



## Camp Simons Matter – Public Statement

Araluen has indirectly been made aware of some anti-social behaviour in Camp Simons via third party Facebook posts being published on private community pages.

Management was not contacted directly by the publishers and invites persons to make direct contact in future on any such matters.

The hooning and dumping matter raised has become a community issue because hoons have identified the Camp Simons area as a burnout pit. Despite having reported this to police, no action has been taken and we are now aware that the issue has escalated in recent weeks.

A well-meaning community member has used boulders to attempt to restrict access for the hoons, which also inhibits Araluen from removing rubbish. We have discovered that community persons have also cut down trees to further block access.

Unfortunately, this area has fire breaks to allow access for emergency vehicles, which are now blocked. Araluen is not permitted by law to block fire break access roads as this presents risks for emergency vehicle access.

As it is evident that the community wish to resolve the anti-social behaviour, we would ask any persons that identify further issues to please notify police in the first instance on 131444 and to email Araluen directly on [info@araluenbotanicpark.com.au](mailto:info@araluenbotanicpark.com.au) to enable us to deal with matters in an appropriate timeframe.

We will work with community to develop a plan for a resolution and invite impacted persons to [register attendance](#) at a community consultation before Thursday, 31 March 2022.

The meeting will be held on Friday, 1 April 2002 at Araluen at 1pm to discuss options for a solution.

Araluen Management