, will the club contribute to public conveniences.
6	15/1/18	Concern about the extent of the proposed expansion of land without adequate public consultation. How will this affect the environment and the wildlife river corridor. Inadequate rental amount.
7	15/1/18	Objection to privatising public land. The additional parcel of land on Main Road is an important pedestrian link to the park. The notion of saving costs for upkeep of the land does not warrant an extension.
8	8/1/18	Concern about the implications of the changes, more information is required.
9	14/1/18	Oppose the proposal to increase more land to the railway. This will negatively impact the beautiful unique area and native vegetation. Major issues concerning: noise, pollution, traffic congestion and difficulty in parking. Further costs to ratepayers for building/maintaining/cleaning of toilets and removal of rubbish. The club makes money and should share that money with the wider community. Object to the lease agreement conditions and inadequate rent.
10	17/1/18	Appalled at the idea. Council is rapidly gaining a reputation for unrestrained and anaesthetic development.
11	17/1/18	Eltham Community Action Group Support the current lease with the inclusion of the two smaller parcels of land as long as public access is maintained. However, object to the proposed inclusion of the Council Managed Land in a separate licence agreement. Concern due to size and location of the land, visual effect of the Gateway, environmental issues, financial arrangements, legal process and possible loss of residents' right to free use of this area. Inadequate rental amount.
12	16/1/18	Public access should be maintained in Leased Area B.
13	15/1/18	Concern around aspects of the proposed new lease. Council Managed Land must remain and not be transferred to the control of the Diamond Valley Railway.
14	11/1/18	Support the lease agreement, but strongly oppose the proposed additional land increase in the area.
15	16/1/18	Friends of Diamond Creek – Eltham Lower Park Support the lease agreement with inclusion of the two smaller parcels of land, but do not support the inclusion of a larger parcel of Council Managed Land. The park offers visitors different attributes, natural vegetation, biodiversity of the region and a wildlife corridor. Due consideration must be given to the drain/stream/waterway that is controlled by Melbourne Water across this land.
16	15/1/18	Friends of Eltham Lower Park – Incorporated Not opposed to current lease holding i.e. Lease A or inclusion of Lease B (provided current access and use is maintained) or the inclusion of Lease C. However, do have many concerns about the proposed transfer of the Council Managed Land (CML) area to the management of the Diamond Valley Railway (DVR) because it represents the transfer of public land to a private interest. An additional factor to be considered is that the transfer of the CML, together with Lease B and Lease C, represents a gain of approximately 45% on the DVR current lease – all for \$200 a year! No details are provided of the legal implications of a separate licence agreement and 'ensuring that public access is maintained' is simply not enough. This is public land and Council should ensure that public access and public use is maintained.
17	17/1/18	Friends of Nillumbik Inc. Oppose the motion to include a larger parcel of land (45% increase) as an expanded commercial venture might compromise the appearance of Eltham Gateway. Environmental implications, water quality, tree removal, vegetation, wildlife corridor, visual impact, restrict public access. Inadequate payment of \$200 a year.
18	17/1/18	Lease Area B and Landlord (Council) Managed Land must be managed by Council. Inadequate rental amount. The park has a significant regional wildlife corridor and is an environmental asset. A careful and balanced management is needed for these rare features to for future sustainability.
19	17/1/18	Do not object to the current lease agreement with inclusion the fence realignment near the workshop. However, concerned about Lease Area B and the transfer of Council Managed Land due to issues with mixed management. A formal public consultation is required. Also review inadequate rental amount.
20	17/1/18	A review of the Eltham Lower Park Masterplan and broader community stakeholder consultation is required and should not include Lease Area B or the Landlord (Council) Managed Land to the lease agreement.
21	10/1/18	Support of the lease renewal with the small extension of land near the workshop, however, not supportive of any proposal to extend land to include the picnic area (Council Managed Land) adjacent to the carpark.
22	15/1/18	There is no reason to further develop the area surrounding the railway. The railway does not contribute any finances or bring any economic benefit to the community.
23	17/1/18	Not pleased to increase land size, whilst ignoring other stakeholders. Review rental amount.
24	18/1/18	Do not support inclusion of Lease Area B or the Landlord (Council) Managed Land. Review the rental amount and ask Diamond Valley Railway to contribute more to the upkeep of the amenities.
25	18/1/18	Do not support the extra land inclusion in the lease, or the inequitable annual fee of \$200.

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26	17/1/18	Major concerns relating to a committee motion to include a larger portion of land to the lease agreement. The public notice period for public consultation is manifestly insufficient. This proposal would transform the use and feel of the park and prevent public access. Too many questions remain unanswered.
27	16/1/18	Friends of the Diamond Creek have worked with Melbourne Water on the small creek with revegetation and wildlife corridor planting project to improve biodiversity, please ensure this area continues to be managed by Council for the public to enjoy and that public access to Lease Area B is allow for conservation work to continue.
28	15/1/18	Object to any proposal to alienate from public usage any further area of the park to the control of any club or private organisation. Do not privatise a local public asset.
29	7/1/18	No objection to the 21 year lease, however, there are concerns around land extension, the legal process and appearance of the gateway zone, environment and financial arrangements.
30	15/1/18	Disapproval not only of this possible development but also of any further expansion of the proportion of this iconic park sacrificed to the Railway's growth and commercial ambition. The road front area is of particular importance. Visually, it frames the gateway, and its greenery masks some of the unattractive traffic and crowding when the train is operating. With the revegetated creek, and access to the quiet walking track, it is a precious corner of the park, very different from other areas. It also offers a rare quiet area for families, away from the carparks and playgrounds, but importantly with easy access for the elderly. It's unacceptable that this area should be handed to the Railway to manage, with risks of limited access and ambiance, and even new uses and construction. The Railway already dominates far too much of the park, and it has shown clearly what it will do with land it controls: please convey to Council my extreme concern that it might be handed another huge area.
31	17/1/18	Crown land should remain open for public use. Review inadequate rental amount. Ensure proper safeguards measures for volunteers working with children. Council to ensure the club contributes donations. Finding parking is increasingly difficult. Council role is to protect the environment.
32	17/1/18	Wish to protest about the rental amount of \$200 a year. The Diamond Valley Railway is profit-making entity which should contribute a greater amount to Council finances. Eltham Lower Park is a community park and Council's first responsibility is to the Eltham community, not the Diamond Valley Railway.
33	16/1/18	Nillumbik Emus Orienteering Club The proposal to lease part of the parkland could further increase the difficulty of finding viable routes for the orienteering club if access were denied. Every square metre of the park is precious and should not be put in the hands of a private operator whereby its future availability for recreation is made uncertain.
34	17/1/18	Concerned about the loss of public land.
35	17/1/18	Eltham Lower Park is for all the people and not for Council to give away.
36	17/1/18	Confusion and debacle over the public submission process, inopportunistically conducted and providing no details. Ratepayers and residents have not been informed of the specifics of an ambit claim and have no idea what changes are proposed. The motion appears to give biased support to one stakeholder over all other stakeholders.
37	16/1/18	It is important that the Yarra footbridge leading to Main Road through the picnic area continues to be available and maintained well. If under management by a private operator this is not guaranteed.
38	10/1/18	Support the current lease with the minor extension of land, but have concerns with the proposed inclusion of a larger parcel of Council Managed Land. Would like to see trees planted adjacent to the fence on the eastern side of the oval.
39	15/1/18	Opposed to any extension of the current footprint. One group should not dominate the park. The playground spaces and the ovals are used for dog walking and needs a balance for multiple users sharing the space. It's a natural space and should not become too built up, particularly oppose the removal of any more trees as its a beautiful space.
40	16/1/18	Support the current lease with the minor extension of land, but have concerns with the proposed inclusion of a larger parcel of Council Managed Land. Concerned about the procedure, consultation period and proposition made at the Council meeting. The area should not become the exclusive province of one specific community group.
41	14/1/18	Oppose the intrusion of the proposed expansion.
42	15/1/18	Do not object to the continuing lease in the present boundaries, but strongly object to any extension of public land. The lease arrangement and how much the club is paying should be reviewed to consider the cost of rubbish removal, car parking, roads, drainage, toilets, cleaning.
43	16/1/18	Do not object to the current lease agreement, but oppose any additional land inclusion. Eltham Lower Park is not a railway theme park, it is a community park and the entrance to the park. The street frontage needs to continue to reflect this. Whether by lease or by special licence, in handing the CML over to the DVR Council threatens to upset the balance between all the park stakeholders: cricketers, lacrosse players, pony club riders, adult riders, walkers, trail walkers and cyclists, orienteering groups, dog walkers, ramblers, family picnic groups, kindergarten groups and the DVR. Council needs to maintain and sustain Nillumbik's public land.
44	14/1/18	Object to the increase in providing further land to the club. The passing of public space needs adequate consultation and consideration with the users and local residents.
45	17/1/18	Concerned about inclusion of additional land in the lease as it will impact on the accessibility and availability for other users. It could cause an intrusion or disturbance that may be inflicted upon a loved natural environment and habitat.
46	8/1/18	Support.
47	21/12/17	Extending the railway will enhance the already spectacular railway to become possibly the best miniature railway in the Southern Hemisphere! Will also enhance the tourism of the region and thus the local economy.
48	9/12/17	A great tourist attraction. Great venue for children and their families. Benefits many volunteers who operate and maintain the railway.
49	22/12/17	To see the looks of enjoyment on children's faces at that venue is priceless.

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50	10/1/18	A wonderful railway and park with much significance.
51	6/1/18	Attracts tourists and it supports local businesses.
52	22/12/17	Amazing local feature. Brings tourist and supports local businesses.
53	26/12/17	A wonderful facility and local community attraction for tourism.
54	4/1/18	Provides joy and supports local groups with fundraising events.
55	28/12/17	A wonderful community service.
56	5/1/18	A local treasure that families enjoy.
57	6/1/18	Absolutely love it.
58	6/1/18	Support. Please keep it going.
59	26/12/17	A great place with beautiful scenery.
60	7/1/18	It's part of Eltham's community history.
61	2/1/18	Renew the lease.
62	28/12/17	The facility is a centre of community and volunteering development and provides a place to inspire young people to become the engineers of the future.
63	10/1/18	Support.
64	7/1/18	An iconic part of Eltham that is one of the best railways in the world. Provides good therapy for the volunteers and train enthusiasts.
65	29/12/17	Provides pleasure to volunteers and visitors.
66	20/12/17	It's a lovely community and a great attraction to give our friends that live south of the river an excuse to come and visit us.
67	25/12/17	A great service to the community.
68	26/12/17	An iconic attraction that provides a valuable service and is uniquely located at Eltham's gateway in a nature parkland reserve.
69	12/1/18	A local treasure that families enjoy together. Please support it's continuation.
70	21/12/17	A landmark for the north-east of Melbourne and much loved by multiple generations.
71	7/1/18	A fun place to visit, great tourist attraction that is run by a group of fantastic enthusiast experts.
72	6/1/18	A wonderful railway that supports local businesses.
73	11/1/18	The club has protected and improved the canopy of vegetation in the parkland.
74	6/1/18	A decades-old icon, popular with visitors providing a valuable recreational and social outlet.
75	7/1/18	A valued and treasured part of the community.
76	20/12/17	A significant attraction for families all over Melbourne. It is an institution beyond Eltham.
77	11/1/18	Support renewal.
78	5/1/18	A fun and affordable attraction.
79	20/12/17	An important part in the natural and innovative Woodridge estate development.
80	7/1/18	Provides a sense of community and is an important social outlet.
81	3/1/18	A proven and ever-growing tourist and recreational facility.
82	20/12/17	Provides value to the wider community. Attracts visitors and tourism. An affordable and interesting attraction. Encourages interest in history, community infrastructure and engineering. Provides children benefits and experience in community participation, mechanical and organisational aspects of life.
83	24/12/17	An important recreational activity, in a magnificent park and environment. Exposes children to rail history and attracts visitors. Provides benefit to members to develop, maintain and share their knowledge and skills. Profits raised through the operation are distributed back into the local community.
84	20/12/17	A local treasure and should remain available to the community forever.
85	6/1/18	A well established facility and an attraction of considerable interest to the community and visitors.
86	2/1/18	A great landmark.
87	29/12/17	An asset to the community.
88	19/12/17	A valuable tourist attraction.
89	6/1/18	A state icon that provides enormous joy and is a fantastic part of the community. Volunteers use their knowledge and skills to run the railway and also care for the environment, by weeding, landscaping and planting trees.
90	10/1/18	Support.
91	23/12/17	Provides joy, is wonderful and nostalgic.
92	31/12/17	Provides an invaluable community services. Is affordable and accessible. Run by an incredibly friendly and helpful team.
93	9/12/17	Enjoyable times and excellent value for money. The railway provides a "men's shed" environment that allows volunteers to maintain good mental health by working with and talking to other men. Over 800 trees, shrubs and native grasses have been planted and maintained. Over 150,000 people visit every year, bringing visitors to Eltham who help enhance its reputation in Victoria as a top tourist destination.
94	20/12/17	Support agreement.

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95	28/12/17	A local iconic attraction.
96	8/1/18	An outstanding recreational facility and much valued attraction. A wonderful community asset. Supportive of an expansion to help meet the huge community demand for its services.
97	26/12/17	A great tourist activity that provides affordable family entertainment.
98	5/1/18	A wonderful organisation offering a fantastic experience in a natural setting.
99	11/1/18	Fully support the marvellous railway and all the great team of volunteers.
100	6/1/18	A great activity.
101	26/12/17	Significant value.
102	6/1/18	Support. A family activity.
103	24/12/17	A fantastic addition to Eltham.
104	7/12/17	Support.
105	20/12/17	This railway is of the greatest importance to our local and broader community. A valuable asset to families both local and from out of town. A ride on the trains is great experience. It is one of the best in the whole of Australia! It is a place where families, young and old can have a fun day out at an affordable price.
106	28/12/17	A draw card and is supported by local built in a natural environment.
107	20/12/17	A feather in the cap of the Nillumbik Shire, it's a wonderful park.
108	6/1/18	A family friendly activity that is fun, unique and affordable.
109	11/1/18	A loved family icon for many years and a massive tourist draw card for Eltham.
110	5/1/18	A terrific railway that is run by a great group.
111	28/12/17	A local cultural and entertainment icon.
112	7/1/18	A very unique attraction.
113	21/12/17	A great cost-effective amusement for families on a tight budget. It brings in a range of people from outside the area which helps stimulate growth to businesses in the area.
114	4/1/18	Organisation supports local community and council and has procedures in place to reduce noise and visible pollution in the park.
115	5/1/18	A source of joy for many years.
116	4/1/18	A wonderful tourist attraction devoted to the care of trains and surrounding areas.
117	5/1/18	An iconic activity which brings visitors.
118	9/1/18	Great tourism draw for the area.
119	24/12/17	Is an incredible community space that brings joy.
120	20/12/17	The train rides are of immense sentimental value and provide a fun day out for children and adults alike.
121	3/1/18	Contributes significantly to the local economy and is an enhancement of the park facilities. It has educational and vocational value.
122	11/1/18	An asset to the local community and a tourist attraction but most importantly is a place for families and children to be happy.
123	21/12/17	An important historic part of Eltham's identity and attracts tourists but most importantly it provides joy to children from the Eltham area and beyond.
124	6/1/18	An invaluable site to the community providing great entertainment.
125	26/12/17	A beautiful setting with a great activity and wonderful volunteers.
126	16/12/17	Great enjoyment too many people.
127	6/1/18	A fantastic place that is affordable.
128	20/12/17	The railway provides enjoyment.
129	22/12/17	Provides joy.
130	19/12/17	An amazing activity for the community.
131	14/1/18	Support renewal.
132	27/12/17	The environment and bushland setting in which the Railway operates has been enhanced by their volunteers, thus adding to the overall attractiveness of the Park.
133	7/12/17	Extremely awesome.
134	4/1/18	A well known quality attraction in the area.
135	9/12/17	A star attraction of International renown. Nillumbik Council should be proud to have such an addition to their fabulous park area.
136	20/12/17	A unique attraction, not held by any other council in the area, and really brings colour and value to this municipality.
137	28/12/17	This is a non profit organisation managed by volunteers, who provide a wonderful community activity and great enjoyment to local families and tourists.
138	3/1/18	Teaches children about trains and engines in an engaging way, in a beautiful natural landscape.
139	7/1/18	A very unique, affordable community activity, staffed by volunteers who are great with kids.
140	22/12/17	An iconic recreational attraction that provides an educational experience and is a drawcard for promoting Eltham.
141	9/1/18	Wholeheartedly support the lease as this is a fantastic and affordable place.

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142	4/1/18	Keep the railway.
143	7/12/17	Efficiently run by volunteers. Excited about the prospect of the southern expansion, which would certainly put out 7.25 in Gauge Miniature Railway more prominently on the Miniature Railway Tourist Map in the world. Nillumbik Council would benefit more from the tourist dollar, and put them also prominently on the map! Council may have to consider the running of extra buses from Eltham Station to cater for more visitors. Visitors already visit from interstate and from overseas. Learn about railway signalling, as it is designed from the full Metro network!
144	28/12/17	A wonderful place and an awesome experience.
145	11/1/18	An iconic railway.
146	8/1/18	An exciting place to visit.
147	8/1/18	This attraction is a Nillumbik institution.
148	24/12/17	Provided much please and has minimal impact on the environment.
149	24/12/17	Draw card for tourism to experience the heritage of rail travel.
150	5/1/18	A wonderful asset that provides great pleasure.
151	19/12/17	A wonderful part of the community.
152	19/12/17	It is a great family and community day out. It represents true craftsmanship and workmanship in the facilities and engines. It provides a sense of community for its members which has well known mental health benefits (aka men's shed type value). It brings people across the city to the Nillumbik Shire with their children who then go on to spend money in the region.
153	30/12/17	Brings plenty of enjoyment.
154	21/12/17	A fantastic attraction to be retained in the local community.
155	28/12/17	A local icon that draws tourism.
156	26/12/17	An extraordinary place to visit.
157	23/12/17	A very special and unique activity, offers a great atmosphere in natural surroundings.
158	29/1/18	(Late submission) This local service provides significant fun and enjoyment, together with getting people into the outdoors (and as such, utilising many of the nearby reserves, walking trails and playgrounds)
159	23/1/18	(Late submission) Do not support lease agreement. The park is a shared reserve and must be available and accessible to the public.