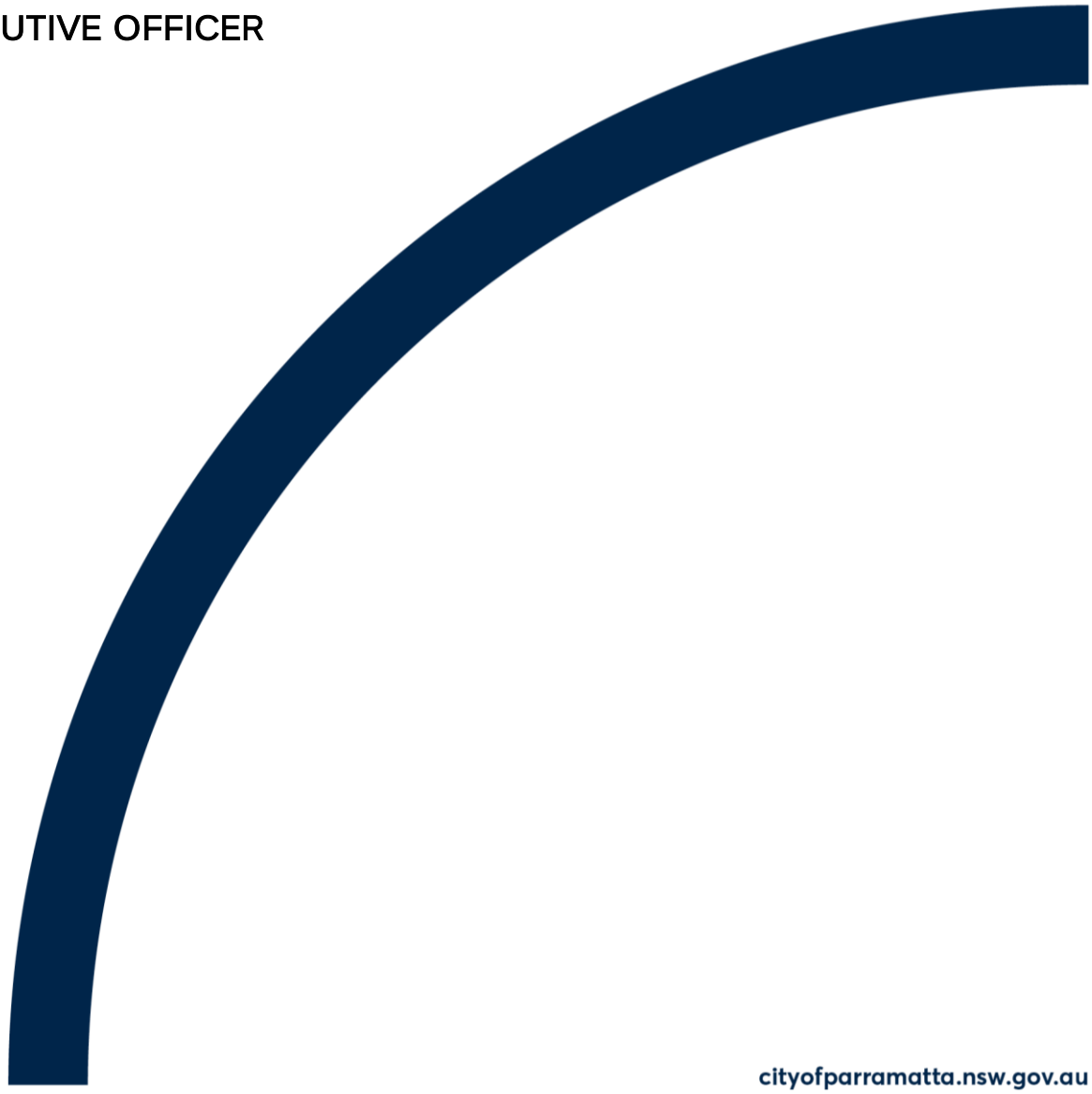
CITY OF PARRAMATTA

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

PUBLIC AGENDA

An Ordinary Meeting of City of Parramatta Council will be held in PHIVE (COUNCIL CHAMBER) COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 5 PARRAMATTA SQUARE, PARRAMATTA on Monday, 12 August 2024 at 6.30PM.

Gail Connolly PSM
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



CITY OF PARRAMATTA

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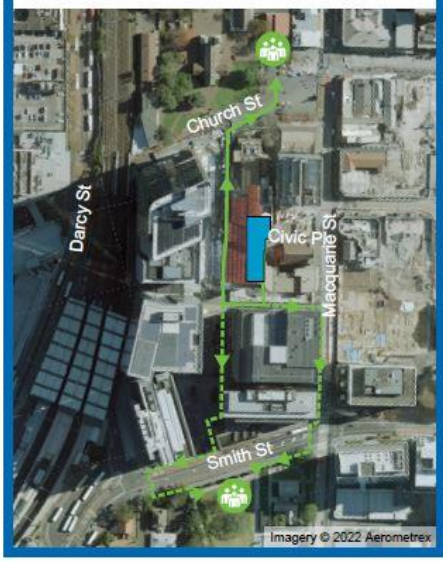
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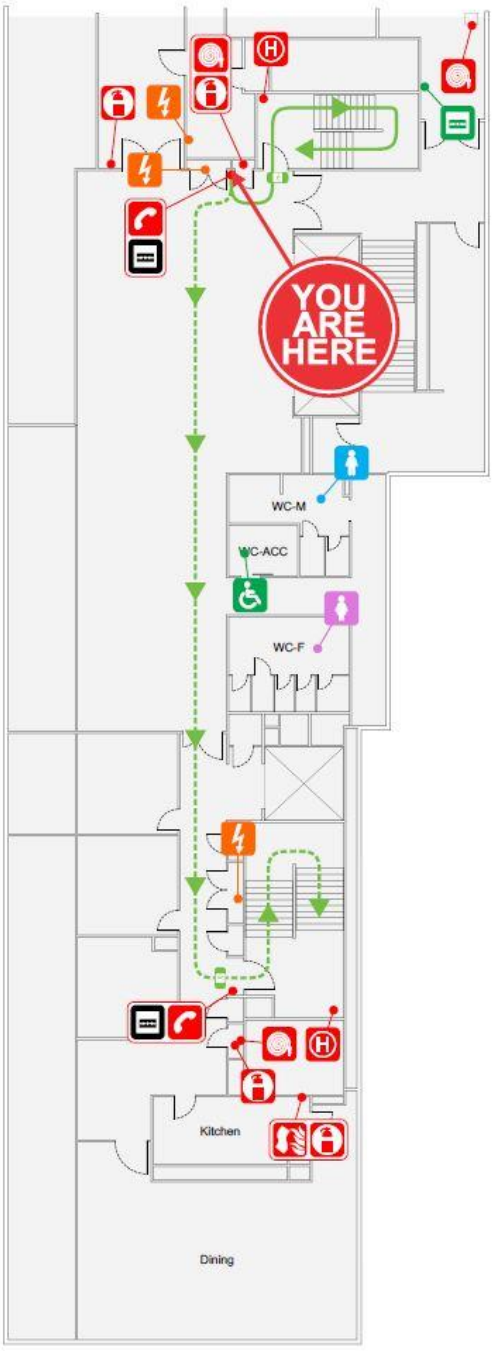
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Site Plan

Parramatta PHIVE





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CITY OF PARRAMATTA



PUBLIC & PRESS GALLERY

STATEMENT OF ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS:

In accordance with clause 3.23 of the Model Code of Meeting Practice, Council is obligated to remind Councillors of the oath or affirmation of office made under section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993, and of their obligations under Council's Code of Conduct to disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interest – the ethical obligations of which are outlined below:

Obligations	
Oath [Affirmation] of Office by Councillors	I swear [solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm] that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of the City of Parramatta Council and the City of Parramatta Council that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgement.
Code of Conduct Conflict of Interests	
Pecuniary Interests	A Councillor who has a **pecuniary interest** in any matter with which the Council is concerned, and who is present at a meeting of the Council at which the matter is being considered, must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting. The Councillor must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting: a) At any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed, or b) At any time during which the Council is voting on any question in relation to the matter.
Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interests	A Councillor who has a **non-pecuniary conflict of interest** in a matter, must disclose the relevant private interest in relation to the matter fully and on each occasion on which the non-pecuniary conflict of interest arises in relation to the matter.
Significant Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interests	A Councillor who has a **significant** non-pecuniary conflict of interest in relation to a matter under consideration at a Council meeting, must manage the conflict of interest as if they had a pecuniary interest in the matter.
Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests	A Councillor who determines that they have a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in a matter that is **not significant** and does not require further action, when disclosing the interest must also explain why conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances.

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16.1 Exemption to Tender - Geospatial Licensing

This report is confidential in accordance with section 10A (2) (d) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the report contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council; or (iii) reveal a trade secret.

16.2 Status Report - Epping Aquatic Centre

This report is confidential in accordance with section 10A (2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the report contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

17 PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

18 CONCLUSION OF MEETING

CITY OF PARRAMATTA

MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting
Monday, 22 July 2024
6.30pm

Unconfirmed

Council Chamber
Level 4, PHIVE
Parramatta Square, Parramatta

PRESENT - COUNCILLORS

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Pierre Esber, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Patricia Prociv and Councillors Phil Bradley, Michelle Garrard, Henry Green, Ange Humphries, Cameron MacLean, Paul Noack, Sameer Pandey, Georgina Valjak, Donna Wang and Loraine Wearne.

PRESENT – STAFF

Chief Executive Officer - Gail Connolly, Executive Director City Engagement and Experience - Angela Jones-Blayney, Executive Director City Assets & Operations - George Bounassif, Executive Director Finance and Information - John Angilley, Executive Director City Planning and Design – Jennifer Concato, Acting Executive Director Community and Culture - David Moutou, Group Manager City Strategic Planning – Robert Cologna, Group Manager Office of the Lord Mayor and CEO - Roxanne Thornton, Chief People, Culture and Performance Officer - Brendan Clifton, Chief Financial Officer - Amit Sharma, Chief Information Officer and Acting Chief Governance and Risk Officer - John Crawford, Group Manager Major Projects and Precincts – David Birds, Group Manager, Community Hubs & Parramatta Square – Christopher Snelling, Principal Solicitor – Esther Nelson, Internal Ombudsman - Elizabeth Renneberg, Transport Planning Manager – Michael Jollon, Senior Policy & Advocacy Adviser - Renee Attard, Strategy Manager - Ashlee Gardner, ICT Service and Delivery Manager - Ian Vong, ICT Service Desk Officer – Benn Stocker, Business Support Manager – Valance Horne, Business Manager - Michelle Samuel.

1. OPENING MEETING

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber, opened the meeting at 6.32PM.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF LAND

The Lord Mayor acknowledged the Burramattagal people of The Dharug Nation as the traditional owners of this land, and paid respect to their ancient culture and to their elders past, present and emerging.

3. WEBCASTING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Lord Mayor advised that this public meeting is being recorded and streamed live on the internet. The recording will also be archived and made available on Council's website.

The Lord Mayor further advised that all care will be taken to maintain privacy, however as a visitor in the public gallery, the public should be aware that their presence may be recorded.

4. GENERAL RECORDING OF MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

As per Council's Code of Meeting Practice, the recording of the Council Meeting by the public using any device, audio or video, is only permitted with Council permission. Recording a Council Meeting without permission may result in the individual being expelled from the Meeting.

Unconfirmed

5. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK BY COUNCILLORS

NIL

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8 July 2024

4800 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Noack and Councillor MacLean

That the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

Record of Voting:
CARRIED

7. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Pandey declared Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in relation to **Item 13.4 (Adoption of Planning Proposal, Planning Agreement and Site-Specific Development Control Plan at 263-281 Pennant Hills Road, Carlingford)** as he was a member of the Sydney Central City Planning Panel that previously considered this matter.

8. Minutes of the Lord Mayor

8.1 **Vale Most Reverend Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning**

(Lord Mayor, Councillor Pierre Esber)

4801 **RESOLVED:** Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber and Councillor Noack

(a) That Council acknowledge the death of the Most Reverend Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning, the second Bishop of Parramatta and outstanding faith and community leader, on 15 July 2024.

(b) That Council express its sincere condolences to the Most Reverend Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning's family and friends at this sad time by writing to Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, the Bishop of Parramatta.

(c) That Council observe one minute of silence in honour of the Most Reverend Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning.

Record of Voting:
CARRIED

Note: All those present in the Chamber observed a minute's silence in recognition of the Most Reverend Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning (Item 8.1).

Confirmed

PROCEDURAL MOTION
SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - DEALING WITH ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

RESOLVED: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber and Councillor Noack

In accordance with Section 13 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council resolve to adopt the following items in accordance with the recommendations as printed, without debate;

- Item 8.2: NSW Blues Civic Reception
- Item 8.3: Local Government Week 2024

Record of Voting:
CARRIED

8.2 **NSW Blues Civic Reception**

(Lord Mayor, Councillor Pierre Esber)

4802 **RESOLVED:** The Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber and Councillor Noack

(a) That the City of Parramatta congratulate the NSW Blues National Rugby League team on their 2-1 victory in the 2024 State of Origin, after winning the third match 14-4 at Suncorp Stadium on 17 July;

(b) That Council hold a Civic Reception for the NSW Blues team in Parramatta Square to celebrate the 2024 victory.

Record of Voting:
CARRIED

8.3 **Local Government Week 2024**

(Lord Mayor, Councillor Pierre Esber)

4803 **RESOLVED:** Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber and Councillor Noack

(a) That Council recognises Local Government Week from Monday 29 July-Sunday 4 August 2024 and the integral role that Councils serve in their communities.

(b) That Council notes City of Parramatta's excellent entries, Warami and Your Place, Your Voice! Ward Community Workshops, into the Innovation in Special Events category of the RH Dougherty Events and Communications Awards at LGNSW's Local Government NSW Week Awards.

(c) That Council thanks Council officers involved in these excellent projects and commends them on their admirable efforts.

Record of Voting:
CARRIED

9. PUBLIC FORUM

	Speaker	Item No.	Report Title
1.	Dr David Dilley	11.2	OCM 8 July 2024 - Item 14.6 Recent Petitions from the Harris Park Business Community - Mobile Food Vendors
2.	Seema Dhawan	11.2	OCM 8 July 2024 - Item 14.6 Recent Petitions from the Harris Park Business Community - Mobile Food Vendors
3.	Sanjay Deshwal	11.2	OCM 8 July 2024 - Item 14.6 Recent Petitions from the Harris Park Business Community - Mobile Food Vendors
4.	Yadu Singh	11.2	OCM 8 July 2024 - Item 14.6 Recent Petitions from the Harris Park Business Community - Mobile Food Vendors
5.	Matthew Lennartz	13.4	Adoption of Planning Proposal, Planning Agreement and Site-Specific Development Control Plan at 263-281 Pennant Hills Road, Carlingford

Note: All Councillors were provided with a copy of the Public Forum submissions prior to the Council Meeting.

PROCEDURAL MOTION
SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLVED: Councillor MacLean and Councillor Pandey

That in accordance with Section 8 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council resolve to amend the order of business to allow consideration of the below listed items ahead of any other business on the agenda; **-**

- Item 11.2: OCM 8 July 2024 - Item 14.6 Recent Petitions from the Harris Park Business Community - Mobile Food Vendors
- Item 13.4: Adoption of Planning Proposal, Planning Agreement and Site-Specific Development Control Plan at 263-281 Pennant Hills Road, Carlingford

Record of Voting:
CARRIED

Unconfirmed

11.2 **OCM 8 July 2024 - Item 14.6 Recent Petitions from the Harris Park Business Community - Mobile Food Vendors**

(Deputy Lord Mayor Clr Dr Patricia Prociv)

4804 Note: This matter was withdrawn.

13.4 **Adoption of Planning Proposal, Planning Agreement and Site-Specific Development Control Plan at 263-281 Pennant Hills Road, Carlingford**

(Project Officer Land Use)

4805 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Wearne and Councillor Noack

(a) That Council note the submissions received in response to the exhibition of the Planning Proposal, Development Control Plan (DCP) and Planning Agreement as summarised and responded to in **Attachment 4** for 263-281 Pennant Hills Road, Carlingford.

(b) That Council approve the Planning Proposal (**Attachment 1**) for land at 263-281 Pennant Hills Road, Carlingford which seeks to amend the Parramatta Local Environmental Plan 2023 (PLEP 2023) in relation to the subject site by:

i. Reconfiguring the existing R4 High Density Residential and RE1 Public Recreation zones and retaining the existing SP2 Infrastructure Zone.

ii. Amending the Maximum Height of Building control by:

- Amending the maximum height of buildings on the Pennant Hills Road frontage from 27 metres (9 storeys) to part 0m, part 65 metres (18 storeys), part 84 metres (22 storeys) and part 110 metres (29 storeys) as per **Figures 17** & **23** in **Attachment 1**.

- Amending the maximum height of buildings on the remainder of the site from part 33 metres (11 storeys) and part no height to part 0m, part 33 metres (8 storeys), part 46 metres (11 storeys), part 56 metres (14 storeys) and part no height as per **Figures 17** & **23** in **Attachment 1**.

iii. Increasing the Maximum Floor Space Ratio control for the R4 High Density Residential zoned land from 2.3:1 to 3.6:1.

iv. Amending Schedule 1 Additional Permitted Uses to increase the maximum gross floor area of parts of the buildings used for business premises, food and drink premises, recreational facilities (indoor) and shops on the R4 High Density Residential zoned part of the site from 2,000 sqm to 2,600 sqm.

v. Amending the Land Reservation Acquisition (LRA) Map to include the RE1 Public Recreation land on the site that will be dedicated to Council.

(c) That Council enters into the Planning Agreement (**Attachment 2**) and delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to sign it on behalf of Council.

(d) That Council approves the DCP controls (**Attachment 3**) for insertion into Part 8 of the Parramatta DCP 2023.

(e) That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise negotiations and make any clarifying amendments and corrections to the Planning Proposal, DCP and Planning Agreement.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Esber and Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Prociv and Councillors Humphries, MacLean Noack, Pandey, Valjak, Wang and Wearne.

Against the Motion: Councillors Bradley, Garrard and Green

On being put to the meeting, voting on this matter was nine (9) votes FOR and three (3) votes AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

Note: Councillor Pandey left the meeting at 6.58pm as he had disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary interest for Item 13.4 - Adoption of Planning Proposal, Planning Agreement and Site-Specific Development Control Plan at 263-281 Pennant Hills Road, Carlingford

Note: Councillor Pandey returned to the meeting at 7.15pm.

10. PETITIONS

1. Little India (Harris Park) Welcome Signs

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Prociv tabled a petition regarding the 'Welcome to Little India Signs'. The signs are detrimental to the look of the area. The current signs are unsightly, unnecessarily large, gaudy and detract from the streetscape. In short, it is an eyesore with no redeeming features.

Note: A copy of the Petition is ON FILE.

2. Little India Harris Park Food Trucks

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Prociv tabled a petition regarding 'dissatisfaction with Council's resolution to extend the standard operating hours of food trucks in Harris Park'. We urge the Parramatta Council to reconsider the decision to allow extended operating hours for food carts in Harris Park and to engage the

stakeholders, including restaurant owners and residents, to address the real challenges facing the community. It is essential that the Council takes into account the well-being of all the businesses and residents in Harris Park and works towards creating a fair and substantial environment for everyone.

Note: A copy of the Petition is ON FILE.

11. RESCISSION MOTIONS

11.1 **Matter of Urgency - Hambledon Cottage To Be Included In Nomination for National and Commonwealth Heritage List**

(Councillor Wearne; Councillor Wang; Councillor Georgina Valjak)

4806 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Wearne and Councillor Garrard

That the resolution of the Council held on 8 July 2024 in relation to the Matter of Urgency – Hambledon Cottage, namely:

> *That the Council grants Landowners' Consent for Hambleden Cottage to be included in a collective nomination for National and Commonwealth Heritage Lists, of Hambleden Cottage, Elizabeth Farm and Experiment Farm and Clay Cliff Creek, to achieve inscription on Australia's National Heritage List.*

be and is hereby rescinded.

The motion moved by Councillor Wearne and Councillor Garrard that this matter be deferred to a Councillor Workshop on being put was CARRIED.

Record of Voting:
CARRIED

12. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - FOR NOTATION

12.1 **PHIVE - Results of Public Holiday Opening Trial**

(Group Manager Community Hubs and PHIVE)

4807 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Garrard and Councillor Wang

That Council defer consideration of this matter until after a Councillor Workshop.

Record of Voting:
CARRIED

14. NOTICE OF MOTION

14.2 **Proposed Harris Park/Little India Community Consultative Group**

(Deputy Lord Mayor Clr Dr Patricia Prociv)

MOTION: Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Prociv and Councillor Bradley

(a) That the CEO establish the terms of reference for a *Harris Park/Little India Community Consultative Group* to provide a forum for local residents and businesses to come together with Council officers on a regular basis to resolve the ongoing amenity issues being experienced in Harris Park.

(b) That the Community Consultative Group be chaired by the CEO (or her delegate) and comprise three representatives from local residents, three from local businesses and relevant Council officers such as planning, traffic and regulatory services officers.

AMENDMENT: Councillor Garrard and Councillor Wearne

That this matter be deferred to a Councillor Workshop.

Record of Voting:
LOST

4808 **RESOLVED:** Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Prociv and Councillor Bradley

(a) That the CEO establish the terms of reference for a *Harris Park/Little India Community Consultative Group* to provide a forum for local residents and businesses to come together with Council officers on a regular basis to resolve the ongoing amenity issues being experienced in Harris Park.

(b) That the Community Consultative Group be chaired by the CEO (or her delegate) and comprise three representatives from local residents, three from local businesses and relevant Council officers such as planning, traffic and regulatory services officers.

Record of Voting:
CARRIED

Note: Councillor Prociv left the meeting at 7.56pm and did not return to the meeting.

Confirmed

13. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - FOR COUNCIL DECISION

13.1 **Adoption of Sportsground Allocation Policy 2024**

(Policy Officer)

4809 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Pandey and Councillor Noack

(a) That Council adopt the Sportsground Allocation Policy 2024, at Attachment 1 to this report.

(b) That this Policy be reviewed in July 2025.

Record of Voting:
CARRIED

13.2 **Approval of Wilderline to Duck River Pedestrian and Cyclist Paths in Granville and Clyde (Scope of Works)**

(Project Officer Transport; Senior Project Officer Transport Planning)

4810 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Noack and Councillor Garrard

(a) That Council approve the scope of works to support walking and cycling from the proposed Wilderline Shared Path on the former T6 rail corridor in Rosehill to Clyde Train Station to enable connection to the Duck River Shared Path, as set out below for submission to the Parramatta Local Traffic Committee for consideration:

i. Install raised pedestrian and cyclist crossings of Arthur Street at the M4 Shared Path in Granville, and Sutherland Street at Berry Street in Clyde,

ii. Install a separated bike path in Arthur Street between the M4 Shared Path and Hamilton Street,

iii. Install a bike path with separate footpath along Hamilton Street on the north verge,

iv. Install a shared pedestrian and cyclist path from the east end of Hamilton Street to Parramatta Road along the former T6 rail corridor,

v. Install a shared path on the south verge of Parramatta Road between George Street and Berry Street, Clyde,

vi. Install a part shared path, part separated pedestrian and cyclist paths on the west verge of Berry Street, Clyde,

vii. Conversion of Berry Street between Sutherland Street to the entry of Clyde Train Station to a shared zone.

(b) That subject to approval by the Parramatta Traffic Committee, an application be made to external grant bodies to fund design and construction of the project.

Record of Voting:
CARRIED

13.3 **Adoption of Church Street North Precinct Development Control Plan (DCP)**

(Senior Project Officer Land Use)

4811 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Garrard and Councillor Bradley

(a) That Council notes the submissions received in response to the exhibition of the Draft DCP controls for the Church Street North Precinct as summarised in Attachment 1.

(b) That Council adopt the DCP controls for the Church Street North Precinct (including the minor amendments as illustrated at Attachment 2) and incorporate these controls into Parramatta DCP 2023 to take effect within 28 days of Council's decision as determined by a public notice published on Council's website.

(c) That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor amendments and corrections of a non-policy and administrative nature that may arise during the plan finalisation process relating to the DCP controls.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Esber and Councillors Bradley, Garrard, Green, Humphries, Noack, Pandey, Valjak, Wang and Wearne.

UNANIMOUS

13.4 **Adoption of Planning Proposal, Planning Agreement and Site - Specific Development Control Plan at 263-281 Pennant Hills Road, Carlingford**

(Project Officer Land Use)

4812 Note: This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting, as detailed in these Minutes.

Note: Councillor MacLean returned to the meeting at 7.58pm

13.5 **Public Exhibition: Draft Site-Specific Development Control Plan for land at 171 & 173, 181-185, 187 Parramatta Road, and 58, 60 & 64 Victoria Street, Granville**

(Land Use Planning Manager)

4813 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Garrard and Councillor Green

(a) That Council endorse the draft Site-Specific Development Control Plan (SSDCP) applying to land at 171 & 173, 181-185, 187 Parramatta Road and 58, 60 & 64 Victoria Street, Granville provided at **Attachment 1** for the purpose of public exhibition.

(b) That Council note the Letter of Offer provided at **Attachment 2** that sets out the terms of a Planning Agreement intended to accompany a development application for the land.

(c) That Council delegates authority to the CEO:

i. to draft and negotiate a Planning Agreement based upon the submitted Letter of Offer provided at Attachment 2 and as detailed in this report,

ii. that the Planning Agreement and SSDCP are placed on public exhibition concurrently for a minimum period of 28 days, and

iii. that the outcome of public exhibition be reported back to Council.

(d) Further, that Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to correct any minor inconsistencies or anomalies of an administrative nature relating to the draft SSDCP and draft Planning Agreement documentation that may arise during the drafting and exhibition process.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Esber and Councillors Garrard, Green, Humphries, MacLean, Noack, Pandey, Valjak, Wang and Wearne.

Against the Motion: Councillor Bradley

On being put to the meeting, voting on this matter was nine (9) votes FOR and one (1) vote AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

13.6 **Gateway Request: Planning Proposal for Land at 31 O'Connell Street and 9 Albert Street, North Parramatta**

(Senior Project Officer)

4814 This item has been withdrawn as Council is no longer the planning authority for this matter.

Note: Councillor Darley returned to the meeting at 8.01pm.

13.7 **Newington Reserve Upgrade**

(Place Manager)

4815 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Garrard and Councillor Noack

(a) That Council note the receipt of the $5 million grant from the Multi-Sport Community Facility Fund 2021/22 specifically for the construction of a synthetic turf sports field at Newington Reserve.

(b) That Council note the Business Case for the upgrade of Newington Reserve utilising synthetic turf at Attachment 1.

(c) That officers proceed with the upgrade of Newington Reserve in accordance with Council's adopted 2024/25 DPOP capital program (utilising synthetic turf for the full-size sports field and associated mini field).

Record of Voting:
CARRIED

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – MATTER OF URGENCY

Councillor Garrard requested a suspension of standing orders to allow the consideration of a matter related to a young student from OLMC Parramatta who won the 10-12 year category of the Living Stories in Western Sydney Writing Competition.

In accordance with Section 9.3(b) of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, the Lord Mayor ruled that the matter was urgent.

The Lord Mayor put to the Chamber the suspension of standing orders to consider the urgent matter.

Record of Voting:
CARRIED

Note: Councillor Darley left the meeting at 8.10pm.

MATTER OF URGENCY - CONGRATULATIONS TO PIPPA MANN – LIVING STORIES WESTERN SYDNEY WRITING COMPETITION

(Councillor Michelle Garrard)

4816 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Garrard

(a) That the Lord Mayor on behalf of Council acknowledge by way of a certificate of congratulations to Pippa Mann from OLMC Parramatta who won the 10-12yrs Category for Living Stories Western Sydney Writing Competition presented by WestWords. The event itself is held in partnership with Parramatta Libraries.

(b) That Council buy a table at the Westwords Gala Celebration Fundraising Dinner, on Thursday 19 September 2024 at Blacktown Workers Club**.**

Record of Voting:
CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

At 8.18pm, the Lord Mayor Councillor Esber adjourned the meeting until 8.35pm.

At the time of the adjournment the following Councillors were present:

- Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber and Councillors MacLean, Pandey, Humphries, Noack, Bradley, Wearne, Wang, Garrard, Greene and Valjak.

RECONVENED MEETING

At 8.35pm, the Lord Mayor Councillor Esber reconvened the meeting.

At the time the meeting reconvened, the following Councillors were present:

- Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber and Councillors Bradley, Darley, Garrard, Greene, Humphries, MacLean, Noack, Pandey, Valjak, Wang and Wearne.

Unconfirmed

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

14.1 **Jacaranda Trees in Oatlands and Council's Street Tree Masterplan**

(Councillor Michelle Garrard)

4817 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Garrard and Councillor Wearne

That the preservation of existing Jacaranda trees and potential replacement of street trees in Oatlands with new Jacarandas be considered as part of the upcoming review of Council's Street Tree Masterplan, identified for preparation in financial year 2024/25 and completion in financial year 2025/26.

Record of Voting:
CARRIED

14.2 **Proposed Harris Park/Little India Community Consultative Group**

(Deputy Lord Mayor Clr Dr Patricia Prociv)

Note: This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting, as detailed in these Minutes.

14.3 **Customer Service - Ease of Doing Business with Council**

(Councillor Sameer Pandey)

4818 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Pandey and Councillor Noack

(a) That the CEO provide an update and recommendation on opportunities to improve the ease of doing business with Council.

(b) That the CEO report on KPIs and service levels that are in place and any additional measures to gauge customer feedback.

(c) That the report be presented by end of this calendar year (2024).

Record of Voting:
CARRIED

14.4 **Promotion of Private Car Parking for Public Use in the Parramatta CBD**

(Councillor Sameer Pandey)

4819 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Pandey and Councillor Valjak

(a) That the CEO investigate the options for and implications of promoting the use of existing parking, currently only used for private purposes, as public car parks available to broader users for all or parts of the day.

(b) That Councillors be briefed on the outcome of the investigations by way of a Councillor Workshop.

Record of Voting:
CARRIED

Note: Councillor Garrard left the meeting at 8.52pm and did not rejoin the meeting.

15. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

15.1 **Disposal of Council Technology Assets**

(Councillor Sameer Pandey)

4820 **QUESTION WITH NOTICE:**

1. Could an update be provided on laptop donation to local community organisations that are made available because of Council moving to leasing laptops including numbers and plan moving forward?

Executive Director Finance and Information Response:

1. Stage 1 of laptop donations occurred in October 2022, when Council donated 100 laptops via a local community organisation (Southern Communities Council) through an expression of interest process.
2. As part of Stage 2 donations (and relocation to 9 Wentworth Street) Council officers from the Community and Culture directorate have been developing a new public expression of interest (EOI) process to enable donations to local not-for profit registered community service organisations.
3. Council officers have identified approximately 650 devices that are potentially suitable for donation to registered community service organisations, following the relocation of Council's administration to 9 Wentworth Street, Parramatta.
4. The devices are scheduled to be securely wiped and formally disposed of (written off) within Council's system. The devices will be tested to confirm that they are fully functional prior to being made available for the EOI process. This work is

scheduled to be undertaken in late 2024 after the ICT team has completed the transition and implementation of corporate systems and infrastructure at 9 Wentworth Street.

15.2 **Update on Parramatta Aquatic Centre (PAC) and PHIVE**

(Councillor Sameer Pandey)

4821 **QUESTION WITH NOTICE:**

1. That an update on any challenges related to PHIVE and PAC post opening, including construction matters, planning, customer service, etc be provided.

Executive Director Community and Culture Response:

A Councillor Workshop has been scheduled for August 2024 to update Councillors on post-opening results, including feedback from all relevant business units of Council.

15.3 **Questions Taken on Notice at 8 July 2024, Council Meeting**

(Governance Manager)

4822 **QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Councillor Garrard asked a question in relation to the Matter of Urgency – Hambledon Cottage to be included in nomination for National and Commonwealth Heritage List:

- Is there any development (current or future) at Hambledon Cottage that I don't know about?

Executive Director City Planning & Design Response:
There are no current development applications relating to Hambledon Cottage. However, there are various development proposals in proximity to the site and a briefing note has been provided to Councillors with a map of their locations.

Councillor Pandey asked three (3) questions in relation to 13.7 - Canopy Plan - Targets and Interim Action Plan:

- What is our tree canopy target (percentage) in the Parramatta CBD?

Executive Director City Planning & Design Response:

Council does not currently have a canopy target for the Parramatta CBD.

- How much did we receive from State Grants in the last financial year 2023/24 towards tree plantation?

Executive Director City Planning & Design Response:

Parramatta Light Rail tree offset planting project – TNSW funded $1.982 million to deliver 2,525 trees over three financial years (FY21/22-FY23/24). $655,000 of this funding was spent in the 23/24FY.

Council also secured an additional $433,000 from TNSW to extend the project and deliver another tranche of planting in FY24/25.
Better Neighbourhood Program – Included a total project value of $2,795,233 with $1,145,000 contributed by the NSW Government to deliver trees across the local centres of Epping, Granville, Northmead and Ermington.

- How many trees did we plant in the last financial year?

Executive Director City Assets & Operations Response:

Council planted a total of 1,952 established trees in:

- Parks and Open Spaces 762 trees
- PLR offsets 937 trees
- Capital Projects 253 Trees

In addition, approximately 8500 tube stock trees were planted in natural areas and bushland with a further 10,500 trees planted as part of National Tree Day.
A further 176 trees were received by the community as part of the Council's free plant giveaway program.

Councillor Pandey asked a question in relation to 14.5 - Synthetic Sports Fields in the City of Parramatta:

- What other sports can be played on synthetic surfaces?

Executive Director City Assets & Operations Response:

The range of sports which can use synthetic surfaces includes, but is not limited to:

- AFL
- Cricket
- Hockey
- Lawn Bowls
- Rugby League
- Rugby Union
- Soccer/futsal (including five-a-side and mini/modified)
- Tennis
- Archery
- Ultimate frisbee
- American football
- Crossfit, personal fitness trainers, bootcamps, etc

PROCEDURAL MOTION
MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

RESOLVED: Councillor Noack and Councillor MacLean

That at this time of the meeting, being 8.54pm, the Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber advised that the meeting would move into Closed Confidential Session to allow consideration of matters in Closed Session in accordance with Section 10A of the *Local Government Act 1993*. Accordingly, members of the press and public are excluded from the closed session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session will be withheld. This action is taken to discuss:

Item 16.1: Commercial Partnership Agreement - Parramatta NRL Club Pty Limited and City of Parramatta Council. - *This report is confidential in accordance with section 10A (2) (d) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the report contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council; or (iii) reveal a trade secret.*

Item 16.2: Code of Conduct Investigation Report - Councillor Kellie Darley. - *This report is confidential in accordance with section 10A (2) (i) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the report contains alleged contraventions of any code of conduct requirements applicable under section 440.*

Record of Voting:
CARRIED

Note: The Meeting moved to closed session at 8.55pm

16. CLOSED SESSION

16.1 **Commercial Partnership Agreement - Parramatta NRL Club Pty Limited and City of Parramatta Council**

(Councillor Darley)

4823 **QUESTION WITH NOTICE:**

The question and staff response was provided in a confidential supplementary agenda to the Councillors.

Note: Councillors Noack and Valjak left the meeting at 8.56pm, Councillor Noack did not rejoin the meeting.

Note: Councillor Valjak rejoined the meeting at 8.57pm and left the meeting at 8.57pm, she did not rejoin the meeting.

Note: At 8.58pm, Councillor Darley was given an opportunity to address the Council in respect to the following Item (Item 16.2: Code of Conduct Investigation Report – Councillor Kellie Darley).

Note: Councillor Darley left the meeting at 9.04pm.

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16.2 **Code of Conduct Investigation Report - Councillor Kellie Darley**

(Internal Ombudsman)

MOTION: Councillor Wearne and Councillor Wang

(a) That Council adopt the external conduct reviewer's (investigator's) recommendation:

1. That Councillor Kellie Darley is formally censured in accordance with clause 7.37 b) of the Procedures which states:

7.37. Where the investigator determines that the conduct investigated constitutes a breach of the Code of Conduct, the investigator may recommend:

b) in the case of a breach of a Councillor, that the Councillor be formally censured for the breach under section 440G of the Local Government Act.

(b) That should Council determine to censure Councillor Kellie Darley, in accordance with Clause 7.59 of the *Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW 2020*, Council makes public the findings of inappropriate conduct by Councillor Kellie Darley by publishing those findings in the Minutes as:

Allegation 1:

It is alleged that following a Council meeting on 11 December 2023 during which a proposed partnership between the Council and the Eels was discussed in confidential session of the Council meeting, Councillor Darley placed social media posts that disclosed information from that meeting.

FINDING: The external Investigator found that this allegation that Councillor Darley breached Council's Code of Conduct under clause 3.1 of the Code of Conduct **IS SUBSTANTIATED** - ie:

3.1 You must not conduct yourself in a manner that:
a) is likely to bring the Council or other Council officials into disrepute
c) is improper or unethical.

Allegation 2:

It is alleged that information Councillor Darley placed on social media regarding this disclosed financial information concerning the cost of the Partnership which she allegedly knew or ought to have known was untrue. The information contained in Councillor Darley's social media post referred to $2.4 million when the actual figure endorsed by Council was $383,000.

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FINDING: The external Investigator found that the allegation that the Councillor Darley breached Council's Code of Conduct under clause 3.1 of the Code of Conduct through posting information on social media that she knew or ought to have known to be untrue **IS SUBSTANTIATED** – ie:

3.1 You must not conduct yourself in a manner that:
a) is likely to bring the Council or other Council officials into disrepute
c) is improper or unethical

(c) That Council adopt the external conduct reviewer's recommendation:

2. An information session for Councillors be conducted by the Group Manager Communications and Customer Engagement and/or the Executive Director City Engagement and Experience to address social media posting (and re-posting) of Council information, within the bounds of appropriate discretion and confidentiality.

(d) That Council adopt the external conduct reviewer's recommendation:

3. Councillors be afforded the opportunity to contribute to future revision of Council's social media policy, specifically in the manner in which Councillors communicate and interact with the community, as they may be required to do so in their Councillor representational role/s.

AMENDMENT: Councillor Bradley and Councillor MacLean

That this matter be deferred until the Supreme Court case has been determined.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Councillors Bradley and MacLean

Against the Amendment: Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber and Councillors Green, Humphries, Pandey, Wang and Wearne.

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Amendment was two (2) votes FOR and six (6) votes AGAINST. The Amendment was LOST.

4824 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Wearne and Councillor Wang

(a) That Council adopt the external conduct reviewer's (investigator's) recommendation:

1. That Councillor Kellie Darley is formally censured in accordance with clause 7.37 b) of the Procedures which states:

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(d) That Council adopt the external conduct reviewer's recommendation:

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Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Esber and Councillors Green, Humphries, Pandey, Wang and Wearne.

Against the Motion: Councillors Bradley and MacLean.

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Motion was six (6) votes FOR and two (2) votes AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

Note: Council returned to open session at 9.33pm.

17. CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

RESOLVED: Councillor MacLean and Councillor Wearne

That the recommendations in relation to the following items be received and noted as resolutions of Council without any alteration and amendment thereto:

- Item 16.1: Commercial Partnership Agreement - Parramatta NRL Club Pty Limited and City of Parramatta Council; and
- Item 16.2: Code of Conduct Investigation Report - Councillor Kellie Darley.

Record of Voting:
CARRIED

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18. CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The meeting concluded at 9.34pm.

This page and the preceding 23 pages are the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday, 22 July 2024 and confirmed on Monday, 12 August 2024.

Chairperson

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REPORTS TO COUNCIL - FOR NOTATION

ITEM NUMBER 12.1
SUBJECT Investment Report for June 2024
REFERENCE F2024/00282 - D09386909
REPORT OF Tax and Treasury Accountant
CSP THEME: Fair

WORKSHOP/BRIEFING DATE: Nil

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the investment portfolio performance and compliance for the month of June 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Investment Report for June 2024.

BACKGROUND

1. In accordance with clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (the Regulation)*, a report setting out details of all money invested must be presented to Council monthly.

2. The report must include a certificate as to whether the investments have been made in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993 (the Act)*, the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* and Council's Investment Policy.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Investment Portfolio Summary

3. The investment portfolio closing balance as of 30 June 2024 was $583.8m. The average portfolio holdings held throughout the month was $587.2m.

4. The majority of Council's investment portfolio is in term deposits (63%). The portfolio also includes liquid floating rate notes (FRNs), cash, and the TCorp Long Term Growth Fund (LTGF).

5. Approximately 9.3% of the portfolio comprises of less conservative long-term investments with exposure to credit markets and domestic and international shares. The investment portfolio is well diversified and weighted towards higher-rated institutions.

6. The table below lists the diversified range of investments held by Council as at 30 June 2024.

Table 1: Summary of investment portfolio

Investment Product	000's	% Held	Monthly Return	Annualised Return
Term Deposits	370,650	0.63	0.40	4.99
Floating Rate Notes	75,262	0.13	0.47	5.93
Bonds	41,550	0.07	0.19	2.35
Cash at Call	41,835	0.07	0.38	4.76
31 Day Notice Funds	173	0.00	0.40	4.80
CFS Global Managed Funds (CFS)	15,804	0.03	-0.13	-1.58
TCorp Long Term Growth Fund (LTGF)	38,538	0.07	1.00	12.85
Total Investment Funds	583,812	1.00	0.42	5.21
***COPC Internal Benchmark**			0.43	5.41
Ausbond Bank Bill Index Benchmark			0.35	4.34
(Underperformance) / Outperformance > Ausbond BBI				0.87

COPC Internal Benchmark returns - *based on Council's individual benchmarks across the various asset classes it invests within its own portfolio. The following individual benchmarks are the measurements, used for each asset class.*

***Cash**: RBA Cash Rate*
***Term Deposits**: based on Council's weighted average duration using multiple ADIs average monthly rate*
***FRNs**: AusBond Credit FRN Index*
***CFS Global Credit Income Fund**: AusBond Credit Index*
***NSW TCorpIM Long-Term Growth Fund**: NSW TCorpIM Internal Benchmark*

Investment performance for the month. The investment portfolio reported a monthly actual return of 0.42**%** for June 2024 (or 5.21**%** on an annualised basis) outperforming the monthly Ausbond bank bill index **by 67 basis** points annualised. The TCorp Fund actual return of 1% was the main contributor to performance, as both domestic and international shares provided positive returns to finish off the financial year solidly. Bonds also provided modest returns, contributing to the positive return (AusBond Composite Bond Index added +0.77%).

7. **Historical investment performance.** The table below provides year-to-date and historical investment performance compared to the Ausbond Bank Bill Index.

Table 2: Historical investment portfolio performance

Past and Present Performance	FYTD	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year
Total Portfolio	4.79	4.79	3.97	2.77
Ausbond Bank Bill Index Benchmarl	4.37	4.37	3.63	2.44
Outperformance	**0.42**	**0.42**	**0.34**	**0.33**

8. **Investment Revenue:** As at the end of June 2024, the cumulative actual interest/income earned, Outperformed the Q3 budget forecast by **$1.423m**. This outperformance is on the back of strong managed funds returns over the last quarter, and Councils ability to lock in Term Deposit funds at market leading rates.

Going forward for 2024-25 Advisors exercise caution and expect volatility from the **TCorp Long-Term** given it has exposure to both domestic and international shares. This fund has a long duration view of 7-10 years and cannot be accurately measured for performance in the short term.

Table 3: Cumulative Interest table

Month-End	Cumulative Budget	Cumulative Investment Revenue	Difference ($)
Jul 2023	$2,157,596	$2,157,596	$0
Aug 2023	$3,384,092	$3,384,092	$0
Sep 2023	$4,137,027	$4,137,027	$0
Oct 2023	$4,976,807	$4,976,807	$0
Nov 2023	$7,682,940	$7,682,940	$0
Dec 2023	$10,367,665	$10,367,665	$0
Jan 2024	$12,629,655	$12,629,655	$0
Feb 2024	$14,971,968	$14,971,968	$0
Mar 2024	$16,215,898	$17,419,131	$1,203,233
Apr 2024	$17,459,828	$18,323,716	$863,888
May 2024	$18,703,759	$21,016,198	$2,312,439
Jun 2024	$22,000,000	$23,423,014	$1,423,014

***Note**: Council values all managed funds, Floating rate notes, and bonds on a mark to market basis each month. Any gain or loss in valuation is capitalised to interest income based on actual monthly statements.*

Table 4: Managed Fund Valuations Capitalised

Managed Funds Long-Term Investments	Asset Valuation May-24	Asset Valuation Jun-24	Value Capitalised Net Return	Monthly Interest Return Actual
TCorp Long Term Growth Fund	$38,156,894	$38,537,852	$380,958	1.00%
CFS Global Managed Fund	$15,825,394	$15,804,635	-$20,759	-0.13%
Total:	**$53,982,288**	**$54,342,487**	**$360,199**	**0.67%**

9. During June, unrealised capital valuations on Managed funds rose by approximately $360k. This increase in capital valuation, has been capitalised and is included in the cumulative investment revenue shown in table 3.

10. **Maturities and Transactions:** Overall, the portfolio remains well diversified from a maturity perspective, with around 24% of assets directed to medium term (2-5 years).

11. Where liquidity permits, Council advisors recommend new surplus funds be directed towards 1–5-year horizons given this is where the most attractive value can be found.

12. The following Investment transactions occurred during June 2024:

Table 5: Investment Maturities

Type	Issuer	Rating	Principal ($)	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Coupon (%)
FRTD	Westpac	AA-	3,500,000.00	06-Jun-19	06-Jun-24	5.33
TD	Suncorp Bank	A+	4,000,000.00	19-Sep-23	13-Jun-24	5.20
Bond	Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	3,000,000.00	12-May-21	17-Jun-24	0.80
TD	Unity Bank	Unrated	2,500,000.00	21-Nov-23	20-Jun-24	5.45
TD	Unity Bank	Unrated	2,500,000.00	21-Nov-23	27-Jun-24	5.45
			15,500,000.00			

Table 6: New Investment Purchases

Type	Issuer	Rating	Principal ($)	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Coupon (%)	
FRN	Teachers Mutual Bank	BBB+	999,898.00	21-Jun-24	21-Jun-27	5.71	No
FRN	ANZ Bank	AA-	3,499,408.50	18-Jun-24	18-Jun-29	5.23	Yes
TD	State Bank of India, Sydney Branch	BBB-	3,000,000.00	07-Jun-24	11-Jun-25	5.40	No
TD	Summerland Bank	Unrated	3,000,000.00	07-Jun-24	11-Jun-25	5.36	No
TD	Rabobank Australia Limited	A	9,000,000.00	03-Jun-24	26-Jun-25	5.36	Yes
			19,499,306.50				

13. During the month Council invested $19.5m, in Term Deposits and bonds, of which $7m are categorised as **environmentally sustainable fossil fuel free investments.**

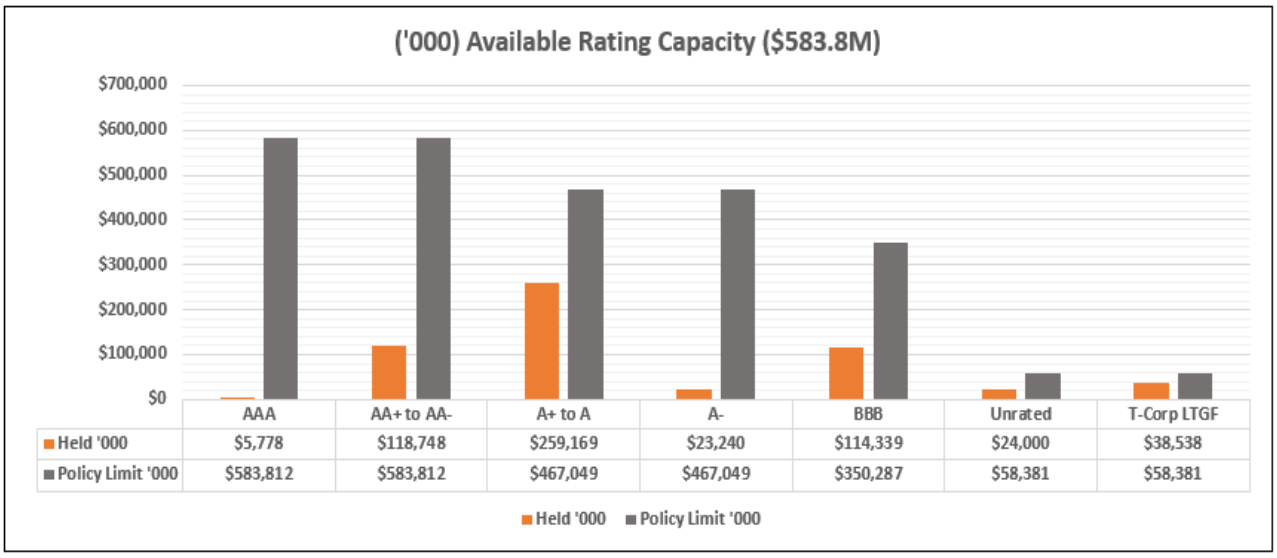
14. Portfolio Maturity Duration

Table 7: Maturity profile

Compliant	Horizon	Invested ($)	Invested (%)	Min. Limit (%)	Max. Limit (%)	Available ($)
✔	0 - 365 days	$314,410,372	53.91%	20%	100%	$268,775,268
✔	1 – 2 years	$91,590,332	15.71%	0%	70%	$316,639,616
✔	2 – 5 years	$138,647,084	23.77%	0%	60%	$211,264,300
✔	5 – 10 years	$38,537,852	6.61%	0%	15%	$48,939,994
		$583,185,640	**100.00%**			

15. The portfolio complies with Council's Investment Policy limits, with ample investment opportunity still available within all institutional rating, duration, and counterparty limits.

Graph 1: Investment Policy rating capacity.



**BBB-/BBB+ limits combined under Council's investment policy.*

16. **Counterparty Limits.** All individual counterparty limits comply with council's investment policy, with the following exceptions:

Table 8: Exceptions to counterparty limits

Institution	Policy Limit ($'000)	Held ($'000)	Overweight ($'000)	Reason	Compliance Date
No Exceptions					

17. As at the end of June 2024, Council did not have an overweight position to any single ADI. Overall, the portfolio is well diversified across the entire credit spectrum, including some exposure to unrated ADIs.

18. A full list of counterparty holdings is available on page 9 of the Arlo Advisory comprehensive report (attachment 2).

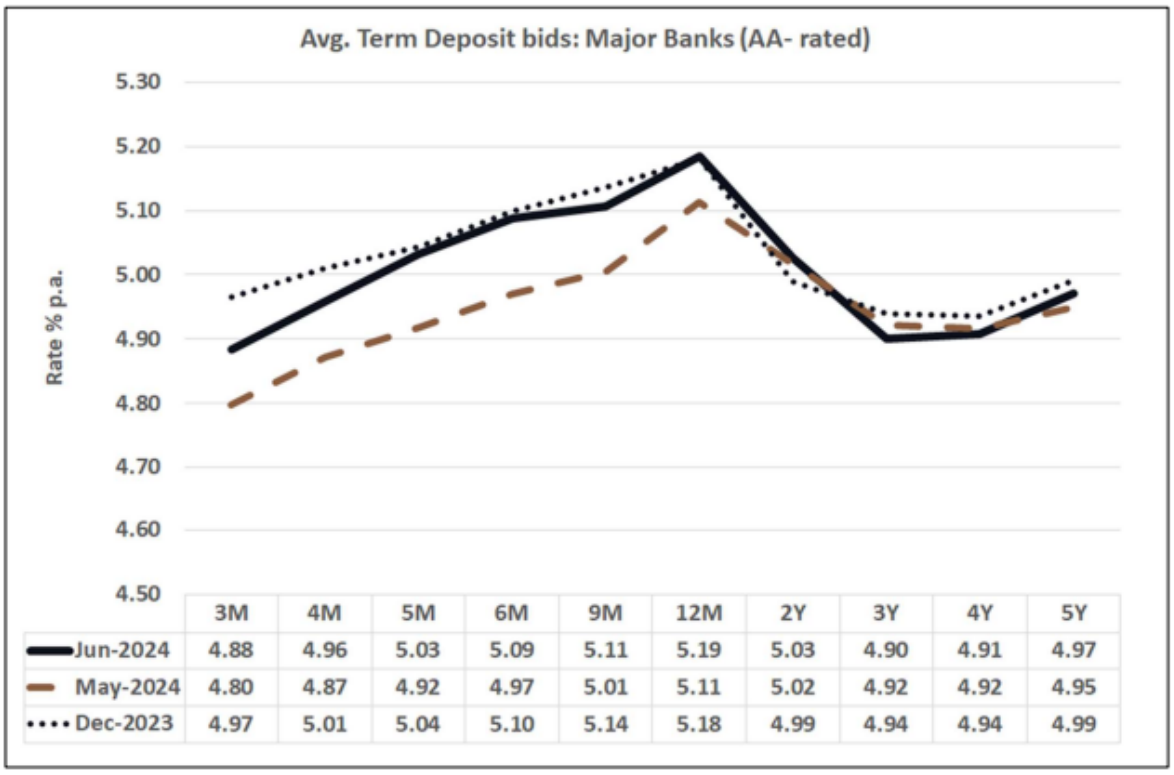
19. **Current Yields** Councils Floating Rate Notes are currently yielding around 5.93% FYTD with unrealised capital gains of approximately $528k based on current market valuations.

20. **The CFS Global Credit Fund** returned -0.13% (actual), underperforming the AusBond Bank Bill Index return of +0.35% (actual), and the AusBond Credit Index return of +0.44% (actual). Although it has been a relatively volatile environment for credit over the past few years, it has been one of Council's best performing assets over the longer-term. With a running yield of 5.25%, Arlo recommends council retain this investment, given the alternative investments in complying fixed interest products are largely earning below this rate of return.

21. **Council's term deposit portfolio** (63% of the portfolio) was yielding 4.83% p.a. at month-end, with a weighted average duration of around 444 days or 1.25 years.

In June, financial markets continue to reprice the time of rate cuts across several developed countries. Domestically, the market is now actually forecasting the small chance of a hike in coming months in response to ongoing inflationary pressures. In the deposit market, over June, the average deposit rates offered by the major banks at the short-end (up to 12 months) rose between 8-11bp following the higher-than-expected monthly inflation figure. In the medium-longer term (2-5 years), the average bids from the major banks remained relatively flat, reflective of the market still factoring rate cuts in future years. The deposit curve is largely back to where it was 6 months ago (Dec 2023)

Graph 2: Term Deposit Yields



	3M	4M	5M	6M	9M	12M	2Y	3Y	4Y	5Y
Jun-2024	4.88	4.96	5.03	5.09	5.11	5.19	5.03	4.90	4.91	4.97
May-2024	4.80	4.87	4.92	4.97	5.01	5.11	5.02	4.92	4.92	4.95
Dec-2023	4.97	5.01	5.04	5.10	5.14	5.18	4.99	4.94	4.94	4.99

22. Council engages Arlo Advisory for assistance in all investment matters relating to advice, risk, and portfolio weighting. Arlo monitor the portfolio daily and conduct a monthly health check review. This confirms that Council's portfolio is being conducted in accordance with the Act, the Regulation, and the Investment Policy.

23. Detailed investment performance commentary in relation to each investment product /type and counterparty, can be found in the Arlo Advisory comprehensive report attached (**Attachment 2**).

Certification of Investments

24. I hereby certify the investments for the month of June 2024 have been made in compliance with the Act, the Regulations, Council's Investment Policy, and the adviser's recommendations.

John Angilley, Executive Director, Finance & Information

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Stakeholder Consultation

25. The following stakeholder consultation has been undertaken in relation to this matter:

Date	Stakeholder	Stakeholder Comment	Council Officer Response	Responsibility
30 June 2024	Arlo Advisory	All Investments are within Policy guidelines and supported by Councils independent advisor. Refer Arlo Comprehensive Report	All Investments are within Policy limits and reconcile to the General Ledger as at 30 Jun 2024	John Angilley Executive Director, Finance & Information Bruce MacFarlane Treasury & Tax Accountant

Councillor Consultation

26. The following Councillor consultation has been undertaken in relation to this matter:

Date	Councillor	Councillor Comment	Council Officer Response	Responsibility
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL

27. There are no legal implications resulting from this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL

28. As of 30 June 2024, cumulative interest income outperformed the annual forecast budget by approximately **$1.423m.**

Bruce MacFarlane
Treasury Tax & Accounts Payable Manager

John Angilley
Executive Director Finance & Information

Gail Connolly
Chief Executive Officer

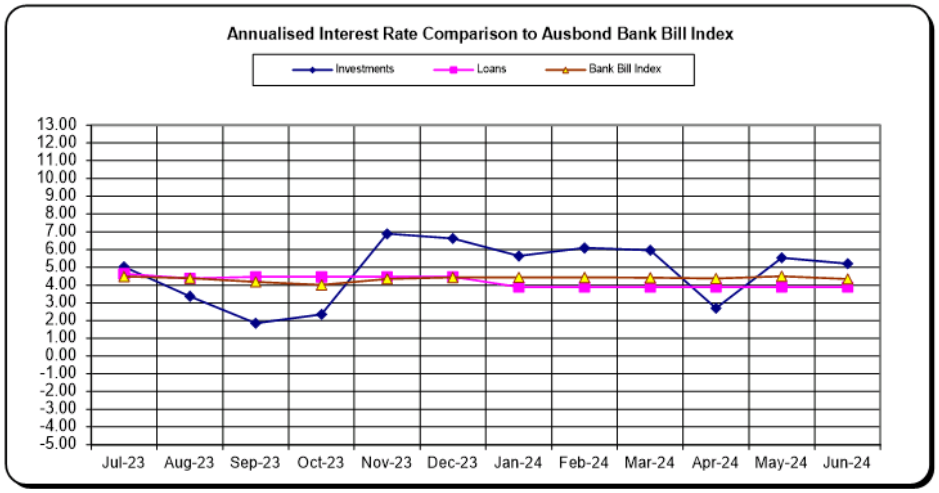
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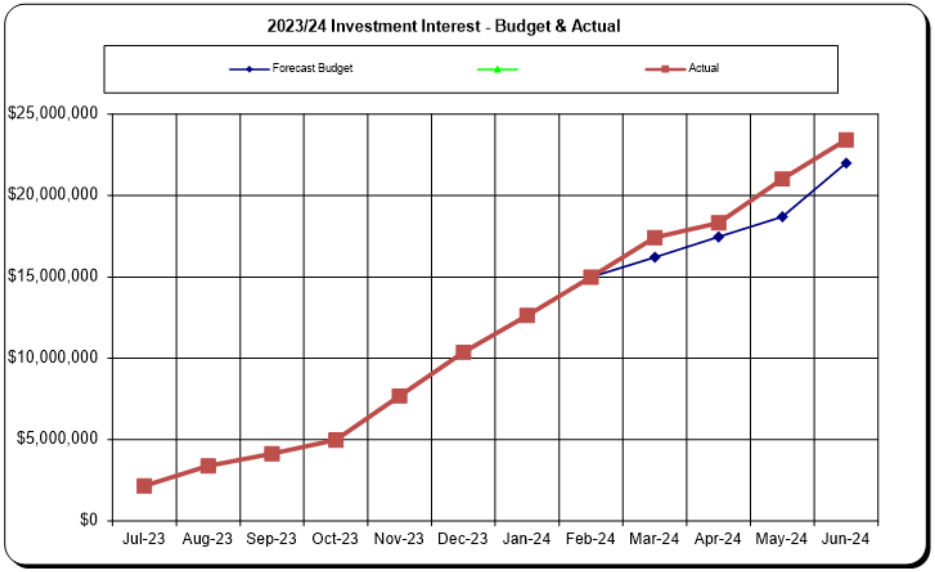
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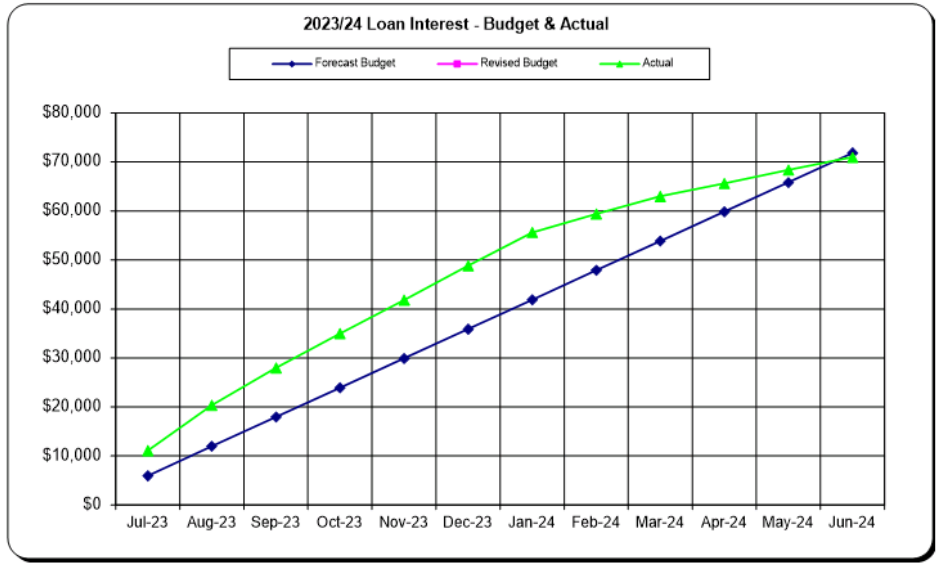
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Monthly Investment Review

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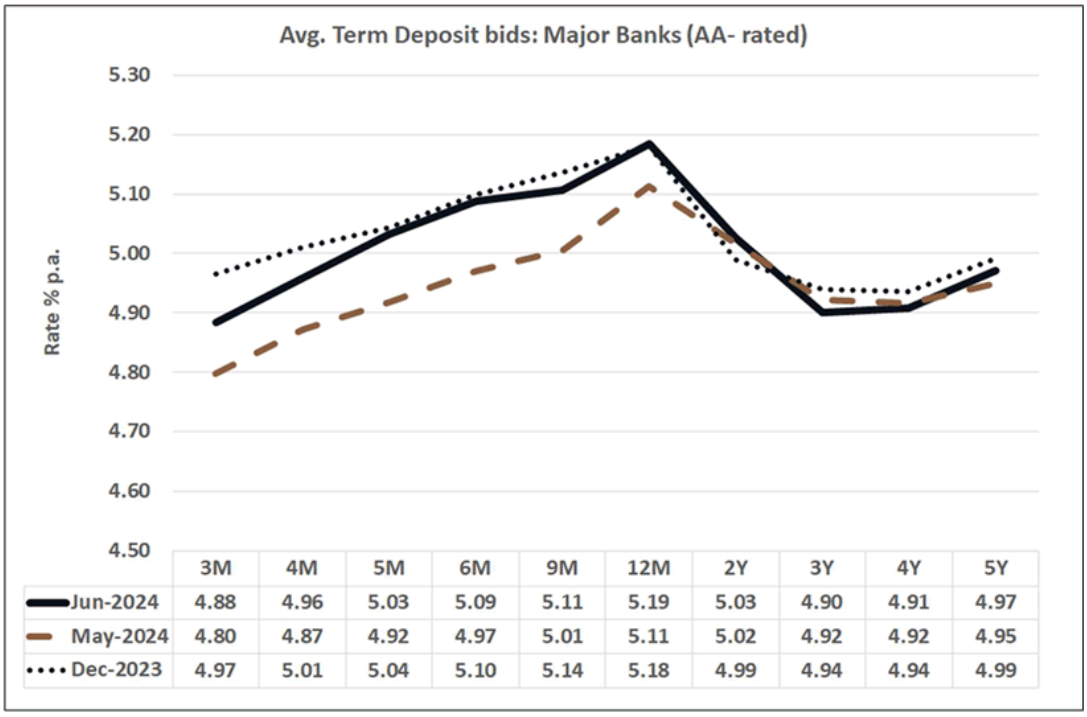
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Market Update Summary

In June, financial markets continue to reprice the time of rate cuts across several developed countries. Domestically, the market is now actually forecasting the small chance of a hike in coming months in response to ongoing inflationary pressures.

In the deposit market, over June, the average deposit rates offered by the major banks at the short-end (up to 12 months) rose between 8-11bp following the higher than expected monthly inflation figure. In the medium-longer term (2-5 years), the average bids from the major banks remained relatively flat, reflective of the market still factoring rate cuts in future years. The deposit curve is largely back to where it was 6 months ago (Dec 2023).



	3M	4M	5M	6M	9M	12M	2Y	3Y	4Y	5Y
Jun-2024	4.88	4.96	5.03	5.09	5.11	5.19	5.03	4.90	4.91	4.97
May-2024	4.80	4.87	4.92	4.97	5.01	5.11	5.02	4.92	4.92	4.95
Dec-2023	4.97	5.01	5.04	5.10	5.14	5.18	4.99	4.94	4.94	4.99

Source: Imperium Markets

With a global economic downturn and interest rate cuts still being priced over the next 18-24 months, investors should consider diversifying and taking an 'insurance policy' against a potentially lower rate environment by investing across 2-5 year fixed deposits, targeting rates above 5% p.a. (small allocation only).

City of Parramatta Council's Portfolio Summary

Term Deposits

Term Deposits (fixed and floating) account for around 63% of the total investment portfolio at month-end. Council's term deposit portfolio was yielding 4.83% p.a. at month-end, with a weighted average duration of around 444 days or ~1.2 years. Where liquidity permits, we recommend maintaining this duration in the long-run.

Senior FRNs

Council's senior floating rate notes (FRNs) make up around 13% of the total investment portfolio at month-end. The market valuation of Council's FRNs marginally fell around **-0.01% (actual)** in June (**or -$6,032 in dollar terms**).

Summary	May 2024	June 2024	Net Flow ($)	Monthly Change %
Face Value	$73,550,000	$74,350,000	$800,000	+1.09%
Market Value	$74,013,398	$74,794,372	-$6,032	-0.01%

We highlight that Council's FRNs are senior ranked assets and high in the bank capital structure. We expect that, if held to maturity, the FRNs will pay back its original face value ($100.00), along with its quarterly coupons throughout the life of the security. That is, we do not expect Council to lose any capital or interest payments from its current holding in its senior FRNs given all banks continue to maintain high capital buffers as required by APRA.

At month-end, Council's FRNs are now marked at an **unrealised capital gain of +$444,476** *(noting some were purchased at a slight discount to par in the secondary market).*

BBB rated senior FRNs

As per all FRNs, we have no issues with Council's investments in "BBB" rated senior FRNs given all counterparties continue to hold robust balance sheets with high levels of capital. On a mark-to-market basis, collectively they fell around **$3,132 in dollar terms or -0.02% (actual)** for the month.

Summary	May 2024	June 2024	Net Flow ($)	Monthly Change %
Face Value	$12,300,000	$13,300,000	$1,000,000	+8.05%
Market Value	$12,381,390	$13,378,258	-$3,132	-0.02%

At month-end, Council's "BBB" rated FRNs are now marked at an **unrealised capital gain of ~$81,494**.

Senior Bonds

Since September 2020, Council has an outstanding $27m placed in Northern Territory Treasury Corporation (NTTC) fixed bonds rated AA- (same as the domestic major banks), locking in yields between 0.90%-1.40% p.a. The weighted average yield on these investments was 1.09% p.a., with a current weighted average duration of 1.36 years.

We believe these investments were sensible at the time of investment given the unprecedented low rate environment and the RBA's forward guidance at the time of investment (no rate rises "*until at least 2024*"). We reiterate that the NTTC bonds are a 'retail' offering and not 'wholesale' issuances. Given the lack of liquidity and high penalty costs if they were to be sold/redeemed prior to the maturity date, they are considered to be a hold-to-maturity investment and will be marked at par value ($100.00) throughout the term of investment.

During August 2021, Council purchased $600k in the ING (AAA) covered fixed bond at a yield of 1.16% p.a. This is likely to be held for the entire term given the rate hike cycle over the past two years. Given it is now trading at a significant discount to par, we recommend buying additional units if available, to average-in at a more attractive yield. Separately, recently, Council purchased fixed bonds with BoQ (BBB+) and Judo (BBB-) Bank at discounted values – these are likely to result in capital gains as they mature and were originally purchased between 5.36%-6.60% yields.

TCorp Long-Term Growth Fund

The NSW TCorp Fund accounts for ~6¾% of Council's total investment portfolio. **The Fund returned +1.00% (actual) for the month of June**. Domestic and international shares continued their rally in June, finishing the financial year solidly.

Summary	May 2024	Jun 2024	Investment ($)	Net Return ($)	Net Return (%)
Market Value	$38,156,894	$38,537,852	$0	+$380,958	+1.00%

Risk assets pushed higher over the month, helped by resilient corporate earnings, softer data, and a Fed reluctant to undertake further hikes.

The overall monetary policy outlook has stayed tight across regions – while expectations of cuts have been reined in, they remain to a lesser extent. While the focus has been on the US Federal Reserve (Fed), rightly in our view, rhetoric from other major central banks, with possibly the exception of the Bank of Japan, that policy settings could be revisited and more importantly revised as the year unfolds.

The Fund should be looked at with a long-term view, with a minimum holding period of +7 years. Given the exposure to the volatile asset of shares, Council should expect to see, on average, a negative month once every 3 months over a long-term holding period.

CFS Global Credit Income

The CFS Global Credit Income Fund accounts for around 2½% of Council's total investment portfolio. **The Fund returned -0.13% (actual) in June**, as the market valuation of the fund's assets in global credit securities marginally decreased during the month.

Summary	May 2024	Jun 2024	Difference ($)	Difference (%)
Market Value	$15,825,394	$15,804,635	-$20,759	-0.13%

The Fund holds a diverse range of securities across the global credit market. It remains very well diversified by issuer in order to mitigate default risk. It invests in nearly 600 corporate bonds from issuers in various countries and industry sectors. Any spread contraction going forward allows credit and asset-backed holdings to enjoy significant capital gains.

With a running yield of around +5¼% p.a., we recommend Council retains this "grandfathered" Fund given the alternative to invest in cash and deposits (Council's approval list) are yielding lower.

Cash Accounts

Cash accounts make up around 7% of Council's investment portfolio at month-end. Council's cash accounts are likely to yield up to 0.15% p.a. (at most) above the official cash rate over coming years i.e. yield up to 4.50% p.a. at current yields. Short-dated term deposits will continue to outperform overnight cash accounts in most cases so we recommend keeping cash levels at a bare minimum to meet ongoing liquidity requirements.

Council's Budgeted Income for FY2023-2024

Council's budgeted income for FY2023-2024 was revised to $22.0m. Based on an average total investment portfolio size of around $480m, that equates to a budgeted yield of around 4.58% for the financial year.

For the financial year, the cumulative interest revenue earned was roughly $1.42m above the revised budgeted income or a return of around 4.79% p.a. In the upcoming financial year, we exercise caution given the volatility from the TCorp Long-Term Growth Fund during any month (fluctuations can be up or down $1m on any month).

Month-End	Cumulative Budget	Cumulative Investment Revenue	Difference ($)
Jul 2023	$2,157,596	$2,157,596	$0
Aug 2023	$3,384,092	$3,384,092	$0
Sep 2023	$4,137,027	$4,137,027	$0
Oct 2023	$4,976,807	$4,976,807	$0
Nov 2023	$7,682,940	$7,682,940	$0
Dec 2023	$10,367,665	$10,367,665	$0
Jan 2024	$12,629,655	$12,629,655	$0
Feb 2024	$14,971,968	$14,971,968	$0
Mar 2024	$16,215,898	$17,419,131	$1,203,233
Apr 2024	$17,459,828	$18,323,716	$863,888
May 2024	$18,703,759	$21,016,198	$2,312,439
Jun 2024	$22,000,000	$23,423,014	$1,423,014

We remain cautious given that risks remain to the downside, particularly if there is another selloff in equities and/or bonds as the market factors in a global economic downturn.

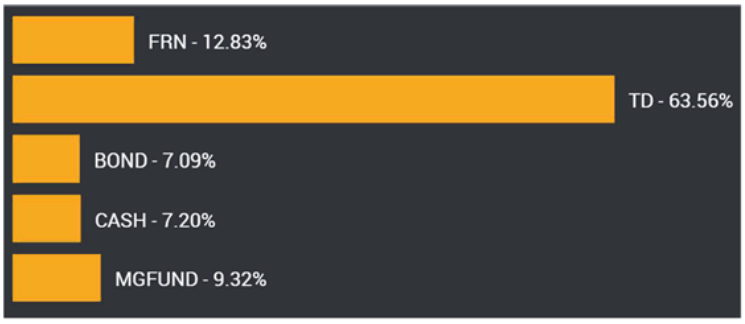
Council's Portfolio & Compliance

Asset Allocation

As at the end of June 2024, the portfolio was mainly directed to fixed and floating rate term deposits (64%). The remaining portfolio is directed to FRNs (13%), overnight cash accounts (7%), bonds (7%), and the managed funds with CFS Global Credit Income Fund and NSW T-Corp Long Term Growth Fund (9%, combined).

Senior FRNs remain relatively attractive as spreads have generally widened over the past 2 years. New issuances may be considered again on a case by case scenario. In the interim, staggering a mix of fixed deposits between 9-12 months to 3 years remains a more optimal strategy to maximise returns over a longer-term cycle.

With interest rate cuts and a global economic downturn being priced in coming years, investors can choose to allocate a small proportion of longer-term funds and undertake an insurance policy against any potential future rate cuts by investing across 2-5 year fixed deposits, locking in and targeting yields above 5% p.a.



Term to Maturity

Overall, the portfolio remains well diversified from a maturity perspective with around 24% of assets directed to medium-term assets (2-5 years). All minimum and maximum criteria meet within the Policy guidelines:



Where liquidity permits, we recommend new surplus funds be directed to 1-5 year horizons given this is where the most attractive value can be found. We suggest this be allocated to any remaining attractive fixed term deposits or newly issued FRNs (refer to respective sections below).

Compliant	Horizon	Invested ($)	Invested (%)	Min. Limit (%)	Max. Limit (%)	Available ($)
✓	0 - 365 days	$314,410,372	53.91%	20%	100%	$268,775,268
✓	1 – 2 years	$91,590,332	15.71%	0%	70%	$316,639,616
✓	2 – 5 years	$138,647,084	23.77%	0%	60%	$211,264,300
✓	5 – 10 years	$38,537,852	6.61%	0%	15%	$48,939,994
		$583,185,640	**100.00%**			

Counterparty

As at the end of June 2024, Council did not have an overweight position to any single ADI. Overall, the portfolio is well diversified across the entire credit spectrum, including some exposure to the unrated ADIs.

Compliant	Issuer	Rating	Invested ($)	Invested (%)	Max. Limit (%)	Available ($)
✓	Bendigo Covered	AAA	$5,226,442	0.90%	50.00%	$286,366,379
✓	ING Covered	AAA	$553,015	0.09%	50.00%	$291,039,806
✓	ANZ	AA-	$16,119,372	2.76%	40.00%	$217,154,884
✓	CBA	AA-	$11,405,765	1.96%	40.00%	$221,868,491
✓	NAB	AA-	$63,593,673	10.90%	40.00%	$169,680,583
✓	Northern Territory	AA-	$27,000,000	4.63%	40.00%	$206,274,256
✓	Macquarie	A+	$2,438,079	0.42%	25.00%	$143,358,331
✓	Suncorp	A+	$16,272,833	2.79%	25.00%	$129,523,577
✓	UBS AG	A+	$5,803,178	1.00%	25.00%	$139,993,232
✓	CFS Global CI	A	$15,804,635	2.71%	25.00%	$129,991,775
✓	ICBC	A	$100,054,748	17.16%	25.00%	$45,741,663
✓	ING Bank Aus.	A	$25,002,784	4.29%	25.00%	$120,793,626
✓	Rabo. Aus.	A	$93,800,000	16.08%	25.00%	$51,996,410
✓	BoQ	A-	$20,100,122	3.45%	25.00%	$125,696,288
✓	Bendigo-Adelaide	A-	$3,127,906	0.54%	25.00%	$142,668,504
✓	AMP Bank	BBB+	$8,673,451	1.49%	15.00%	$78,804,395
✓	Aus. Unity Bank	BBB+	$4,000,000	0.69%	15.00%	$83,477,846
✓	Bank Australia	BBB+	$4,225,635	0.72%	15.00%	$83,252,211
✓	Bank of Us	BBB+	$26,000,000	4.46%	15.00%	$61,477,846
✓	Great Southern	BBB+	$2,509,086	0.43%	15.00%	$84,968,760
✓	Heritage	BBB+	$2,116,951	0.36%	15.00%	$85,360,895
✓	Newcastle	BBB+	$1,525,437	0.26%	15.00%	$85,952,409
✓	P&N Bank	BBB+	$16,800,000	2.88%	15.00%	$70,677,846
✓	Police Bank	BBB+	$4,000,000	0.69%	15.00%	$83,477,846
✓	QT Mutual Bank	BBB+	$1,001,357	0.17%	15.00%	$86,476,489
✓	Teachers Mutual	BBB+	$1,000,443	0.17%	15.00%	$86,477,403
✓	Auswide Bank	BBB	$15,000,000	2.57%	15.00%	$72,477,846
✓	Judo Bank	BBB	$16,487,294	2.83%	15.00%	$70,990,552
✓	MyState	BBB	$3,000,000	0.51%	15.00%	$84,477,846
✓	QBank	BBB	$5,005,585	0.86%	15.00%	$82,472,261
✓	State Bank India	BBB-	$3,000,000	0.51%	15.00%	$84,477,846

Compliant	Issuer	Rating	Invested ($)	Invested (%)	Max. Limit (%)	Available ($)
✓	Arab Bank Aus.	Unrated	$5,000,000	0.86%	0.86%	$0
✓	Bank of Sydney	Unrated	$5,000,000	0.86%	0.86%	$0
✓	Move Bank	Unrated	$5,000,000	0.86%	0.86%	$0
✓	Police CU	Unrated	$4,000,000	0.69%	0.86%	$1,000,000
✓	Summerland Bank	Unrated	$5,000,000	0.86%	0.86%	$0
✓	TCorpIM LTG	Unrated	$38,537,852	6.61%	10.00%	$19,780,712
			$583,185,640	**100.00%**		

In early April 2024, BoQ and Bendigo-Adelaide were upgraded by S&P from BBB+ to A-. Separately, several other regional banks were upgraded from BBB to BBB+, as well as BBB- to BBB. This has resulted in increased capacity to invest in some of these individual institutions from a counterparty perspective, as well as the aggregate "BBB" rated category (see Credit Quality section).

Domestic versus International

Noting Council's (internationally) demographic ratepayer base, we summarise where its investments are currently placed:

ADI Category by APRA / Country of Region	Amount Invested	Percentage
Australian Owned ADI	$290,629,430	49.83%
Australia	$290,629,430	49.83%
Branches of Foreign Bank	$108,857,926	18.67%
China	$100,054,748	17.16%
India	$3,000,000	0.51%
Switzerland	$5,803,178	1.00%
Foreign Subsidiary Banks	$129,355,798	22.18%
Jordan	$5,000,000	0.86%
Lebanon	$5,000,000	0.86%
Netherlands	$119,355,798	20.47%
Global^	$54,342,487	9.32%
International	$54,342,487	9.32%
Total	**$583,185,640**	**100.00%**

Source: https://www.apra.gov.au/register-of-authorised-deposit-taking-institutions
^Global: The NSW TCorpIM LTGF and CFS Global Credit Income Fund invests in hundreds of underlying securities globally, from which the portfolio composition is likely to change regularly.

Overall, approximately 50% of Council's total investment portfolio is placed with domestic ADIs, while the remaining 50% is placed with international banks and corporate entities. In response to global financial crisis (GFC), the Financial Stability Board (FSB) came up with a range of financial metrics to ascertain which banks were effectively deemed "*too big to fail*". A list of Globally Systemic Important Banks (G-SIBs) was developed, in which these banks required to hold much higher levels of capital compared to their smaller peers to ensure their financial stability under various stress test scenarios (e.g. another GFC).

Council's exposure to the international banks are generally with such Globally Systemic Important Banks (G-SIBs), including ICBC (China), ING Bank and Rabobank (Netherlands) and UBS (Switzerland).

Overall, we have no concerns with Council's exposure to international banks given they are largely considered to be globally systematic important banks that are '*too big to fail*'.

Fossil Fuel Investments

What is Council's current exposure to institutions that fund fossil fuels?

Using the following link http://www.marketforces.org.au/banks/compare, based on the Council's investment portfolio balance as at 30/06/2024 ($583.19m), we can roughly estimate that ~52% of the investments have some form of exposure. Council's exposure is summarised as follows:

Counterparty	Credit Rating	Funding Fossil Fuel
Bendigo Covered	AAA	No
ING Covered	AAA	Yes
ANZ	AA-	Yes
CBA	AA-	Yes
NAB	AA-	Yes
Northern Territory	AA-	Yes
Macquarie	A+	Yes
Suncorp	A+	No
UBS AG	A+	No
CFS Global Credit^^	A	Yes
ICBC	A	No
ING Bank Australia	A	Yes
Rabobank Australia	A	Yes
BOQ	A-	No
Bendigo-Adelaide	A-	No
AMP Bank	BBB+	Yes
Aus. Unity Bank	BBB+	No
Bank Australia	BBB+	No
Bank of Us	BBB+	No
Great Southern	BBB+	No
Heritage	BBB+	No
Newcastle	BBB+	No
P&N Bank	BBB+	No
Police Bank	BBB+	No
QT Mutual Bank	BBB+	No
Teachers Mutual Bank	BBB+	No
Auswide Bank	BBB	No
Judo Bank	BBB	No
MyState	BBB	No
QBank	BBB	No
State Bank of India	BBB-	No
Arab Bank Aus.	Unrated	No
Bank of Sydney	Unrated	No
Move Bank	Unrated	No
Police CU	Unrated	No
Summerland Bank	Unrated	No
T-CorpIM LTG Fund^^	Unrated	Yes

^^The underlying exposure in these managed funds includes the domestic major banks.
Source: https://www.marketforces.org.au/info/compare-bank-table/

Summary	Amount	Invested %
Yes	$302,928,624	52%
No	$280,257,016	48%
	$583,185,640	**100%**

Transition to investments without major exposure to fossil fuels

Council has not made a decision to divest from the current portfolio of investments which have exposure to fossil fuels. To do so would have unfavourable implications to the credit quality, rating and interest income forecasts.

However, where possible, and within the ministerial and policy guidelines, Council will continue to favour newly issued fossil fuel free investment products, providing it does not compromise the risk and return profile.

In time it is Councils intention to move to a more balanced portfolio which has less exposure to fossil fuels, providing it is prudent to do so.

What would be implications on our portfolio credit rating?

By adopting a free fossil fuel policy or an active divestment strategy, this would eliminate the major banks rated "AA-" as well as some other "A" rated banks (Citi, Macquarie and ING). Council would be left with a smaller sub-sector of banks to choose to invest with.

What would be risks and implications on Council's portfolio performance?

Some implications include:

- High concentration risk – limiting Council to a selected number of banks;
- Increased credit/counterparty risk;
- May lead to a reduction in performance (e.g. most of the senior FRN issues are with the higher rated ADIs);
- Underperformance compared to other Councils which could result in a significant loss of income generated – could be in excess of hundreds of thousands of dollars per annum.

It may actually be contrary to Council's primary objective to preserve capital as the investment portfolio's risk would increase (all things being equal). Council may not be maximising its returns – this is one of the primary objectives written in the Investment Policy.

Credit Quality

Following the most recent adopted Policy, all aggregate ratings categories are currently within the Policy limits:

Compliant	Credit Rating	Invested ($)	Invested (%)	Max. Limit (%)	Available ($)
✓	AAA Category	$5,779,456	1%	100%	$577,406,184
✓	AA Range or Major Banks	$118,118,810	20%	100%	$465,066,830
✓	A Category	$282,404,284	48%	80%	$184,144,229
✓	BBB Category	$114,345,239	20%	30%	$60,610,454
✓	Unrated ADI Category	$24,000,000	4%	10%	$34,318,564
✓	TCorpIM Funds	$38,537,852	7%	25%	$107,258,558
		$583,185,640	**100.00%**		

The portfolio remains well diversified across the entire credit spectrum, including some exposure to the unrated ADI sector. There is high capacity to invest in the higher rated ADIs (A or higher), with some capacity to invest in the "BBB" rated category.

Performance

Council's performance (actual returns) for the month ending June 2024 is summarised as follows:

Performance (Actual)	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year	2 years	3 years
Official Cash Rate	0.35%	1.07%	2.15%	4.28%	4.28%	3.62%	2.46%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	0.35%	1.08%	2.18%	4.37%	4.37%	3.63%	2.44%
PCC Internal Benchmark*	0.43%	1.08%	2.66%	5.37%	5.37%	4.77%	3.16%
PCC Cash Portfolio	0.38%	1.14%	2.28%	4.14%	4.51%	3.71%	2.60%
PCC T/D Portfolio	0.40%	1.16%	2.23%	4.10%	4.10%	3.25%	2.61%
PCC FRN Portfolio	0.47%	1.41%	2.81%	5.69%	5.69%	4.92%	3.78%
PCC Bond Portfolio	0.19%	0.52%	0.92%	1.53%	1.53%	1.32%	1.24%
PCC Credit Fund	-0.13%	1.04%	2.90%	7.81%	7.81%	7.26%	3.19%
PCC TCorp Growth Fund	1.00%	-0.50%	5.73%	10.52%	10.52%	10.75%	4.19%
PCC's Total Portfolio	**0.42%**	**1.10%**	**2.55%**	**4.79%**	**4.79%**	**3.97%**	**2.77%**
Rel. Perf. (BBI)	**0.07%**	**0.02%**	**0.37%**	**0.41%**	**0.41%**	**0.34%**	**0.33%**
Rel. Perf. (Int. Bench.)	**-0.01%**	**0.02%**	**-0.11%**	**-0.59%**	**-0.59%**	**-0.80%**	**-0.39%**

**The Internal Benchmark returns are based on Council's individual benchmarks across the various asset classes it invests within its own portfolio. The following individual benchmarks are used for each asset class that Council invests in:*
Cash: RBA Cash Rate
Term Deposits: Deposit benchmark based on Council's weighted average duration using multiple ADIs average monthly rate
FRNs: AusBond Credit FRN Index
CFS Global Credit Income Fund: AusBond Credit Index
NSW TCorpIM Long-Term Growth Fund: Fund's return itself

For the month of June, the total investment portfolio (including cash) provided a return of +0.42% (actual) or +5.21% p.a. (annualised), outperforming the AusBond Bank Bill Index return of +0.35% (actual) or +4.34% p.a. (annualised), whilst underperforming Council's internal benchmark return of +0.43% (actual) or +5.41% p.a. (annualised).

For the 2023-2024 financial year, with a return of +4.79% p.a., we estimate Parramatta Council has likely outperformed its peers of investment portfolio sizes of +$200m by at least 0.50% p.a. On Parramatta's ~$590m investment portfolio, that has amounted to around $2,950,000 (0.5% x $590m) of additional interest income Council has generated this financial year against Council's peers.

The longer-term outperformance continues to be anchored by the handful of longer-dated deposits, as well as the FRNs locked in at attractive margins, boosted by the strategic sales implemented over the past few years. This is now reflected in the longer-term returns with the FRN portfolio now ahead of fixed

term deposits over 1-3 year time periods (also driven recently during the RBA's rate hike cycle). The TCorp LTGF has also helped returns in recent years as shares have reached their all-time highs.

The annualised returns as of June 2024 are shown in the following table:

Performance (% p.a.)	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year	2 years	3 years
Official Cash Rate	4.35%	4.35%	4.35%	4.27%	4.28%	3.62%	2.46%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	4.34%	4.41%	4.42%	4.36%	4.37%	3.63%	2.44%
PCC Internal Benchmark*	5.41%	4.42%	5.40%	5.36%	5.37%	4.77%	3.16%
PCC Cash Portfolio	4.76%	4.65%	4.63%	4.13%	4.51%	3.71%	2.60%
PCC T/D Portfolio	4.99%	4.75%	4.53%	4.09%	4.10%	3.25%	2.61%
PCC FRN Portfolio	5.93%	5.76%	5.71%	5.68%	5.69%	4.92%	3.78%
PCC Bond Portfolio	2.35%	2.10%	1.84%	1.53%	1.53%	1.32%	1.24%
PCC Credit Fund	-1.58%	4.25%	5.89%	7.79%	7.81%	7.26%	3.19%
PCC TCorp Growth Fund	12.85%	-2.00%	11.81%	10.49%	10.52%	10.75%	4.19%
PCC's Total Portfolio	**5.21%**	**4.48%**	**5.18%**	**4.77%**	**4.79%**	**3.97%**	**2.77%**
Rel. Perf. (BBI)	**0.86%**	**0.08%**	**0.77%**	**0.41%**	**0.41%**	**0.34%**	**0.33%**
Rel. Perf. (Int. Bench.)	**-0.20%**	**0.06%**	**-0.22%**	**-0.59%**	**-0.59%**	**-0.80%**	**-0.39%**

Recommendations for Council

Term Deposits

As at the end of June 2024, Council's **deposit** portfolio was yielding **4.83% p.a.** (up 1bp from the previous month), with a weighted average duration of around 444 days (~1¼ years).

There is growing belief that interest rate cuts and a global economic downturn maybe delivered in the coming year and so locking in rates above 5% p.a. across 1-5 year tenors may provide some income protection against a lower rate environment over coming years.

We recommend Council maintains the average duration around 12 months (or slightly longer) over the long-term.

Please refer to the section below for further details on the Term Deposit market.

Securities

Primary (new) Senior **FRNs** (with maturities between 3-5 years) continue to be appealing (particularly for those investors with portfolios skewed towards fixed assets) and should be considered on a case by case scenario. Please refer to the section below for further details on the FRN market.

Council FRNs – Recommendations for Sale/Switches

During the month, Council sold out $3.7m in low yielding FRNs, realising capital gains of around $13,000, which boosted overall returns. If then switched into higher yielding FRNs with ANZ (AA-) and Teachers Mutual (BBB+) which should also help increase returns in coming years.

We will inform Council when there is an opportunity to sell out of any future sub-optimal FRNs and switch into a higher yielding complying asset. This strategy has worked very well as Council has ultimately boosted the overall returns of the investment portfolio (up to hundreds of thousands of dollars in previous financial years). There will be an opportunity to switch/sell out of the following FRN(s) in coming months, ideally switching into a newly issued attractive FRN. The following are now up for consideration:

Issuer	Rating	Maturity Date	ISIN	Face Value	Trading Margin	Capital Price ($)	~Unrealised Gain ($)
UBS	A+	30/07/2025	AU3FN0055307	$3,250,000	+60.0bp	$100.235	$7,631
Bendigo	A-	11/11/2025	AU3FN0073334	$4,000,000	+62.0bp	$100.383	$15,312
CBA	AA-	14/01/2027	AU3FN0065579	$1,300,000	+63.0bp	$100.115	$1,499
Macq.	A+	14/09/2026	AU3FN0081170	$2,400,000	+69.5bp	$100.267	$6,418

This strategy has boosted overall returns and will continue to do so going forward. The current financial year's realised gains are shown as follows:

Issuer	Rating	Maturity Date	ISIN	Face Value	Trading Margin	Capital Price ($)	Realised Gain ($)
NAB	AA-	21/01/2025	AU3FN0052510	$2,000,000	+53.0bp	$100.345	$6,900
Suncorp	A+	30/07/2024	AU3FN0049144	$2,000,000	+59.0bp	$100.192	$4,800
NAB	AA-	30/05/2025	AU3FN0069373	$2,000,000	+57.0bp	$100.548	$9,316
Suncorp	AAA	24/04/2025	AU3FN0053880	$700,000	+71.0bp	$100.498	$3,486
Bendigo	BBB+	06/09/2024	AU3FN0050019	$1,750,000	+76.0bp	$100.151	$2,642
Suncorp	AAA	17/10/2025	AU3FN0072617	$800,000	+47.0bp	$100.534	$4,272
BoQ	AAA	14/05/2025	AU3FN0054086	$900,000	+49.0bp	$100.529	$4,761
Citibank	A+	14/11/2024	AU3FN0051561	$1,000,000	+46.0bp	$100.183	$1,830
BoQ	A-	30/10/2024	AU3FN0051272	$1,000,000	+56.0bp	$100.213	$2,130
					Total Realised Gains FY2023-2024		**$40,137**

Council's Senior Fixed Bonds

Since September 2020, Council placed parcels in NTTC (AA-) fixed bonds as follows:

Investment Date	Maturity Date	Principal	Rate % p.a.^	Remaining Term (Yrs)	Interest Paid
24/11/2020	16/12/2024	$1,000,000	0.90%	0.46	Annually
16/02/2021	16/06/2025	$1,000,000	0.90%	0.96	Annually
16/02/2021	15/06/2026	$5,000,000	1.00%	1.96	Annually
12/05/2021	16/06/2025	$3,000,000	1.10%	0.96	Annually
12/05/2021	15/06/2026	$3,000,000	1.30%	1.96	Annually
20/05/2021	16/06/2025	$3,500,000	1.10%	0.96	Annually
09/09/2021	16/12/2024	$2,500,000	0.90%	0.46	Semi-Annually
09/09/2021	15/12/2026	$5,000,000	1.40%	2.46	Semi-Annually
	Totals / Wgt. Avg.	**$24,000,000**	**1.09%**	**1.53 yrs**	

At the time of investment, these investments were relatively attractive especially after the rate cut delivered in early November 2020 to 0.10% and its subsequent forward guidance on official interest rates (no rate rises "*until at least 2024*"). The NTTC bonds are a 'retail' offering and not 'wholesale' issuances. Given the lack of liquidity and high penalty costs if they were to be sold/redeemed prior to the maturity date, they are considered to be a hold-to-maturity investment and will be marked at par value ($100.00) throughout the term of investment.

Separately, Council also purchased into the following fixed bonds. Where attractive, Council may consider purchasing additional units in these securities in the secondary market to 'average-in' a better overall purchase price.

Issuer	Rating	Maturity Date	ISIN	Face Value	Purchase Yield	Current Yield	Unrealised Gain / Loss ($)
ING	AAA	19/08/2026	AU3CB0282358	$600,000	1.16%	5.02%	-$45,240
BoQ	A-	06/09/2024	AU3CB0296168	$1,500,000	5.45%	5.44%	+$7,215
BoQ	A-	06/09/2024	AU3CB0284149	$2,600,000	5.36%	5.47%	+$4,888
BoQ	A-	30/04/2029	AU3CB0308955	$8,000,000	5.36%	5.51%	-$51,600
Judo	BBB-	26/09/2025	AU3CB0292480	$2,000,000	6.60%	6.90%	-$5,540

CFS Global Credit Income Fund

For the month of June, the CFS Global Credit Income Fund returned -0.13% (actual), underperforming the AusBond Bank Bill Index return of +0.35% (actual), and the AusBond Credit Index return of +0.44% (actual).

On credit securities, the investment decision is a delicate balancing act between spreads approaching historic low levels and the attraction of higher yields while recognising the economic cycle is now facing a softer growth outlook that remains vulnerable to any shock..

Although it has been a relatively volatile environment for credit over the past few years, it has been one of Council's best performing assets over the longer-term. The portfolio continues to accumulate high running-income in excess of the benchmark across all corporate and financial sectors. The Fund holds a diverse range of securities across the global credit market. It remains very well diversified by issuer in order to mitigate default risk. It invests in nearly 600 corporate bonds from issuers in various countries and industry sectors. Any spread contraction going forward allows credit and asset-backed holdings to enjoy significant capital gains.

With a running yield of ~5¼% p.a., we recommend Council to retain this investment given the alternative investments in complying fixed interest products are largely earning below this rate of return.

NSW T-CorpIM Growth Fund

The Growth Fund returned +1.00% (actual) for the month of June. Both domestic shares (S&P ASX 200 Accumulation Index +1.01%) and international shares (MSCI World ex-Australia +1.93%) provided positive returns to finish off the financial year solidly. Bonds also provided modest returns, contributing to the positive return (AusBond Composite Bond Index added +0.77%).

Risk assets pushed higher over the month, helped by resilient corporate earnings, softer data, and a Fed reluctant to undertake further hikes.

The overall monetary policy outlook has stayed tight across regions – while expectations of cuts have been reined in, they remain to a lesser extent. While the focus has been on the US Federal Reserve (Fed), rightly in our view, rhetoric from other major central banks, with possibly the exception of the Bank of Japan, that policy settings could be revisited and more importantly revised as the year unfolds.

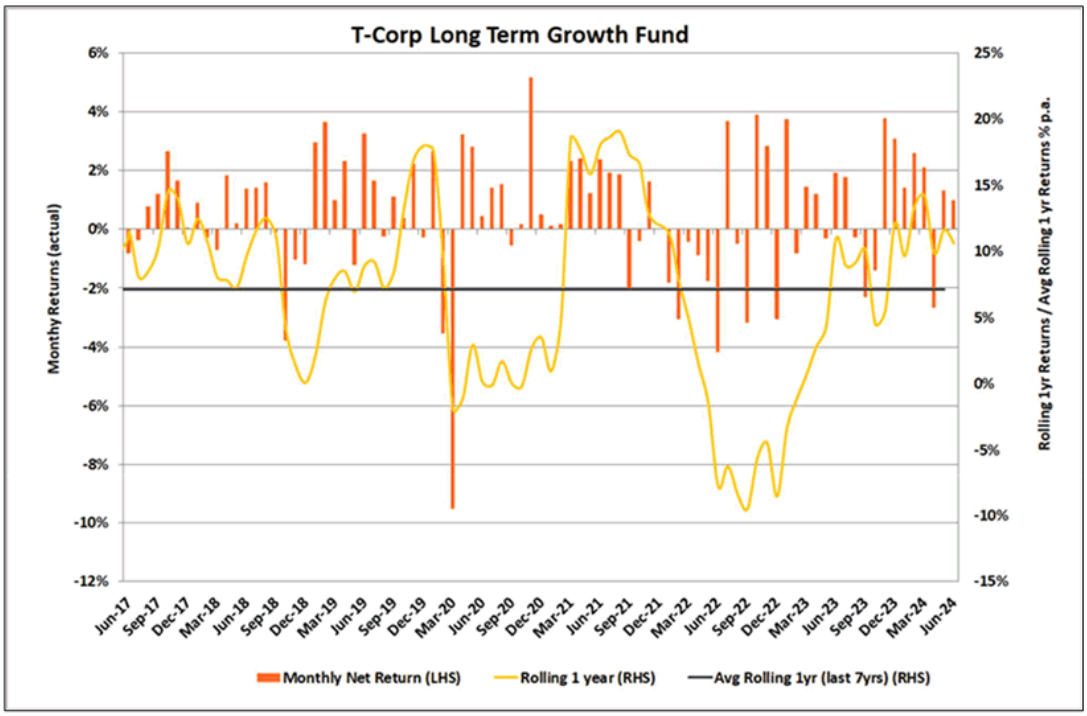
The data is increasingly showing that growth is beginning to soften more than expected while a slower pathway to lower inflation becoming entrenched.

Overall, we remain cautious on the future performance of the T-Corp Growth Fund given the high volatility associated with a diversified growth fund, which generally allocates a range of 60%-80% in domestic and international shares. Investors are seeking relief from the elevated levels of inflation and remain hopeful that rate cuts will be delivered over the next 12 months.

As we mentioned in recent months, with shares reaching their all-time highs, and with official rates at or seemingly close to their cyclical peak, investors may choose to partially de-risk their position in the Fund. With complying defensive fixed interest assets such as term deposits (which also does not incur any mark-to-market volatility) still being offered around the 5¼%-5½% level for 5 years from a handful of ADIs, investors may take the opportunity to partially or redeem altogether from the TCorp LTGF noting it's long-term returns has been just under 7% p.a. The risk premium has certainly narrowed coming out of the pandemic period (when official rates were down to emergency levels).

For those willing to hold, the Fund should be looked at with a long-term view, with a minimum holding period of +7 years (some view it as a perpetual long-term investment). Given the exposure to the volatile asset of shares, Council should expect to see, on average, a negative month once every 3 months over long-term time periods.

Since Inception	T-Corp Long Term Fund
Negative Months	144 (~1 in 3 months)
Positive Months	276
Total Months	420 (35.00 yrs)
Average Monthly Return	+0.65% (actual)
Median Monthly Return	+1.02% (actual)
Lowest 1 year Rolling Return	-21.12% p.a. (Nov 2008)
Highest 1 year Rolling Return	+29.89% p.a. (Jan 1994)



Term Deposit Market Review

Current Term Deposits Rates

As at the end of June, we see value in the following:

ADI	LT Credit Rating	Term	Rate % p.a.
ING	A	5 years	5.38%
BoQ	A-	5 years	5.20%
ING	A	4 years	5.32%
BoQ	A-	4 years	5.20%
ING	A	3 years	5.29%
BoQ	A-	3 years	5.10%
ING	A	2 years	5.35%
BoQ	A-	2 years	5.20%
Bank of Us	BBB+	2 years	5.20%
NAB	AA-	2 years	5.10%

The above deposits are suitable for investors looking to maintain diversification and lock-in a slight premium compared to purely investing short-term.

For terms under 12 months, we believe the strongest value is currently being offered by the following ADIs (*we stress that rates are indicative, dependent on daily funding requirements and different for industry segments*):

ADI	LT Credit Rating	Term	Rate % p.a.
Bank of Sydney	Unrated	12 months	5.47%
NAB	AA-	12 months	5.45%
ING	A	12 months	5.43%
ICBC	A	12 months	5.33%
Bank of Us	BBB+	12 months	5.31%
NAB	AA-	9 months	5.35%
Police CU	Unrated	9 months	5.35%
BoQ	A-	9 months	5.30%
NAB	AA-	6 months	5.30%
Suncorp	A+	6 months	5.23%
ICBC	A	6 months	5.20%
NAB	AA-	3 months	5.15%
ICBC	A	3 months	5.10%

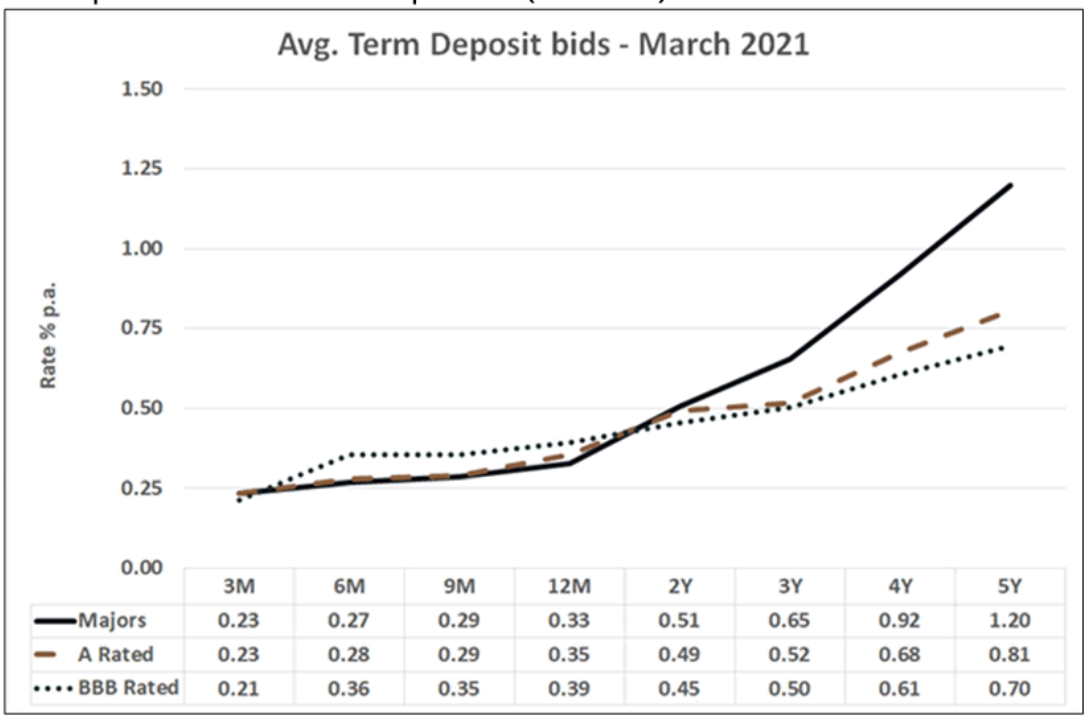
If Council does not require high levels of liquidity and can stagger a proportion of its investments across the longer term horizons (1-5 years), it will be rewarded over a longer-term cycle. Investing a spread of 12 months to 3 year horizons is likely to yield, on average, up to ¼-½% p.a. higher compared to those investors that entirely invest in short-dated deposits (under 6-9 months).

With a global economic slowdown and interest rate cuts being priced over the next few years, investors should strongly consider diversifying by allocating some longer term surplus funds and undertake an insurance policy by investing across 2-5 year fixed deposits and locking in rates above 5% p.a. This will provide some income protection with central banks now potentially looking to cut rates in 2025.

Term Deposits Analysis

Pre-pandemic (March 2020), a 'normal' marketplace meant the lower rated ADIs (i.e. BBB category) were offering higher rates on term deposits compared to the higher rated ADIs (i.e. A or AA rated). But due to the cheap funding available provided by the RBA via their Term Funding Facility (TFF) during mid-2020, allowing the ADIs to borrow as low as 0.10% p.a. fixed for 3 years, those lower rated ADIs (BBB rated) did not require deposit funding from the wholesale deposit. Given the higher rated banks had more capacity to lend (as they have a greater pool of mortgage borrowers), they subsequently were offering higher deposit rates. In fact, some of the lower rated banks were not even offering deposit rates at all. As a result, most investors placed a higher proportion of their deposit investments with the higher rated (A or AA) ADIs over the past three years.

Term Deposit Rates – 12 months after pandemic (March 2021)



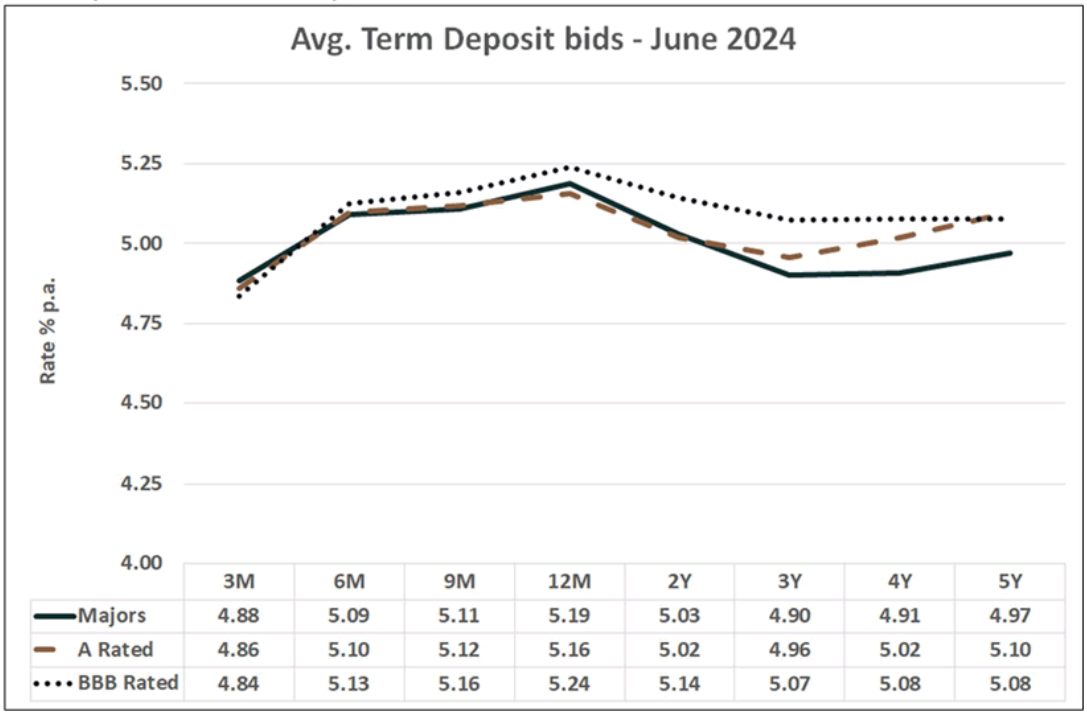
	3M	6M	9M	12M	2Y	3Y	4Y	5Y
Majors	0.23	0.27	0.29	0.33	0.51	0.65	0.92	1.20
A Rated	0.23	0.28	0.29	0.35	0.49	0.52	0.68	0.81
BBB Rated	0.21	0.36	0.35	0.39	0.45	0.50	0.61	0.70

Source: Imperium Markets

The abnormal marketplace experienced during the pandemic is starting to reverse as the competition for deposits slowly increases, partially driven by the RBA's term funding facility coming to an end. In recent months, we have started to periodically see some of the lower rated ADIs ("A" and "BBB" rated) offering slightly higher rates compared to the domestic major banks ("AA" rated) on different parts of the curve (i.e. pre-pandemic environment). Some of this has been attributed to lags in adjusting their deposit rates as some banks (mainly the lower rated ADIs) simply set their rates for the week.

Going forward, Council should have a larger opportunity to invest a higher proportion of its funds with the lower rated institutions (up to Policy limits), from which the majority are not lending to the Fossil Fuel industry or considered 'ethical'. We are slowly seeing this trend emerge (as was the case this month), although the major banks always seem to react more quickly than the rest of the market during periods of volatility:

Term Deposit Rates – Currently (June 2024)



	3M	6M	9M	12M	2Y	3Y	4Y	5Y
Majors	4.88	5.09	5.11	5.19	5.03	4.90	4.91	4.97
A Rated	4.86	5.10	5.12	5.16	5.02	4.96	5.02	5.10
BBB Rated	4.84	5.13	5.16	5.24	5.14	5.07	5.08	5.08

Source: Imperium Markets

Regional & Unrated ADI Sector

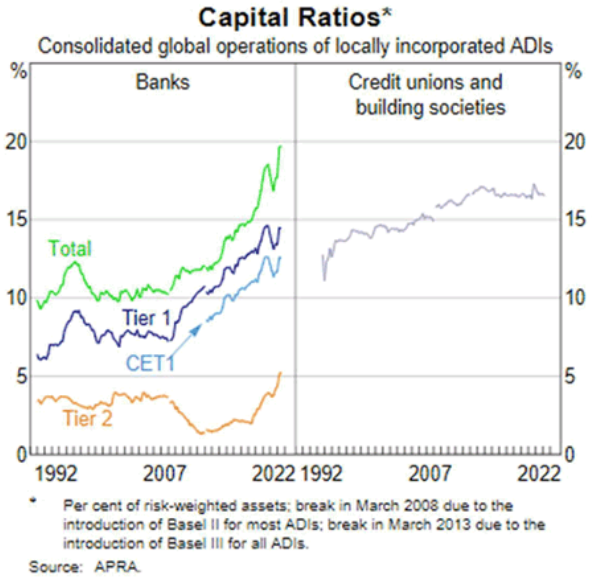
Ratings agency S&P has commented that "*mergers remain compelling for mutuals lenders*" in providing smaller lenders greater economies of scale and assisting them in being able to price competitively and will see "*the banking landscape will settle with a small number of larger mutual players*". S&P expects that consolidation to continue over the next two years.

We remain supportive of the regional and unrated ADI sector (and have been even throughout the post-GFC period). They continue to remain solid, incorporate strong balance sheets, while exhibiting high levels of capital – typically, much higher compared to the higher rated ADIs. Some unrated ADIs have up to 25-40% more capital than the domestic major banks, and well above the Basel III requirements.

Overall, the lower rated ADIs (BBB and unrated) are generally now in a better financial position then they have been historically (see the Capital Ratio figure below). The financial regulator, APRA has noted that the Common Equity Tier 1 capital of Australian banks now exceeds a quarter of a trillion dollars. It has increased by $110 billion, or more than 70%, over the past decade. Over the same time, banks' assets have grown by 44%. Some of the extra capital is supporting growth in the banking system itself but clearly, there has been a strengthening in overall resilience and leverage in the system is lower.

We believe that deposit investments with the lower rated ADIs should be considered going forward, particularly when they offer 'above market' specials. Not only would it diversify the investment portfolio and reduce credit risk, it would also improve the portfolio's overall returns. The lower rated entities are generally deemed to be the more 'ethical' ADIs compared to the higher rated ADIs.

In the current environment of high regulation and scrutiny, all domestic (and international) ADIs continue to carry high levels of capital. There is minimal (if any) probability of any ADI defaulting on their deposits going forward – this was stress tested during the GFC and the pandemic period. APRA's mandate is to "*protect depositors*" and provide "*financial stability*".

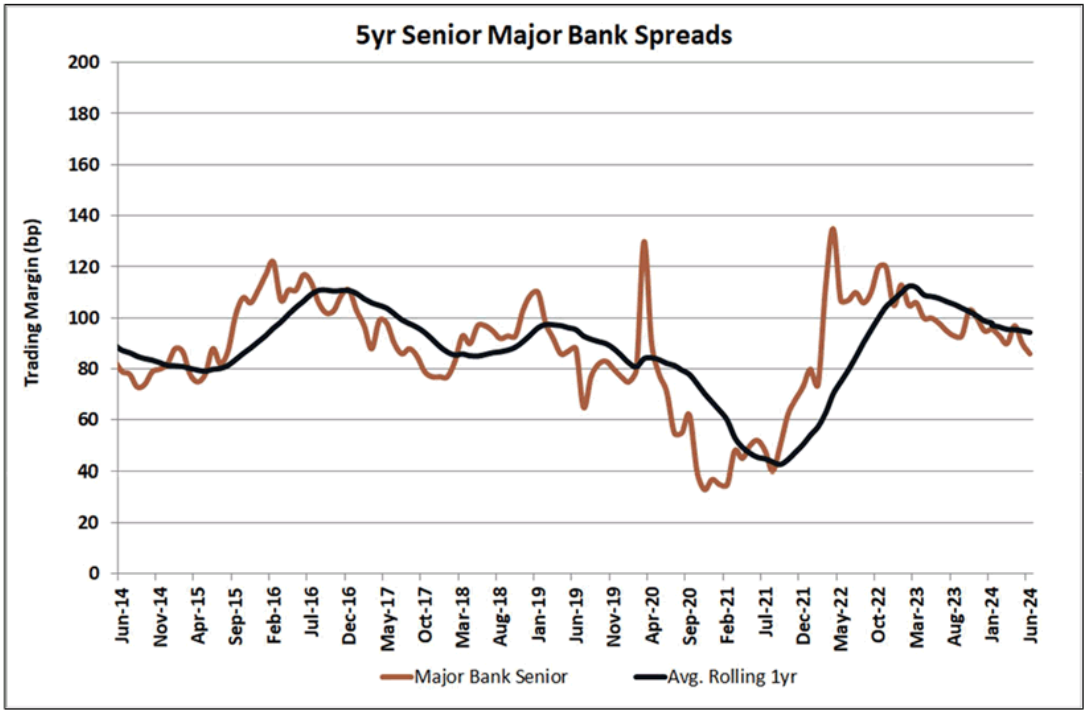


* Per cent of risk-weighted assets; break in March 2008 due to the introduction of Basel II for most ADIs; break in March 2013 due to the introduction of Basel III for all ADIs.

Source: APRA.

Senior FRNs Market Review

Over June, amongst the senior major bank FRNs, physical credit securities tightened by around 4bp at the 5 year part of the curve. During the month, ANZ (AA-) issued a dual 3 & 5 year senior deal at +70bp and +86bp respectively. Major bank senior securities remain at fair value on a historical basis although looking fairly expensive if the 5yr margin tightens to +80bp in the near future.



Source: IBS Capital

There was minimal issuance again during the month apart from:

- Bendigo-Adelaide (A-) 1 year senior FRN at +60bp
- Teachers Mutual (BBB+) 3 year senior FRN at +130bp

Amongst the "A" rated sector, the securities remained flat at the longer-end of the curve, whilst the "BBB" rated sector tightened around 30bp at the 3 year part of the curve due to Teacher's Mutual deal. Overall, credit securities are looking more attractive given the widening of spreads over the past 2-3 years. FRNs will continue to play a role in investors' portfolios mainly on the basis of their liquidity and the ability to roll down the curve and gross up returns over ensuing years (in a relatively stable credit environment), whilst also providing some diversification to those investors skewed towards fixed assets.

Senior FRNs (ADIs)	28/06/2024	31/05/2024
"AA" rated – 5yrs	+86bp	+90bp
"AA" rated – 3yrs	+71bp	+68bp
"A" rated – 5yrs	+105bp	+105bp
"A" rated – 3yrs	+82bp	+85bp
"BBB" rated – 3yrs	+130bp	+160bp

Source: IBS Capital

We now generally recommend switches ('benchmark' issues only) into new primary issues, out of the following senior FRNs that are maturing:

- On or before mid-2026 for the "AA" rated ADIs (domestic major banks);
- On or before mid-2025 for the "A" rated ADIs; and
- Within 6-9 months for the "BBB" rated ADIs (consider case by case).

Investors holding onto the above senior FRNs ('benchmark' issues only) in their last few years are now generally holding sub optimal investments and are not maximising returns by foregoing realised capital gains. In the current challenging economic environment, any boost in overall returns should be locked in when it is advantageous to do so, particularly as switch opportunities become available.

Senior Fixed Bonds – ADIs (Secondary Market)

With global inflation still high by historical standards, this has seen a significant lift in longer-term bond yields over the past 2-3 years (valuations have fallen) as markets have reacted sharply.

This has resulted in some opportunities in the secondary market. We currently see value in the following fixed bond lines, with the majority now being marked at a significant discount to par (please note supply in the secondary market may be limited on any day):

ISIN	Issuer	Rating	Capital Structure	Maturity Date	~Remain. Term (yrs)	Fixed Coupon	Indicative Yield
AU3CB0278174	UBS	A+	Senior	26/02/2026	1.67	1.1000%	5.25%
AU3CB0280030	BoQ	A-	Senior	06/05/2026	1.86	1.4000%	5.47%
AU3CB0299337	Bendigo	A-	Senior	15/05/2026	1.88	4.7000%	5.37%
AU3CB0296168	BoQ	A-	Senior	27/01/2027	2.59	4.7000%	5.46%
AU3CB0308955	BoQ	A-	Senior	30/04/2029	4.84	5.3580%	5.54%

Economic Commentary

International Market

In June, risk assets traded in a relatively narrow range despite further evidence of sticky inflation pushing back expectations of rate cuts across several advanced economies.

Across equity markets, the S&P 500 Index rose +3.47% over the month, whilst the NASDAQ surged +5.91%. In contrast, Europe's main indices fell across the board, led by France's CAC (-6.42%), Germany's DAX (-1.42%), and UK's FTSE (-1.34%).

The US unemployment rate increased to 4.0% from 3.9%, the highest level in over two years.

US headline CPI came in cooler than expected at +0.0% m/m vs. +0.1% expected (annual terms at +3.3% versus +3.4% expected). The core CPI also came in below expectations at +3.4% y/y versus +3.5% y/y.

Canadian CPI in May was +2.9% y/y from +2.7% (expected +2.6%). The average of the median and trim core measures rose 0.1% to +2.85%. The lift came from services inflation at +4.6% y/y from +4.2% and driven by health.

Eurozone CPI suggested the same goods vs. sticky services dynamic of the US. Core CPI printed at +2.9% y/y vs. +2.7% expected.

Canada became the second G10 nation, after Sweden, to initiate a monetary policy easing cycle. They cut rates by 25bp to 4.75% as expected, whilst signalling more easing ahead. The ECB then followed by easing monetary policy, dropping all key rates by 25bp and taking the Deposit Rate to 3.75%.

The Swiss National Bank lowered its policy rate for a second consecutive time, down 25bp to 1.25%. The central bank believes the policy rate is now balanced and it also had lowered its inflation forecasts.

The Bank of England kept its policy rate steady at 5.25% despite the slowdown in UK inflation to +2.0% y/y in May. The BoE signalled a rate reduction is possible at its next meeting in August.

The MSCI World ex-Aus Index rose +1.93% for the month of June:

Index	1m	3m	1yr	3yr	5yr	10yr
S&P 500 Index	+3.47%	+3.92%	+22.70%	+8.31%	+13.17%	+10.79%
MSCI World ex-AUS	+1.93%	+2.18%	+18.55%	+5.32%	+10.20%	+7.44%
S&P ASX 200 Accum. Index	+1.01%	-1.05%	+12.10%	+6.37%	+7.26%	+8.06%

Source: S&P, MSCI

Domestic Market

The RBA left the cash rate on hold at 4.35% as widely expected. The Board reiterated that all options are still on the table in its fight against inflation. The Board "*did discuss the case*" for a possible rate hike at its June meeting, but ultimately decided to keep the policy rate unchanged. RBA Governor Bullock added, "*I wouldn't say that the case for a rate rise is increasing*", but "*...there's been a few things that have made the Board alert to the upside risks*".

The Monthly CPI Indicator surged by 0.4% to +4.0% y/y in May from +3.6%. The ex-volatiles and travel reading did marginally slow, from +4.1% to +4.0% and key services categories remain too strong but do show some cooling.

The unemployment rate fell 0.1% to 4.0% from 4.1%. That fallback was expected because there was an unusually elevated number of unemployed people waiting to start a new job in April that moved into employment in May.

GDP rose by +0.1% q/q (+1.1% y/y), slightly weaker than consensus and the RBA's average quarterly expectation for H1. Overall, aggregate GDP growth continued to soften in both annual and quarterly terms (and is still falling in per capita terms).

The April trade balance widened to $6.5bn, back to around its February level after a surge in imports in March saw the surplus dip to its lowest since November 2020. In the month, exports fell -2.5%, while good imports fell -7.5% m/m.

The Australian dollar fell -0.20%, finishing the month at US66.24 cents (from US66.37 cents the previous month).

Credit Market

The global credit indices finally widened across the board in June. They remain at their levels in early 2022 (prior to the rate hike cycle from most central banks):

Index	June 2024	May 2024
CDX North American 5yr CDS	54bp	51bp
iTraxx Europe 5yr CDS	62bp	52bp
iTraxx Australia 5yr CDS	71bp	65bp

Source: Markit

Fixed Interest Review

Benchmark Index Returns

Index	June 2024	May 2024
Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index (0+YR)	+0.35%	+0.37%
Bloomberg AusBond Composite Bond Index (0+YR)	+0.77%	+0.39%
Bloomberg AusBond Credit FRN Index (0+YR)	+0.41%	+0.50%
Bloomberg AusBond Credit Index (0+YR)	+0.44%	+0.70%
Bloomberg AusBond Treasury Index (0+YR)	+0.69%	+0.35%
Bloomberg AusBond Inflation Gov't Index (0+YR)	+0.55%	-0.30%

Source: Bloomberg

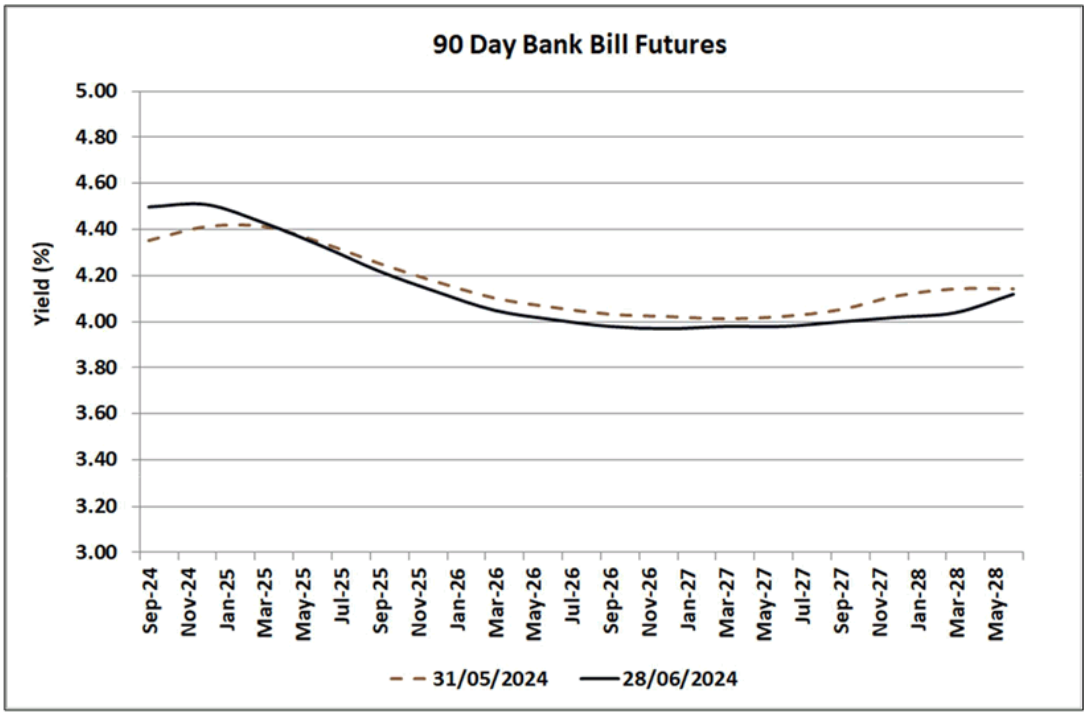
Other Key Rates

Index	June 2024	May 2024
RBA Official Cash Rate	4.35%	4.35%
90 Day (3 month) BBSW Rate	4.45%	4.35%
3yr Australian Government Bonds	4.07%	4.05%
10yr Australian Government Bonds	4.31%	4.41%
US Fed Funds Rate	5.25%-5.50%	5.25%-5.50%
2yr US Treasury Bonds	4.71%	4.89%
10yr US Treasury Bonds	4.36%	4.51%

Source: RBA, ASX, US Department of Treasury

90 Day Bill Futures

Bill futures remained relatively flat at the long-end this month, despite ongoing evidence of sticky inflation. Markets continue to push back their expectations of when the first rate cut will be delivered, resulting in a flattening of the curve.



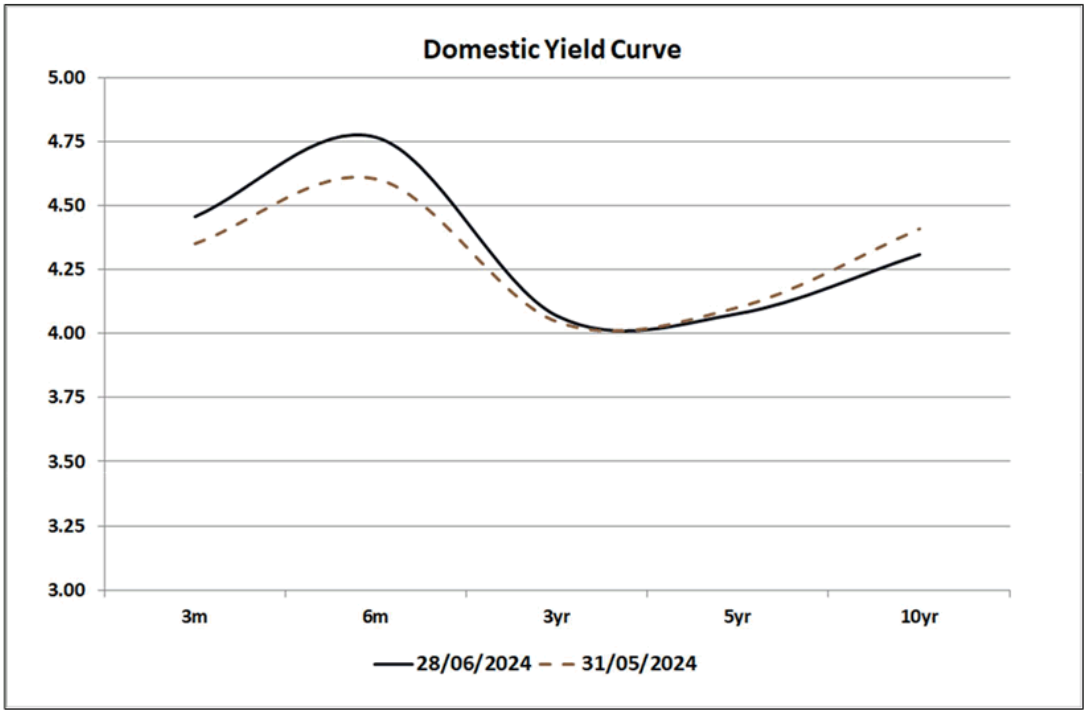
Source: ASX

Fixed Interest Outlook

US Federal Reserve officials again highlighted the importance of waiting for further progress in bringing inflation back to the Fed's 2% target before cutting rates. Policymakers currently expect the policy rate would be cut by just a single 25bp this year, down from at least three reductions earlier this year. The longer-run median US Fed dot plot is currently around 2.80%. US Fed Chair Powell commented that officials were "*coming to the view that rates are less likely to go down to their pre pandemic level*".

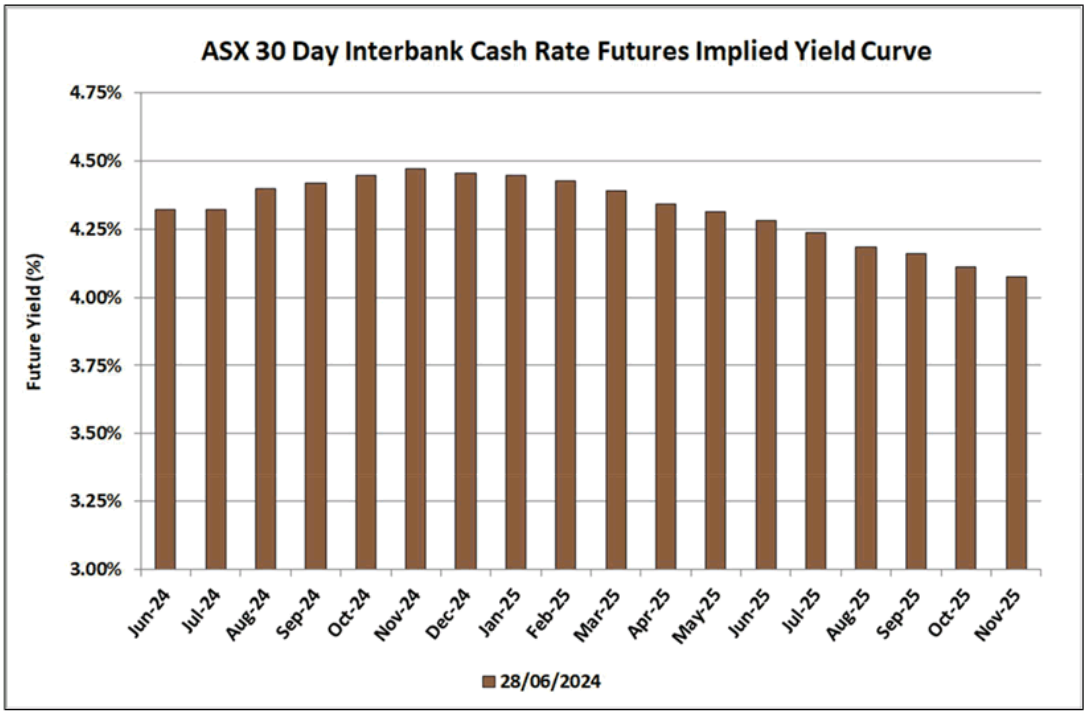
Domestically, the RBA kept the cash rate unchanged at its June meeting, with the central bank emphasising, "*The board is not ruling anything in or out…we still think we're on the narrow path, [but] it does appear to be getting a bit narrower.*" As is the case with most central banks at the moment, the RBA is waiting for current economic data to show a clear trend before taking any decisive action. The June quarter inflation data will be published on 31 July and will therefore give the RBA a comprehensive view of what is happening with inflation prior to its next policy meeting on 6 August.

Over the month, longer-term yields fell around 10bp at the very long end of the curve (remains an inverse yield curve):



Source: ASX, RBA

The market is now factoring the potential of another rate hike later this year with inflation seemingly remaining sticky. Financial markets have pushed back their expectations of rate cuts, with the first cut pencilled in for mid-late 2025.



Source: ASX

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CITY OF PARRAMATTA

Investment Report

01/06/2024 to 30/06/2024

CITY OF PARRAMATTA

Portfolio Valuation as at 30/06/2024

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
Bank of Us	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	05/12/2023	04/07/2024	5.4500	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	124,827.40	17,917.81
Bank of Us	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	05/12/2023	11/07/2024	5.4500	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	124,827.40	17,917.81
Bank of Us	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	05/12/2023	18/07/2024	5.4500	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	124,827.40	17,917.81
Bank of Us	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	05/12/2023	25/07/2024	5.4700	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	125,285.48	17,983.56
Auswide Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	14/12/2023	01/08/2024	5.4600	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	89,753.42	13,463.01
Auswide Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	14/12/2023	08/08/2024	5.4600	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	89,753.42	13,463.01
JUDO BANK	BBB	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	15/02/2024	15/08/2024	5.1800	4,500,000.00	4,500,000.00	87,492.33	19,158.90
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Semi-Annual	11/08/2023	15/08/2024	5.5000	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	109,698.63	18,082.19
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Semi-Annual	16/08/2023	22/08/2024	5.5000	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	82,273.97	13,561.64
AMP Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	15/12/2023	05/09/2024	5.2500	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	57,246.58	8,630.14
ICBC Sydney Branch	A	TD	GENERAL	Annual	13/09/2022	12/09/2024	4.4000	2,300,000.00	2,300,000.00	80,960.00	8,317.81
Bank of Sydney	Unrated	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	19/12/2023	19/09/2024	5.4700	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	87,669.86	13,487.67
Bank of Sydney	Unrated	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	19/12/2023	26/09/2024	5.4700	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	58,446.58	8,991.78
Suncorp Bank	A+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	12/01/2024	03/10/2024	5.1700	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	96,884.38	16,997.26
Police Credit Union SA	Unrated	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	12/01/2024	10/10/2024	5.1800	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	97,071.78	17,030.14
AMP Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	Annual	13/10/2022	17/10/2024	4.7500	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	68,191.78	7,808.22
ICBC Sydney Branch	A	TD	GENERAL	Annual	21/10/2021	21/10/2024	1.3000	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	35,901.37	4,273.97
JUDO BANK	BBB	TD	HORWOOD	At Maturity	22/04/2024	24/10/2024	5.2100	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	49,958.90	21,410.96

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
AMP Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	21/12/2023	24/10/2024	5.1000	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	40,450.68	6,287.67
Great Southern Bank	BBB+	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	24/10/2019	24/10/2024	5.4905	1,750,962.50	1,750,000.00	17,900.53	7,897.29
ICBC Sydney Branch	A	TD	GENERAL	Annual	29/10/2021	29/10/2024	1.6500	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	11,075.34	1,356.16
JUDO BANK	BBB	TD	HORWOOD	At Maturity	22/04/2024	31/10/2024	5.2100	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	49,958.90	21,410.96
Australian Unity Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	16/01/2024	07/11/2024	5.1600	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	94,435.07	16,964.38
MyState Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	09/11/2023	14/11/2024	5.5600	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	107,391.78	13,709.59
ICBC Sydney Branch	A	TD	GENERAL	Annual	15/11/2021	14/11/2024	1.7900	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	33,691.23	4,413.70
ICBC Sydney Branch	A	TD	GENERAL	Annual	09/11/2021	14/11/2024	1.6800	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	32,449.32	4,142.47
ICBC Sydney Branch	A	TD	GENERAL	Annual	19/11/2021	21/11/2024	1.7500	4,750,000.00	4,750,000.00	51,013.70	6,832.19
Police Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	16/01/2024	05/12/2024	5.1600	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	94,435.07	16,964.38
ICBC Sydney Branch	A	TD	GENERAL	Annual	13/12/2021	12/12/2024	1.8600	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	30,728.22	4,586.30
ICBC Sydney Branch	A	TD	GENERAL	Annual	10/12/2021	12/12/2024	1.8200	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	40,488.77	5,983.56
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	BOND	GENERAL	Annual	01/10/2021	16/12/2024	1.0000	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	16,356.16	2,465.75
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	BOND	GENERAL	Semi-Annual	09/09/2021	16/12/2024	0.9000	2,500,000.00	2,500,000.00	986.30	986.30
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	BOND	GENERAL	Annual	24/11/2020	16/12/2024	0.9000	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	4,906.85	739.73
ICBC Sydney Branch	A	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	24/04/2024	19/12/2024	5.2200	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	38,899.73	17,161.64
AMP Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	20/12/2023	19/12/2024	5.2500	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	83,712.33	12,945.21
Suncorp Bank	A+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	09/02/2024	09/01/2025	5.1600	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	80,863.56	16,964.38

CITY OF PARRAMATTA

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	12/01/2024	16/01/2025	5.2600	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	98,570.96	17,293.15
ICBC Sydney Branch	A	TD	HORWOOD	At Maturity	22/04/2024	23/01/2025	5.3000	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	50,821.92	21,780.82
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	17/01/2024	23/01/2025	5.2600	3,500,000.00	3,500,000.00	83,727.67	15,131.51
ICBC Sydney Branch	A	TD	HORWOOD	At Maturity	22/04/2024	30/01/2025	5.3000	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	50,821.92	21,780.82
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	18/01/2024	30/01/2025	5.2600	3,500,000.00	3,500,000.00	83,223.29	15,131.51
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	19/01/2024	06/02/2025	5.2200	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	93,816.99	17,161.64
Bank of Us	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	21/05/2024	13/02/2025	5.3200	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	29,879.45	21,863.01
P&N Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	27/05/2024	20/02/2025	5.2700	3,300,000.00	3,300,000.00	16,676.30	14,293.97
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	27/05/2024	06/03/2025	5.2500	3,300,000.00	3,300,000.00	16,613.01	14,239.73
Move Bank	Unrated	TD	GENERAL	Annual	15/03/2024	13/03/2025	5.2500	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	31,068.49	8,630.14
Summerland Bank	Unrated	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	13/03/2024	13/03/2025	5.2000	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	31,342.47	8,547.95
Auswide Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	10/04/2024	20/03/2025	5.1300	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	34,574.79	12,649.32
Move Bank	Unrated	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	15/03/2024	27/03/2025	5.2500	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	31,068.49	8,630.14
Auswide Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	10/04/2024	03/04/2025	5.1300	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	34,574.79	12,649.32
Auswide Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	10/04/2024	10/04/2025	5.1300	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	34,574.79	12,649.32
Move Bank	Unrated	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	12/04/2024	17/04/2025	5.2000	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	11,397.26	4,273.97
ICBC Sydney Branch	A	TD	HORWOOD	At Maturity	22/04/2024	24/04/2025	5.2500	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	50,342.47	21,575.34
Arab Bank Australia	Unrated	TD	HORWOOD	At Maturity	22/04/2024	24/04/2025	5.2500	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	50,342.47	21,575.34

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
ICBC Sydney Branch	A	TD	GENERAL	Annual	22/04/2022	24/04/2025	3.6800	15,000,000.00	15,000,000.00	105,863.01	45,369.86
ICBC Sydney Branch	A	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	01/05/2024	01/05/2025	5.3200	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	17,781.92	8,745.21
ICBC Sydney Branch	A	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	02/05/2024	15/05/2025	5.3500	7,000,000.00	7,000,000.00	61,561.64	30,780.82
ICBC Sydney Branch	A	TD	GENERAL	Annual	02/05/2024	15/05/2025	5.3500	25,000,000.00	25,000,000.00	219,863.01	109,931.51
NAB	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Annual	12/05/2021	15/05/2025	1.0500	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	4,228.77	2,589.04
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	20/05/2024	22/05/2025	5.3400	6,000,000.00	6,000,000.00	36,867.95	26,334.25
RACQ Bank	BBB+	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	23/05/2022	23/05/2025	5.5850	1,001,003.00	1,000,000.00	5,967.53	4,590.41
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	29/05/2024	05/06/2025	5.3700	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	9,710.14	8,827.40
State Bank of India, Sydney Branch	BBB-	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	07/06/2024	11/06/2025	5.4000	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	10,652.05	10,652.05
Summerland Bank	Unrated	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	07/06/2024	11/06/2025	5.3600	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	10,573.15	10,573.15
P&N Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	30/05/2024	12/06/2025	5.4000	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	18,936.99	17,753.42
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	BOND	GENERAL	Annual	20/05/2021	16/06/2025	1.1000	3,500,000.00	3,500,000.00	1,687.67	1,687.67
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	BOND	GENERAL	Annual	12/05/2021	16/06/2025	1.1000	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	1,446.58	1,446.58
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	BOND	GENERAL	Annual	16/02/2021	16/06/2025	0.9000	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	345.21	345.21
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	31/05/2024	19/06/2025	5.3600	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	22,761.64	22,027.40
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	03/06/2024	26/06/2025	5.3600	9,000,000.00	9,000,000.00	37,006.03	37,006.03
UBS AG	A+	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	30/07/2020	30/07/2025	5.2786	3,257,631.00	3,250,000.00	29,140.76	14,100.37

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QBANK	BBB	TD	GENERAL	Annual	26/07/2023	31/07/2025	5.8200	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	108,746.30	9,567.12
P&N Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	11/08/2023	14/08/2025	5.3000	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	141,575.34	13,068.49
QBANK	BBB	TD	GENERAL	Annual	21/08/2023	21/08/2025	5.4100	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	93,378.08	8,893.15
ICBC Sydney Branch	A	TD	GENERAL	Annual	24/08/2022	25/08/2025	4.7500	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	81,205.48	7,808.22
ICBC Sydney Branch	A	TD	GENERAL	Annual	09/09/2022	11/09/2025	4.5200	3,500,000.00	3,500,000.00	127,426.85	13,002.74
JUDO BANK	BBB	BOND	GENERAL	Semi-Annual	14/12/2023	26/09/2025	6.4000	1,987,210.00	2,000,000.00	34,016.44	10,520.55
Bendigo and Adelaide	AAA	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	11/11/2022	11/11/2025	5.3204	4,015,312.00	4,000,000.00	28,569.82	17,491.73
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	22/12/2022	24/11/2025	5.9403	1,306,355.70	1,300,000.00	8,039.75	6,347.17
ICBC Sydney Branch	A	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	19/01/2023	19/01/2026	5.3925	1,504,401.00	1,500,000.00	16,177.50	6,648.29
Suncorp Bank	A+	TD	GENERAL	Annual	19/01/2024	22/01/2026	5.0500	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	90,761.64	16,602.74
Bank of Us	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	Annual	09/02/2024	12/02/2026	4.9700	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	97,357.53	20,424.66
NAB	AA-	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	04/03/2021	05/03/2026	1.3400	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	133,816.44	3,304.11
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	HORWOOD	Annual	22/04/2024	23/04/2026	5.1000	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	97,808.22	41,917.81
P&N Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	Annual	28/04/2023	28/04/2026	4.8000	4,500,000.00	4,500,000.00	37,282.19	17,753.42
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	GENERAL	Annual	02/05/2024	04/05/2026	5.2600	14,000,000.00	14,000,000.00	121,052.05	60,526.03
NAB	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Annual	12/05/2021	14/05/2026	1.3000	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	5,235.62	3,205.48
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	15/05/2023	15/05/2026	5.6200	2,015,074.00	2,000,000.00	14,473.42	9,238.36
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	GENERAL	Annual	21/05/2024	21/05/2026	5.2200	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	29,317.81	21,452.05

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NAB	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Annual	20/05/2021	21/05/2026	1.3000	3,500,000.00	3,500,000.00	5,235.62	3,739.73
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	GENERAL	Annual	31/05/2024	28/05/2026	5.2600	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	22,336.99	21,616.44
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	BOND	GENERAL	Annual	12/05/2021	15/06/2026	1.3000	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	1,709.59	1,709.59
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	BOND	GENERAL	Annual	16/02/2021	15/06/2026	1.0000	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1,917.81	1,917.81
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	AAA	BOND	GENERAL	Semi-Annual	19/08/2021	19/08/2026	1.1000	552,883.80	600,000.00	2,404.93	542.47
Macquarie Bank	A+	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	14/09/2023	14/09/2026	5.2178	2,406,417.60	2,400,000.00	5,832.50	5,832.50
BOQ	A-	BOND	HORWOOD	Semi-Annual	07/05/2024	27/10/2026	2.1000	2,411,250.40	2,600,000.00	9,424.11	4,487.67
QBANK	BBB	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	01/12/2023	01/12/2026	5.9992	1,005,120.00	1,000,000.00	4,602.13	4,602.13
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	BOND	GENERAL	Semi-Annual	09/09/2021	15/12/2026	1.4000	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	3,068.49	3,068.49
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	14/01/2022	14/01/2027	5.0554	1,301,498.90	1,300,000.00	13,864.26	5,401.66
BOQ	A-	BOND	GENERAL	Semi-Annual	05/10/2023	27/01/2027	4.7000	1,473,918.00	1,500,000.00	29,745.21	5,794.52
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	27/01/2023	27/01/2027	5.7611	1,110,843.80	1,100,000.00	10,938.20	5,208.67
Heritage and Peoples Choice Limited	BBB+	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	08/02/2024	08/02/2027	5.9787	2,115,941.10	2,100,000.00	18,574.92	10,319.40
Great Southern Bank	BBB+	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	09/02/2023	09/02/2027	6.0275	757,327.50	750,000.00	6,564.20	3,715.58
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	22/02/2023	22/02/2027	5.8850	1,406,872.60	1,400,000.00	9,029.04	6,771.78
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	22/03/2024	22/03/2027	5.3423	1,002,620.00	1,000,000.00	1,024.55	1,024.55
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	HORWOOD	Annual	22/04/2024	22/04/2027	5.0800	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	97,424.66	41,753.42

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
Suncorp Bank	A+	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	24/11/2023	24/05/2027	5.4403	1,764,031.50	1,750,000.00	9,911.78	7,825.09
Teachers Mutual Bank	BBB+	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	21/06/2024	21/06/2027	5.7056	999,898.00	1,000,000.00	1,563.18	1,563.18
ANZ Bank	AA-	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	04/11/2022	04/11/2027	5.6117	4,057,956.00	4,000,000.00	34,438.93	18,449.42
NAB	AA-	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	25/11/2022	25/11/2027	5.5350	1,723,777.90	1,700,000.00	9,022.81	7,733.84
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	21/02/2024	21/02/2028	6.0426	1,510,321.50	1,500,000.00	10,181.37	7,449.78
ANZ Bank	AA-	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	31/03/2023	31/03/2028	5.5053	1,515,615.00	1,500,000.00	678.74	678.74
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	HORWOOD	Annual	22/04/2024	27/04/2028	5.1300	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	98,383.56	42,164.38
Bendigo and Adelaide	AAA	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	16/06/2023	16/06/2028	5.5209	1,209,496.80	1,200,000.00	2,541.13	2,541.13
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	17/08/2023	17/08/2028	5.2950	3,017,058.00	3,000,000.00	19,584.25	13,056.16
ANZ Bank	AA-	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	11/09/2023	11/09/2028	5.2873	3,517,773.00	3,500,000.00	10,140.03	10,140.03
NAB	AA-	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	16/11/2023	16/11/2028	5.3842	4,135,116.50	4,100,000.00	27,820.83	18,144.02
UBS AG	A+	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	24/11/2023	24/11/2028	5.7903	2,542,815.00	2,500,000.00	15,070.64	11,897.88
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	GENERAL	Annual	19/01/2024	19/01/2029	5.1800	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	93,098.08	17,030.14
ANZ Bank	AA-	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	05/02/2024	05/02/2029	5.3717	3,519,092.50	3,500,000.00	28,845.29	15,452.84
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	GENERAL	Annual	09/02/2024	09/02/2029	5.0500	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	98,924.66	20,753.42
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	14/02/2024	14/02/2029	6.2203	1,524,456.00	1,500,000.00	12,270.18	7,668.86
Suncorp Bank	A+	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	19/03/2024	19/03/2029	5.3568	2,506,250.00	2,500,000.00	4,402.85	4,402.85
NAB	AA-	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	22/03/2024	22/03/2029	5.2923	3,510,265.50	3,500,000.00	3,552.37	3,552.37

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
P&N Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	Annual	16/04/2024	16/04/2029	5.1400	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	21,404.93	8,449.32
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	HORWOOD	Annual	19/04/2024	19/04/2029	5.1600	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	51,600.00	21,205.48
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	HORWOOD	Annual	22/04/2024	26/04/2029	5.2000	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	49,863.01	21,369.86
BOQ	A-	BOND	HORWOOD	Semi-Annual	30/04/2024	30/04/2029	5.3000	7,945,088.00	8,000,000.00	72,021.92	34,849.32
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	GENERAL	Annual	29/04/2024	30/04/2029	5.3900	4,500,000.00	4,500,000.00	41,864.79	19,935.62
BOQ	A-	FRN	HORWOOD	Quarterly	30/04/2024	30/04/2029	5.6886	8,283,660.00	8,250,000.00	79,718.33	38,573.38
ANZ Bank	AA-	FRN	HORWOOD	Quarterly	18/06/2024	18/06/2029	5.2314	3,499,408.50	3,500,000.00	6,521.33	6,521.33
Macquarie Bank	A+	CASH	GENERAL	Monthly	30/06/2024	30/06/2024	4.6000	30,499.49	30,499.49	114.92	114.92
NAB	AA-	CASH	GENERAL	Monthly	30/06/2024	30/06/2024	4.6000	41,718,830.00	41,718,830.00	184,644.01	184,644.01
CFS WGCIF	A	FUND	GENERAL	Monthly	30/06/2016	10/07/2027	0.0000	15,804,634.89	15,804,634.89	-	-
NSWTC IM LTGF	Unrated	FUND	GENERAL	Annual	31/10/2017	10/07/2029	0.0000	38,537,851.77	38,537,851.77	-	-
AMP Bank	BBB+	CASH	GENERAL	Monthly	30/06/2024	30/06/2024	4.8000	173,450.78	173,450.78	681.70	681.70
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	CASH	GENERAL	Monthly	30/06/2024	30/06/2024	4.6000	84,836.41	84,836.41	323.28	323.28
TOTALS								**583,164,825.94**	**583,050,103.34**	**6,347,772.37**	**2,003,293.57**

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ITEM NUMBER 13.1
SUBJECT Adoption of Pensioner Rates Rebate Policy 2024
REFERENCE F2024/00282 - D09390158
REPORT OF Policy Officer

CSP THEME: Fair

WORKSHOP/BRIEFING DATE: Finance Committee – 23 May 2024
Policy Review Committee – 23 May 2024

PURPOSE:

To seek Council's adoption of the Pensioner Rates Rebate Policy 2024 (Policy 215).

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the Pensioner Rates Rebate Policy 2024, as attached to this report.

BACKGROUND

1. On 11 June 2024, Council resolved to place the draft Pensioner Rates Rebate Policy on public exhibition.

2. The draft Policy was placed on public exhibition from 17 June to 15 July 2024. Submissions on the Policy were invited from members of the public by contacting Council's Governance Team directly or by using Council's Participate Parramatta portal. Printed copies of exhibition materials were also made available for viewing at Council's library branches and Customer Service Centre.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

3. In total the Participate Parramatta page for the draft Pensioner Rates Rebate Policy received 328 views. 12 submissions were received from members of the public, generally in support of the draft Policy.

4. The submissions are summarised in the table below, with a staff response provided for each submission:

Submission Number	Submission Comment	Staff Response
1	Supportive of the draft Policy, but recommended to extend definition of Eligible Pensioner to include individuals of pension age with a Commonwealth Health Care Card.	Provided clarification that the definition of Eligible Pensioner is aligned to the *Local Government Act 1993* requirements for pensioner Rates rebates, as defined under section 134 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*.
2	Supportive of the draft Policy, but raised concern regarding $250 cap for Mandatory Rebate, as not equating to a 50% rebate on Rates for properties in the LGA.	Provided clarification that the $250 mandatory rebate provision is set by section 575 of the *Local Government Act 1993.* Council has proposed to continue the additional voluntary

		rebate provision under the Policy to further offset Rates costs for pensioners, and has further provided feedback to the State Government recommending review of the legislated mandatory rebate amount.
3	Not supportive of the draft Policy. Raised concerns regarding burden on applicants to provide Statutory Declarations or other supporting documentation, in addition to Centrelink card.	Provided clarification that supporting documentation, in addition to a Centrelink card, is not required for standard applications. Under clause 5.1.4 it is only proposed to require additional supporting documentation, such as a Statutory Declaration, in limited circumstances for life tenant applications.
4	Supportive of the draft Policy. No further comments provided.	Noted.
5	Supportive of the draft Policy, as being a straightforward document.	Noted.
6	Supportive of the draft Policy. No further comments provided.	Noted.
7	Generally supportive of the draft Policy, but recommended to extend definition of Eligible Pensioner to include self-funded pensioners without Centrelink concession card.	Provided clarification that the definition of Eligible Pensioner is aligned to the *Local Government Act 1993* requirements for pensioner Rates rebates, as defined under section 134 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*.
8	Supportive of the draft Policy, and provided praise for project.	Noted.
9	Did not specify position on the draft Policy. Requested clarification regarding if changes to the rebates are proposed as part of the review, and recommended a substantial rebate increase to address increased land valuations.	Provided clarification that no changes were proposed to the rebate amounts. Clarified that the $250 mandatory rebate provision is set by section 575 of the *Local Government Act 1993.* Council has proposed to continue the additional voluntary rebate provision under the Policy to further offset Rates costs for pensioners, and has further provided feedback to the State Government recommending review of the legislated mandatory rebate amount.
10	Not supportive of the draft Policy. Raised concern with increasing Rates rebate for pensioners, given other types of government rebates already available to pensioners.	Noted feedback. Provided clarification that no changes were proposed to the rebate amounts as part of the required periodic review. Clarified that the $250 mandatory rebate provision is a requirement for councils to provide under section 575 of the *Local Government Act 1993.*
11	Supportive of the draft Policy, as setting out a clear and simple application process, with sufficient governance checks to mitigate potential for misuse.	Noted.
12	Supportive of the draft Policy, and advocated for additional rebates for pensioners.	Noted.

5. Council officers do not propose any changes to the Policy as a result of the public exhibition.

6. The Pensioner Rates Rebate Policy 2024 recommended for adoption is provided at **Attachment 1**.

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Stakeholder Consultation

7. The following stakeholder consultation has been undertaken in relation to this matter:

Date	Stakeholder	Stakeholder Comment	Council Officer Response	Responsibility
17 June – 15 July 2024	Public Exhibition	12 submissions were received during Public Exhibition period, generally in support.	Noted	Governance + Rates & Receivables

Councillor Consultation

8. The following Councillor consultation has been undertaken in relation to this matter:

Date	Councillor	Councillor Comment	Council Officer Response	Responsibility
23 May 2024	Finance Committee	The Committee considered the draft Policy. No amendments were proposed.	Noted	Rates & Receivables
23 May 2024	Policy Review Committee	The Committee considered the draft Policy. No amendments were proposed.	Noted	Rates & Receivables + Governance

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL

9. The draft Policy was reviewed by Council's Legal Services Unit, and the Policy recommended for adoption does not present any legal concerns.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL

10. If Council resolves to approve this report in accordance with the recommendation, there are no unbudgeted financial implications for Council associated with adoption of this Policy.

Melissa McIsaac
Policy Officer

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Executive Director Finance & Information

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Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Pensioner Rates Rebate Policy 2024 5 Pages

REFERENCE MATERIAL

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Pensioner Rates Rebate Policy

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1. Scope

1.1 This Policy applies to Eligible Pensioners, who:

(a) own a property in the City of Parramatta Council (**Council**) local government area (**LGA**);
(b) are responsible for the payment of Rates; and
(c) occupy the dwelling for which they are paying Rates, as their sole or principal place of living.

1.2 This Policy does not extend to any pensioner rebates offered by Council outside of Council Rates and charges.

2. Purpose

2.1 This Policy establishes a framework for Council to provide Eligible Pensioners with appropriate financial concessions for their annual Council Rates and Charges, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) (**LG Act**).

3. Policy

3.1 Council will provide a reduction in Rates and Charges to Eligible Pensioners, by way of a mandatory and a voluntary rebate, as follows:

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3.1.1 Mandatory rebate

Pursuant to section 575 of the LG Act, Council will provide a mandatory rebate for Eligible Pensioners of up to $250 per financial year.

3.1.2 Voluntary rebate

In addition to the mandatory rebate (as show above), pursuant to section 582 of the LG Act, Eligible Pensioners who have owned and occupied a dwelling within the LGA for a minimum of five full consecutive financial years, may apply to Council to receive an additional voluntary rebate of $100 per financial year.

3.2 Council will apply granted rebates on an ongoing annual basis, where the Ratepayer remains eligible under this Policy.

3.2.1 Granted rebates will be applied to the Eligible Pensioner's Rates from the current financial year, and will not be backdated.

3.3 Where a Ratepayer is granted an Eligible Pensioner rebate after the day on which a Rate or charge is made and levied, pursuant to section 575 of the LG Act, the mandatory rebate will be calculated proportionate to the quarterly periods remaining for that financial year.

3.3.1 Where an Eligible Pensioner's change of circumstances impacts their entitlements under this Policy, pursuant to section 584 of the LG Act the rebate will cease on the last day of a quarterly period.

3.3.2 Council's voluntary rebate will also be calculated proportionately using these principles from sections 575 and 584 of the LG Act.

3.4 Pursuant to section 577 of the LG Act, Council will grant the applicable rebates where an Eligible Pensioner, who is not the owner of the property, has a life tenant interest in the property in the LGA and is responsible for the payment of Rates and Charges.

3.5 Where a rebate has been granted to an Eligible Pensioner, the rebate(s) will continue to apply after the Eligible Pensioner enters aged care, provided that the property is vacant and not being rented during that time.

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4. Delegation

4.1 There are Administrative and/or Legislative Delegations applicable to this Policy, which are provided for in Council's Delegations Manual.

5. Procedure

5.1 To request an Eligible Pensioner rebate under this Policy, Ratepayers must apply to Council in writing, using the Pensioner Rebate Application form.

5.1.1 Completed Pensioner Rebate Application forms may be submitted through one of the options below:

(a) digitally via Council's website;
(b) by email, to council@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au;
(c) by mail, to City of Parramatta, PO Box 32, Parramatta NSW 2124; or
(d) in-person, at the PHIVE Customer Service Desk.

5.1.2 Applicants requiring assistance with completing the application form may contact Council's Rates & Receivables Unit, including by:

(a) phoning Council Customer Service at 1300 617 058; or
(b) attending Council's Customer Service Centre at PHIVE.

5.1.3 Council may verify evidence of the applicant's Eligible Pensioner status, through Centrelink and the Department of Veteran Affairs, such as:

(a) a current Pension Concession Card issued by Centrelink;
(b) a Department of Veterans Affairs' Gold Card; or
(c) a Department of Veterans Affairs' Total Permanent Incapacitated or Extremely Disabled Adjustment Card.

5.1.4 Applications made on the basis of having a life tenant interest in the property must be supported by documentation such as:

(a) confirmation in writing, preferably from a legal representative, with a copy of the Will of a deceased estate;
(b) a copy of the Certificate of Title, if the life tenancy is registered there on; or

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(c) a Statutory Declaration that the applicant is the person who is responsible for paying the Rates.

5.1.5 Once assessed, the applicant will be notified in writing of Council's decision, the rebate amount granted, and the balance of Rates payable.

5.2 Where an Eligible Pensioner's concession card is cancelled while the individual is overseas, the Eligible Pensioner must reapply for the rebate upon their return to Australia, using their newly issued Pensioner Concession Card.

5.3 Eligible Pensioners may only claim a rebate for their principal place of residence at any one time. A new application is required for the Eligible Pensioner to move their rebate to another property within the LGA.

5.4 Verification of continued eligibility for Ratepayers receiving a rebate under this Policy will be carried out periodically during the year, in conjunction with Centrelink and the Department of Veteran Affairs.

5.4.1 Where verification results do not confirm the Ratepayer's eligibility, Council will remove any concessions for which the Ratepayer is no longer eligible. Any subsequent reinstatement of a concession will require submission of a new application.

5.5 Eligible Pensioners experiencing financial hardship should refer to Council's Debt Management and Hardship Assistance Policy for information regarding additional available supports for Ratepayers.

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6. Definitions

Eligible Pensioner	As defined in the Dictionary to the LG Act and section 134 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (NSW), means: (a) persons who receive a pension, benefit or allowance under Chapter 2 of the *Social Security Act 1991* of the Commonwealth, or a service pension under Part III of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* of the Commonwealth, and who are entitled to a pensioner concession card, issued by or on behalf of the Commonwealth government, or (b) persons who receive a pension from the Commonwealth Department of Veterans' Affairs

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	and who are entitled to a pensioner concession card, issued by or on behalf of the Commonwealth government, or (c) persons who have received a lump sum mentioned in section 234(1)(b) of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* of the Commonwealth or are receiving a weekly amount mentioned in that paragraph, and who are entitled to a pensioner concession card, issued by or on behalf of the Commonwealth government, or (d) persons who receive a general rate of pension adjusted for extreme disablement under section 22(4) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* of the Commonwealth, or a special rate of pension under section 24 of that Act, or (e) persons who receive, or who at some point in their life have been eligible for, a Special Rate Disability Pension under the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* of the Commonwealth.
Rates	Refers to all amounts charged in accordance with section 546 of the LG Act.
Ratepayer	The person/s who are the owner of rateable land or a person/s responsible for a lease where the LG Act provides that a Rate is to be paid to Council.

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REFERENCES	*Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (NSW)
ASSOCIATED POLICIES	Complaints Handling Policy Debt Management and Hardship Assistance Policy Privacy Management Policy and Plan
ATTACHMENTS	Pensioner Rebate Application Form

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - FOR COUNCIL DECISION

ITEM NUMBER	13.2
SUBJECT	2024 Local Government NSW Annual Conference - Call for Motions
REFERENCE	F2024/00282 - D09518344
REPORT OF	Executive Officer

CSP THEME: Fair

WORKSHOP/BRIEFING DATE: Nil

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to call for motions from Councillors for inclusion in a future report to Council for endorsement, prior to submission of motions to Local Government NSW for consideration at the 2024 Local Government NSW Annual Conference, being held from 17 to 19 November 2024 in Tamworth.

RECOMMENDATION

(a) That Councillors submit potential City of Parramatta Local Government NSW Annual Conference motions to Councillor Support by 5pm, Tuesday 20 August 2024.

(b) That a report be presented to the 26 August 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting seeking endorsement of the proposed City of Parramatta motions to be lodged to Local Government NSW for consideration by the Conference.

(c) That Council note the report for the endorsement of City of Parramatta motions will be a Late Report included in Supplementary Agenda A, to be published on Friday, 23 August 2024, to allow Councillors sufficient time to propose motions for consideration.

(d) That Council note a further report will be tabled to the 28 October 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting to determine the ten (10) City of Parramatta voting delegates for the Local Government NSW Annual Conference.

BACKGROUND

1. The Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference (Conference) will take place from Sunday 17 to Tuesday 19 November 2024 at Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre (TRECC).

2. The Conference is the main policy-making event for NSW general purpose councils and associate members where local councillors share ideas, debate motions and help determine the local government sector’s policy directions for the coming year.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

3. Conference registrations and motions opened on 17 July 2024. Member councils are strongly encouraged to submit their motions by Friday 16 August 2024 to allow for preparation of the Business Paper before the Conference. Under the LGNSW Rules, the latest date motions can be accepted for inclusion in the business paper is Sunday 20 October 2024.

4. Proposed motions must relate to strategic local government issues which affect members state-wide and introduce new or emerging policy issues. They are debated and resolved by Conference delegates, with successful resolutions guiding LGNSW's advocacy priorities for the year head.

5. It is a requirement of LGNSW that evidence of Council's support be provided for each motion submitted to the Conference.

6. To be included in the Conference Business Paper, LGNSW has set the following criteria for motions, being proposed motions must:

    a. Be consistent with the objects of the LGNSW Rules (Rule 4).
    b. Demonstrate that the issue concerns or is likely to concern a substantial number of local governments in NSW.
    c. Seek to establish or change a policy position of LGNSW and/or improve governance of the association (noting that the LGNSW Board is responsible for any decisions around resourcing and campaigns or operational activities, and any necessary resource allocations will be subject to the LGNSW budgetary process).
    d. Be strategic.
    e. Be concise, clearly worded and unambiguous.
    f. Not be focussed on just a small specific part of NSW.
    g. Not encourage violation of prevailing laws.
    h. Not seek to advantage one or several members at the expense of other members.

7. Before submitting motions for the Conference, members are encouraged to review the following items:

    a. 2024 LGNSW Annual Conference Motions Submission Guide (**Attachment 1**),
    b. LGNSW Policy Platform,
    c. 2023 Conference Action Report, and
    d. 2022 Conference Action Report.

8. A copy of the LGNSW Policy Platform, 2023 and 2022 Conference Action Reports will be circulated to Councillors by email, along with the Conference Motions Template (**Attachment 2**), to assist with the preparation of proposed motions.

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Stakeholder Consultation

9. The following stakeholder consultation has been undertaken in relation to this matter:

Date	Stakeholder	Stakeholder Comment	Council Officer Response	Responsibility
17 July 2024	Local Government NSW	Notification of the opening of Registrations & Motions for the LGNSW Annual Conference.	Circulation of notification to Executive Team, including the invitation to propose motions for Councillor consideration, and preparation of Council Report to seek motions from Councillors.	Office of the Lord Mayor & CEO

Councillor Consultation

10. The following Councillor consultation has been undertaken in relation to this matter:

Date	Councillor	Councillor Comment	Council Officer Response	Responsibility
12 August 2024	All Councillors	Council Report with Conference background to call for proposed motions for inclusion in the further Council Report, proposed for the 26 August 2024 Council Meeting.	Any proposed motions received from Councillors will be included in the further report to Council.	Office of the Lord Mayor & CEO

11. The following Councillor consultation process is being followed regarding the proposal of motions and determination of Council's voting delegates for Conference:

    a. 12 August 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting

    A Council Report will be tabled to the above meeting that will call for:

    - Councillors to submit potential City of Parramatta LGNSW Annual Conference motions by email to Councillor Support by 5pm, Tuesday 20 August 2024, using the Conference Motions Template.

    - Note a report will be tabled to the 26 August 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting to seek endorsement of the proposed motions prior to submission to LGNSW for consideration at the Conference.

    - Note the report for the endorsement of City of Parramatta motions will be a Late Report included in Supplementary Agenda A, to be published on

Friday, 23 August 2024, to allow Councillors sufficient time to propose motions for consideration.

- Note a further report will be tabled to the 28 October 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting to determine the ten (10) City of Parramatta voting delegates for the LGNSW Annual Conference.

b. 26 August 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting

A Council Report will be tabled to the above meeting that will call for:

- Consideration and endorsement of the proposed motions for submission to LGNSW for consideration at the Conference.

c. 28 October 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting

A Council Report will be tabled to the above meeting, being the second meeting of the new Council, that will call for:

- Council to determine the ten (10) City of Parramatta voting delegates for the LGNSW Annual Conference.

- Council to determine the City of Parramatta Councillor attendees at the LGNSW Annual Conference, noting all Councillors have the option to attend under the provisions of the *Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy.*

- Council note the motions previously submitted to LGNSW for consideration at the Conference.

12. In recognition of the 2024 Local Government Elections, Council can register Conference delegates without a delegate name, with the ability to update name information once confirmed.

13. Conference dates will be communicated to the new Council as part of onboarding communications, to ensure early awareness and enable the elected Councillors to decide as soon as practicable on their intention to attend.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL

14. There are no legal implications for Council associated with this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL

15. If Council resolves to approve this report in accordance with the proposed resolution, there are no unbudgeted financial implications for Council's budget.

16. Costs associated with the registration and participation of Councillors are provided for within the adopted Councillor Support 2024/25 operating budget, in line with the provisions of the *Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy.*

17. Councillor Support have arranged for a hold on accommodation in anticipation of high interest from newly elected Councillors.

18. Conference registration fees are included in the below table for information.

19. Delegate registration fees include online business papers, the President's Welcome Reception, two-day business sessions including morning and afternoon tea, lunch and name badge. The cost to attend the Conference is heavily subsidised by LGNSW and sponsors.

Member Conference Registration		
Early Bird	Paid by 25 September 2024	$1,115 (incl GST) per person
Standard Registration (Members)	Paid by 23 October 2024	$1,485 (incl GST) per person
Conference Dinner (Members)		$230 (incl GST) per person
Partners and Extra Guests of Members		
President's Welcome Reception		$121 (incl GST) per person
Conference Dinner Ticket		$230 (incl GST) per person
Optional Extras		
ALGWA Breakfast	Members Only	$88 per person
Cancellation of Registration	Before 1 November 2024	$350 per person
Non-return of registered voting delegate card		$150

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ATTACHMENTS:

1	2024 LGNSW Annual Conference Motions Submission Guide	15 Pages
2	LGNSW Annual Conference Motions Template	3 Pages

REFERENCE MATERIAL

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MOTION SUBMISSION GUIDE

1. Introduction

Each year, LGNSW members submit a range of motions to the Annual Conference conducted by Local Government NSW (LGNSW). These motions relate to strategic local government issues which affect members state-wide and introduce new or emerging policy issues. They are debated and resolved by Conference delegates, with successful resolutions guiding LGNSW's advocacy priorities for the year ahead.

All LGNSW member councils are invited to submit motions to the Annual Conference, with the following guide outlining the motion development and submission process.

2. Deadlines

- Motion submission will open on **Wednesday 17 July 2024**
- Members are encouraged to submit motions online as early as possible before **Friday 16 August 2024**, to allow assessment of the motions and distribution of the Business Paper before the Conference.
- Under LGNSW Rules, the latest date motions can be accepted for inclusion in the Business Paper is **12 midnight (AEDT) on Sunday 20 October 2024** (28 days prior to Conference).

3. Criteria for motion submission 2024

Members are encouraged to be mindful that each Annual Conference can only reasonably consider and debate around 100 motions in the available time. With 128 member councils in NSW, and more than a dozen associate members, LGNSW requests that members only submit motions that relate to their highest priorities.

The LGNSW Board has resolved that motions will be included in the Business Paper for the Conference only where they fit in with the following criteria.

Criteria for motions
To be included in the Business Paper, motions must:

1. **Be consistent with the objects of the LGNSW Rules (Rule 4)**
2. **Demonstrate that the issue concerns or is likely to concern a substantial number of local governments in NSW**
3. **Seek to establish or change a policy position of LGNSW and/or improve governance of the association** (noting that the LGNSW Board is responsible for any decisions around resourcing and campaigns or operational activities, and any necessary resource allocations will be subject to the LGNSW budgetary process)
4. **Be strategic**
5. **Be concise, clearly worded and unambiguous**
6. **Not be focussed on just a small specific part of NSW**
7. **Not encourage violation of prevailing laws**
8. **Not seek to advantage one or several members at the expense of other members.**

Motions of a similar objective:

9. **May be consolidated by LGNSW as a single item.**

Motions reflecting existing LGNSW policy:

10. **Remain part of LGNSW's Policy Platform but will not be included for debate as they have already been considered by Conference.**

Before submitting motions for this year's Annual Conference, members are encouraged to review Action Reports (on the member only pages of the LGNSW website) from previous Conferences and the LGNSW Policy Platform to ensure the proposed motion wording reflects any recent developments and does not duplicate existing policy positions.

4. How to write a motion

Motions adopted at Conferences inform LGNSW's advocacy actions on behalf of the local government sector. LGNSW includes the exact wording of motions when writing to ministers, departments and agencies post-conference, so it is important that the wording of motions clearly outlines your council's policy intent or objective.

The format of motions, as much as possible, should call on a specific body (e.g. LGNSW, state government, federal government, a specific department or minister) and have a specific outcome that the motion is aiming to achieve. The wording should be unambiguous.

Examples of clearly-worded Annual Conference motions:

Local government representation on National Cabinet
That Local Government NSW lobbies the Australian Government for permanent local government representation on the National Cabinet.

Natural Disaster Funding, Day Labour
That LGNSW requests the Australian and NSW governments reinstate the claimable expense for the use of council staff during their normal working hours to attend to natural disaster relief and recovery funded works and reverse the present policy that effectively requires the mandatory use of contractors for recovery works.

Risks and costs of local government FOGO mandate
That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to ensure the food organics garden organics (FOGO) mandate is achievable, and doesn't expose local councils to unnecessary risk and cost by:

1. Extending the roll-out of mandated FOGO services to multi-unit households until 2035
2. Ensuring minimum and maximum collection frequencies are not mandated for domestic waste collection
3. Ceasing to promote that current FOGO services are achieving a 2.6% contamination rate

4. Offsetting the full costs of implementation of the mandated FOGO services using additional funds from the section 88 Waste Levy revenue.

For more examples see Business Papers from past Conferences on the LGNSW website.

5. Demonstrating evidence of council support for motion

The member submitting the motion must provide accompanying evidence of support for the motion. Such evidence takes the form of an attachment note or extract from the minutes of the council meeting, at which the member council resolved to submit the motion for consideration by the Conference. In the absence of a council meeting, the evidence should be a letter signed by both the Mayor and General Manager.

6. How to submit a motion

LGNSW members are invited to submit motions through an online portal from **Wednesday 17 July 2024**.

Attachment A provides detailed instructions on how to submit motions via the online portal.

7. How LGNSW manages incoming motions

The LGNSW Board typically delegates the function of managing incoming motions for the Conference to a motions committee. The Chief Executive will refer motions to the committee and the committee will assess whether each motion meets or does not meet the Board-endorsed criteria. This assessment forms the final decision on which motions are included in the Conference Business Paper.

Prior to the committee making a final decision, LGNSW may contact the council that submitted the motion to seek clarity on its intent or wording.

Incoming motions which seek to change any long-held Fundamental Principles (Part A of the Policy Platform), will be highlighted in the Business Paper for members' information at time of voting.

Motions which are consistent with existing LGNSW positions or current LGNSW actions, or that are operational and can be actioned without a Conference resolution, may still be printed in the Business Paper but will not be debated at the Conference.

8. Late motions

Late items are only to be included in the Business paper addendum if, in addition to the above criteria, the late items relate to highly urgent matters that have arisen after the deadline for the motion submission has passed.

In considering whether a late item relates to a highly urgent matter, the Board Motions Committee is to have regard to:

(a) whether the late item has arisen after the deadline for motions has passed, and

(b) whether the urgency of the matter justifies it being presented to voting delegates with short notice and limited opportunity to review and consider before they are required to vote on the motion.

9. What happens to motions at the LGNSW Annual Conference

Standing orders are outlined at the front of the Business Paper and adopted at the commencement of each Conference. They outline the manner in which the Conference deals with motions. The standing orders adopted at past conferences can be found on the LGNSW website.

During debate on motions at Conference, the standing orders generally permit voting delegates to speak in support of or against each motion. Following a vote on a motion, the motion is either carried and becomes a resolution of the Conference, or it is defeated.

10. Post-conference: Updates to the LGNSW Policy Platform

LGNSW's Policy Platform consolidates the voices of councils across NSW, reflecting the collective positions of local government on issues of importance to the sector. Importantly, the Policy Platform guides LGNSW in its advocacy on behalf of the local government sector.

The Policy Platform consists of two parts: LGNSW's Fundamental Principles, and the more targeted Position Statements.

- **Fundamental Principles** are the enduring and overarching principles that direct LGNSW's response to broad matters of importance to the local government sector. These Fundamental Principles are endorsed (or amended) by LGNSW members at Annual Conferences.

- **Position Statements** contain LGNSW's more detailed positions on specific issues and guide LGNSW's work on, and response to, policy issues of the day. Position Statements are subordinate to LGNSW's Fundamental Principles but are more agile and are targeted at specific policy issues as they arise.

Changing Fundamental Principles

Where a motion conflicts or may conflict with a Fundamental Principle, this will be clearly highlighted for delegates in the Conference Business Paper. If the motion is adopted as a resolution at Conference, then the relevant Fundamental Principle will be changed.

It is expected that changes to the Fundamental Principles will be uncommon, given their broad focus and general acceptance among the local government sector.

Changing Position Statements

Following each Conference, LGNSW will review resolutions of that Conference to determine whether the intent of each resolution is adequately covered by existing Position Statements. Where the Position Statements do not adequately include the intent of a resolution, LGNSW will update an existing Position Statement or draft a new Position Statement for inclusion in the LGNSW Policy Platform.

LGNSW members will be informed of updates to the LGNSW Policy Platform.

11. Post-conference: Determining LGNSW Advocacy Priorities

Following the LGNSW Annual Conference, LGNSW will review the resolutions and identify key areas of focus to guide LGNSW's advocacy. These areas of focus are also informed by member feedback, the LGNSW strategic plan, position statements, emerging issues, and Board input.

LGNSW's Advocacy Priorities for the following year are then submitted for endorsement by the LGNSW Board.

As LGNSW undertakes advocacy actions on each of the Conference resolutions throughout the year, these actions and their outcomes will be published in LGNSW's Action Report. (Past Action reports are available on the member only pages of the LGNSW website).

12. Further information

For further information on the motion submission process, please contact LGNSW at policy@lgnsw.org.au.

13. Frequently Asked Questions

How do I know if my proposed motion is consistent with existing LGNSW policy positions?

The subject matter expert within your council may be best placed to identify this (for example, if the motion relates to a planning matter, this question should be answered by the Planning Manager). Subject matter experts are encouraged to review LGNSW's Policy Platform to gain an understanding of LGNSW's position on a particular matter to help identify whether your proposed motion is consistent.

What is the deadline for submitting motions?

Members are encouraged to submit motions online as soon as possible to allow assessment of the motions and distribution of the Business Paper before the Conference. However, in line with the LGNSW Rules, the latest date motions can be accepted for inclusion in the Conference Business Paper is **12 midnight AEST on Sunday 20 October 2024** (28 days prior to Conference).

LGNSW can receive more than 300 motions for an Annual Conference. Submitting motions as early as possible helps LGNSW to manage the large volume of motions

received within a short period of time and allows LGNSW to seek clarification on any motions if required.

However, the LGNSW Rules allow councils to submit motions with less than 28 days' notice and the LGNSW Board may, in some circumstances, allow these to be considered at Conference as a **late item** (but not included in the Business Paper).

I'm unsure which motion category or sub-category I should select in the online portal

If you are unsure, just select the category you think best fits. LGNSW can re-categorise the motion if necessary.

Who should be the council contact for motions?

We recommend the council contact is someone who is available during the months that motions are open, and able to respond promptly to communications between your council and LGNSW. Some councils have identified the General Manager and others have identified a Governance Manager – it is a decision for each council.

How can I amend my council's motion that I've already submitted?

Once a motion has been submitted it cannot be edited without contacting LGNSW so please review the content carefully before submission. If you need to edit a submitted motion, please contact LGNSW at policy@lgnsw.org.au . You may need to provide evidence of support for the change (see section 5).

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This section provides step-by-step instructions to assist council staff in lodging a motion via our online portal Survey Monkey Apply.

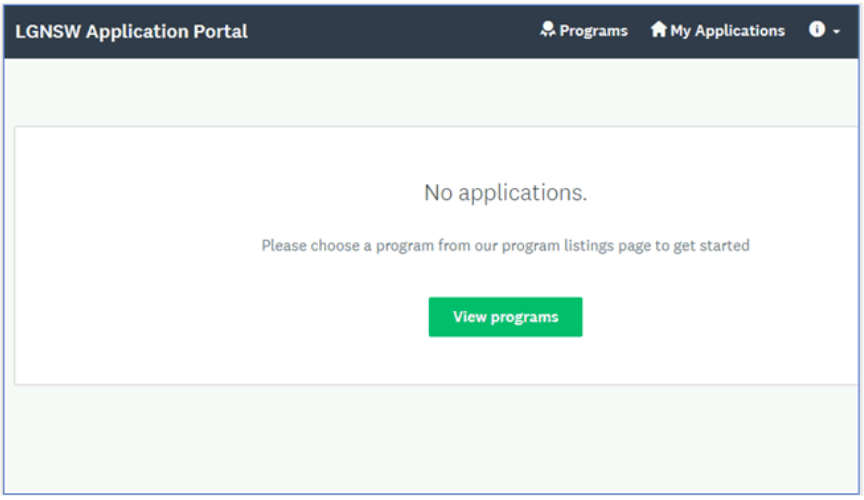
- Member councils are invited to submit motions for the LGNSW Annual Conference via Survey Monkey Apply **from 17 July 2024.**
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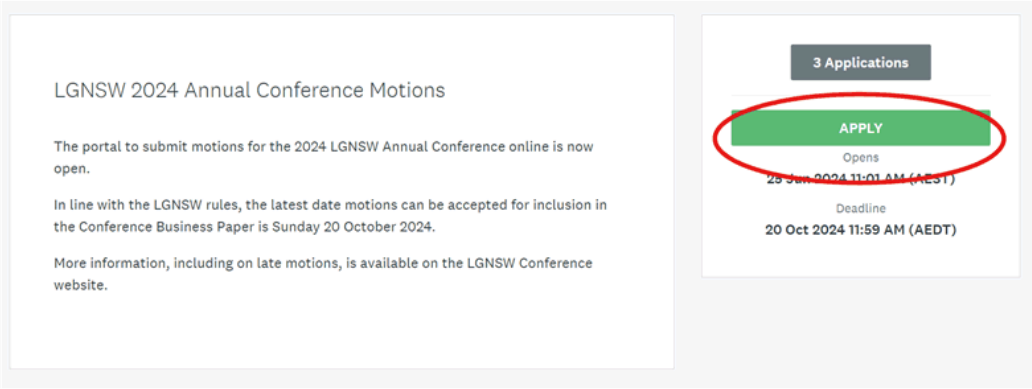
Step 1: Log into LGNSW's online portal using the same password you use to access the LGNSW member website. If you don't know your password, click "forgot password" to reset your password.

Note: you will need to register if you are logging in for the first time.

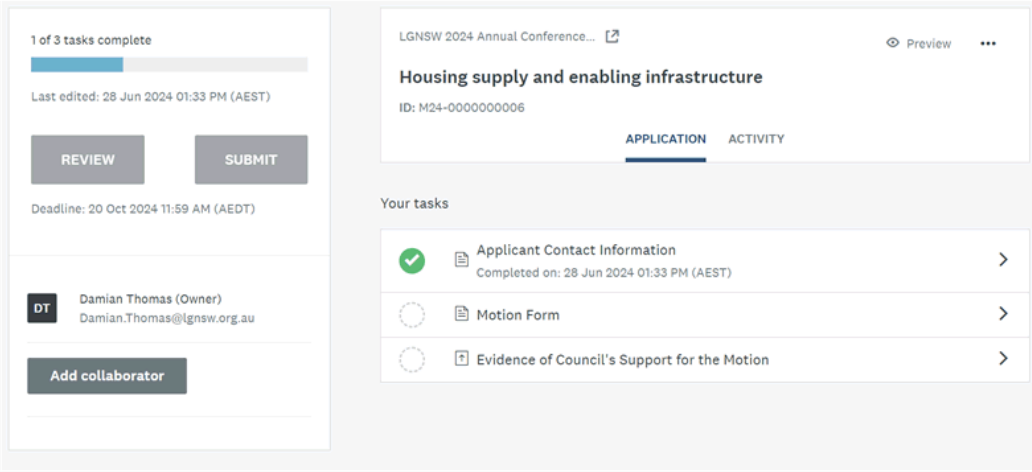
Step 2: Click *View Programs* and then select *LGNSW 2024 Annual Conference Motions.*



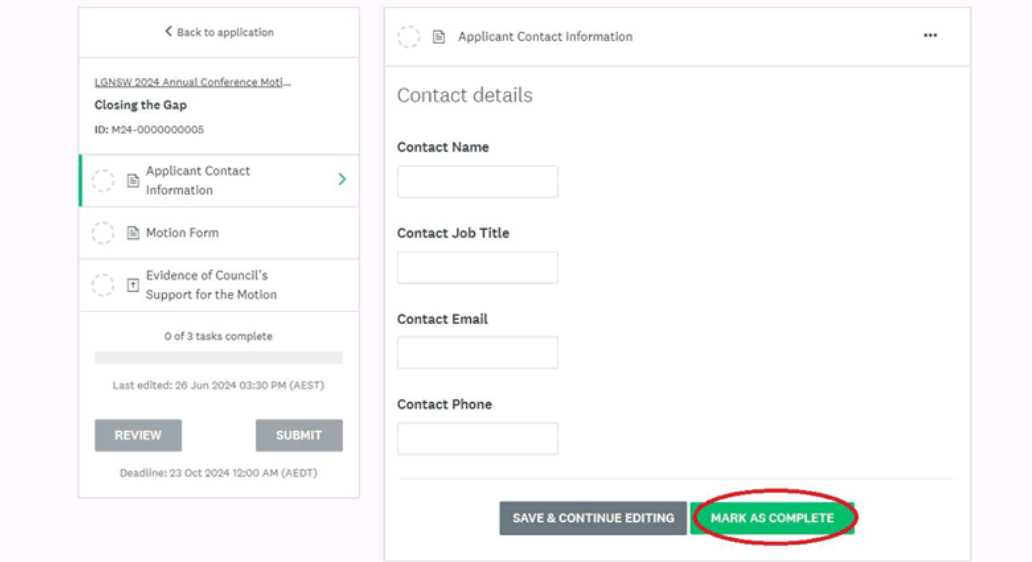
Step 3: Click **APPLY**.



Step 4: Add your motion title (a few words). You will then be taken to the landing page which will show three tasks to complete:



Step 5: Click on 'Applicant Contact Information' to add the contact information. This should be the relevant officer within your council who can respond to any questions from LGNSW about the motion promptly. Click **MARK AS COMPLETE** once finished.

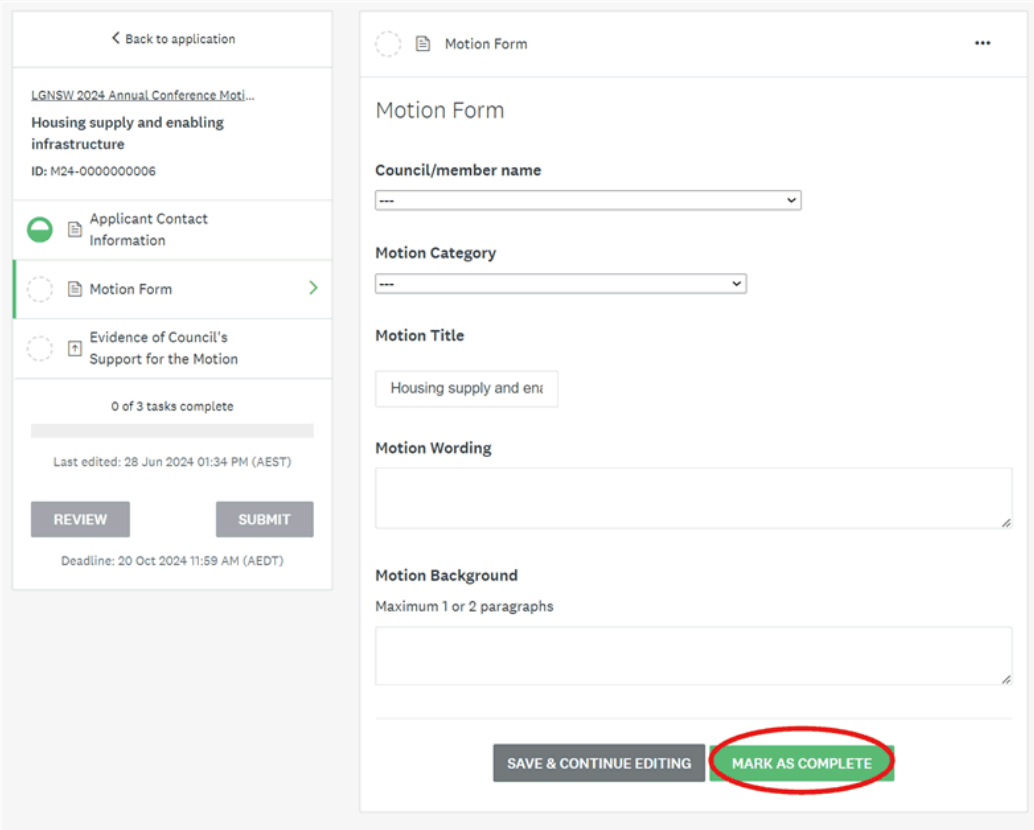


Step 6: Click 'Motion Form' to add the motion details.

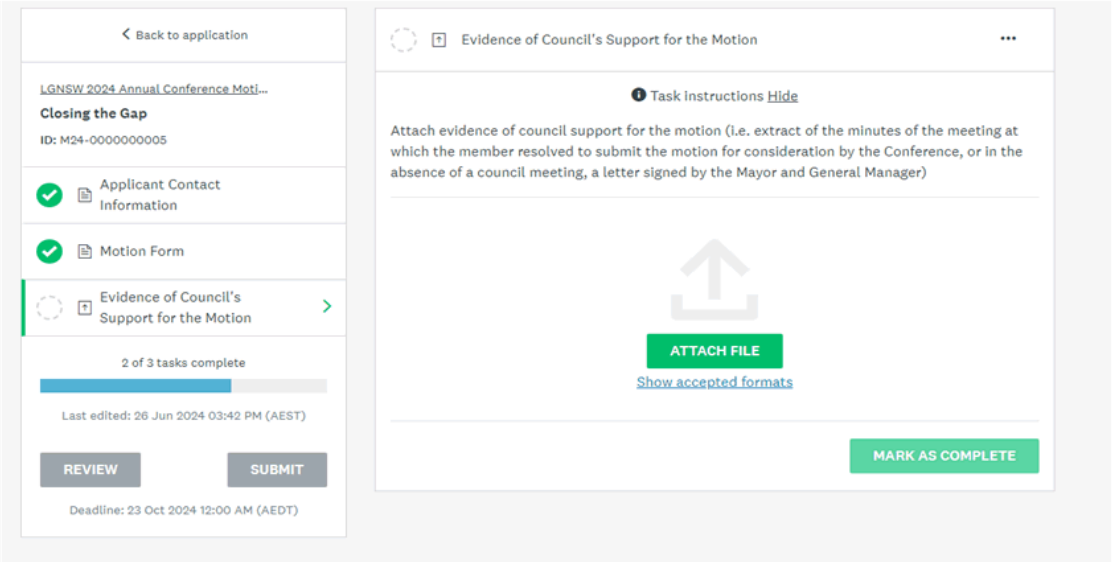
Motion category and sub-category assists with categorising motions and grouping related motions in the Conference Business Paper.

Motion wording should include a sentence or two which includes the call to action.

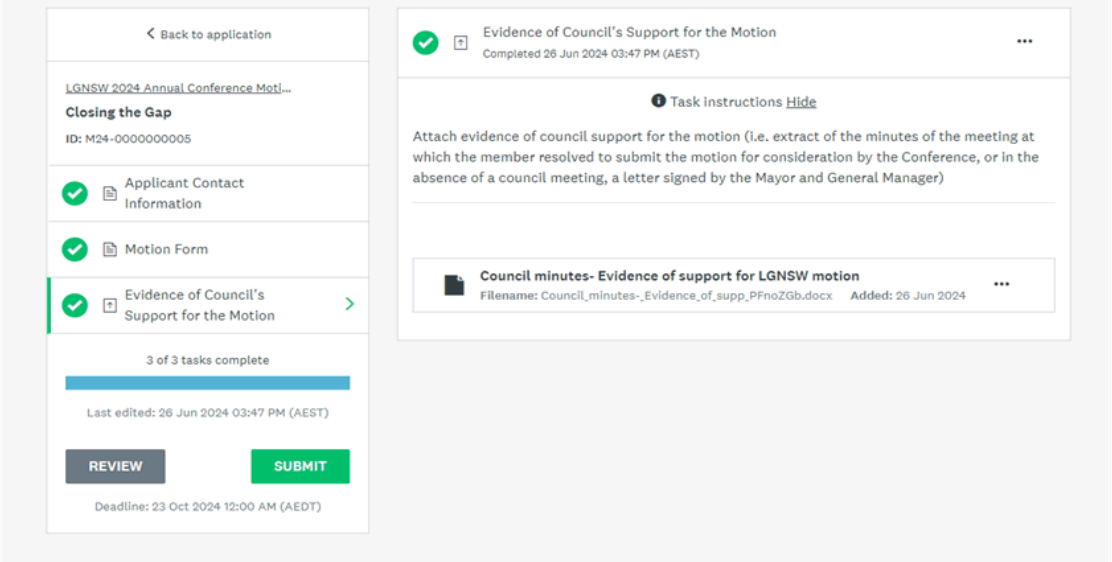
Background note should provide a paragraph or two to explain the context and importance of the issue to the local government sector.
Click **MARK AS COMPLETE** once finished.



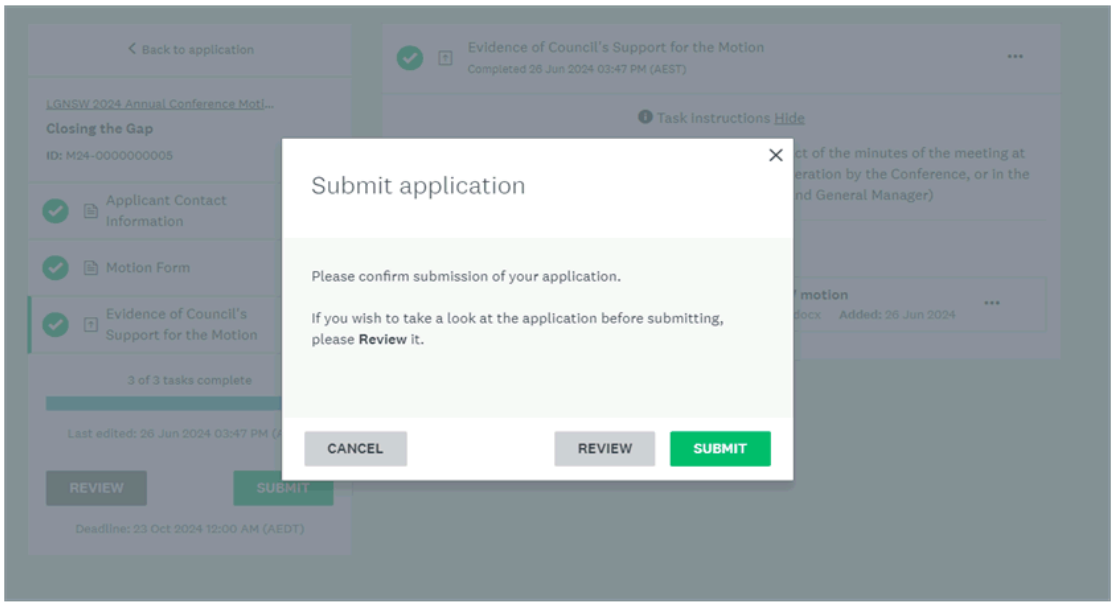
Step 7: Click 'Evidence of Council's Support for the Motion' and attach the relevant file. This could be an extract of council meeting minutes. Click **MARK AS COMPLETE** once finished.



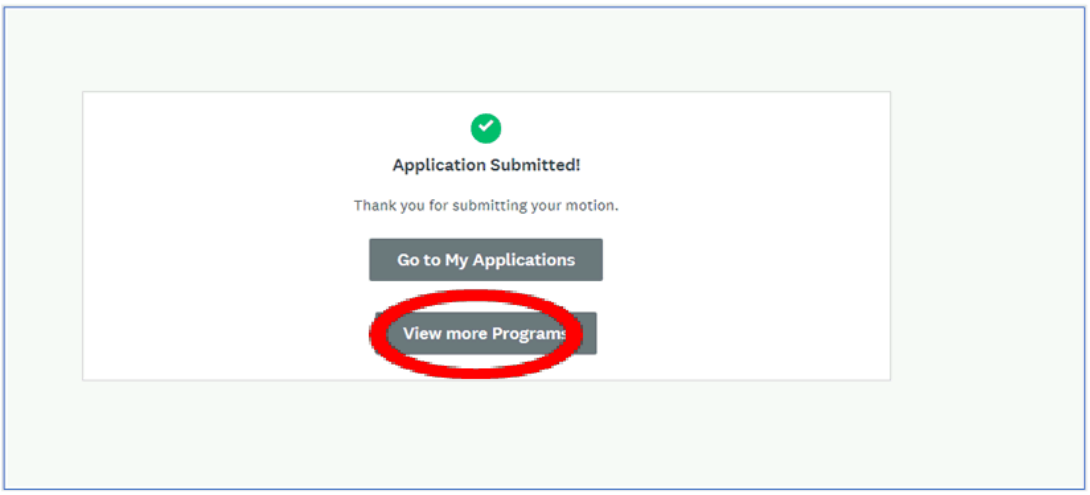
Step 8: Once you have completed all tasks (a green tick is displayed next to each task), click **SUBMIT**.



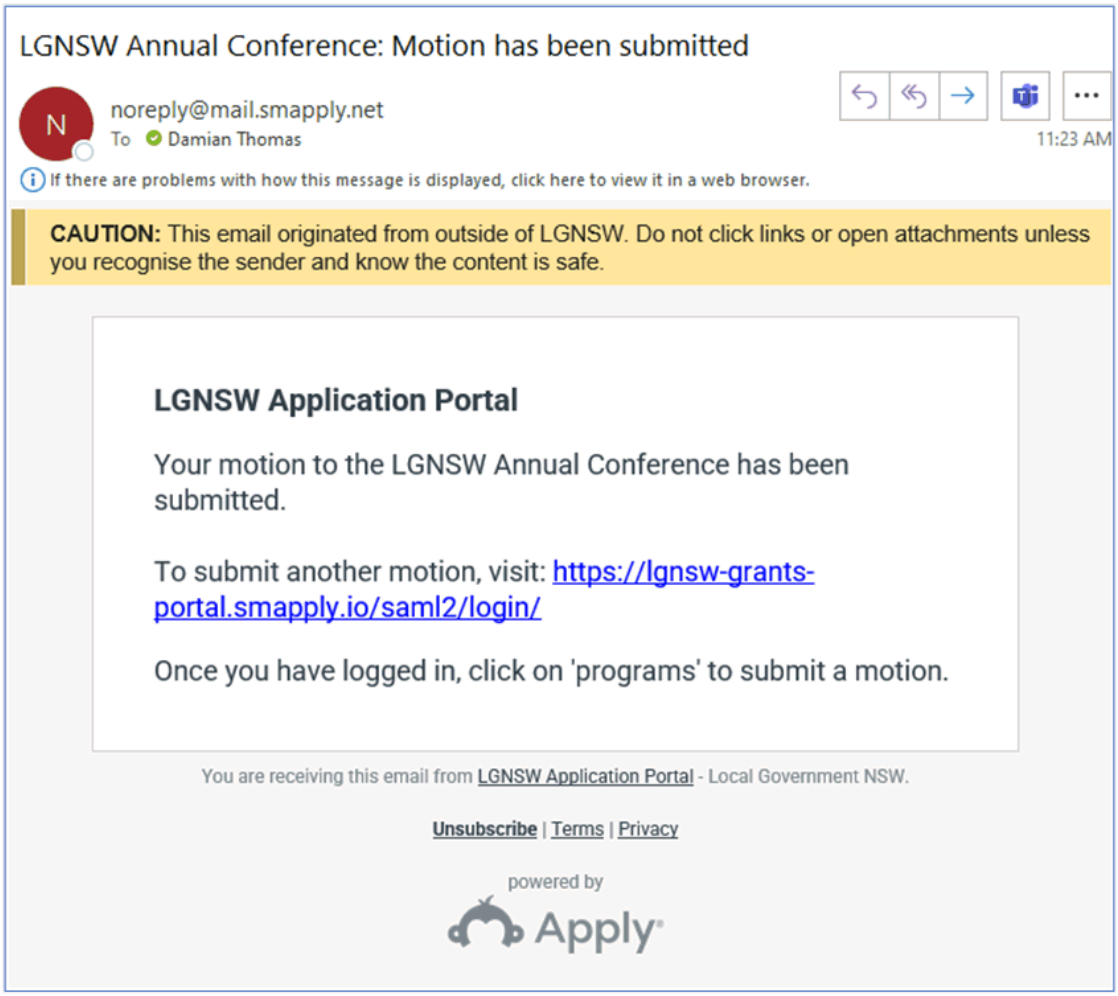
Step 9: You will be asked to confirm submission of the motion. There is an option to review the motion before submitting. When you are ready, click **SUBMIT**.



Step 10: If you are submitting multiple motions, click 'View more Programs'. This will take you back to the landing page to submit more motions.



Step 11: An automated confirmation email will be sent to the email address listed in the 'Applicant Contact Information' section.



Motion Form

Council Name	City of Parramatta Council
Motion Category (highlight one)	• Economic • Infrastructure • Planning • Environment • Social & Community • Governance • Accountability
Motion Title	

Motion Wording:

Motion Background (maximum 1 or 2 paragraphs):

Criteria for Motions

The LGNSW Board seeks to ensure that the motions debate advances the sector wide policy agenda. LGNSW has a policy framework consisting of Policy Principles and Position Statements. Members should consider how proposed motions adhere to the policy principles or provide strong justification for a proposed motion which seeks to change LGNSW policy.

The Board has resolved that motions will be included in the Business Paper for the Conference only where they:

1. Be consistent with the objects of the LGNSW Rules (Rule 4)
2. Demonstrate that the issue concerns or is likely to concern a substantial number of local governments in NSW
3. Seek to establish or change a policy position of LGNSW and/or improve governance of the association (noting that the LGNSW Board is responsible for any decisions around resourcing and campaigns or operational activities, and any necessary resource allocations will be subject to the LGNSW budgetary process)
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Motions of a similar objective:

9. May be consolidated by LGNSW as a single item.

Motions reflecting existing LGNSW policy:

10. Remain part of LGNSW's Policy Platform but will not be included for debate as they have already been considered by Conference.

Please note the Board will **not include** motions in the Business Paper which do not advance the local government policy agenda. Therefore a motion will not be included if it is operational, rather than strategic; a matter which could be actioned by LGNSW without going to Conference; not local government business; focused on a local issue only, or if the motion is consistent with longstanding actions of LGNSW and the Local Government and Shire's Association.

Each motion submission made via the online form should include:

1. Name and contact details of submitting Officer

2. Indicative category of the motion

3. Motion title

4. Motion wording

5. Background note explaining the rationale of the motion (max 1 or 2 paragraphs)

6. Attach evidence of council support for the motion (i.e. extract of the minutes of the meeting at which the member resolved to submit the motion for consideration by the Conference, or in the absence of a council meeting, a letter signed by the Mayor and General Manager)

How to write a motion – examples

The format of motions, as much as possible, should call on a specific body (e.g. LGNSW, state government, federal government, a specific Department or Minister) and have a specific outcome that the motion is aiming to achieve. The wording of the motion should be unambiguous. Some examples of motions submitted by the LGNSW Board to Conference are:

26 The Board – Minister for Rural and Regional NSW

That LGNSW lobbies the NSW State Government to appoint a Minister for Rural and Regional NSW with suitable resources to undertake meaningful representative activities.

57 Board – Natural Disaster Funding, Day Labour

That LGNSW requests the Australian and NSW governments reinstate the claimable expense for the use of council staff during their normal working hours to attend to natural disaster relief and recovery funded works and reverse the present policy that effectively requires the mandatory use of contractors for recovery works.

89 Board – Companion Animal Act matters

That LGNSW advocates that the NSW Government takes the following steps to improve the management of companion animals:

- establish an integrated on-line statewide registration process as an improved service to companion animal owners;

- resolve difficulties with the *Companion Animals Act 1998* definition of an “Authorised Officer”, by using the definition contained in the *Impounding Act 1993* as the definition in both Acts, allowing councils choice in the business model for its area; and

- review the dismissal of charges under section 10 of the *Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999* in relation to offences under the *Companion Animals Act 1998*.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - FOR COUNCIL DECISION

ITEM NUMBER 13.3
SUBJECT CBD Outdoor Dining Project 2 (Phillips Street, Parramatta)
REFERENCE F2024/00282 - D09057836
REPORT OF Place Manager

CSP THEME: Thriving

WORKSHOP/BRIEFING DATE: 5 November 2021, 16 March 2022 and 18 September 2023. (Refer to the consultation table below for list of Councillor Ward Briefing dates).

PURPOSE:

To update Council on the design investigation undertaken in relation to CBD Outdoor Dining Project 2 (Phillip Street between Phillip Lane / Erby Place and Freemasons Arms Lane).

RECOMMENDATION

(a) That Council notes the site constraints related to the installation of umbrella structures and crash barriers along Phillip Street between Phillip Lane/Erby Place and Freemasons Arms Lane for kerbside dinning.

(b) That outdoor dining areas along Phillip Street between Phillip Lane/Erby Place and Freemasons Arms Lane adjoin the building line under the existing awning in lieu of the proposed umbrellas.

(c) That Council staff continue to explore opportunities to accommodate outdoor dining space for food and beverage businesses located along the south western side of Phillip Street.

(d) That Council removes the existing concrete barriers and makes good any damage caused by the barriers.

(e) That all remaining funds be reallocated to replace litter bins with the same style to those in Parramatta Square, along Church Street from Centenary Square to Victoria Road, and also repair damaged footpath pavements within the CBD.

BACKGROUND

1. On 22 November 2021, Council approved the allocation of $990,000 from the CBD Infrastructure Special Rate, to fund the delivery of CBD Outdoor Dining Project 2.

2. The endorsed scope included the relocation of outdoor dining areas along Phillip Street (between Freemasons Arms Lane and Phillip Lane / Erby Place) to the kerb side as opposed to the building line, and the installation of permanent vehicle barriers and umbrella structures with blinds, consistent with neighbouring businesses along Church Street, subject to detailed design investigations.

3. Food and beverage retailers have since reinstated outdoor dining along Phillip Street. All businesses are currently occupying space along the building line with the exception of businesses along the southwest corner, between Church Street and Freemasons Arms Lane who have moved to the kerb side. Temporary concrete barriers were installed along all four corners, protecting the diners, whilst Council progressed with detailed design investigations.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

4. Detailed design investigations have taken place identifying numerous restrictions and site challenges impacting the delivery of the endorsed scope.

5. Phillip Street is a major east-west connector within the CBD, with a speed limit of 40 km/h, primarily used by passenger vehicles such as cars and pick-up trucks. Relocating the outdoor dining area to the kerbside exposes diners to the risk of impact from errant vehicles. An errant vehicle-rated barrier was proposed to mitigate this risk. The previously installed pedestrian barriers did not meet the proposed engineering standards required to protect diners from errant vehicles.

6. Underground services scans have located numerous utility assets along the footpath on both sides of Phillip Street. Relocation of these assets is extremely costly and is not part of the endorsed project scope. The location and depth of these assets limits the placement of umbrella structures due to the placement of their footings. Furthermore, Sydney Water underground services located beneath the kerb of the southern side, limits the type of errant vehicle barriers options to those with no footing requirements (bolted directly to the concrete blind layer).

7. The deflection zone requirements vary, based on the design of the vehicle barrier options. The proposed surface mounted errant vehicle barrier requires a minimum of 800mm deflection zone, set back from the barrier (see Attachment 1 for design details). This will occupy a portion of the proposed outdoor dining space. A low box hedge in soft soil would occupy this space, serving as an additional barrier to the diners. A barrier is not required if the outdoor dining area adjoins the building.

8. The purpose of the umbrella structures and blinds is to shield diners from adverse weather. The proposed location of errant vehicle barriers and deflection zone impacts the positioning of the umbrella structures, resulting in the structures being placed directly under the existing awning. This results in the structures impeding on the 1.8m pedestrian walkway as depicted in Attachment 1.

9. The positioning of existing under awning signs limits the height of the umbrella structures. The total height of the umbrella structures along Church Street is 3m with an approximate 2m under structure clearance. The positioning of existing under awning signs will reduce the height of the umbrella structures further impeding on the hanging signage.

10. The endorsed scope also includes the installation of blinds similar to the Church Street structures. Given the structures will partially obstruct the 1.8m pedestrian walkway, blinds can only be installed along the road side, partially exposing diners sitting along the ends of the structures to inclement weather.

11. In April and May 2024, all impacted businesses were consulted regarding the attached proposal. The majority of businesses prefer to remain against the building line, utilising the existing awning as the shelter for their outdoor dining space and not the proposed umbrella structures. Consequently, two businesses along the southwest corner of Phillip Street (between Church Street and Freemasons Arms Lanes) will not have outdoor dining due to the following reasons:

    a. Little Greece requires 3.5m set back from Freemasons Arms Lane kerb, resulting in outdoor dining space located at the restaurant entrance.

    b. Mr Phillips shopfront is too narrow to accommodate outdoor dining.

12. The immediately impacted and neighbouring businesses are willing to work with Council to identify alternate solutions that may allow for all food and beverage businesses to have access to outdoor dining space in front of their premises. This would require further negotiations between interested parties.

13. Due to the site restrictions, it is proposed not to install the umbrellas at the proposed locations and maintain the outdoor dining along the building line under the existing building awning. The temporary concrete crash barriers will also be removed and any damage will be repaired.

14. To ensure Council is investing in infrastructure to support local businesses, it is also proposed to reallocate the remaining funds to replacing the existing unhygienic bins along Church Street from Centenary Square to Victoria Road, and carry out repairs to the paved footpaths within the CBD.

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Stakeholder Consultation

15. The following stakeholder consultation has been undertaken in relation to this matter:

Date	Stakeholder	Stakeholder Comment	Council Officer Response	Responsibility
Oct – Nov 2021	Internal Subject matter experts including Traffic & Transport, Project Management, Property Assets, Urban Design, PLR team	Feedback provided on barrier options, umbrella structures and location of outdoor dining	Noted and referenced in 22 Nov 2021 council report	Place Services / Property & Place / Place Manager
Mar - Apr 2022	Phillip Street & Church Street intersection food and beverage business owners	Feedback received on Council initial endorsed scope. Most businesses preferred to remain against the building line	Noted.	Place Services / Property & Place / Place Manager
May 2022	Great River City Light Rail (GRCLR)	Discussion about work permit requirements	Council developed an agreement in	Place Services / Property & Place / Place Manager

		along PLR corridor	consultation with GRCLR	
Sep 2023	Internal Subject matter experts	Internal Subject matter experts reviewed external traffic engineering advice	Feedback noted and incorporated into design plans	Place Services / Property & Place / Place Manager
Oct – Nov 2023	Phillip Street & Church Street intersection food and beverage business owners	Proposed concept design plans were provided for feedback	Feedback noted	Place Services / Property & Place / Place Manager
Apr - May 2024	Phillip Street & Church Street intersection food and beverage business owners	Proposed concept design plans were provided for feedback. Preference to maintain dining along the building line. Concerns about outdoor dining availability along the south western side of Phillip St	Feedback noted	Infrastructure Grants & Major Projects
Jun 2024	Internal Subject matter experts	Feedback on alternate solutions	Feedback noted	Infrastructure Grants & Major Projects

Councillor Consultation

16. The following Councillor consultation has been undertaken in relation to this matter:

Date	**Councillor**	**Councillor Comment**	**Council Officer Response**	**Responsibility**
3 Nov 2021 Councillor Workshop	ALL	Nil received at time of writing report		Place Services / Property & Place / Place Manager, Group Manager Place Services
22 Nov 2021 Council meeting	ALL	Report was endorsed. Following action outstanding: **(d) Further, that** Council note a report outlining detailed scope, funding and delivery plan for Project 3 and Project 4 as outlined in paragraphs 20(c) and (d) will be submitted to Council for consideration in 2022.	Response provided in this report	Place Services / Property & Place / Place Manager, Group Manager Place Services

17 Feb 2022	Parramatta Ward Councillors	Update on concept design plans	Feedback noted	Place Services / Property & Place / Place Manager, Group Manager Place Services
16 March 2022 Councillor Workshop	ALL	Updates were noted. Keen on the progression of projects 1 and 2		Place Services / Property & Place / Place Manager, Group Manager Place Services
Aug 2023	Parramatta Ward Councillors	Project delivery updated provided	Feedback noted	Place Services / Property & Place / Place Manager, Group Manager Place Services
18 Sep 2023 Councillor Workshop	ALL	Councillors agreed with Council officers recommendations regarding Projects 3 & 4 and Armani structures	Council officers agreed to not proceed with Projects 3, 4 and Armani structures	Place Services / Property & Place / Place Manager, Group Manager Place Services
Oct 2023	Parramatta Ward Councillors	Updates on concept design and site investigations provided	Feedback noted	Place Services / Property & Place / Place Manager, Group Manager Place Services
May 2024	Rosehill Ward Councillors	Ward briefing – update on detailed design plans and investigation outcomes	Feedback noted	Infrastructure Grants & Major Projects / City Assets & Environment / Place Manager, Group Manager Infrastructure Grants & Major Projects
May 2024	Parramatta Ward Councillors	Ward briefing – update on detailed design plans and investigation outcomes	Feedback noted	Infrastructure Grants & Major Projects / City Assets & Environment / Place Manager, Group Manager Infrastructure Grants & Major Projects
May 2024	Dundas Ward Councillors	Ward briefing – update on detailed design plans and investigation outcomes	Feedback noted	Infrastructure Grants & Major Projects / City Assets & Environment / Place Manager, Group Manager Infrastructure Grants & Major Projects
May 2024	Epping Ward Councillors	Ward briefing – update on detailed design plans and investigation outcomes	Feedback noted	Infrastructure Grants & Major Projects / City Assets & Environment / Place Manager, Group Manager Infrastructure

May 2024	North Rocks Ward Councillors	Ward briefing – update on detailed design plans and investigation outcomes	Feedback noted	Grants & Major Projects Infrastructure Grants & Major Projects / City Assets & Environment / Place Manager, Group Manager Infrastructure Grants & Major Projects

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL

17. The previously installed pedestrian barriers did not meet the engineering standards required to protect diners from errant vehicles.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL

18. On 22 November 2021, Council approved the allocation of $990,000 from the CBD Infrastructure Special Rate to fund the delivery of the CBD Outdoor Dining Project 2. To date, the costs incurred amount to $129,986.80. These costs are associated with planning, heritage and traffic consultants, service checks, and the hiring of concrete barriers.

19. The estimated cost to remove the concrete barriers and restore the impacted area is $30,000.

20. It is proposed to reallocate the remaining $830,013.20 to works associated with CBD infrastructure, specifically the replacement of outdated litter bins along Church Street from Centenary Square to Victoria Road and repairs to paved footpaths within the CBD.

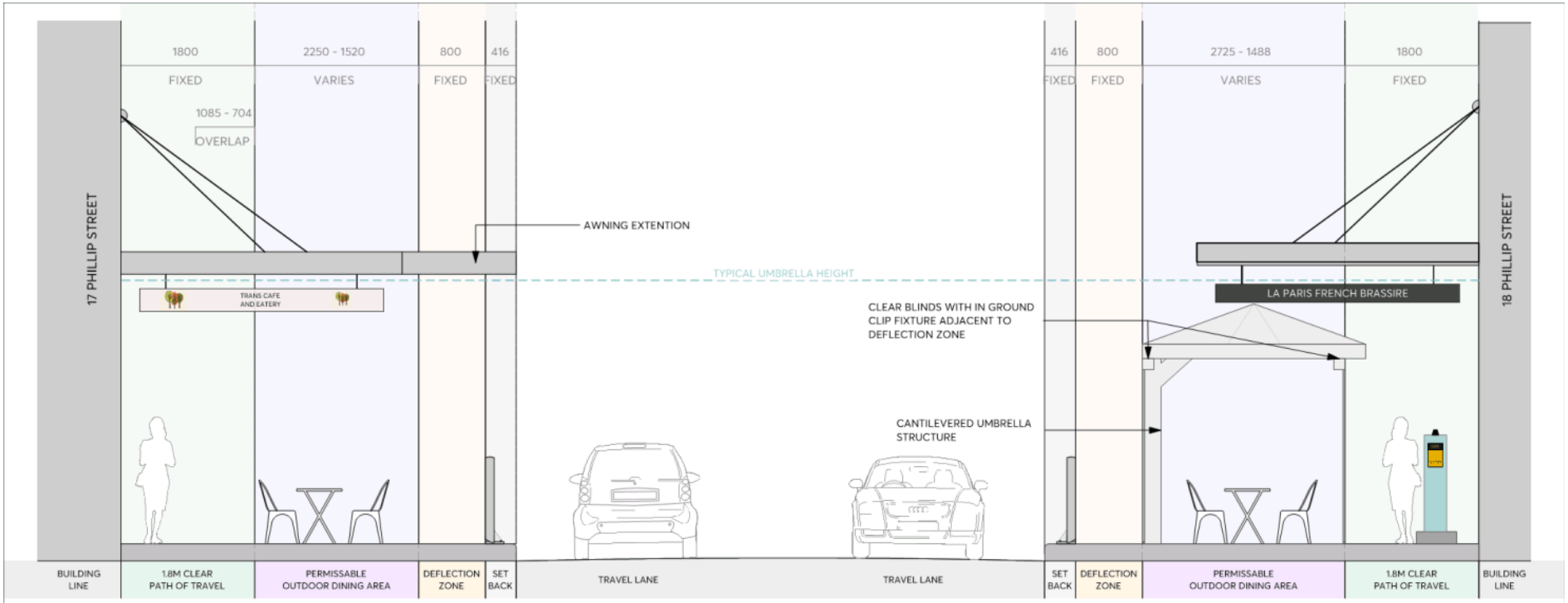
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ATTACHMENTS:
1 Phillip Street Outdoor Dining Plan 2 Pages



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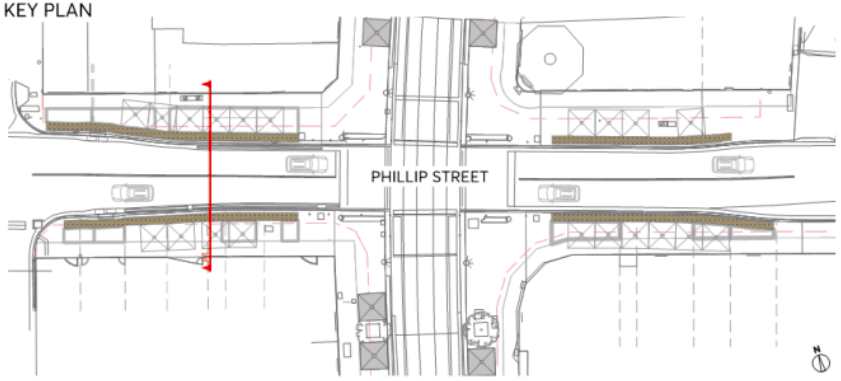
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Permissible Outdoor Dining Area: The allocated balance of space available between the clear path of travel and the nominated deflection zone area.

Deflection Zone: Refers to the area adjoining the fence barrier that should be treated as an exclusion zone. This space allows for the movement of the fence when struck by a vehicle. The deflection zone dimension shown is the recommendation from the current nominated provider.

Set Back Area: This is a dimension provided by Rhino (the current nominated provider). This allows vehicle buffer space between the road, kerb and fence location. It also allows space for the underground footings.

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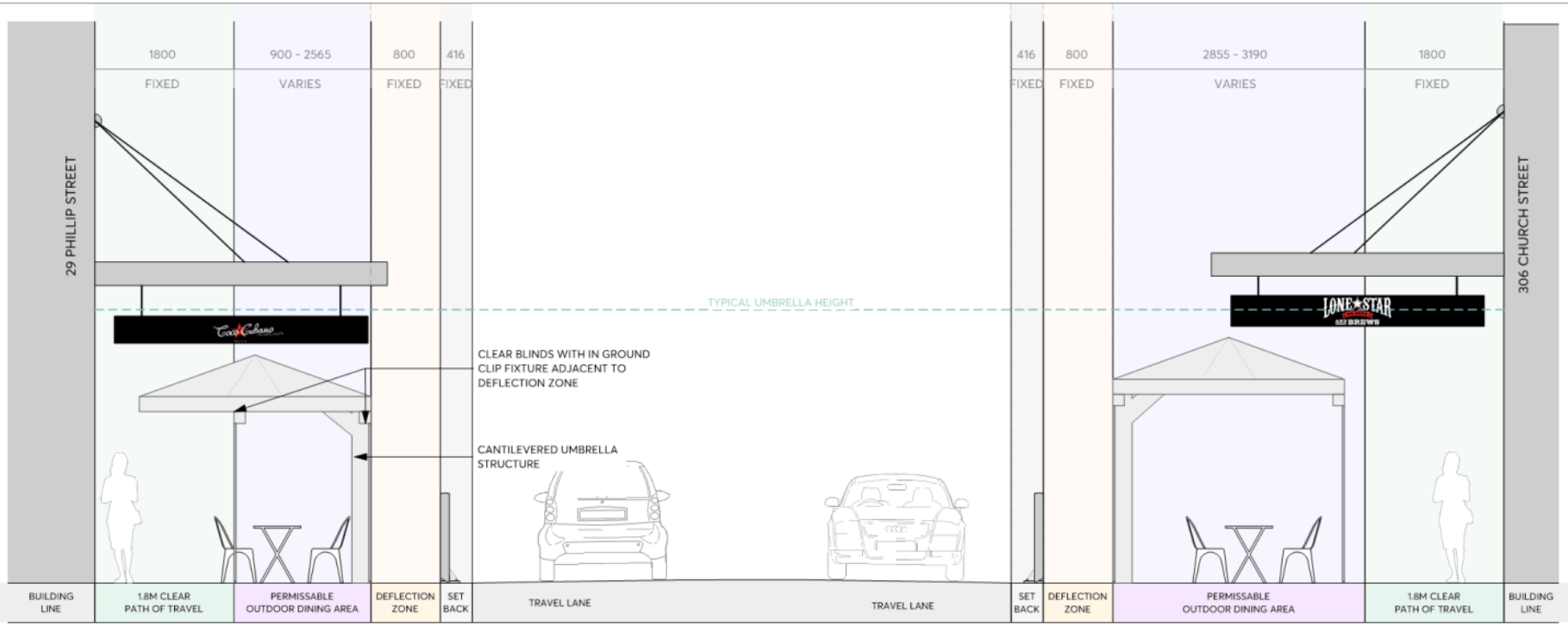


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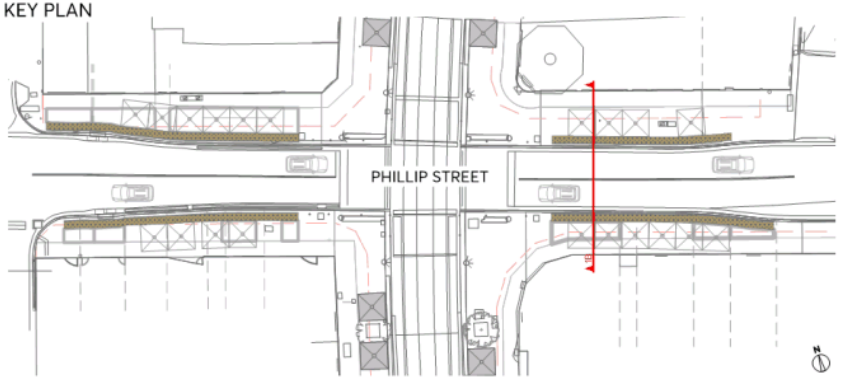
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REPORTS TO COUNCIL - FOR COUNCIL DECISION

ITEM NUMBER 13.4
SUBJECT Adoption of Environmental Strategy 2024-2033
REFERENCE F2024/00282 - D09397492
REPORT OF Project Lead; Strategy Manager

CSP THEME: GREEN, FAIR

WORKSHOP/BRIEFING DATE: 19 September 2022, 25 November 2022, 20 February 2023, 26 April 2023, 31 July 2023 and 6 May 2024

PURPOSE:

To seek Council's adoption of the Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2024 - 2033.

RECOMMENDATION

(a) That Council adopt the Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2024 - 2033 held at Attachment 1 to this report.

(b) That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to make any administrative and/or non-policy amendments to the Strategy during its finalisation.

SUMMARY OF EXHIBITION

1. Council endorsed the draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy (the Strategy) for exhibition at its meeting on 14 August 2023. The draft Strategy was exhibited from 21 August to 16 October 2023, along with three other draft strategies (Social Sustainability Strategy, Economic Development Strategy and Smart City and Innovation Strategy). Public exhibition was extended from six to eight weeks to allow stakeholders additional time to provide submissions.

2. Engagement activities included:
   a. Participate Parramatta portal
   b. Future Parramatta social media campaign
   c. Future Parramatta Luncheon for external delivery partners held on 7 September 2023
   d. Four community pop-up sessions held at PHIVE, Wentworth Point Community Centre and Library, North Rocks Shopping Centre, and Parramatta Lanes Festival
   e. Community engagement competition delivered online and at pop-ups

3. Key engagement statistics from the public exhibition include:
   a. 14,600 visits to the Future Parramatta page on Participate Parramatta
   b. 539 visits to the Draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy page on Participate Parramatta
   c. 197 community members engaged at pop-ups
   d. 70+ attendees at the Future Parramatta luncheon

4. See **Attachment 2** for an overview of the engagement activities.

EXHIBITION RESPONSE SUMMARY

5. During the public exhibition period, 17 submissions were received on the draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy, of which 12 were from community members and five from organisations.

6. All submissions on the draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy were supportive of the priorities and actions.

7. Submissions raised a range of matters, some of which were outside of the scope of the draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy. Matters outside the scope of this Strategy have been referred to relevant teams within Council for consideration in future review of planning documents or for project implementation.

8. Key themes raised across the submissions and Council officer responses are summarised below:

Theme	Summary of Council officer response
Community empowerment – consistent desire to know how they can get better access to sustainability programs or initiatives.	This is a core function of Council and has been emphasised in the revised document along with the need to educate the community and assist with behaviour change. The following principle has been elevated on page 10 to underpin the strategy: "Community empowerment: we empower the community through education and engagement." Further explanation is provided on p.35. Further, *Objective 1.2 Our community is empowered to make equitable net zero decisions* has been added.
Net Zero apartment buildings - assist/advocate for improvements to existing apartments/strata owned buildings including solar panels, electrification, glazing improvements, EV charging.	Priority 2 Future Ready Community includes *Action 2.1.2 Identify and promote opportunities to incentivise sustainability focused retrofits, renewable energy, and building upgrades.* This action will explore options to facilitate improvements and retrofits to existing buildings.
Swimming in the Parramatta River – strengthen action for swimming as a driver for water quality improvements and consideration of broader river network on waterway health and water quality	The numerous references to a swimmable river are proposed to be strengthened with a revised explanation on page 51 "Water in the Landscape" making clear Council's existing alignment and commitments with the Parramatta River Catchment Group Master Plan for a swimmable river. This goal elevates the issue of water quality by linking it back to a tangible but aspirational outcome for our community.
Tree canopy – increased tree planting in streets to provide shade, commitment to an overall canopy target, resilient species selection for future climate, investigate micro-forests, aerial bundling of cables to reduce tree trimming.	Priority 3 Blue Green City sets a direction for increasing green infrastructure, including tree canopy, across the local government area. Priority 3 also includes *Action 3.1.2 Prepare and implement a Tree Canopy Plan that protects, diversifies and enhances tree canopy across the local government area.* Council staff will consider some of the more detailed issues raised by the community as part of the development of the Tree Canopy Plan.
Recycling, waste and circular economy – consider ways in which Council can reduce corporate diversion to landfill and utilise recycled materials in projects and asset upgrades	Priority 5 Circular Economy includes *Action 5.3.1 Implement City of Parramatta Circular Economy Report recommendations for embedding sustainability priorities and circular economy principles into Council operations, procurement, investment and business decision-making processes.* Council staff will consider ways in which to reduce corporate waste production and increase use of recycled materials in projects and asset management.

9. See **Attachment 3** for more detailed Council officer responses to submissions.

KEY CHANGES FOLLOWING EXHIBITION

10. Council officers recommend several post-exhibition amendments to the draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy, which are outlined in further detail in **Attachment 4**. In summary, changes include the following:

Proposed change	**Rationale**
Reworded and consolidated content throughout document, including strengthening narrative in response to submissions received	To streamline the document, improve priority of information and clarity of narrative.
Reorganised actions to be included within each priority section, rather than as a standalone action plan at the end of the document	To enable the reader to read the priority and associated actions more easily
Removed "outputs" layer from action plan	The outputs layer was removed from the actions table to improve readability and clarity. Outputs identified expected outcomes from actions that demonstrate success against the strategy objectives, this layer was useful in the drafting of the document but not helpful for the reader. Progress on actions will be monitored annually and the plan will be reviewed after four years to ensure progression of the strategy.
Minor data updates to supporting data for 1 priority	Since exhibition, the tool that Council used to inform the modelling of emissions reduction pathway has been updated to improve accuracy and reflect changes in NSW State Government policy. This does not impact the targets of the ESS.
Increased emphasis on the importance of community engagement and empowerment	This was a reoccurring theme that emerged through the public exhibition and considered a core principle of the document that required greater prominence.
Reduced 50 actions to 31 actions	Adjustments to the action plan were made to - Re-align and assign actions in response to resource availability to ensure that all actions are budgeted and accounted for in 24/25 DPOP and beyond. - Improve sense of priority in actions by streamlining actions which involved consolidation of aligned actions previously separated by horizons. - Increase specificity of actions. Summary of changes - Consolidated 26 actions down to 10 actions - Removed 2 actions - Reworded 4 actions
Adjusted targets and indicators for ‘blue green city’ and ‘nature positive’	Changes to all the targets and indicators were made under two of the priorities to improve specificity, use existing data sources to align with indicators and strengthen the messaging around community empowerment. Summary of changes: - 1 indicator removed and replaced by a new indicator - 3 indicators revised to align with new data sources - 2 indicators revised with minor clarifications

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Stakeholder Consultation

11. The following stakeholder consultation has been undertaken in relation to this matter:

Date	Stakeholder	Stakeholder Comment	Council Officer Response	Responsibility
Late 2022 – early 2023	External stakeholders, including Sydney Olympic Park Authority, GoGet Carshare, Resilient Sydney and Sydney Water	Broad support was expressed for the direction of the draft Strategy, and stakeholders offered strategic views on Parramatta's future.	Feedback was considered while preparing the draft Strategy. Stakeholders were also invited to provide feedback during public exhibition.	Group Manager City Strategic Planning

Councillor Consultation

12. The following Councillor consultation has been undertaken in relation to this matter:

Date	Councillor	Councillor Comment	Council Officer Response	Responsibility
19 September 2022	Councillor Workshop – Timeline & engagement program	Councillors were supportive of the timeline and engagement program put forward. Councillors made suggestions to enhance the engagement program.	Council Officers ensured each ward and Parramatta CBD were covered by pop-up sessions and organised a half- day workshop to delve into content.	City Strategy
25 November 2022	Half-day Strategy workshop	Councillors provided feedback on trends, challenges, opportunities, and themes identified through research & engagement to date.	Councillor feedback was considered when progressing the draft Strategy.	City Strategy
20 February 2023	Councillor workshop	Councillors provided feedback on priorities and objectives.	Councillor feedback was considered when progressing the draft Strategy.	City Strategy
26 April 2023	Councillor workshop	Councillors provided feedback on proposed actions.	Council staff made minor updates to actions based on Councillor feedback.	City Strategy
31 July 2023	Councillor workshop	Councillors provided feedback on proposed indicators. Councillors asked if baseline data could be included.	Council staff added baseline data alongside the indicators, where available.	City Strategy

17 June 2024	Councillor workshop	Councillors provided feedback on proposed post-exhibition changes.	Council staff considered feedback in final draft.	Group Manager City Strategic Planning

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL

13. There are no legal implications for Council associated with the recommendations of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL

14. If Council resolves to approve this report in accordance with the recommendations, there are no unbudgeted financial implications for Council.

15. The various actions outlined in the Strategy are either already accounted for in Council's existing budgets or able to be executed within Council's allocated 2024/2025 budget and resources.

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Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

1	Attachment 1 - Environmental Sustainability Strategy	78 Pages
2	Attachment 2 - Engagement Summary - Environmental Sustainability Strategy	5 Pages
3	Attachment 3 - Submission Report - Draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy	13 Pages
4	Attachment 4 - Summary of Proposed Changes	8 Pages

REFERENCE MATERIAL

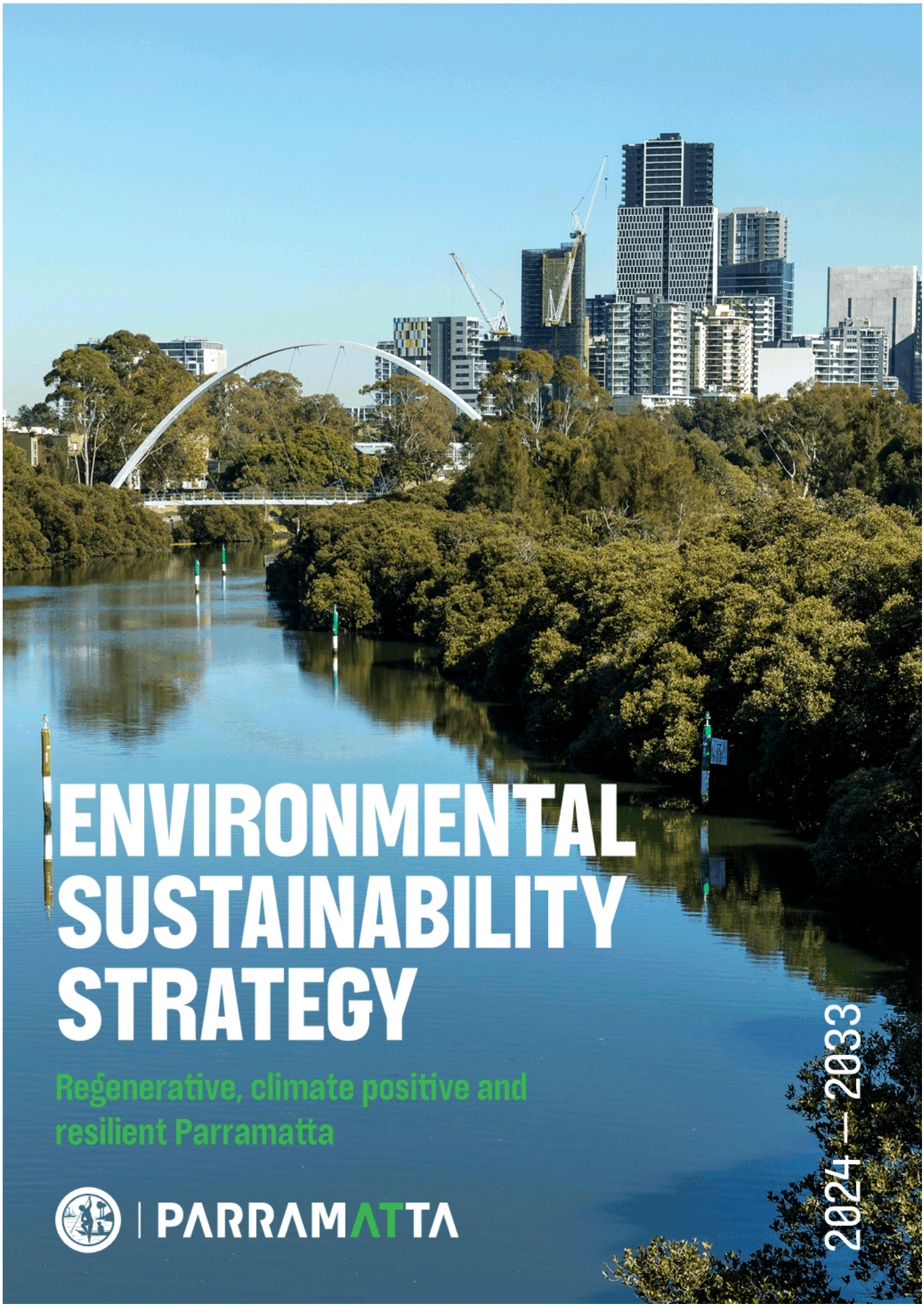

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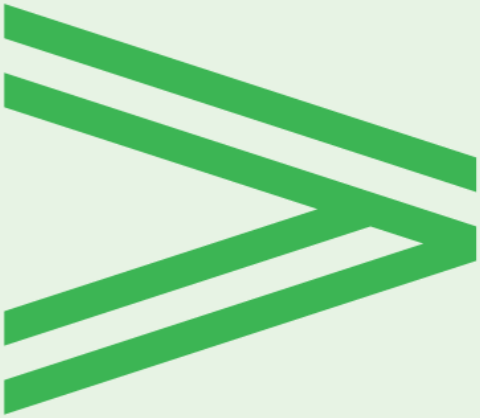
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FIRST NATIONS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Nunanglanungdyu baramada gulbaga mawa naa Baramadagal dharug nurrawa badura baramada dharug yuru

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land, waters and skies of Parramatta, the Dharug people.

City of Parramatta proudly acknowledges that First Nations people have a vital role in the ecological, economic (trading and bartering), social, and cultural life of Parramatta, while maintaining distinct Cultures built on the principles of Caring for Country, nationhood, the primacy of family, and the dignity and governance by Elders.

As the longest living continuous culture, First Nations peoples have managed and nurtured the lands and waters of Parramatta, for thousands of generations and continue to do so today. The Burramattagal of the Dharug Nation first settled upon the upper reaches of the Parramatta River, and the name Parramatta is based upon the Dharug word *Burramatta* meaning 'place where the eels lie'.

The local landscape is of great value to the Dharug and is core to their cultural practices and obligations. Wellbeing of Country recognises the interconnectedness of all, including past, present, and future generations.

At the City of Parramatta, we are committed towards a future where the cultures, histories, and rights of all First Nations peoples are understood, recognised, and respected by all.

Council is committed to embedding meaningful First Nations and Dharug-led involvement at all levels of urban planning and decision-making, to improve sustainability and resilience.

City of Parramatta is proud to acknowledge the ongoing custodianship of Country by Dharug and we recognise the Dharug peoples as true sovereigns and caretakers of the land, plants, animals, water, and skies now known as Parramatta.

Nura (country) and Yura (people) are one.

LORD MAYOR MESSAGE

Environmental sustainability is a primary concern for our community and requires urgent action. Our environment is at the heart of Parramatta's identity and wellbeing. It is central to how we will respond to the challenges we face with climate change and the growth of our community.

To inform the Strategy, we conducted extensive engagement with the community through workshops, pop-ups, and via the Participate Parramatta platform. We engaged with our Environmental and First Nations Advisory Committees, delivery teams across Council, and key external partners. Our community had a strong desire for Council to facilitate and support them to be environmental custodians.

This strategy builds upon the strong environmental achievements from our 2017 Environmental Sustainability Strategy (ESS) including swimming returned to Lake Parramatta and our exemplar CBD and growth precinct planning controls that incorporate heat resilience, urban cooling, and energy and water efficient outcomes. Since 2022, Council's operations have been powered by 100% renewable electricity. We have delivered NSW's largest smart LED streetlighting upgrade, and we became Western Sydney's first carbon neutral council. This Strategy seeks to build on this success and further progress Parramatta towards a resilient and sustainable future.

The Strategy has been developed in consideration with other Council Strategies and Plans, ensuring alignment of priorities over the next 10 years to 2033. It sets direction for our community and Council to:

- Act on climate change - through Council leadership and advocacy, we can support our community in reducing carbon emissions and reduce cost of living through sustainability initiatives.
- Foster a resilient community that can adapt and respond to challenges like flood, fire, and urban heat – through good planning, early warning technologies, and sharing information our community will be prepared for key environmental risks.
- Creating a regenerative City that actively restores its natural environment, supports the health and vitality of people, plants, and animals – with expansive waterways, two regional parklands, and the most extensive urban bushland network in Sydney, Parramatta is a City in nature that we must continue to care for.

We need to work together with industry and our community to achieve our aspirations. A prosperous, climate-resilient future requires strong leadership and a commitment to supporting, educating, and empowering our community in the face of change. Council will monitor progress on our action plan annually, to ensure we are achieving our goals and responding to opportunities as they emerge.

I look forward to working with our community to ensure the City of Parramatta continues to be a great city that cares for Country, people and our global green future.

Councillor Pierre Esber, Lord Mayor



STRATEGY AT A GLANCE



VISION

A City for nature. Sustainable, resilient, and on a journey of regeneration.

Our environment is at the heart of Parramatta's identity and wellbeing. It is central to how we will respond to the challenges we face with climate change and the growth of our community.

Building on the long-term vision outlined in our Community Strategic Plan 2018- 2038 (CSP), and through consultation with the community and stakeholders, the Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2024-2033 outlines our plan to make this vision a reality.

This Strategy drives:

- **Climate action:** addressing the immediate and urgent need to reduce our emissions.
- **Urban resilience:** supporting our community's capacity to collectively respond and adapt to challenges.
- **Regeneration:** growing the viability and capacity for people and nature to thrive together.

PRINCIPLES

This Strategy is founded on the principles below, which will guide our actions:

- **Community empowerment:** we empower the community through education and engagement.
- **Council leadership:** we demonstrate environmental leadership and ambition.
- **Strong partnerships:** we work with others to test new ideas and increase our impact for the benefit of the community and nature.
- **First Nations collaboration:** we work together with First Nations peoples, especially the Burramattagal of the Dharug nation.

Through our vision we aim to support local environmental values including positively supporting First Nations cultural values and caring for Country.



PRIORITIES

To achieve our vision for Parramatta, this Strategy establishes five priority areas:

- **Climate positive:** implementing urgent, strong, and equitable climate change action to move beyond net zero.
- **Future ready community:** leading Parramatta towards a resilient and sustainable future.
- **Blue green City:** creating a living City defined by healthy waterways and green spaces.
- **Nature positive:** safeguarding our natural spaces, waterways, and wildlife.
- **Circular economy:** championing the circular economy and whole-of-waste system transition.

Council's decision-making will be guided by these priorities. From building on the strengths of our City, to leveraging ongoing partnerships and investments, these priorities set the direction of our future. These five priority areas will empower our community and ensure the environment is at the heart of Parramatta's identity and wellbeing.

ACTIONS

To realise the aspirations outlined in this Strategy, we must actively build upon our City's capacity and embrace opportunities as they emerge.

Our actions invite all levels of government, organisations, and our community to join Council to position Parramatta for regenerative, climate positive, and resilience success. Progress on actions will be monitored annually and will be updated after four years to ensure progression of the Strategy's implementation.

INTRODUCTION





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"Eels have been important to this place and my people for tens of thousands of years. They still run through this place. There's a story of the Great Eel Creator, *Gurungady*, who moved through the landscape gouging out the rivers and creating mountains."

Leanne Tobin
Dharug artist and community educator

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OVERVIEW

Our environment is at the heart of Parramatta's identity and wellbeing. It is central to how we will respond to the challenges we face with climate change and the growth of our community.

Environmental sustainability is a critical concern for our community and the time to act is now.

This Strategy places people, our communities, our partners, and Council leadership at the centre of environmental action. It is through our shared cultural environmental practice that we shape our City and our relationship with the environment.

By focusing on **regeneration**, **resilience**, and **climate action**, the five priorities in this Strategy are interconnected, setting a framework that encourages a range of environmental outcomes that bring people and nature together (Figure 1).

What is environmental sustainability?

Environmental sustainability involves the active renewal, restoration, and enhancement of the environment through both ecological and social systems.

This regenerative lens to environmental sustainability is inspired by nature and recognises First Nations perspectives, nature-human interconnections, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Regeneration is a process of renewing, restoring, and improving. It is a dynamic process of actively improving and evolving, going beyond the status quo of maintenance and subsistence.

To foster regeneration as a city is to grow the viability and capacity for life to continue to evolve within a place.

Regeneration speaks to where Parramatta is headed as a City, our aspirations for our waterways, land and wildlife, our culture, our communities, and the legacy we leave future generations.

What are we trying to achieve?

Through a regenerative lens we seek to create a global city that proactively responds to the following environmental imperatives:

Urban resilience – ensuring our growing community, environment, and City are prepared with the capacity to adapt and respond to challenges.

Climate action - immediate and urgent need to reduce our emissions and contribute to global efforts to reduce the severity of climate change impacts.

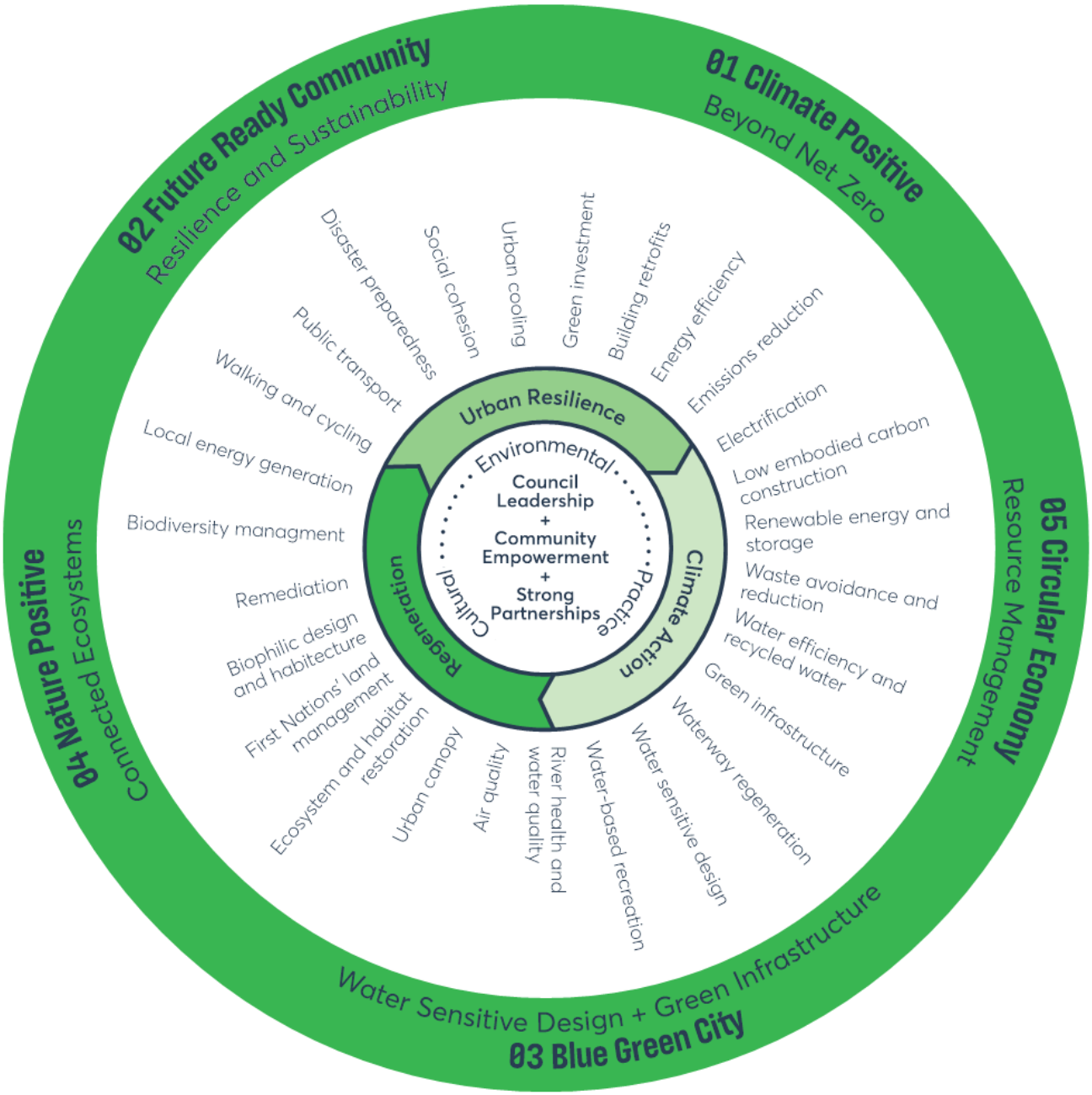


Figure 1: *Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2024-2033. Our five priorities set a framework that spans a range of environmental and sustainability outcomes, radiating from our strategic drivers and implementation principles.*

OUR JOURNEY SO FAR



People's relationships with the local environment and Parramatta as a place, has a long history. Environmental action is critical to our well-being and success as we become a global city.

For thousands of years Parramatta has been an important meeting place for First Nations peoples, with the Burramattagal, a clan of the Dharug, first settling along the upper reaches of our iconic Parramatta River. Wellbeing of Country recognises the interconnectedness of all, including past, present, and future generations.

Extensive river, wetland, and land modification commenced in 1788 with colonial settlement, European agriculture, industrial development, and urbanisation (Figure 2). This shift in land management resulted in a legacy of environmental challenges and health risks, including the decision to disallow swimming in Parramatta River in 1943 due to unsafe water quality.[1]

COMMUNITY ACTIVATION

From as early as 1970, community concern has shaped action around the Parramatta River. Concerns for the health of residents and the River, led to changes in environmental legislation such as the *Clean Waters Act 1970* as well as new on-ground restoration, and remediation programs.

A key shift in the momentum of this environmental action was marked by the regenerative agenda associated with the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games. Alongside the preparations to host the games, over 640ha of industrial land was transformed into nature, parkland, and new urban precincts.[2] This restoration and renewal of post-industrial land, was one the most extensive projects of its time and established a great environmental legacy.

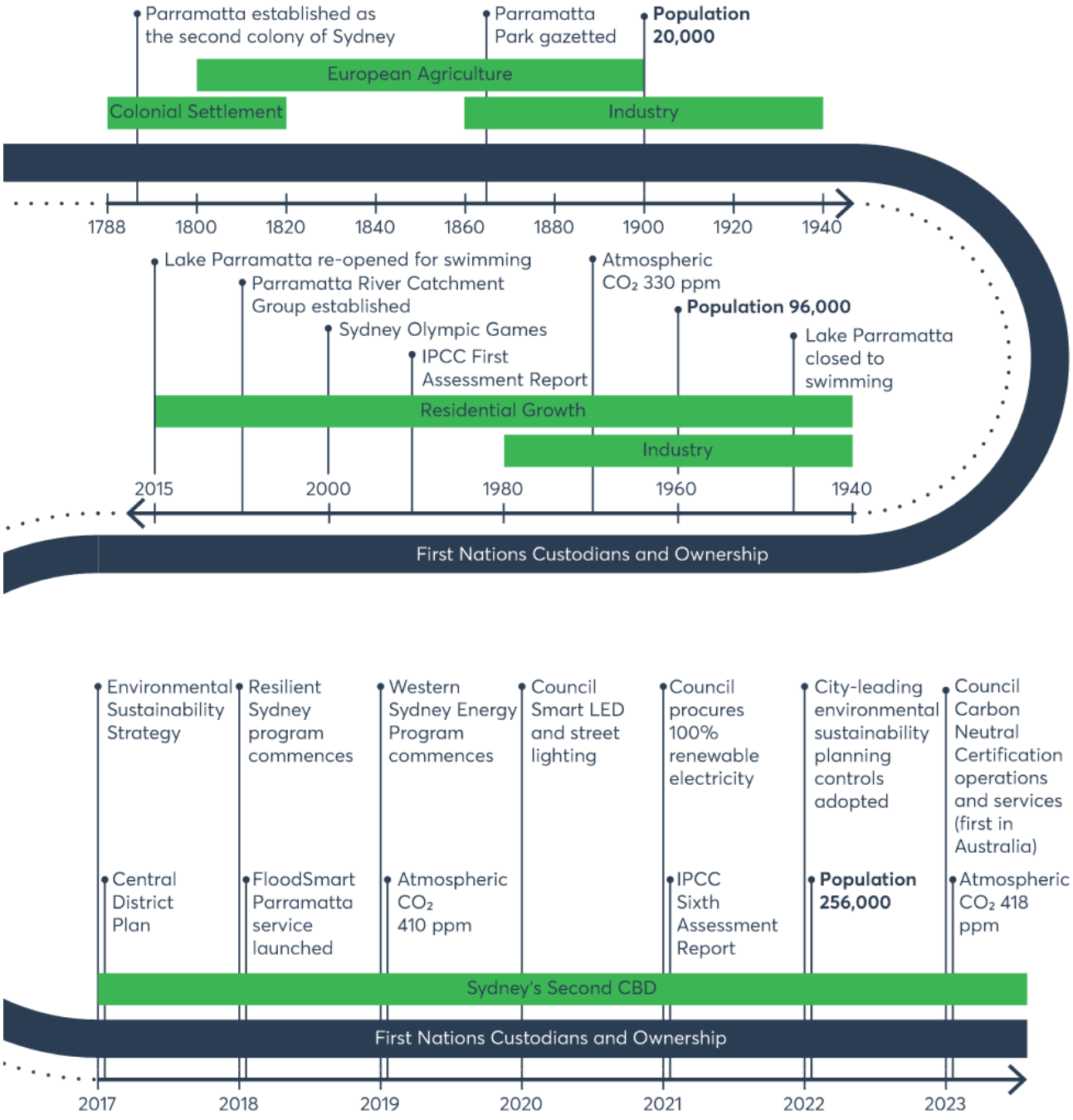


Figure 2: *Our journey: Timeline of key events influencing Parramatta's environmental journey. Changing population and carbon emissions highlight increasing challenges.*

OUR JOURNEY AHEAD

"Love of place, affective bond between people and place."

Yi-Fu Tuan 1990

GROWING MOMENTUM AND OPPORTUNITY

The transformation associated with the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games set a new level of ambition for Sydney and helped re-define thinking around Parramatta's role at its centre.

More recently, State government district plans released in 2017 nominated Parramatta as the geographic and demographic heart of Sydney, setting a direction for Parramatta as a global city and Sydney's Central River City.

As more people call Parramatta home, our relationship and connections with the environment become increasingly important. The health, wellbeing, and liveability of our waterways, nature, and people are interwoven.

Higher density living can reduce carbon emissions from traditional, low-density development. It also provides opportunities for coordinated services including resource recovery and circularity, electrification, renewable energy, and electric vehicle charging.

An increasing population presents challenges around managing climate hazards and ensuring people living in higher density have easy access to nature, waterways, and green open space.

TOWARDS A REGENERATIVE FUTURE

Sustainability and resilience are central to Parramatta's identity and integral components for a regenerative future.

To drive a regenerative future, there is a need for continuing leadership that involves our community as part of the solution. There is also a need for strong, empowering partnerships with all levels of government, community, organisations, and investors.

Council's inaugural and award-winning Environmental Sustainability Strategy was endorsed in 2017. It nominated Parramatta as a great City that grows better every day. Marking a key shift in Council's environmental leadership, the 2017 Strategy set strong foundations to shape a nature-inspired, efficient, and resilient City.

Council has been leading by example, delivering well-researched, innovative, and partnership benefits to our community, including reducing emissions, pollution, and creating new economic opportunities for our City.

This Strategy builds upon these achievements, placing our environment at the heart of Parramatta's future as a global city.



FROM EGO TO ECO

To be environmentally sustainable, there needs to be a shift from a human-centred approach which places people at the top of the ecosystem hierarchy and decision-making process, instead to an eco-driven approach which recognises the interconnectedness of all beings (Figure 3).

Disrupting this narrative and changing from ego to eco also acknowledges that this has been the approach of generations of First Nations peoples in supporting the wellbeing of Country.

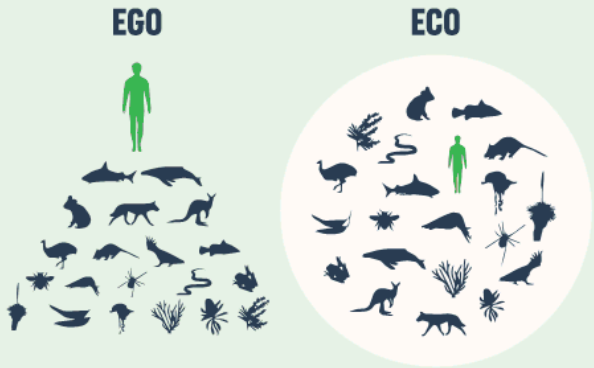


Figure 3: *Human-centred and eco-driven management approaches. Achieving wellbeing of Country requires shifting from a human-centred approach (left) to an eco-driven (right) approach that recognises the interconnectedness of all beings. Adopted from Connecting with Country Framework, Government Architect NSW.*

HOW WE DEVELOPED THIS STRATEGY

The following steps were undertaken in development of this Strategy:

Best Practice Research

Identified leading approaches implemented by successful regenerative, resilient, and sustainable cities.

Strategic Review

Analysed international, federal, state, and local legislative commitments, scientific evidence, and reporting frameworks. Identified opportunities to embed resilience and regeneration within Council processes and systems.

Independent Expertise

External specialists undertook net zero and water sensitive analysis to identify key areas of Council's influence and actions of value. A risk audit of Council's ESS 2017 reviewed governance frameworks, state and federal targets, and appropriate metrics.

Community Engagement

Engaged more than 25 environmental experts, including Council's Environmental Advisory and First Nations Committees, 50 stakeholders, 100 internal staff, 350 community members, and reviewed 950 responses to Council's 2022 Environmental Behaviours Survey to gather input and feedback. Synthesised community views shared with Council since 2017 on a range of issues, plans, and strategies.

KEY AREAS TO ADDRESS

The following challenges and opportunities were identified through the community and stakeholder engagement process:

CUSTODIANSHIP

Our community want to be environmental custodians, but many are unaware or unsure how they can make a difference. They want First Nations voices, culture, and custodianship to be heard and embedded into Council's decision-making. They are seeking support to improve their environmental practices, reduce their environmental impacts, and adopt cost-effective environmental solutions.

BLUE AND GREEN SPACES

People want parks, waterways, and bushland to relax in, escape to, and enjoy. They want connected and healthy ecosystems for wildlife to thrive within, and for swimming to return to Parramatta River. Increasing green and blue spaces for urban cooling is critical. They also want Council leadership in flood, bushfire, and storm impact mitigation and management.

WELL MANAGED GROWTH

People view growth as important, but not at any cost. They want a holistic approach to development that also sees the environment, economy, and other social outcomes improved. They want our City to be future ready, with great places that enable people to come together, and live sustainably and safely.

A RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE CITY

People want an eco-efficient, smart, and responsible City with resilient, regenerative, and low emission buildings, precincts, and public domain. They want to reduce, reuse, and value water, energy, and waste. They are seeking Council leadership to enhance City resilience during community-wide challenges, and to mitigate city-system disruptions to electricity, water, transport, and internet.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EAC)

Council's EAC was formed in November 2022 to seek ongoing community and expert advice, input, and feedback on environmental and sustainability issues in relation to Council policies, programs, and services. Their valuable contributions influenced the development and implementation of this Strategy.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The best practice research identified the following policies and initiatives as influential for this Strategy (Figure 4):

The **2015 Paris Agreement** legally binds Australia to reduce emissions to keep climate change to below 2°C. As Sydney's third highest carbon emitting LGA, this Strategy ensures Parramatta is aligned to achieving this goal.



LOCAL

Parramatta LGA

- Environmental Planning and Assessment scheme
- Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework (featuring Community Strategic Plan)
- Council's strategies, policies, and plans.



REGIONAL

Dharug Nation (dotted)
Central District Plan (green)

- Resilient Sydney Strategy
- Six Cities Discussion Paper
- Central City District Plan
- Parramatta River Masterplan
- WSROC Turn Down the Heat Strategy
- Western Sydney Energy Program & Electric Vehicle Roadmap
- Western Sydney Waste and Resource Recovery Plan
- Sydney Olympic Park Masterplan
- Regional Litter Prevention Strategy.



STATE

- Climate Change Adaption Plan 2022
- Climate Change Policy Framework
- Energy Plan
- Net Zero Plan
- Future Transport Strategy 2056
- Premier's Priorities
- Sustainable Buildings SEPP 2023
- Greater Sydney Water Strategy
- Circular Economy Policy Statement
- Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy
- Biodiversity Strategy
- Blue Carbon Strategy 2022
- Plastics Ban 2022.

The **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals** include 17 goals, with this Strategy aligning to the following 7 goals: clean water and sanitation; affordable and clean energy; sustainable cities and communities; responsible consumption and production; climate action; life below water; and life on land; (Goals 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 respectively).

The **Australian State of the Environment Report** (2021) highlights how growing urban populations and resource demand, plus threats of climate change, contribute to wellbeing in urban environments. This Strategy addresses these issues in Parramatta.

The **NSW Climate Change Policy Framework** sets the State's goal of achieving net zero emissions by 2050, which this Strategy aligns to while working to make our LGA more resilient to climate change.

The **Central City District Plan** informs strategies and policies across the cities of Parramatta, Blacktown, Cumberland, and the Hills Shire Council, through identifying priority areas to manage growth and improve liveability. Waterway health, biodiversity, bushland, open space, and urban canopy cover are highlighted within the District Plan and are supported by this Strategy's priorities.

The **NSW Waste and Sustainability Materials Strategy** targets reductions in food waste, plastic consumption and litter while improving recovery, recycling, and reuse of waste by 2041, which this Strategy is aligning to.





NATIONAL

- State of Environment Report 2021
- National Climate Resilience and Adaptation Strategy 2021
- Climate Change Bill 2022
- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act
- National Waste Policy and Action Plan and National Waste Report 2022
- Resilience and Hazards SEPP
- Nature Positive Plan 2022
- Australian Rainfall and Runoff 2019.

GLOBAL

- Paris Climate Agreement
- Glasgow Climate Pact
- United Nations Convention on Biodiversity
- Global Biodiversity Framework
- United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
- State of the Global Climate 2022
- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Climate Change Report 2022
- United Nations Declaration of Rights of Indigenous People.

Figure 4: *Local to global policies and initiatives that influence, guide, and support this Strategy.*

HOW WE PLAN

INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING

All planning at Council is conducted within the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework – a mandatory framework for all NSW councils (Figure 5).

City of Parramatta's Community Strategic Plan 2018 – 2038 (CSP) is the leading plan in this framework. The CSP sets out the City's long-term goals and outlines our vision to become:

"Sydney's Central City: sustainable, liveable and productive – inspired by communities."
The Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2024-2033 has been developed in response to the CSP, and addresses the challenges currently facing the community. It supports our CSP vision by establishing further priorities and action areas that foster a climate positive, resilient, and regenerative Parramatta.

COUNCIL'S ROLE

Council plays a very broad role in delivering the Strategy across the City. To support clarity around our levels of responsibility this Strategy uses a 'deliver, partner, advocate' model.

DELIVER

Council delivers a wide range of programs and services including waste collection, libraries, childcare, maintenance of local roads and public spaces, recreation facilities and programs, community care, special events and regulatory functions.

Example – We can deliver sustainability outcomes through our business operations, community and infrastructure services including waste, recycling and litter, drainage, and green space management.

PARTNER

Council builds strategic partnerships with federal and state government agencies, the private sector, community organisations, and a range of other stakeholders that will contribute to delivering the Strategy's objectives.

Example - We can partner with other organisations to deliver water quality improvements over an entire river catchment, or across areas we might not have responsibility for, such as Sydney Water's sewer system.

ADVOCATE

When we are not in partnership or do not have direct control over an issue, Council gives voice to the needs and aspirations of the community through advocacy. We advocate for changes in policy and action at relevant levels of government and industry to bring about the best outcomes for our community and environment.

Example - We can advocate for planning and legislation changes at state and federal government levels that enable progress on climate action for our local community.

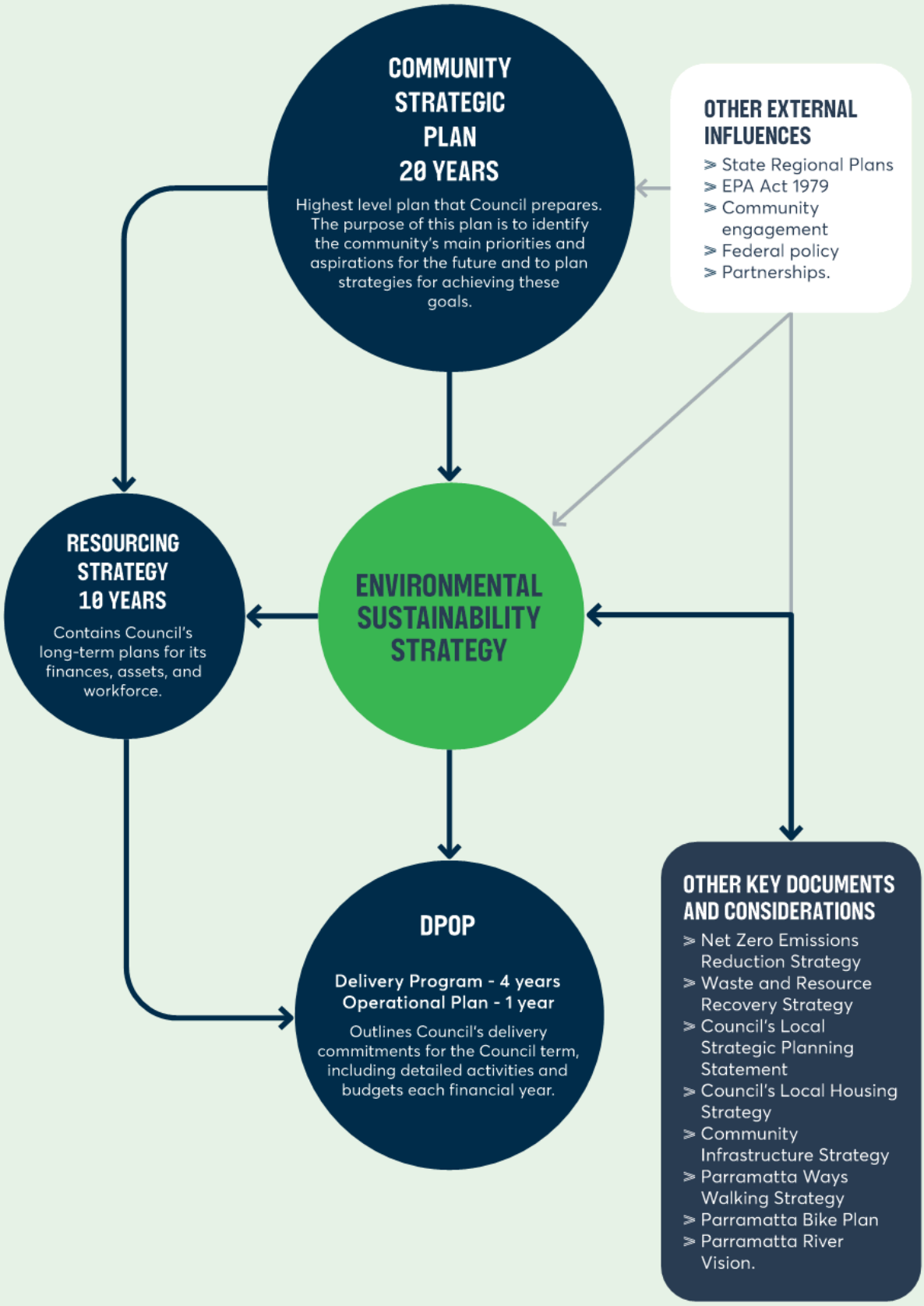


Figure 5: *Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting framework*


OUR CITY
PARRAMATTA



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Our environment is at the heart of Parramatta's identity and wellbeing. It is central to how we will respond to the challenges we face with climate change and the growth of our community.

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A CITY IN NATURE

Parramatta is a City in nature, located at the head of Sydney Harbour. At its heart, flows the Parramatta River, an ancient waterway that has attracted and sustained communities for thousands of years.

Regarded as a living entity by First Nations people both in spirit and body, Parramatta River provides life and is a valuable transition zone between salt and fresh water. Our 105km of waterways support extensive networks of 863ha green open space including 389ha remnant bushland, intrinsically valued by wildlife and our community (Figure 6). Our urban tree canopy provides important urban cooling for our parks, streets, walking and cycleways.

Parramatta is also defined by two regional parklands: Parramatta Park and Sydney Olympic Park. Centrepieces of an expansive network of open space, they are of vital cultural and environmental significance, and contribute to the health and social wellbeing of our community and Greater Sydney.

As Australia's second oldest city, community and visitors readily experience the intermingling of past and present. Destinations such as the UNESCO World Heritage listed Parramatta Park, Parramatta North Heritage Precinct, or the nationally significant Harris Park heritage precinct provide a glimpse into Parramatta's storied past and present.

City-shaping infrastructure projects like Parramatta Light Rail, Civic Link, Powerhouse Parramatta, PHIVE, Parramatta Square, and the Parramatta Aquatic Centre continue to redefine Parramatta as a global city that is connected and vibrant, with diverse natural and cultural opportunities.



With an additional 100,000 people set to call Parramatta home in the next 10 years, where and how people live is rapidly changing.[3] With 13 growth precincts identified across the LGA, new high and medium density living is presenting opportunities for renewal and innovation when it comes to planning for environmental benefits.

The extent of Parramatta's growth alongside our quantity of natural assets truly sets us apart as a City in nature.

GROWTH PRECINCTS	NEW DWELLINGS
01 Camellia	10,000
02 Carlingford	4,470
03 Carter Street	5,860
04 Epping	8,910
05 Granville	5,830
06 Melrose Park	9,610
07 Parramatta CBD	14,350
08 Parramatta East	3,610
09 Parramatta North	800
10 Sydney Olympic Park	10,260
11 Telopea	4,890
12 Wentworth Point	8,980
13 Westmead	5,470

Source: City of Parramatta's Local Housing Strategy, July 2020. Accessed: 11 June 2024

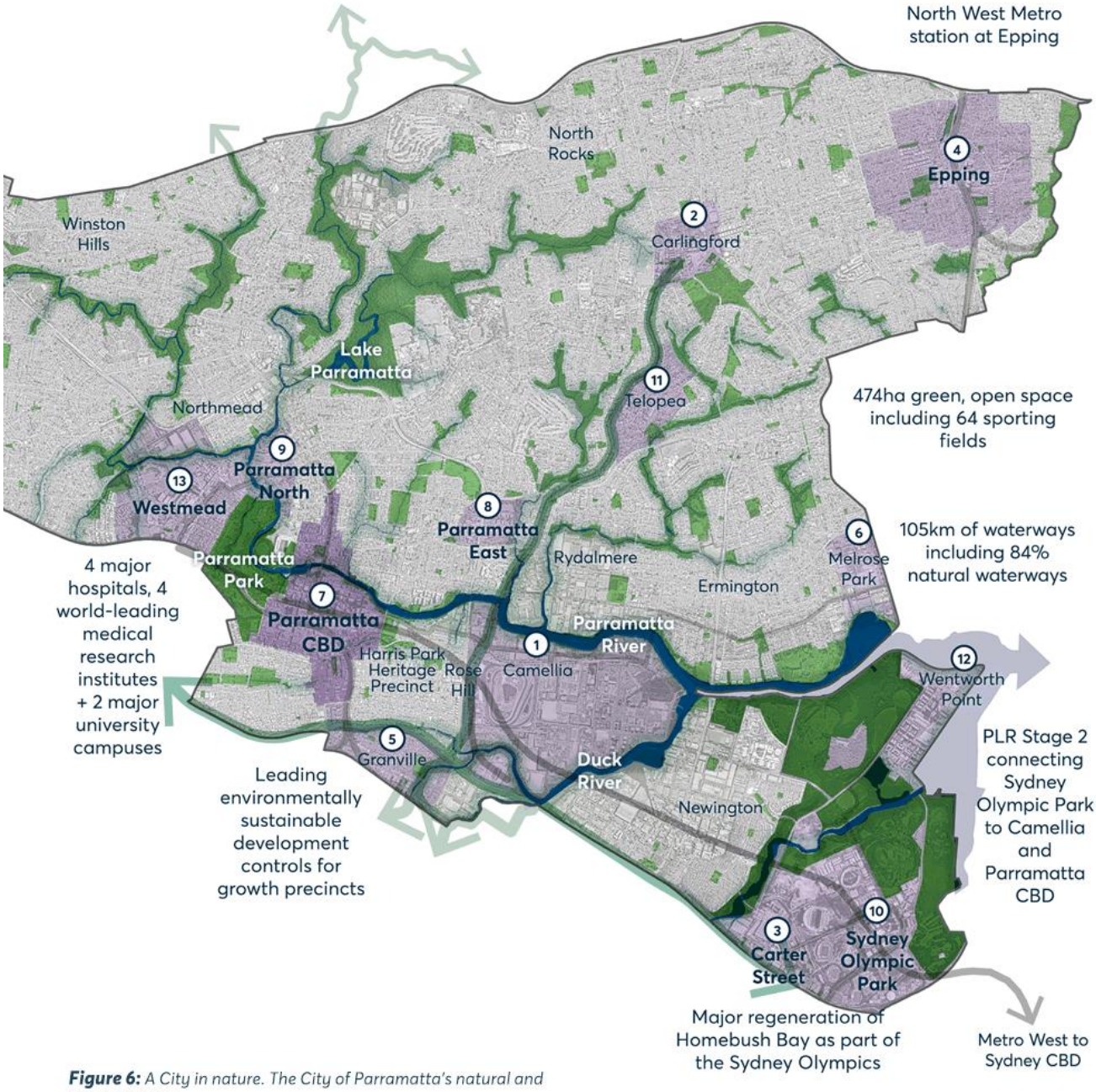


Figure 6: *A City in nature. The City of Parramatta's natural and urban features.*

THE BIG ISSUES

Our environment is deteriorating, impacting the wellbeing of all Australians.

The Australian Government's 2021 State of Environment report clearly articulates growth, climate change, and resource consumption as the big issues for urban areas (Figure 7).[4]

Together, these issues create compounding and interrelated impacts on our community, and they must be addressed simultaneously.

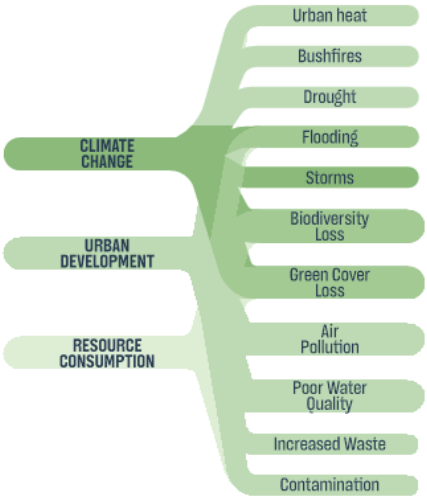


Figure 7: *2021 State of Environment Report: Big issues and their compounding and interrelated environmental impacts.*

CLIMATE CHANGE

Our climate is changing due to increased carbon emissions[5] in the atmosphere.[6] Australia has experienced warming of 1.4°C and the planet is on track to surpass both the 1.5°C and 2°C thresholds.[7] To stay within the 1.5°C threshold, Australia would need to cut emissions by 74% by 2030 and reach net zero emissions by 2035.[8]

Climate impacts within our LGA include higher temperatures, an increased number of heat, flood, and bushfire events, reduced rainfall, sea level rise, more intense rain events, and infrastructure damage (Figure 10).

Natural disasters affect our health, productivity, liveability, and economy. They currently cost the Australian economy $38 billion each year and this figure is estimated to increase to $73 - $94 billion by 2060.[9]

Climate change increases the risk of human health impacts such as heat stress. Increased heat and weather extremes also contribute to higher consumption of energy and water, which may result in an increase in cost of living. These impacts put our most vulnerable communities at risk.

We must plan for, mitigate, and adapt to the effects of climate change to ensure our community is prepared and can bounce back.

GROWTH

City of Parramatta's population is estimated to increase to 375,000 people by 2033.[10] The number of dwellings is estimated to grow by 77%, while the number of people commuting for work and visiting is also expected to increase.

Parramatta is uniquely placed in Sydney due to our density and projected growth. With 63% of our community living in high and medium density dwellings, Parramatta is developing at a significantly higher rate compared to the rest of Greater Sydney.[10]

Investment and changes to land use provide opportunities to improve degraded land and waterways, and accelerate the electrification and renewable energy transition. It also creates challenges, including managing competing demands for space, increases in water and resource consumption, waste generation, and carbon emissions.

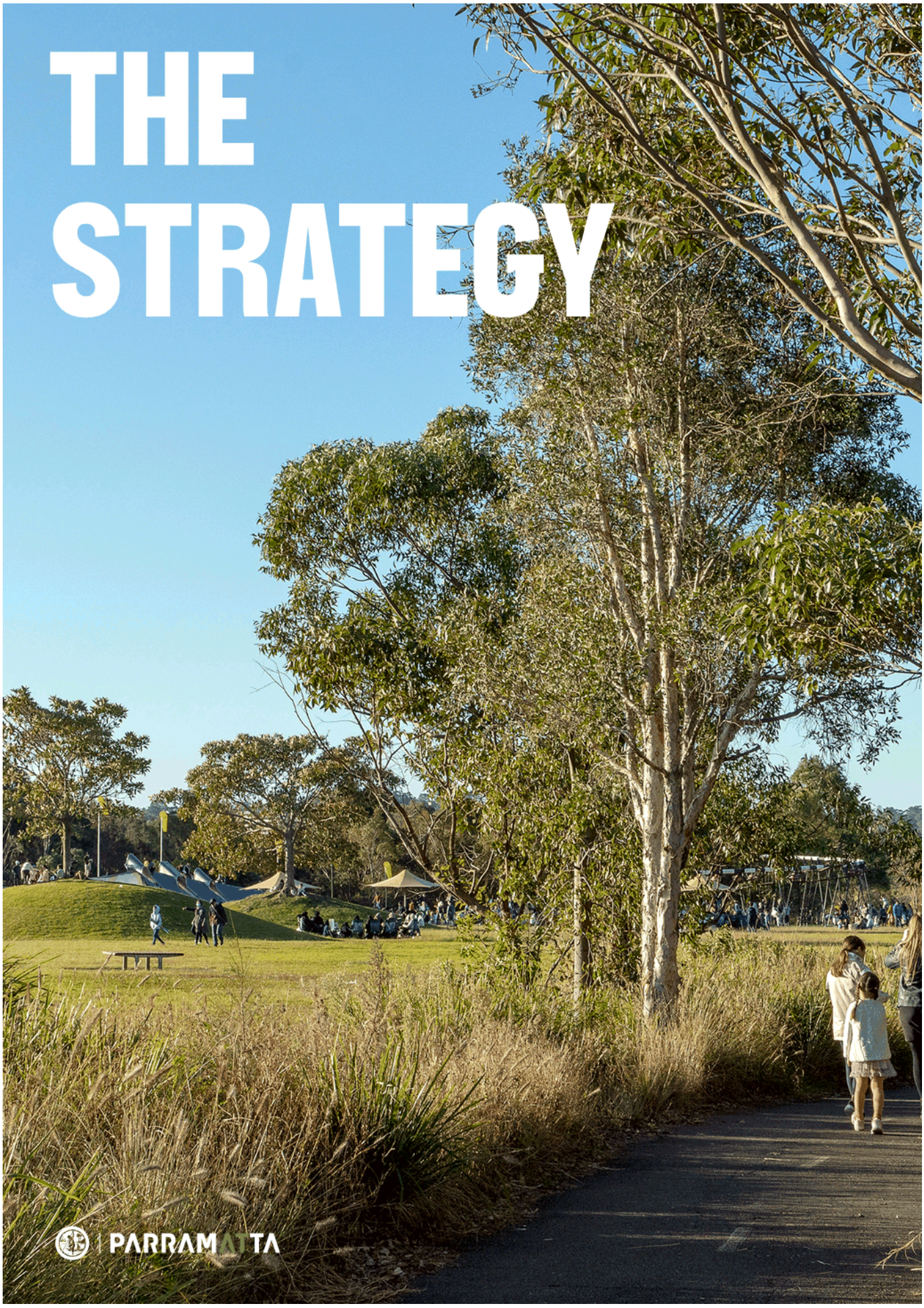
We must plan for sustainable growth that enhances our natural environment.

WELLBEING

Population growth, urban development, and loss of natural environment all impact quality of life for our community.

The wellbeing of our community relies on places for everyone to play, relax, and connect with nature and each other. Bushland, waterways, and green spaces improve happiness, physical health, and mental health, especially for children.[11]

These must be protected to ensure Parramatta remains a great place to live. Planning for our environment is planning for the wellbeing of our community.


THE
STRATEGY
PARRAMATTA



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"The first rule of ecology is that everything is connected."

Barry Commoner, *The Closing Circle* (1971)

OUR VISION & PRINCIPLES

OUR VISION

A City for nature. Sustainable, resilient, and on a journey of regeneration.

Parramatta will be a regenerative city that cares for the environment through taking climate action, strengthening urban resilience, and empowering our community.

Parramatta River and healthy waterways are central to our identity. Our built environment operates in harmony with the natural landscape and our community are empowered custodians in caring for the land.

Our liveability is enhanced by being a water sensitive city that not only manages flooding but retains, reuses, and celebrates water throughout our local neighbourhoods and open space corridors.

Strong social cohesion ensures the community is prepared, adaptive, and resilient in the face of climate hazards. Biodiversity is thriving and utilises blue and green corridors across our local government area, connecting our community to nature.

Parramatta's flourishing economy embraces circular economy principles. Collaboration between enterprises, research institutes, and community promote a culture of innovation and drives economic competitiveness, including emerging renewables and sustainability focused industries.

Embracing circular and green economy principles creates a City that cares for Country, community, and the global future.

FIRST NATIONS STRATEGY

The cultural environmental practices within this Strategy are guided by Council's draft First Nations Strategy and centred around its pillars of social justice, cultural leadership, social cohesion, celebration, and accountability.

OUR IMPLEMENTATION PRINCIPLES

This Strategy is founded on the following principles, which will guide implementation of our actions:

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

Our community is passionate about protecting and enhancing the environment, and it is only through collaborative efforts that we can achieve significant environmental sustainability ambitions. Through continued education, engagement, and provision of knowledge and resources, the community will be empowered to participate in transforming Parramatta into a resilient and regenerative City.

COUNCIL LEADERSHIP

Achieving our sustainability ambitions requires strong organisational leadership. Council will respond to the climate emergency by reducing the City's environmental footprint and transitioning to a zero-carbon and regenerative economy.

We will show respect, have integrity, and be accountable. We lead by example and our organisation is governed responsibly and sustainably.

We have the courage to look for new ways and try new things, and to step up and take risks if it means making a difference. We will be ambitious in our journey to achieving our vision, leading the way for other local governments.

STRONG PARTNERSHIPS

To maximise environmental sustainability outcomes, governments, stakeholders, the private sector, academics, and our community must work together. We will maximise strategic partnerships to create a culture of collaboration, experimentation, and creative thinking that embraces new ideas and delivers environmental solutions to benefit our community and nature.

FIRST NATIONS COLLABORATION

We acknowledge the United Nations Declaration of Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP) and will work together with First Nations peoples, especially the Burramattagal of the Dharug nation, to value nationhood, primacy of family, language, cultural and spiritual identity, dignity, governance by Elders, and rights to and protection of Country.

OUR PRIORITIES

Creating a great City that cares for Country, community and our global future.

This Strategy responds to the big issues, challenges, and opportunities to support shared environmental cultural practice through the following strategic drivers:

CLIMATE ACTION
The need for immediate and urgent action to reduce our emissions, contributing to global efforts in reducing the severity of climate change.

URBAN RESILIENCE
The need to ensure our community, environment, and City is prepared and has the capacity to positively respond or adapt to external shocks and stresses such as climate change.

REGENERATION
The need to not only maintain or minimise our impact on our environment but to actively support its recovery, remediation, and capacity to thrive, supporting our health and that of future generations.

PRIORITIES

Our priorities set out our long-term environmental sustainability ambitions and the steps we are taking to progress them. Through consultation with our community, we have shaped our priorities to shift the dial on some of the key environmental issues we face. Together, our priorities provide key directions and a framework to support our community, businesses, and City across a broad range of interconnected environmental considerations relevant to Parramatta.

BY 2033 WE WILL TRANSITION ...

CLIMATE POSITIVE

From a carbon emitting community ⩾ *... to a leader in climate action.*

FUTURE READY COMMUNITY

From a city of high growth precincts ⩾ *... to resilient and sustainable communities.*

BLUE GREEN CITY

From the forgotten waterways at the head of the Sydney Harbour ⩾ *... to a water sensitive city known for green spaces.*

NATURE POSITIVE

From a city with nature ⩾ *... to a city for nature.*

CIRCULAR ECONOMY

From a city that manages waste ⩾ *... to a no waste community.*

PRIORITY 01

CLIMATE POSITIVE

We will implement urgent, strong, and equitable climate change action to move beyond net zero.

"Sydney is not on track to meet its 2030 or 2050 targets."

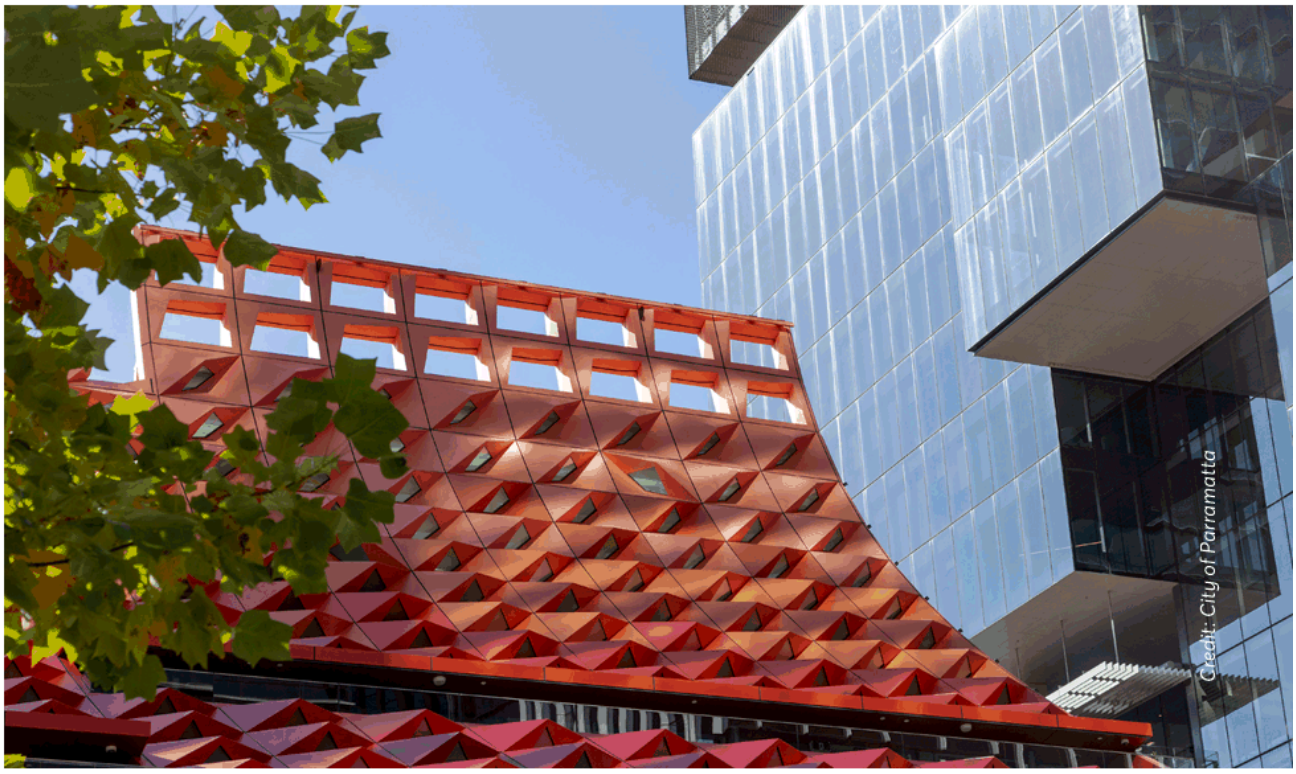
Committee for Sydney

Australia has already experienced 1.4°C of warming, and 2020-2030 has been identified as the critical decade for action.[11] We need greater coordinated action and more targeted efforts to mitigate the worst impacts from a changing climate.

Climate positive is the ambitious and important next step in the effort against climate change. It requires activity that goes beyond achieving net zero emissions to remove carbon from our atmosphere and create environmental benefit.

The Parramatta LGA is the third-largest source of carbon emissions in metropolitan Sydney (Figure 8). Council's key areas of influencing emission reduction includes electrification of buildings and transport, minimising waste, reusing resources to their highest value, and constructing or retrofitting buildings with minimum embedded and operational emissions (Figure 9).

Our target is to achieve a 75% reduction in both community and corporate emissions by 2038 and for Council to continue being carbon neutral certified. These targets align with Australia's required 74% emission reduction and net zero commitments by 2035 as per the 2015 United Nations Paris Agreement and the 1.5°C threshold.[8]



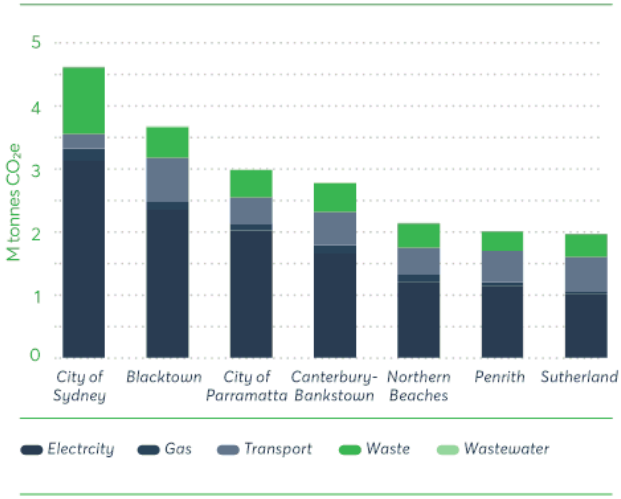


Figure 8: *Metropolitan Sydney F21/22 carbon emissions by LGA. Parramatta LGA is the third largest carbon emitter in metropolitan Sydney, after City of Sydney and City of Blacktown. Source: Adapted from Resilient Sydney data platform (accessed June 2023)*

CLIMATE POSITIVE ASPIRATION

Climate positive organisations go further than just achieving an overall balance between carbon emissions produced or consumed and carbon emissions removed from the atmosphere (net zero). To be climate positive, they remove more carbon than they emit, as well as deliver environmental benefits to other organisations and communities.

Council is seeking to be a climate positive organisation through avoiding and reducing operational emissions and continuing to be carbon neutral certified. Council will use carbon offsets as our last resort.

Climate positive opportunities could include initiatives like expanding Council's renewable energy production beyond organisational needs, or carbon sequestration through blue (mangroves and wetlands) and green (trees and bushland) infrastructure expansion.

HOW WE WILL ACHIEVE THIS PRIORITY

Council can have a significant impact on reducing local emissions through our waste services and planning controls. We can simultaneously demonstrate climate positive leadership within Council assets, operations, and services.

Council will advocate to state and federal governments seeking their leadership in implementing the significant decarbonisation and climate action required for Paris Agreement targets to be achieved.

We will support and advocate for our community to be net zero through education and community capacity building programs to facilitate decarbonisation.

"Greening the grid is the fastest way to net zero. Rapid transition would remove 3,833M tCO_2e from being generated by 2050"

Resilient Sydney Net Zero app

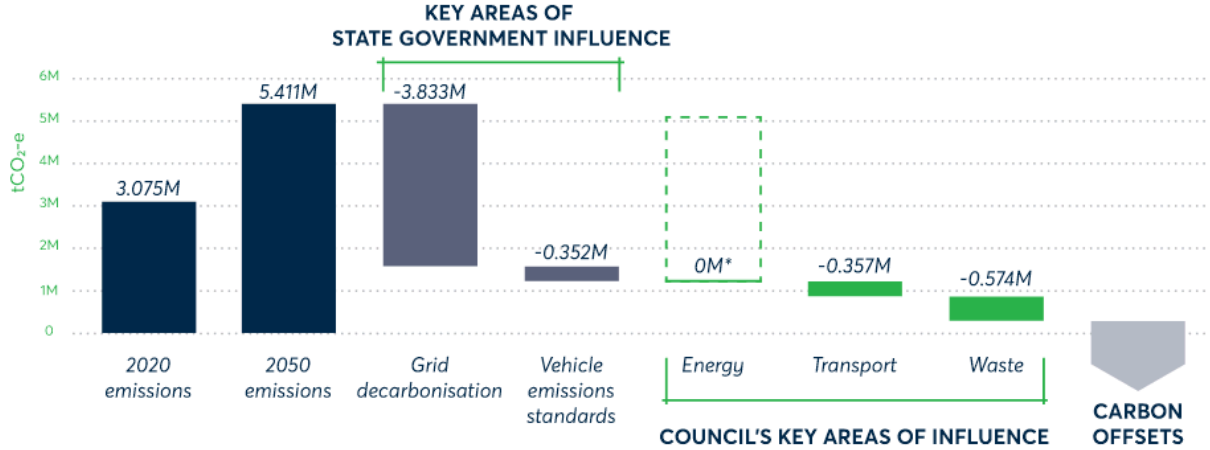


Figure 9: *City of Parramatta's LGA emissions reduction pathway by savings type. We will target our actions to savings where Council has the most capacity to influence outcomes for our community such as waste, local transport initiatives, building performance and community behaviour change actions. Source: Adapted from Resilient Sydney Net Zero app (accessed May 2024).*
**Energy is 0 through grid decarbonisation. Council must ensure the electrification of buildings to maximise the benefits of grid decarbonsiation.*

COUNCIL SNAPSHOT

MOVING TO NET ZERO

With a focus on reducing emissions from our highest emission sources, Council is on track to achieve our 2017 ESS target of 60% corporate emission reduction by 2038 and providing a strong foundation for this Strategy. Since the introduction of the 2017 ESS, Council has:

- Transitioned residential streetlights to energy efficient LEDs and delivered NSW's largest smart and LED major road lighting upgrade, reducing streetlighting energy consumption by 74% and saving $10 million.
- Achieved carbon neutral certification and eliminated street lighting and Council building electricity emissions through purchasing 100% renewable electricity (commencing July 2022).
- Built our first 6 Green Star building PHIVE (opened in September 2022) incorporating library, Council chambers and community spaces.
- Worked in partnership with eight other Western Sydney councils to collectively reduce annual carbon emissions by 500,000 tCO_2e through lighting and equipment upgrades, waste management, solar installations, electric vehicle transition and smart city initiatives. These savings equate to taking 100,000 cars off the road annually and has delivered financial savings of $20 million.

- **Climate positive**

"I have transitioned our home, car, and gardening tools to be powered by 100% electricity from our solar panels. The science shows we are in a climate crisis, and I wanted to decarbonise now to protect the planet for future generations"

Murray Sayle, local resident
Environmental Advisory Committee member



Credit: Joseph Mayers

WHAT WE ARE DOING

These are Council's objectives and actions relating to climate positive.

OUTPUTS	NO.	ACTION
OBJECTIVE 1.1	**We champion equitable decarbonisation across our City through action and advocacy**	
Work with partners to support equitable carbon emission reductions for our community	1.1.1	Resource key regional partnerships and research opportunities to support decarbonisation across our local area and communities
Encourage low carbon emission development, infrastructure, building retrofits, and public spaces	1.1.2	Undertake a review of current research on lowering emissions and supporting energy transition through planning controls and design standards to identify opportunities for application in Parramatta
Reduce transport emissions	1.1.3	Promote low-carbon transportation through Council's integrated transport planning and advocacy
OBJECTIVE 1.2	**Our community is empowered to make equitable net zero decisions**	
Provide community education and behaviour change programs, supporting decarbonisation	1.2.1	Undertake a climate positive and sustainability focused education and behaviour change program, incentivising environmental custodianship and culture change
OBJECTIVE 1.3	**Council leads climate positive practices, research, and communication**	
Transition Council to be climate positive, minimising carbon offsets	1.3.1	Elevate and prioritise delivery of Council's Net Zero Emissions Reduction Plan across all operations, services and procurement activities
	1.3.2	Undertake a research paper and action plan to identify Council's climate positive leadership opportunities
	1.3.3	Improve Council's public reporting and communication on key environmental and resilience data, including corporate and community carbon emissions tracking

HOW TO READ THE ACTION PLAN

Horizons will be used to identify the timeframe in which the action will be implemented:
- Horizon 1 (H1): 1-2 years
- Horizon 2 (H2): 2-4 years

Response to CSP reflects the relevant CSP goal that this work will contribute to (Fair, Accessible, Welcoming, Green, Thriving, and Innovative).

Council's role refers to the Deliver (D), Partner (P), Advocate (A) model of work adopted in the CSP.

HORIZON	RESPONSE TO CSP	COUNCIL'S ROLE	INDICATORS	TARGETS
H1	Green	D P		
H1	Green Accessible	D P	Total community tCO_2e reduced from baseline	50% (by 2030) and 75% (by 2038) carbon emission reduction from 2016/17 baseline
H1	Green Fair	P A		
H1	Green	D P	Community perception of Council's environmental leadership	Maintain or improve community's perception of Council's environmental leadership
H1	Green	D	Corporate tCO_2e emissions reduced and removed from baseline	Maintain annual carbon neutral status
H1	Green	D		50% (by 2030) and 75% (by 2038) carbon emission reduction from 2016/17 baseline
H1	Green Innovative	D		

PRIORITY 02

FUTURE READY COMMUNITY

We will lead Parramatta towards a resilient and sustainable future.

"If we want a prosperous, climate-resilient future, we must invest in sustainable infrastructure; it is the growth story of the future."

The World Bank

Promoting sustainable places and strengthening community preparedness is critical for Parramatta to be a successful future ready City.

Creating a future ready community requires planning for the long-term, embracing innovation, as well as collective effort.

Planning for sustainability and resilience embodies this forward-thinking agenda and will support our community through shaping the type of built environment needed in the future.

Cities are complex systems which, like natural ecosystems, are subject to many different acute shocks and chronic stresses:

Chronic stresses are incidents that weaken the fabric of a city on a day-to-day or cyclical basis. In Parramatta, these include issues like climate change, housing insecurity and housing affordability, lack of access to crucial systems and services, family violence, structural inequity, and food or water shortages.

Acute shocks are sudden, short-term events that threaten the City, such as major storms, heatwaves, floods, bushfires, or disease outbreaks. These acute shocks can amplify chronic stresses and will often disproportionately affect the wellbeing of the most vulnerable in our community, including people experiencing socio-economic disadvantage, people experiencing homelessness, young people, older adults, individuals with a disability, recent migrants, and marginalised communities.[12]

The responsibility for managing these challenges goes beyond the jurisdiction of any one government agency or authority. Effective solutions require partnerships and collaboration. It is therefore critical that we prioritise working with others to ensure we can maximise our impacts and the levels of support we provide our local community.



CITY RESILIENCE

A resilient city refers to the capacity of individuals, communities, organisations, and systems within a city to survive, adapt, and thrive no matter what kinds of chronic stresses and acute shocks they may experience.[13] Some of Parramatta's greatest challenges include risks and impacts of urban heat, bushfires, storms, and flooding (Figure 10).

Resilience focuses on enhancing the performance of a system in the face of multiple hazards, rather than individual events. A resilience-led approach to risk management helps bridge the gap between disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation.

"What makes a good community is people getting involved, even if that's getting involved with just one thing. If everyone did one thing, together that makes a huge difference."

Zyntaurus Doona-aroon
Bushcare leader and conservationist

HOW WE WILL ACHIEVE THIS PRIORITY

Empowering our community to respond to a range of challenges rather than single events or risks, requires strong partnerships, government co-ordination, research, and communication.

We will continue to collaborate with partners to share knowledge, research, and support innovation in the planning of our built environment.

We will continually improve community engagement and communications to support social cohesion, awareness, and preparedness.

We will respond to evolving technologies, for example smart grids, recycled water networks, community batteries, and smart meters to improve our ability to emerge stronger after tough times and function better in good times.

"In 2030, Parramatta is modelled to experience 15 days over 35°C including 6 days over 40°C. In 2090, this will further increase to 43 and 9 days respectively."

NARCliM: NSW & Australian Regional Climate Model

DATA SNAPSHOT

If global emissions continue to increase, by 2090 Parramatta may experience...



Figure 10: *Modelled climate change impacts to Parramatta's rainfall with 2090 rain increasing in Autumn and Summer instead of the current spring and winter patterns. Reduction in rainfall is predicted to occur by 2030, with up to 15% decrease by 2090. Of concern is the predicted increase in heavy rainfall events combined with Parramatta River levels rising. Source: Adapted from various sources.*[14]

COUNCIL SNAPSHOT

PARTNERSHIPS

We have developed long-term, trusted, evidence-based and collaborative partnerships that strengthen the resilience of our community and prepare our natural and built environment for changing climates. Through these partnerships we:

- Advocate on shared issues
- Share knowledge, data, research, and insights
- Leverage strategic direction at a scale and reach beyond what an individual local government could normally achieve.

Since 2018, Council has worked in partnership with the State Emergency Service, Bureau of Meteorology, NSW Police, and other first responders to deliver the FloodSmart Parramatta service. City of Parramatta is prone to flash floods and the FloodSmart Parramatta service enhances community preparedness through innovative water level gauges, weather data, and real time updates and warnings.

Another example is Council's collaborations with university researchers, Resilient Sydney, and NSW Government to map tree canopy and urban heat (Figure 11). This work has informed Council's tree planting programs. With an investment of $4.5million, Council is now planting over 15,750 trees to mitigate urban heat within the public domain.

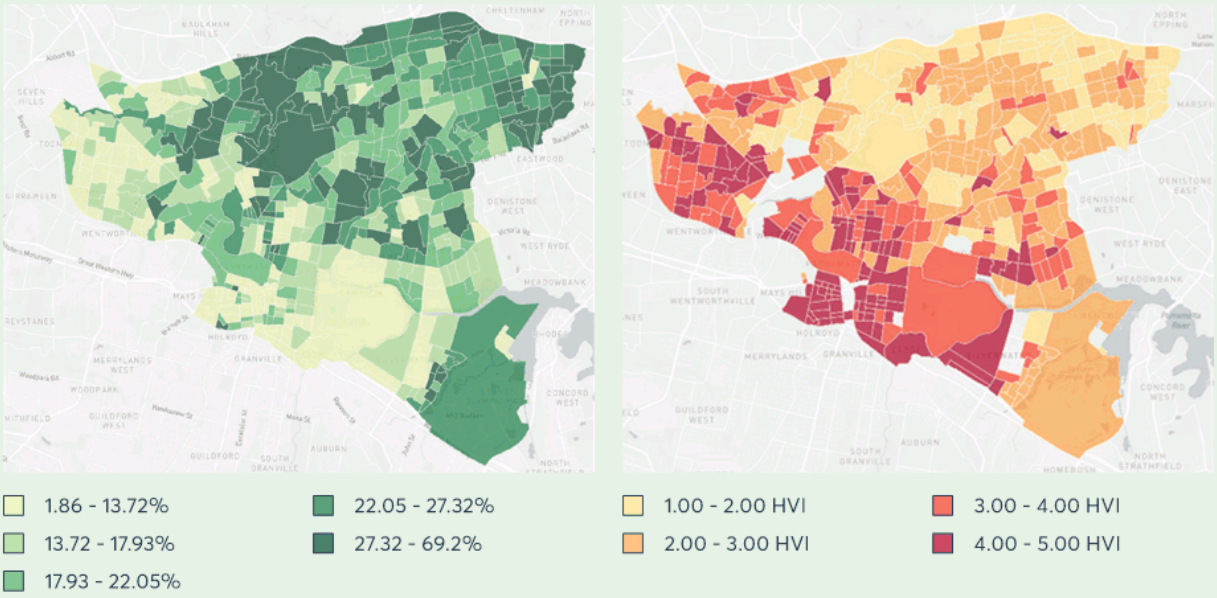


Figure 11: *Tree canopy cover (left) is integral in reducing urban heat (right). Locations with high tree canopy cover (dark green) align to lower temperatures (yellow and orange). Source: Adapted from Department of Planning and Environment (2016).*

WHAT WE ARE DOING

These are Council's objectives, expected outcomes and actions relating to Future Ready Community.

OUTPUTS	NO.	ACTION
OBJECTIVE 2.1	**Our city is resilient to a changing climate and leads on sustainability**	
Shape our built environment to be sustainable and to support resilience	2.1.1	Update Council's existing Climate Adaptation Plan to strengthen resilience, and disaster preparedness
	2.1.2	Identify and promote opportunities to incentivise sustainability focused retrofits, renewable energy, and building upgrades
OBJECTIVE 2.2	**Our community is prepared and has the information they need during key city shocks and stresses**	
Prepare community for environmental emergencies	2.2.1	Support greater community preparedness for heatwave, bushfire, flood and storm events through specific community engagement on resilience planning
OBJECTIVE 2.3	**Council is ready and plans for resilience, climate change adaptation, and mitigation**	
Embed climate change mitigation and resilience into Council decision-making and operations	2.3.1	Review and update Council's policy framework to accommodate a clear position on management of climate change related risk, environmentally sustainable design and life-cycle analysis

HOW TO READ THE ACTION PLAN

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HORIZON	RESPONSE TO CSP	COUNCIL'S ROLE	INDICATORS	TARGETS
H1	Green Innovative	D	Community living in disaster prone areas that feel prepared for a disaster (%)	Continual improvement in community preparedness for a disaster
H1	Green	D A		
H1	Green Fair	D P		
H2	Green Fair	D	Council public assets supported by climate resilience planning (%)	100% of Council public assets supported by climate resilience planning by 2026

PRIORITY 03

BLUE GREEN CITY

We will create a living City defined by healthy waterways and green spaces.

"A healthy river supports and enhances life in many ways ... by introducing greater biodiversity, better air quality and access to activities such as swimming, picnicking, walking, cycling or just relaxing."

Parramatta River Catchment Group

Recognising the importance of water and green spaces, is critical for the resilience and survival of both our City and nature. For a truly living and thriving City, both the built and natural environments must work together as integrated systems.

Water is the foundation for all life. How we manage, clean, and integrate water through the design and functioning of our City impacts the quality of it as a place to live.

Climate change is expected to exacerbate a range of water related extremes such as flooding, drought, heatwaves, and sea level rise. Water and sewer demand due to population growth is now nearing current infrastructure capacity.[15]

Seeking opportunities that move beyond traditional approaches to water supply, sewerage, and drainage infrastructure, towards planning for waterways, the water cycle, and urban resilience will overcome these challenges (Figure 12). Further, these opportunities recognise the importance of cultural connections to water and the broader role that healthy waterways play in shaping the identity and liveability of our City.

A blue green Parramatta prioritises planning for integrated water management and providing space for the retention of water in the landscape. This approach involves moving from traditional 'grey-infrastructure' towards living-infrastructure solutions and a water sensitive city.

We will capture the many benefits of integrating water in the landscape, including urban cooling, flood management, improved creek and river water quality, biodiversity, ecosystem health, surface permeability, access to nature, and a greener healthier city.



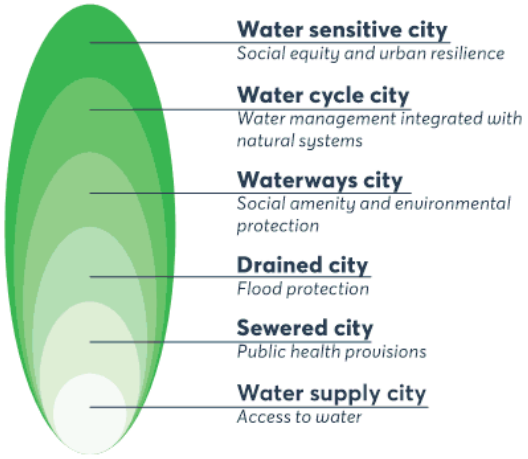


Figure 12: *Water sensitive cities framework. Levels of ambition in water management required to achieve a blue green Parramatta. Source: Adapted from the Cooperative Research Centre for Water Sensitive Cities (2021).*

WATER IN THE LANDSCAPE

Historically, city planning has removed water from our landscapes as quickly and efficiently as possible. This approach has fundamentally changed how our natural waterways operate, and reduced the visibility of water to our community.

As a result, our waterway health has suffered, and the link this has back to how our built environment is designed and managed is not always clear to our community.

The Parramatta River Catchment Group and Council have set the goal to bring back swimming to the Parramatta River. This goal elevates the issue of water quality by linking it back to a tangible but aspirational outcome for our community.

Council will continue with our goals to support improved water quality, by continuing our agenda to bring back swimming, connecting our community with water, and making its importance visible through how we design and build our city.

HOW WE WILL ACHIEVE THIS PRIORITY

Council plays a significant role in setting development standards as well as delivering stormwater and flood management.

We will support coordinated planning for more blue and green assets through:

- Flood zone planning and mitigation
- Wetlands for stormwater
- Biofiltration and water retention
- Green space and street tree water management
- Water-based recreation including swimming in Parramatta River
- Innovative cooling and irrigation methods
- Litter prevention in waterways
- Water storage and collection.

Council will continue to work with partners to share knowledge and advocate for water sensitive urban design, particularly within our growth precincts and major projects.

We will support and advocate for our community to be empowered to be water smart. Council will demonstrate integrated water leadership within Council assets, operations, and services.

COMMUNITY PROFILE

"Since I became a tree champion, I enjoy getting up in the morning to go see my tree. I walk more than before... I look after them, helping them grow bigger. They helped me get healthier. Trees and me help each other."

Judy Chang
Local resident, 2021-22 Tree Champion

COUNCIL SNAPSHOT

PARRAMATTA RIVER CATCHMENT GROUP (PRCG)

The PRCG proactively supports advocacy and facilitation on key catchment management issues and on-ground integrated water management.

City of Parramatta was a key driver in establishing the PRCG, creating an alliance of Councils, government agencies and community groups working together to improve the Parramatta River's shores and clean its water. Through the implementation of *Duba, Buda, Barra: Ten steps to a Living River – The Parramatta Masterplan* since 2018, we are creating a home for nature and an oasis for the millions of people who live near it.

PARRAMATTA RIVER VISION

Council adopted the *Parramatta River Vision* in 2023, to re-establish the Parramatta River as central to the identity and value of Parramatta. The Vision sets out a future of improved access to and increased space for water and nature, leading to improved human health, well-being, and recreation outcomes (Figure 13).

With 75% of Parramatta's future growth to occur within a 10-minute walk or cycle of Parramatta River, the Vision identifies an additional 181ha of new public space to complement the existing 685ha managed by state and local government.



Figure 13: *Parramatta River Vision with Parramatta River central to the identity and value of Parramatta.*

WHAT WE ARE DOING

These are Council's objectives and actions relating to blue green City.

OUTPUTS	NO.	ACTION
OBJECTIVE 3.1	**We are leaders in blue and green infrastructure network planning and delivery**	
Implement regional-scale integrated water systems and green space networks planning	3.1.1	Scope a Water Sensitive City Plan that embeds integrated water management ambitions into Council practice and planning for our local government area
Deliver green infrastructure and retain water in the landscape through planning and development	3.1.2	Prepare and implement a Tree Canopy Plan that protects, diversifies and enhances tree canopy across the local government area
Make Parramatta River and its tributaries central to the identity of Parramatta as a place	3.1.3	Advocate and lead government partnership supporting Council's vision for Parramatta River and its tributaries through co-ordinated land-use planning and project guidelines
OBJECTIVE 3.2	**Water is a visible and valued resource central to our City and community**	
Support community engagement and partnerships that champion and support healthy waterways	3.2.1	Reduce waterway litter and improve waterway health, through community engagement, activation, partnership and behaviour change programs
	3.2.2	Review Council policy, funding and data collection options to ensure private water management systems are operational and effective
OBJECTIVE 3.3	**We embed integrated water management and green infrastructure practices within Council**	
Deliver integrated water management and green infrastructure through our public domain and Council's operations	3.3.1	Embed water sensitive urban design (WSUD) standards and green infrastructure into Council's asset management, public domain, and major project processes

HOW TO READ THE ACTION PLAN

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HORIZON	RESPONSE TO CSP	COUNCIL'S ROLE	INDICATORS	TARGETS
H2	Green	D P	Local creek water quality	Increase in total creek health from 2017 baseline over next 4 years
H1	Green	D	Green Infrastructure - total vegetation and tree canopy cover	Increase vegetation cover to 40% by 2038 Increase tree canopy cover to 30% by 2050
H1	Green Welcoming	P A		
H1	Green Fair	D P	Community awareness of Council programs and action supporting waterway health	Increase in performance rating for Council in community communications and programs focused on waterway health
H1	Green Fair	D		
H2	Green Innovative Fair	D	Non-potable and potable water use and consumption (ML)	No net increase in potable water use by 2038 (baseline 2016/17)

PRIORITY 04

NATURE POSITIVE

We will safeguard our natural spaces, waterways, and wildlife.

"Biodiversity in cities is essential for sustainability, liveability and ecological resilience in urban life."

World Economic Forum, 2022

Parramatta is a City in nature, uniquely placed to connect nature and people. We have a responsibility to ensure nature is supported for nature's sake.

A nature positive approach moves beyond conserving nature for human benefit or monetary value.[16] Nature positive is about understanding the value of the natural environment in its own right, and focuses on how nature can be restored and enhanced alongside human activity.

Our planet's health, including human health, depends on the natural systems that provide us with food, clean water, clean air, and a stable climate.[17] Biodiversity loss is occurring at an unprecedented rate and is one of the great threats facing our planet globally.[17] Cities play a significant role in this loss due to their direct impacts on habitats and natural resources through rapid growth and urbanisation. It is therefore important that cities play a key role in the solution to biodiversity loss both locally and globally.

There are many opportunities to apply nature positive initiatives in Parramatta - extensive wetlands, creeks, and river corridors co-existing with high rise development, transportation networks, and dense urban centres. Within this mix of built and natural environments, are key locations including Sydney Olympic Park, Lake Parramatta, and Parramatta Park. These locations are important habitat refuges and provide critical migratory stops for many species.

To embed our natural environment within our built environment, will require long term change. Council will advocate for a nature positive approach to planning and designing our City. Supported by innovation and technology we will plan for local biodiversity values, habitat connections, migration requirements, and ecosystem services.

Being nature positive is not just about increasing nature in our local area, it is also about minimising our impacts on nature more broadly through the decisions we make, such as the products we buy or where we invest our money. Transitioning to a nature positive global city, empowers Parramatta to pursue improved outcomes for nature, climate, and sustainable development.



NATURE'S MASCOTS

Monitoring a species' distribution and population can provide an overall insight of health and wellbeing of an ecosystem. The following five species' presence, assists in monitoring the water quality and catchment health of Parramatta River's estuarine, terrestrial, riparian, and freshwater ecosystems:

- Bar-tailed Godwit (*Limosa lapponicais*) is a migratory shore species that undertakes the longest non-stop flight of any bird. Their presence indicates that our estuarine ecosystems, including mudflats and mangroves, are healthy.
- Eastern Long-necked Turtle (*Chelodina longicollis*) is a turtle with a neck almost as long as its body and whose presence indicates that we have healthy waterways.
- Powerful Owl (*Ninox strenua*) is an apex predator and the largest owl in Australasia. They are nocturnal birds that inhabit tree hollows, and their presence indicates that we have vegetation corridors with trees that are upwards of 100 years old.
- Southern Myotis (*Myotis macropus*) is a nocturnal fishing bat with large feet for catching its prey. Their presence indicates healthy waterways and suitable vegetation for roosting sites.
- Striped Marsh Frog (*Limnodynastes peronii*) is a large frog endemic to Parramatta and found in permanent water bodies (photo above). Their presence indicates that our waters are clean.

HOW WE WILL ACHIEVE THIS PRIORITY

We can safeguard our green spaces, waterways, and wildlife through nature-based urban transformation and strategic land use planning. We will demonstrate leadership through delivering integrated custodianship and landscape management actions that value nature and bring our community together.

We will continue to work with stakeholders, communities, and partners to embed nature positive values within and beyond Parramatta through:

- **Habitecture planning and biophilic city design:** integrating biodiversity into our built environment planning, design, and connectivity (e.g., wildlife bridges, fish weirs, and vertical forest building facades).
- **Nature and climate change together:** strengthening nature's resilience through delivery of ecosystem management and restoration activities that align to future climatic events and habitat requirements (e.g., installing nest boxes for breeding and roosting, and aerial water misting systems to cool species during heatwaves or bushfire prevention).
- **Financing nature's recovery:** investing in nature-based infrastructure solutions with mutually beneficial outcomes (e.g., investing in wetland drainage systems for stormwater management, water quality, and biodiversity outcomes).
- **Procurement transparency:** incorporating nature's value into purchases so consumers and investors know the impacts of their choices (e.g., sourcing sustainably certified timber).
- **Decision-making:** considering nature's value for healthier and more holistic outcomes (e.g., integrating data from biodiversity citizen science projects into decision-making processes, or considering nature benefits when planning and implementing community gardens).

"Australia's natural environment is not resilient enough to withstand current or emerging threats."

The Hon. Tanya Plibersek MP

COUNCIL SNAPSHOT

The City of Parramatta, Sydney Olympic Park Authority, Parramatta Park Trust, and other public land managers work in partnership to establish biodiversity baselines, develop research programs, and deliver community projects, to enhance native bush and riparian reserves.

NATURE FOR NATURE'S SAKE

Urbanisation has reduced the number of our local mature mangroves and eucalypt trees, and created barriers in our waterways, which impact the lifecycle and survival of many species including the Short-finned Eel, Powerful Owl, and Ring-tailed Possum.

The following nature positive initiatives have been taken by Council to support these species in their survival and for their ecosystems to function:

- On-ground restoration and expansion of protected mangroves and annually planting 100,000 indigenous species that provide food, shelter, and perching.
- Installing over 600 different nest boxes and carving hollows in stag trees, sized for different wildlife to use for shelter, nesting, rearing of young and protection from weather, especially during heatwaves and cold snaps.
- Installing fish ladders along our waterways allowing fish and eels to navigate obstructions such as weirs.
- Coordinating the Bushcare volunteer, staff and contractor partnership to deliver on-ground biodiversity improvements on Council-managed reserves.

COMMUNITY PROFILE

"Parramatta's vibrant, it's growing, and we have to ensure we conserve our natural spaces for future generations."

Annie Nielsen
Local resident, conservationist, environmental activist and Environmental Advisory Committee member



WHAT WE ARE DOING

These are Council's objectives and actions relating to nature positive.

OUTPUTS	NO.	ACTION
OBJECTIVE 4.1	**We actively manage and regenerate nature for both its own benefit and the identity of our City**	
Embed nature sensitive planning and design standards supporting biodiversity across our City	4.1.1	Review and document local biodiversity and habitat connectivity spatial requirements in urban areas to better support land-use planning
	4.1.2	Prepare and implement a Nature Positive Plan that protects, connects and enhances habitat across the local government area
OBJECTIVE 4.2	**Our community are custodians supporting nature in our City**	
Support community engagement and partnerships that enable our community to become nature custodians	4.2.1	Scope the expansion biodiversity and waterway regeneration on private and public land through Council leadership, partnerships and communications
	4.2.2	Lead nature positive community research and citizen science programs by working with partners
OBJECTIVE 4.3	**Council leads biodiversity enhancement and habitat restoration practices, research, and communication**	
Support biodiversity regeneration through our community volunteers, partners and Council action	4.3.1	Assess how Council can minimise global environmental impacts through procurement, investment and business activities

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HORIZON	RESPONSE TO CSP	COUNCIL'S ROLE	INDICATORS	TARGETS
H1	Green	D P	Percentage of LGA dedicated to ecological functions in good condition.	Maintain natural areas in good condition from 2020/21 baseline
H2	Green	D P		
H2	Fair	D P A	Native plant species richness and cover	Bi-annual increase in native plant species richness from 2020/21 baseline
H2	Green	D		Bi-annual increase in native plant % cover from 2020/21 baseline
H1	Green	D	Council bushland reserves under active primary area restoration (ha or %)	Increase in areas under active management from 2020/21 baseline (187Ha) over next 4 years

PRIORITY 05

CIRCULAR ECONOMY

We will champion the circular economy and whole-of-waste system transition.

"Circular economy gives us the tools to tackle climate change and biodiversity loss together, while addressing important social needs."

Ellen MacArthur Foundation

Circular economy concepts represent new economic opportunities and benefits for the environment, industry, and community. Parramatta's central location and ongoing transformation presents a unique context for applying these opportunities.

A circular economy is a regenerative approach to economic development that benefits business, society, and the environment. It requires a systemic and cultural shift to reduce the consumption of finite resources and maximise their re-use and recovery (Figure 14).

As Parramatta evolves as a global city, embracing a circular economy will be a cornerstone for economic growth, increasing environmental stewardship and promoting the responsible use of resources.

The transition to a circular economy is urgent. City of Parramatta is the third largest source of waste generation in metropolitan Sydney (Figure 15).

With Sydney's limited landfill space and recycling systems challenges there is opportunity for innovative solutions to local waste servicing. Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO), soft plastics and avoiding waste products are some key areas for improvement.

Our City is attracting attention from industry and government as a prime candidate for investments in technology, infrastructure, and utilities, including transport, recycled water, and renewable electricity.

With major health and education institutions and strong economic foundations through our commercial, retail, and industrial sectors, Parramatta has the essential elements to spearhead innovation in the transition to a circular economy.

Parramatta's gross regional product is outpacing state-wide growth. Geographical location, extensive infrastructure investment, and urban transformation, means that our City is well placed to lead the transition to a circular economy and embrace its opportunities.



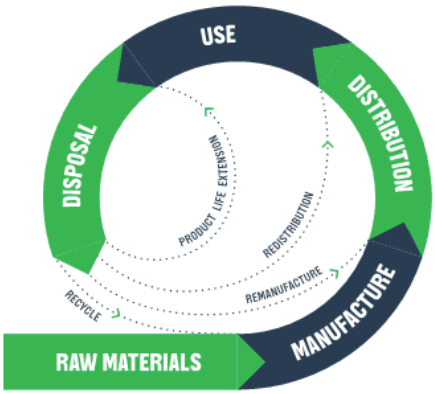


Figure 14: *Circular economy concept. Source: Adapted from Innovate UK (2017)*

REVALUING RESOURCES

Circular economy opportunities are achieved through the implementation of a whole-of-system approach which integrates societal benefits and environmental custodianship as core concepts. That is, designing products, materials, and services to retain their highest value through refusing, rethinking, and reducing raw materials (Figure 14).[18]

The revaluing of resources through circular economic opportunities will:

- Reduce pressure on Sydney's limited water storage, landfill, recycling, and litter management infrastructure
- Strengthen electricity grid resilience through renewable electricity generation
- Transition from the current 'take, make, and discard' linear approach to waste that relies on the least preferred steps, recycling and recovery.

HOW WE WILL ACHIEVE THIS PRIORITY

Transitioning to a circular economy will require collaboration across all levels of government and organisations, and support from communities right down to the level of the individual.

Council will champion and advocate for a circular economy transition that supports our community through the whole-of-waste system transformation. This includes advocating for and delivering education initiatives that support and empower community members and businesses to value products and reduce wastage, especially food, water, and emissions. We will also advocate for innovation across practice in industry, utilities, government, and within our growth precincts.

We will demonstrate leadership through our community waste management services, such as FOGO collections. We will also seek opportunities to embed circular economy principles within Council's operations and services.

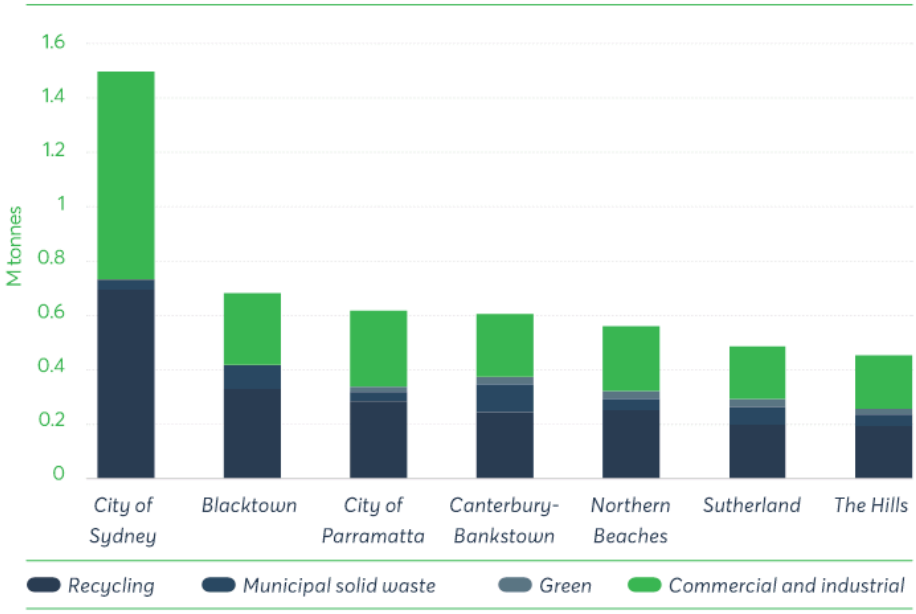


Figure 15: *Metropolitan Sydney waste production by LGA. City of Parramatta LGA is third largest waste producer in metropolitan Sydney, after City of Sydney and Blacktown for FY 2021/22. Source: Resilient Sydney (2023).*

COUNCIL SNAPSHOT

SUPPORTING COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

Council's 2023 Citizen of the Year, Julz Strykowski is a passionate environmental educator empowering local communities to tackle plastic pollution at its source. She coordinates volunteers to transform post-consumer material, normally sent to landfill, into reusable cloth bags to replace plastic bags and to start conversations.

She also delivers circular economy outcomes through her award winning PluckFastic waste-to-art program, Greener Gatherings, Friends of Toongabbie Creek, and Plastic Free Parramatta initiatives.

RETHINKING AND REDUCING

Council has been supporting circular economy within existing governance systems including:

Food organic and garden organic (FOGO) Council's residential collection service will commence at the end of 2024. The FOGO collection will divert waste from landfill and reduce emissions, and the organic material will be used in Council's parks and open space.

Council's Reusable nappies and sanitary products rebate avoided an estimated 776,000 single-use items (564,000 nappies and 212,000 sanitary items) being used or sent to landfill.

Powerhouse Parramatta Dematerialisation Strategy has been developed and implemented by Powerhouse Parramatta, to actively consider circular economy principles from design to delivery.

≫ Circular economy

COMMUNITY PROFILE

"Individuals can make a difference. Participating in Boomerang Bags and other plastic free initiatives allow individuals to do something, to take action, to make awesome friendships, to be part of their community, a global movement and help the environment."

Julz Strykowski
2023 Citizen of the Year



WHAT WE ARE DOING

These are Council's objectives and actions relating to circular economy.

OUTPUTS	NO.	ACTION
OBJECTIVE 5.1	**We seek opportunities for circular economy development across business and industry at the centre of Sydney**	
Identify opportunities for Parramatta as a metropolitan leader in resource recovery and circular economy industry	5.1.1	Identify circular economy leadership and partnership opportunities through commissioning a research paper and benchmarking against best practice
	5.1.2	Review waste and resource recovery planning controls, policy and design standards that address current and future waste management requirements
OBJECTIVE 5.2	**Council empowers the community to support waste avoidance, recovery, and reuse**	
Work with our community to implement effective circular waste management practices	5.2.1	Transition and expand waste and resource recovery services for residents, businesses and public places in-line with new industry directions and higher standards
	5.2.2	Update Council's Waste and Resource Recovery (WARR) Strategy to provide a circular economy policy and implementation roadmap for community, business and Council
	5.2.3	Scope opportunities to deliver community engagement programs on waste avoidance and management, and circular products
	5.2.4	Establish a long-term behaviour change program to reduce illegal dumping across the local government area
OBJECTIVE 5.3	**Council leads circular economy practices, research, and communication**	
Embed circular economy leadership in Council decision-making	5.3.1	Implement City of Parramatta Circular Economy Report recommendations for embedding sustainability priorities and circular economy principles into Council operations, procurement, investment and business decision-making processes
	5.3.2	Investigate and implement, if viable, a self-sustaining fund that harnesses financial returns of sustainability initiatives to finance future project investment
	5.3.3	Embed resource avoidance, minimisation, recovery and reuse, and circular product use into Council policy, events, projects and operations

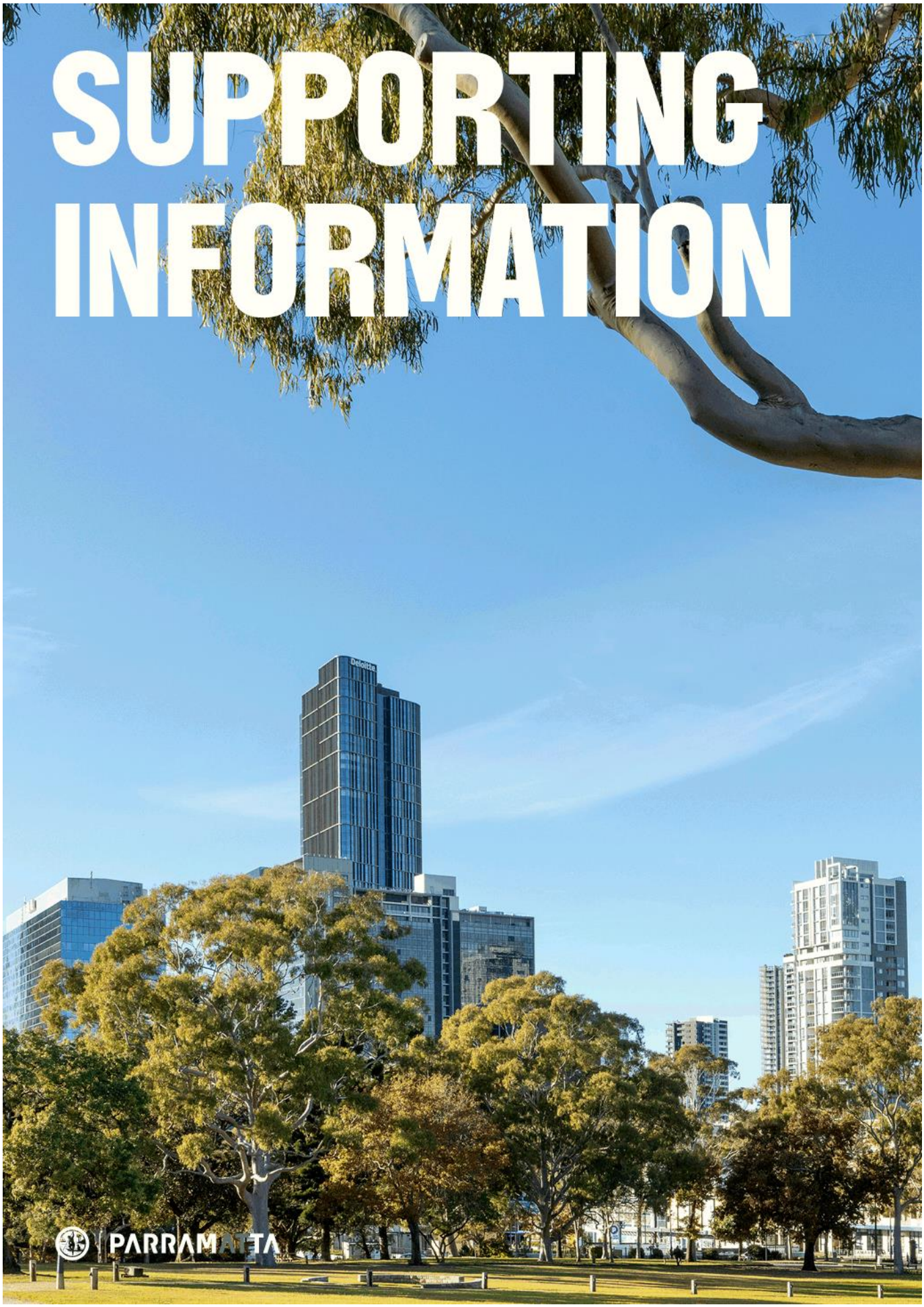
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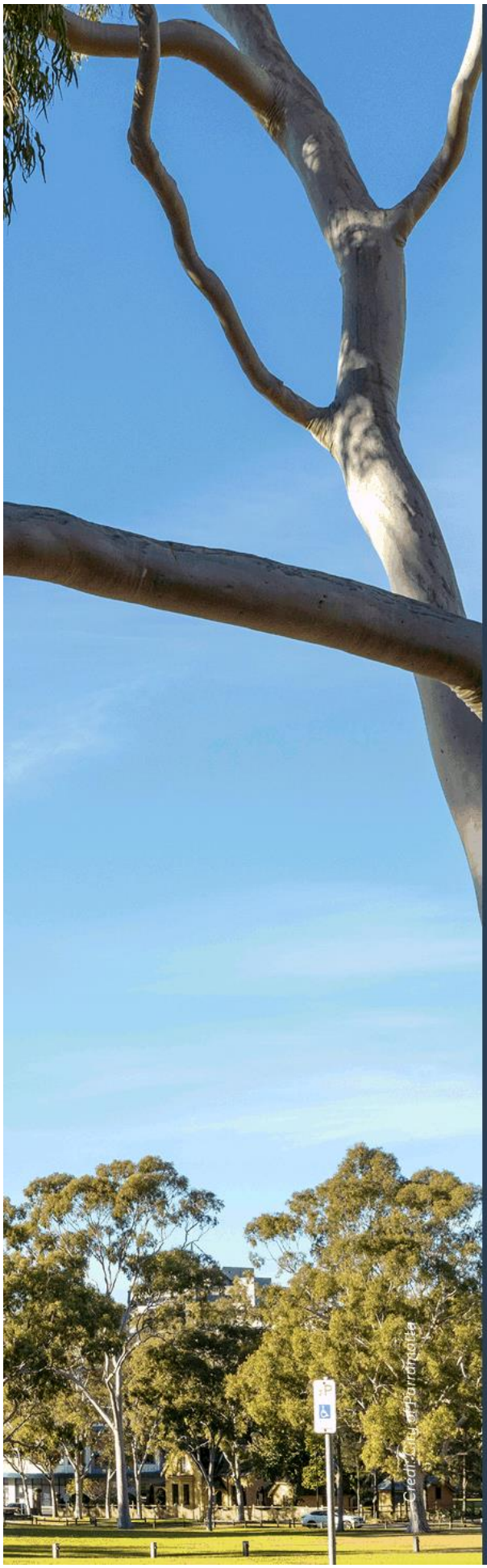
Horizons will be used to identify the timeframe in which the action will be implemented:
- Horizon 1 (H1): 1-2 years
- Horizon 2 (H2): 2-4 years

Response to CSP reflects the relevant CSP goal that this work will contribute to (Fair, Accessible, Welcoming, Green, Thriving, and Innovative).

Council's role refers to the Deliver (D), Partner (P), Advocate (A) model of work adopted in the CSP.

HORIZON	RESPONSE TO CSP	COUNCIL'S ROLE	INDICATORS	TARGETS
H1	Green Innovative	D P	Community waste diverted from landfill	85% diversion rate for community waste by 2038
H1	Green	D P		
H1	Green	D	Environment behaviour survey: Actively avoided sending an item to landfill (e.g by repairing, reusing, donating, or selling second hand)	85% diversion rate for community waste by 2038
H2	Green	D		
H2	Green Fair	D P		
H1	Green	D		
H1	Green	D P	Corporate waste diverted from landfill	70% (2030) and 90% (2038) diversion rate for Council's waste
H1	Green	D		
H1	Green	D		


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GLOSSARY

TERM	DEFINITION
Active primary area restoration (bushland)	Bushland under Council management that staff, volunteers and contractors actively restore to primary or best practice status
Acute shocks	Sudden, short-term events that threaten the city, including major storms, heatwaves, floods, bushfires, disease outbreaks, terrorism, and cyber-attacks. These can amplify chronic stresses
Atmospheric CO_2	Carbon dioxide that exists within the atmosphere of Earth can occur naturally or be produced by human activities. Of most concern is excessive atmospheric CO_2 that comes from human activities
Biodiversity	Or 'biological diversity'. The variety of life within an ecosystem, relating to the number of different micro-organism, plant and animal species. It also considers how genetically different individuals of the same species are, and how variable different ecosystems are
Biodiversity enhancement	Improving the variety of life within Parramatta's ecosystems
Biophilic design	Design of buildings and spaces that fosters connection between buildings, humans and the natural world. Elements of biophilic design are sensory and look to nature for inspiration and solutions to modern architectural problems
Blue green infrastructure network	Web of natural and human-made features within our City that include water and vegetated spaces
Bushcare	Volunteers delivering biodiversity improvements and bush regeneration in partnership with City of Parramatta
Carbon emissions	Production of gases by natural processes and, of most concern, human activities, including burning of fossil fuels and using combustion engines. These processes release carbon dioxide, methane and other greenhouse gases into the atmosphere
Carbon neutral	Carbon emissions are balanced to zero. A carbon neutral company balances its carbon emissions by removing an equivalent amount of carbon from the atmosphere. Overall emissions can be neutralised by either funding carbon emission reduction initiatives elsewhere or by purchasing offsets or credits
Carbon offsets	Purchases that compensate for carbon emissions that remain after pursuing measures to stop or reduce emitting

TERM	DEFINITION
Central City District Plan	A 20-year plan to implement The Greater Sydney Region Plan – A Metropolis of Three Cities, that includes the Parramatta LGA as part of the Central River City within its vision
Chronic stresses	Incidents that weaken the fabric of a city on a day-to-day or cyclical basis, including climate change, homelessness and housing affordability, lack of access to public transport, family violence, structural inequity, and chronic food or water shortages
Circular economy	A whole-of-systems approach that replaces end-of-life concepts of waste and obsolescence with restoration and renewal, creating new opportunities for businesses and communities to survive and thrive while eliminating pollution and regenerating our environment
Climate change	Is a change in the pattern of weather, and related changes in oceans, land surfaces and ice sheets, occurring over time scales of decades or longer
Climate change adaptation	Taking action to change the environment, society and/or economy to better cope with and thrive under future conditions that are altered by climate change
Climate change mitigation	Taking action to reduce climate change by decreasing human contributions to climate change
Climate hazards	Possible events that may cause harm to a city and are related to the weather and climate change, including heatwaves, bushfires, and floods
Climate positive	Climate positive companies go further than carbon negative. They remove more carbon than they emit and deliver environmental benefit to other companies or localities. A climate positive business might, for instance, generate more renewable energy than it needs and feed the surplus back to the grid
Climate resilience planning	Creating a framework for managing the ability of the City, community and environment to survive, adapt and thrive under future climate conditions determined by climate change
Community	Relating to the people that regularly interact with Parramatta, including residents, businesses, workers and students
Community preparedness	A community's ability to prepare for, endure, respond to and recover from an adverse event that may occur. This requires communities and governments to be proactive and informed
Corporate	Actions, activities and emissions relating to City of Parramatta Council operations and services

TERM	DEFINITION
Cultural practice	The various interlinked customs, traditions, rituals, behaviours, activities and knowledge that are collectively shared. They are passed down within a specific cultural group and serve as a means of expressing identity, values, beliefs, and social cohesion, that guide and enhance connection to Country. Adapted from the Connecting with Country Framework, Government Architect NSW
Custodianship	Accepting responsibility for caring for or protecting the environment through individual and collective actions and behaviours
Decarbonisation	Is about reducing carbon emissions resulting from human activity, with eventual goal of eliminating them
Dharug Nation	Language group of the Australian First Nations people that are the traditional custodians of most of modern Greater and Western Sydney land, including Parramatta. The traditional lands of the Dharug Nation span from the Blue Mountains (west) to the coast (east), and between the Hawkesbury River's mouth (north) and Appin (south)
Disaster prone area	Extent of land that is more likely to be exposed to particular natural disaster events, including floods and bushfires. These areas differ depending on the characteristics of the disaster, such as flood level, with scenario modelling informing what space is disaster prone
Emissions	Scientists have developed methodology that allows all greenhouse gases (including carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide) to be calculated as carbon equivalent (CO_2e)
Environmentally sustainable design (ESD)	Ensures development achieves both compliance with standards of environmental design, and environmental sustainability
First Nations custodianship	The important responsibilities of caring for and protecting the Country/ Place on which First Nations peoples live, ensuring the landscape is preserved and healthy. This custodianship includes maintaining and passing on culturally significant elements, including knowledge, song and dance
First Nations Ownership	Land and water under First Nations ownership
FloodSmart Parramatta	A service that provides vital information about flood risk to the City of Parramatta community. This ensures the community is prepared to stay safe and protect homes and businesses during flood events

TERM	DEFINITION
Functional habitat connectivity	Ability of a species to move between habitat patches across a landscape, using other patches (e.g., parkland) or disconnected habitat features (e.g., street trees)
Green infrastructure	Network of naturally occurring or built living assets that incorporate the natural environment and engineering systems to provide an array of vital services for all species
Green investment	Putting money in stocks, bonds or funds of companies who avoid fossil fuels, coal and gas with the expectation of achieving a profit
Grid decarbonisation	Reducing the carbon emissions associated with the electrical grid and generation of electricity, to eventually eliminate them. This includes moving away from coal-fired power stations and towards renewable sources of energy
Habitecture	Incorporates spaces for habitats into the design of the City's architecture
Healthy waterways	Flowing bodies of water that have acceptable levels of physical, chemical, microbial and metal pollution, have high biological integrity, and do not compromise environmental or human health
Integrated water	Recognises that all parts of the water cycle are linked, including water security (for now and the future), stormwater pollution, flooding, groundwater impacts and waterway health
Invasive species	Organisms that have been introduced to a region and threaten the integrity and biodiversity of their environments. These organisms often out-compete native species, threatening populations of native plants and animals
IPCC Assessment report	The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) completes Assessment Reports about every six years, assessing the current knowledge on climate change, its causes and impacts, both in the present and future, and how to respond
Key indicator species	Plant, animal or micro-organism that acts as a measure of the local environmental conditions or the state of an ecosystem
LED	Light emitting diode energy efficient light that reduces carbon emissions and electricity costs
LGA	Local Government Area
Life-cycle analysis	Assessing environmental impacts of each stage in the life cycle of a product, service or process to inform decision making, practices and management

TERM	DEFINITION
Metropolitan Sydney	Encompasses the 33 LGA's within the urban boundary of Sydney
Nature positive	A halting and reversal of the loss of natural systems, where development and regeneration actively contribute to the increase in natural systems over time
Net zero	Achieving an overall balance between carbon emissions produced or consumed and carbon emissions removed from the atmosphere. Balanced to zero. Purchase of offsets usually required to achieve this
Non-potable water	Water that is unsuitable for consumption, including drinking or cooking. Can still be used for other purposes, such as irrigation
Offsets	Activities or projects that either remove emissions from the atmosphere (e.g. tree planting) or avoid emissions (e.g. a wind farm)
Outdoor water-focused recreation	Activities that allow the community to engage with outdoor blue infrastructure for personal enjoyment, including kayaking, walking alongside waterways
Parramatta River Catchment Group (PRCG)	Alliance of community groups and local and state government agencies working towards making Parramatta River catchment sustainable, healthy and liveable
Parramatta River Vision	Adopted by Council in 2023 to re-establish Parramatta River as central to the identity and value of Parramatta by improving access and providing space for water, nature, human health, wellbeing, and recreation
PHIVE	Six GreenStar public building with library, Council chambers and community spaces, at 5 Parramatta Square
Planetary health	A concept that acknowledges the interdependence of human and environmental health. It pushes for evidence-based policy to improve human health while protecting and regenerating the environment, which contributes to the wellbeing of current and future generations. This concept recognises that a healthy planet allows for healthy humans.
Pledge for Nature	A commitment to curb biodiversity loss, maintaining planetary health and pursuing improved outcomes for nature, climate and sustainable development, endorsed by Australia in 2022
PluckFastic	A local community group dedicated to plucking plastic from our waterways and lands
Potable water	Water that is suitable for consumption, including drinking and cooking

TERM	DEFINITION
ppm	Parts per million. Measure of concentration of atmospheric gases, including carbon dioxide, identifying how many carbon dioxide particles there are per one million atmospheric particles
Recycle	Reuse the materials of the product for application in new products
Reduce	Increase the efficiency of the machines in the production process or use fewer materials for the same product
Refusing	Making a product redundant by abandoning its function or by providing the same function in a different way
Regeneration	Renewing or restoring spaces where nature has been damaged or lost by providing the right conditions for ecosystems to recover and thrive. It is inspired by nature and recognises First Nations perspectives, nature-human interconnections, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
Regional scale	Outputs that are scaled up to a geographic area greater that our LGA, including Central City, Dharug Nation, Western Sydney, PRCG or Resilient Sydney
Renewable electricity	Electricity sourced from renewable or non-fossil fuel sources including wind, solar, battery and hydro
Resilient city	The capacity of individuals, communities, businesses, and systems within a city to survive, adapt and thrive no matter what kinds of chronic stresses and acute shocks they experience
Resilient Sydney	A collaboration of all 33 LGAs of Greater Sydney to develop and implement a city-wide resilience strategy
Resilient Sydney Net Zero app	Resilient Sydney on-line carbon emission data management and calculation tool to assist LGAs map their community emission pathway to net zero
Resource recovery	Separation of materials to prevent them from landfill and keep them in use for longer
Rethinking	Making product use more intensive by using (sharing) the product with more people or by giving the product more functions
Reuse	Reuse of discarded, functioning product in the same function by a different user

TERM	DEFINITION
Structural habitat connectivity	Physical arrangement of habitat patches (e.g., parkland) and disconnected habitat features (e.g., street trees) within the landscape, and how close these areas are to one another
tCO_2e	Tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent
Waste diverted	Volume of waste redirected away from landfill through recycling and source reduction activities
Water sensitive City	Water is managed in a way that meets a city's water needs while also supporting a city's urban liveability, sustainability, resilience, and productivity
Water sensitive urban design (WSUD)	A land planning and engineering design approach which integrates the urban water cycle into urban design to minimise environmental degradation and improve aesthetic and recreational appeal
Western Sydney Energy Program (WSEP)	WSROC project to realise energy, cost and emission savings for Western Sydney LGAs and their communities
Whole-of-waste system	Measures waste through its entire life cycle from generation to disposal or recovery
WSROC	Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils

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Engagement Report: Public exhibition of the draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2024-2033

1. Executive Summary

From Monday 21 August to Monday 16 October 2023, City of Parramatta sought the community's feedback on the draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy, along with the draft Social Sustainability, Economic Development, and Smart City and Innovation strategies.

Engagement was primarily undertaken online via Participate Parramatta and in-person through activities at four pop-ups. External stakeholders and delivery partners were also encouraged to provide feedback and were invited to take part in a luncheon and panel discussion covering the draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy, along with three other draft strategies. These activities were supported by a social media campaign, paid newspaper ads, digital screens in Council facilities, newsletters, and QR floor decals set up in each ward.

The public exhibition campaign reached a significant number of community members. However, Council received a limited number of formal written submissions; a total of 17 submissions were made on the draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy, of which 12 were from community members and 5 from organisations. This outcome is not uncommon for the exhibition of documents that are not controversial. The submissions received expressed broad support for the priorities and proposed actions set out in the draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy.

Engagement at a glance

Draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy (ESS) campaign engagement		Future Parramatta campaign engagement	
10,557	People reached through the draft ESS social media campaign	14,600	Visits to Future Parramatta page on Participate Parramatta
500+	Downloads of the draft ESS from Participate Parramatta	197	People engaged at four Future Parramatta pop-ups
17	Formal submissions received on the draft ESS	70+	Attendees at the Future Parramatta luncheon

2. Participate Parramatta

The draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy was exhibited on Council's Participate Parramatta website, together with three other strategies as part of the Future Parramatta Strategy Refresh Project. Submissions made through the Participate Parramatta platform were considered by Council officers when finalising the Strategy post-exhibition.

The table below presents engagement statistics from Participate Parramatta, highlighting different levels of engagement with the draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy and the general Future Parramatta landing page.

	Total page views	Total unique visitors	Total Aware Stakeholders[1]	Total Informed Stakeholders[2]	Total Engaged Stakeholders[3]	Total document downloads
Future Parramatta landing page on Participate Parramatta	14,600	3,968	3,960	0	7	N/A
Draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy webpage on Participate Parramatta	1596	539	371	288	13	570

3. Pop-ups

Four "pop-up" sessions were organised to engage with the community and inform the completion of the draft strategies. Council officers engaged with the community in three ways at the pop-ups:

- Community submissions – printed version of the Participate Parramatta website form.
- Competition entries – printed competition entry forms responding to the question of "one action community members will take to help Parramatta become smarter, greener, connected and more prosperous than ever."
- Informal interactions – conversations between community members and Council officers.

Four pop-ups were held on the following dates and locations:

Location	Date and Time	Number of interactions
PHIVE	Wednesday 6 September 2023 10:00am – 3:00pm	• 2 Community submissions • 4 Competition entries • 32 informal interactions

[1] **Aware**: Number of unique visitors who have viewed the project page, minus any visitors who have undertaken any activity e.g.: downloaded a document, viewed a video, completed a survey etc.
[2] **Informed**: Any unique visitor who has viewed a latest news item, viewed a document, viewed a video, viewed a FAQ minus any user that has engaged e.g.: done a poll, survey, ideas wall, interactive mapping, interactive document, forum.
[3] **Engaged**: Any unique visitor who has done a poll, survey, ideas wall, interactive mapping, interactive document, forum.

Wentworth Point Community Centre and Library	Wednesday 13 September 2023 10:00am – 3:00pm	• 0 Community submissions • 0 Competition entries • 13 informal interactions
North Rocks Shopping Centre	Friday 29 September 2023 10:00am – 3:00pm	• 0 Community submission • 7 Competition entries • 43 Informal interactions
Parramatta Lanes, Parramatta CBD*	Saturday 14 October 2023 5:00pm – 9:00pm	• 90 Competition entries

**Note: Pop-up at Parramatta Lanes was added within the extended public exhibition period to provide additional opportunity for community members to participate in the competition.*

The comments received were largely supportive of the draft Strategy. In general, community members appreciated the investment in all city-shaping projects. However, comments made through informal interactions and submissions at pop-ups also identified challenges and opportunities to improve, including:

- Improving the transport network and access to key destinations and essential services within the LGA
- Need for better quality high-density developments
- Challenges associated with population growth, including provision of infrastructure and affordable housing
- First Nations recognition
- Heritage conservation
- Improving active transport for residents, including the accessibility of pedestrian paths
- Addressing homelessness
- Need for good quality community infrastructure and adequate provision of open space.

Summary of competition submissions

A competition was organised to encourage community participation during public exhibition. Community members were asked to provide 'one action they will take to help Parramatta become smarter, greener, connected and more prosperous than ever'. The winner of the competition received 10 swimming pool passes to Parramatta Aquatic Centre.

A total of 108 entries were received through two methods:

- Printed competition entry forms distributed at the four pop ups – 101 entries.
- Online: Participate Parramatta website – 7 entries.

Ideas from community members highlighted themes, including transport, keeping the city clean and green, and attending local and community events.

4. Future Parramatta luncheon

More than 70 delivery partners, Councillors, and senior staff attended a luncheon at PHIVE on 7 September 2023. The event included an address from the Lord Mayor and a panel discussion on the future of Parramatta through the lens of the draft Social, Economic, Environmental Sustainability, and Smart City and Innovation strategies. The luncheon provided Council with an opportunity to close the loop with external partners that had been engaged in the drafting of the strategies. It also acted as an invitation for Council's partners to provide feedback on the draft strategies during public exhibition.

5. Sticker Decals in key locations throughout the LGA

Outdoor ground decals were rolled out in each ward in response to a Councillor request, to further promote the Future Parramatta campaign.

In each ward, floor decals were placed in two parks per ward. These sites were selected based on the large amounts of people that pass through. The public spaces selected include the following:

- Burnside Gollan Reserve,
- Sturt Park,
- Dundas Park,
- Boronia Park,
- Sorlie Avenue Reserve,
- Jason Place Reserve,
- Rausch Street Reserve,
- Parramatta Square,
- Ollie Webb Reserve,
- George Kendall Riverside Park.

Despite considered decal design and placement around the LGA, this activity did not generate significant community engagement with the campaign.

6. Social Media engagement

During the public exhibition period, content was promoted on social media for the public to provide comments on the draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy. General ads for the Future Parramatta strategies and specific ads for the draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy were published across four social media channels, including Facebook, Instagram, X (previously Twitter), and LinkedIn.

Engagement statistics – draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy campaign

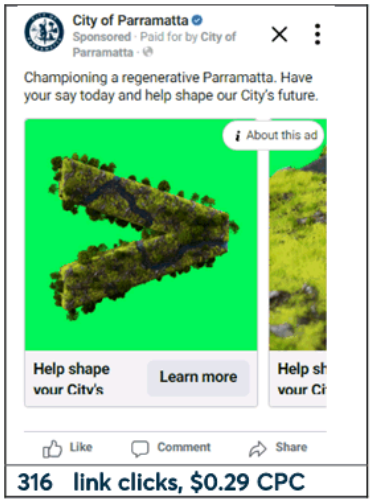
Reach [4]	11718
Impressions [5]	21230
Post engagements [6]	646
Link clicks	604

Engagement statistics – general ads for Future Parramatta campaign

Reach	12,006
Impressions	22,471
Post engagements	1,295
Link clicks	596

Image 1: Top performing ad for the draft Social Sustainability Strategy

[4] **Reach** is the number of unique users who had any content from your Page or about your Page enter their screen.
[5] **Impressions** measure the total number of times a post was visible in a user's timeline or feed. Impressions do not measure if the post was read, clicked, or engaged with.
[6] **Post engagements** are the total number of actions that people take involving your ads. Post engagement includes actions such as sharing, reacting, saving, commenting, viewing photos or videos, and clicking links.



7. Other engagement activities

Several activities of a smaller scale were also conducted during the public exhibition as follows:

- **Newspaper ads** were used to inform the community about the strategic project and promote feedback opportunities for the public were conducted at three different occasions (28 August, 4 September, and 11 September).
- **Hard copies of resources** were made available in Customer Contact Centre and libraries.
- **Community Summary and Translations** of the strategies were provided at request to help make the information more digestible for the community.
- **Digital screen ads at all CoP libraries and customer service centre** to inform the community of the project.
- **Banner on CoP homepage** informed the community, encourage project page visits, and promote feedback opportunity between 21 August – 28 August.
- **Participate Parramatta's Newsletter** informed the Participate community about the opportunity to access information and provide feedback on the draft strategy was sent out on the 22 August and 12 September.
- **Your City News** the Council monthly newsletter contained content to inform the community about the public exhibition opportunities on the 5th of September.
- **Other Electronic Direct Messages** were used to inform the community via
    - Community Connective – 21 August
    - EDM to previous participants
    - Business Newsletter – 29 August
    - Active Newsletter - Spring edition

Public Exhibition of the Draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2024-2033: Council Officers Response to Submissions

1. Executive Summary

The draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy (the Strategy) was on public exhibition from 21 August 2023 to 2 October 2023. Council received a total of 17 formal submissions, which were considered in the post-exhibition review of the draft Strategy. This document details the submissions received, their key points, and Council officers' response.

Submissions were supportive of the draft Strategy and provided suggestions to enhance the document. Key themes included community empowerment, swimming in the Parramatta River, improvements to tree canopy, retrofitting apartment buildings, and the emerging climate crisis due to climate change. In response to submissions, community empowerment has been elevated and emphasized throughout the document. Swimming in the Parramatta River has also been reinforced throughout the document. Other minor changes were also made in response to submissions.

2. Submissions on the Draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy

2.1 Key themes

Submissions received during public exhibition were overall very supportive of the draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy. Several submissions provided comments and suggestions on elevating community empowerment in the document. In the submission there was a desire to gain better access to information, programs and initiatives to assist community members supporting environmental action with the assistance of Council.

The desire to see swimming in the Parramatta River was a common theme that emerged from multiple submissions. In the submission it was highlighted that swimming is a key driver for water quality improvement. It was recommended that specific targets relating to water quality are needed to guide WSUD infrastructure planning.

Tree planting in the public domain was also a common theme from submissions. The submissions outlined numerous aspects for consideration including the need for increased tree planting in streets and parks to provide shade, commitment to an overall canopy target, resilient species selection to anticipate a future climate, investigation of micro-forests in underutilised land, and advocating for aerial bundling of overhead wires to reduce tree trimming. Many of these submissions commended recent efforts by Council to plant more trees.

One submission spoke to the need for Council to assist/advocate for the retrofit of apartment buildings/strata developments to achieve net zero developments. The submission wanted to address common issues with strata developments such as electrification, improved energy efficiency, solar panels, EV charging and double glazing.

Other submissions provided comments on the circular economy. This included considering the use of recycled materials in the delivery and maintenance of council assets and exploring opportunities for the community to learn more about the circular economy.

Submissions from government agencies spoke to the importance of partnerships between Council and other organisations. Council is committed to working closely with these agencies to work towards becoming a more sustainable and resilient Parramatta.

2.2 Response to submissions

Stakeholder	Summary of Submission	Council Response
Organisation - GoGet Carshare	GoGet's submission made recommendations to incorporate carshare into relevant sections of the strategy and action plan. The submission proposed making changes to the DCP for carshare ratios in new developments, adding carshare to the new light rail network and Council actively promoting carshare.	Carsharing will be considered along with other transportation modes as part of: - *Action 1.1.3 - Promote low-carbon transportation through integrated transport planning and advocacy.*
Organisation - Resilient Sydney	Resilient Sydney was generally very supportive of all the strategies. They considered them to be a cohesive set of strategies. It was noted that the ESS + Social Sustainability Strategy combine well to effectively deliver a local resilience strategy for Parramatta. There was general support for the focus on partnerships which integrate a whole-of-system approach and effort.	Resilient Sydney's support for the all the strategies is noted and appreciated.
	Supportive of urban resilience and the action to create a Resilience and Climate Adaptation Plan	The action relating to resilience and climate adaptation plan has been updated: - *Action 2.1.1 Update Council's existing Climate Adaptation Plan to strengthen resilience, and disaster preparedness.*

	The submission included suggestions for the draft strategy including:	
	- Include more indicators and targets to understand the size, scale and context of the LGA	Indicators have been revised to be more specific, increase clarity, or changed to align with data availability.
	- Greater effort could be applied to behaviour change to reduce food waste instead of relying solely on Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO).	Greater emphasis on reduction of consumption has been incorporated into the narrative of the Circular Economy priority. Waste avoidance has also been addressed through the revisions to: - *Action 5.2.3 - Scope opportunities to deliver community engagement programs on waste avoidance and management, and circular products* - *Action 5.3.3 - Embed resource avoidance, minimisation, recovery and reuse, and circular product use into Council policy, events, projects and operations*
	- Greater emphasis needed for community energy transition and generation.	The narrative on renewable energy has been strengthened in Climate Positive and Circular Economy priorities. Community energy transition and generation has been addressed through the revisions to: - *Action 2.1.2 - Identify and promote opportunities to incentivise sustainability focused retrofits, renewable energy, and building upgrades.* - *Action 1.2.1 - Undertake a climate positive and sustainability focused education and behaviour change program, incentivising environmental custodianship and culture change.*
Organisation - Sydney Olympic Park Authority	Sydney Olympic Park Authority was very supportive of the ESS. The submission was encouraged by the close alignment with the ambitions of Sydney Olympic Park as detailed in 2050 Vision and Strategic Place Framework.	Sydney Olympic Park's support for the ESS is noted and appreciated.

	Sydney Olympic Park is eager to work with council to deliver actions and projects that align with 2050 vision. In particular they were: - Supportive of a collaborative approach to enhancing Parramatta River - Willing to be a key stakeholder to position Parramatta as a water sensitive city and leader in green infrastructure	Council welcomes Sydney Olympic Park's willingness to collaborate.
Organisation - Sydney Water	Sydney Water was very supportive of the ESS. However, the submission recommended that the strategy should clearly call out swimming in the river as a driver for water quality improvements.	The numerous references to a swimmable river were strengthened with a new explanation on page 51 "Water in the Landscape" making clear Council's existing alignment and commitments with the Parramatta River Catchment Group Master Plan for a swimmable river. This goal elevates the issue of water quality by linking it back to a tangible but aspirational outcome for our community. A stronger link has also been provided through inclusion of a quote on page 50 taken from Parramatta River Catchment Group's masterplan. This additional text is a minor edit as it has no impact on the strategic intent of the strategy. The indicators and targets have been adjusted to focus on local creek water quality to improve overall creek health. Catchment wide improvements to water quality will assist with realising the goal of making Parramatta River swimmable in additional locations.
	The submission was supportive of Council's ambition to achieve a target of all Council non-potable water demand to be serviced using recycled water by 2038. They suggested council consider opportunities for rainwater and stormwater harvesting and water sensitive urban design to retain more water in the landscape.	The target has been removed from the strategy following review. Council had set two targets for reducing non-potable water demand and through feedback on needing a greater emphasis of community empowerment it was decided to swap out the indicator on recycled water for one on community empowerment around waterways programs.

	Sydney Water is committed to building a new Water Resource Recovery Facility at Camellia. They are also investigating the potential for an additional treatment facility that can produce recycled water to support growth, greening and cooling within GPOP.	Council is still setting a clear direction around recycled water as outlined in Blue-Green priority and welcomes the opportunity to collaborate on this project to ensure water security in the future. Further targets on water are expected to be set through the development under: - *Action 3.1.1 - Scope a Water Sensitive City Plan that embeds integrated water management ambitions into Council practice and planning for our local government area*
	The submission suggested acknowledging other stakeholders that collaborated with council to develop the Parramatta River Catchment Group. It was also recommended that the successful opening of Lake Parramatta as part of this new campaign be included in the strategy.	The strategy has been updated to acknowledge the other stakeholders that collaborated with Council, including other councils.
	The submission suggested using a quote from a First Nations person, rather than a Native American proverb may be more suitable.	The quote has been updated to reference a Dharug artwork featured in Parramatta Square.
	The submission noted some references to other State Government strategies and targets that are of relevance to the ESS: - Include reference to Greater Sydney Water Strategy - Include reference to NSW State Government target to halve organic waste sent to landfill by 2030 - Revise reference to GANSW Connecting with Country framework	References to these NSW State Government documents have been incorporated into the updated ESS in the Strategic Context section and relevant captions.

	Sydney Water expressed a desire to continue to collaborate with Council on future projects to achieve aligned outcomes between the ESS and Sydney Water's projects.	Council welcomes Sydney Water's willingness for continued collaboration. The action in Blue Green City has been updated to reflect this: - *Action 3.1.3 - Advocate and lead government partnership supporting Council's vision for Parramatta River and its tributaries through co-ordinated land-use planning and project guidelines*
Community Group - Robin Hood Bushcare	The submission raised concerns about bank erosion occurring along Toongabbie Creek. It was suggested that this is due to upstream flow rates caused by an increase in impervious surfaces.	The note has been passed onto the relevant team within Council to investigate this issue further.
	The submission expressed the groups appreciation of recent tree planting efforts. There was general support to continue ongoing planting programs in streets and park.	Council will continue to plant trees as part of the development of the Tree Canopy Plan: - *Action 3.1.2 - Prepare and implement a Tree Canopy Plan that protects, diversifies and enhances tree canopy across the local government area*
Community Group - Winston Hills + Toongabbie Bushcare	The submission recommended that the ESS be more specific regarding actions relating to Council and those that relate to community.	Actions, targets and indicators have been updated to clarify responsibility and intent throughout the document.
	The submission also requested greater evidence be provided for the categorisation of public lands especially the definition of natural areas / bushland that contain Endangered Ecological Communities	The categorisation of public lands is not covered by this strategy. The submission has been passed onto the relevant team within Council.

Community - ID1	The submission points out there is no action or indicator related to food organic and garden organic waste collection as part of the standard waste collection service.	Council's residential waste collection services are expanding to include food organic, garden organic (FOGO) commencing in November 2024, as part of new waste contract. Council is advocating to government for the recommencement of community soft plastic recycling infrastructure and processing. Council is also investigating soft plastic recycling facilities to be available at Council's new Community Recycling Centre (CRC) opening in 2024. These items are already within Council's DPOP and will become BAU. As such, they have not been referenced within the ESS 2024 (or Future Parramatta strategies). More specific targets for FOGO and our waste services are expected to be addressed through the update to the Waste and Resource Recovery strategy.
Community – ID2	The submission was supportive of the inclusion of Water Sensitive Urban Design and the action to deliver a Tree Canopy Plan. The submission recommended that Council could use more recycle materials in assets to achieve greater alignment with the principles of Circular Economy.	Council is committed to reducing waste and exploring the use of recycled materials in operations. Actions under the Circular Economy priority have been revised to make this commitment explicit: - *Action 5.3.1 - Implement City of Parramatta Circular Economy Report recommendations for embedding sustainability priorities and circular economy principles into Council operations, procurement, investment and business decision-making processes* - *Action 5.3.3 - Embed resource avoidance, minimisation, recovery and reuse, and circular product use into Council policy, events, projects and operations*
Community - ID3	The submission highlights the growing need for larger street trees to shade the streets and provide habitat. The submission also notes that Council should consider the climate resilience of newly planted trees.	Consideration of climate change and planting on nature strips are integral components being considered as part of developing the Tree Canopy Plan as part of: - *Action 3.1.2 - Prepare and implement a Tree Canopy Plan that protects, diversifies and enhances tree canopy across the local government area.*

Community - ID4	The submission suggested that other ways to cool the city beyond street trees should be considered.	The need for urban cooling features including non-tree shade approaches will be considered when implementing: - *Action 2.1.1 - Update Council's existing Climate Adaptation Plan to strengthen resilience, and disaster preparedness.* Provision of nature strip plantings will be considered when developing the Tree Canopy Plan as part of: - *Action 3.1.2 - Prepare and implement a Tree Canopy Plan that protects, diversifies and enhances tree canopy across the local government area.*
	The submission highlighted that lack of community spaces in certain areas of the Parramatta LGA	The provision of community infrastructure, and in particular Community Gardens, has been shared with the team working on Council's Social Sustainability Strategy.
Community - ID5	The submission is strongly supportive of the strategy.	Council appreciates the kind words and support for the strategy.
Community - ID6	The submission was generally supportive of the ESS and outlined a range of potential improvements to the actions:	
	- It was supportive of the commitment to develop a Parramatta Resilience and Climate Adaptation Plan. It recommended that Council should consider the potential effects of climate change impacts on the natural environment.	The action relating to climate resilience and adaptation has been revised to increase clarity and contextualise the action in regard to an existing policy: - *Action 2.1.1 - Update Council's existing Climate Adaptation Plan to strengthen resilience, and disaster preparedness* Impacts of climate change on the natural environment may be considered as part of the development of a Nature Positive Plan under: - *Action 4.1.2 - Prepare and implement a Nature Positive Plan that protects, connects and enhances habitat across the local government area*

	- It was supportive of approach to Net Zero and recommended that Council advocate to the State Government for improvements to planning policy to support net zero and build climate resilience	Council will continue to advocate to and work with the State Government to improve the planning system to achieve Net Zero outcomes in the built environment. This is captured under the revised action: - *Action 1.1.2 - Undertake a review of current research on lowering emissions and supporting energy transition through planning controls and design standards to identify opportunities for application in Parramatta*
	- It recommended committing to a canopy cover as part of the ESS. It also recommended the development of a street tree masterplan and significant tree register.	A street tree masterplan and significant tree register will be considered as part of the development of a Tree Canopy Plan under: - *Action 3.1.2 - Prepare and implement a Tree Canopy Plan that protects, diversifies and enhances tree canopy across the local government area.*
	- It recommended considering other river networks as part of the Parramatta River corridor study.	The consideration of tributaries and other waterways in the LGA have been incorporated under: - *Action 3.1.3 - Advocate and lead government partnership supporting Council's vision for Parramatta River and its tributaries through co-ordinated land-use planning and project guidelines*
	- It recommended a festival to celebrate the Parramatta River and raise community awareness	The delivery of events sits outside of the strategy but has been shared with the teams that deliver events and are developing Council's Cultural Strategy.
	- It recommended expediting the development of a Nature Positive Plan and commitment to specific targets for bush regeneration and habitat restoration	As part of the changes post-public exhibition actions were re-aligned and assigned in response to resource availability to ensure all actions are budgeted and accounted for 24/25 Delivery Program and Operational Plan (DPOP). There was insufficient resourcing to bring this action forward.

	- It is recommended that action relating to community engagement programs for the circular economy are brought forward	Council staff are undertaking a significant community behaviour change as part of the implementation of food organics garden organics (FOGO) services. This is considered the largest change to waste services in the past 30 years. Learnings from this process will be used to inform future community engagement and behaviour change programs.
Community - ID7	The submission recommended that Council assist/advocate for residents of existing apartments/strata-owned buildings to assist with upgrades of apartments including - electrification of heating/cooking, - addition of solar panels - EV charging - double glazing	Improvements to existing buildings is a critical area of influence that Council has identified to reduce community emissions and ensure a resilient built form. This has been addressed through: - *Action 2.1.2 - Identify and promote opportunities to incentivise sustainability focused retrofits, renewable energy, and building upgrades.*
	The submission recommended repositioning overhead wires to reduce the amount that the canopies of trees are trimmed. This would allow the trees to grow to a meaningful size.	Investigating bundling of overhead wires and working with energy providers will be considered as part of development of the Tree Canopy Plan under: - *Action 3.1.2 - Prepare and implement a Tree Canopy Plan that protects, diversifies and enhances tree canopy across the local government area.*
Community-ID8	The submission was very supportive of the ESS but outlined a range of potential improvements to the strategy:	
	- Potential to investigate certain suburbs to implement sustainability initiatives to achieve environmentally sustainable precincts	The development of environmentally sustainable precincts will be considered under: - *Action 1.1.1 - Resource key regional partnerships and research opportunities to support decarbonisation across our local area and communities* - *Action 1.1.2 - Undertake a review of current research on lowering emissions and supporting energy transition through planning controls and design standards to identify opportunities for application in Parramatta*

	- The submission identified the importance of trees for both shade and biodiversity. The submission suggested exploration of different ways to improve greening and habitat through vertical and rooftop planting as well as pocket forests.	Alternative ways to improve greenery will be considered as part of the development of the Tree Canopy Plan as part of: - *Action 3.1.2 - Prepare and implement a Tree Canopy Plan that protects, diversifies and enhances tree canopy across the local government area.*
	- The submission recommended ways to decrease waste production from businesses and commercial properties and the need to address this at scale. The submission also suggested that Parramatta is positioned as the 'clean city' and suggested ways to encourage community action through grants.	Waste from commercial premises and local businesses is a large contributor to overall waste generated by the community. The following actions have sought to improve waste generation from businesses and community: - *Action 5.2.1 - Transition and expand waste and resource recovery services for residents, businesses and public places in-line with new industry directions and higher standards* - *Action 5.2.3 - Scope opportunities to deliver community engagement programs on waste avoidance and management, and circular products* The clean city idea will be shared with the relevant teams to investigate further. Council has included incentives and grants to improve cleanliness and waste reduction under: - *Action 3.2.1 - Reduce waterway litter and improve waterway health, through community engagement, activation, partnership and behaviour change programs* - *Action 5.2.3 - Scope opportunities to deliver community engagement programs on waste avoidance and management, and circular products*
Community - ID9	The submission requested the inclusion of a citizen science project in the action plan. It was recommended that the project document local biodiversity.	Citizen Science is an important way to engage the community and has been included in the Nature Positive priority under: - *Action 4.2.2 - Lead nature positive community research and citizen science programs by working with partners*

Community - ID10	The submission questions whether Council will be responsible for securing the necessary carbon credits to achieve LGA-wide emissions reduction and 'Climate Positive' outcomes	The narrative of the Climate Positive priority has been adjusted to clarify that Council will be seeking to be a Climate Positive organisation.
Community - ID11	The submission raised multiple questions regarding the content of the strategy:	
	- Requested a reference for the published population projections, further explanation on the modelling informing this estimate and an explanation on why Council would seek this level of growth	The population projections are generated by Forecast.id - Home | City of Parramatta | Population forecast (id.com.au) This considers a range of factors including birth rates, death rates, age structure and dwellings additions. The figures for dwelling additions are based on projected development in the 13 growth precincts across the Parramatta LGA. Dwelling targets are set by the NSW State Government and distributed across metropolitan Sydney based on access to existing centres and transport connections.
	- Expressed concerns around the population projections, anticipated carbon emissions and the estimated frugal energy usage to achieve targets	Rapid decarbonisation of the electricity grid is occurring according to AEMO and the NSW State Government. It is anticipated that this will occur during the middle of the 2030s. Further information can be found here - 2022 Integrated System Plan ISP.pdf (aemo.com.au). The decarbonisation of the grid will significantly reduce the amount of carbon emissions produced by an increasing population. It is critical that Council ensures that our buildings and transport modes can take advantage of the decarbonisation of the energy grid to drastically reduce per capita carbon emissions.

	- Request for access to modelling that has informed data projections	The data in the Climate Positive priority was created using the Net-zero Pathways app developed by Kinesis for Resilient Sydney. This is provided to Council's across metropolitan Sydney under an existing agreement with Resilient Sydney. The emissions modelling in Net-zero Pathways is based on Kinesis' analysis for the Greater Cities Commission for Metropolitan Sydney. Since public exhibition the background data that has informed the app has been updated by Kinesis and the corresponding data updated in the Environment Strategy. Further information on how Kinesis model emissions can be found at Net-zero Pathways | Kinesis help centre
	The submission also recommended that:	
	- Advocate the NSW State Government to update BASIX to ensure housing is gas-free and electrified.	Council will continue to advocate to the NSW State Government to improve sustainability measures including BASIX. This is captured under Climate Positive: - *Action 1.1.1 - Resource key regional partnerships and research opportunities to support decarbonisation across our local area and communities* - *Action 1.1.2 - Undertake a review of current research on lowering emissions and supporting energy transition through planning controls and design standards to identify opportunities for application in Parramatta* Council has a range of existing development controls that encourage all-electric buildings and ensure that roofs and surfaces reduce the urban heat island effect. Further information can be found here – Parramatta DCP 2023 – 05 – As published 23 November 2023 – Part 5 Environmental Management.pdf (nsw.gov.au)

	- Greater awareness across the organisation is needed to ensure a better understanding of sustainability issues including energy matters	Internal staff education and research is a part of Council practice. However, several actions outline within the strategy will be supportive of staff knowledge under: - *Action 1.1.1 - Resource key regional partnerships and research opportunities to support decarbonisation across our local area and communities* - *Action 1.1.2 - Undertake a review of current research on lowering emissions and supporting energy transition through planning controls and design standards to identify opportunities for application in Parramatta* - *Action 1.2.1 - Undertake a climate positive and sustainability focused education and behaviour change program, incentivising environmental custodianship and culture change*
	- Consider the resilience of future fuel supply sources	Energy supply is typically a state and federal government responsibility and consideration. However, issues such as this as expected to be considered as part of the update of Councils Climate Adaptation Plan under: - *Action 2.1.1 - Update Council's existing Climate Adaptation Plan to strengthen resilience, and disaster preparedness.*

Post-exhibition changes to the draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2024-2033

1. Summary of proposed changes

Council officers recommend a range of changes to the draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy, based on both submissions received through public exhibition and internal staff review of the document post-exhibition.

In summary, proposed changes include the following:

- Adjusted the order and amount of content throughout the document to improve the priority of information
- Greater emphasis on the importance of community engagement and empowerment
- Action plans have been co-located with the respective priority
- Re-aligned and assigned actions in response to resource availability to ensure all actions are budgeted and accounted for 24/25 DPOP
- Consolidation of aligned actions previously separated by horizons
- Increased specificity and clarity of actions, indicators and actions
- Aligned indicators with data availability
- Updated and improved imagery throughout the document
- Editorial changes to improve accuracy, readability and references

Additionally, several administrative and non-policy amendments have been made to the draft Strategy post-exhibition, such as graphic design and proofreading changes. These changes are not detailed in the sections below, as Council has already granted the Chief Executive Officer delegation to make such changes.

2. Changes to draft Strategy document

Change	Exhibition version	Post-exhibition version	Rationale
Updated	The exhibited reduction pathway diagram had one set of numbers	The revised reduction pathway diagram has updated to reflect changes to the Net Zero app	Since exhibition, Resilient Sydney has updated the Net Zero app to improve accuracy and reflect

	based on the Resilient Sydney Net Zero app		changes in NSW State Government policy. This does not impact the targets of the ESS.
Removed	'List of figures' and 'list of photos' included in the 'Supporting Information' section	"List of figures" and "List of Photos" removed	To decrease overall size of document and align with other strategies.
Moved section	Standalone "Action plan" section	Table of actions and indicators embedded in each priority	To enable the reader to read the priority and associated actions more easily
Removed	"Outputs" layer included in action plan	"Outputs" layer removed from action plan	To improve readability and clarity, as this layer was useful in the drafting of the document but not helpful for the reader

3. Changes to actions

Change	Exhibition version	Post-exhibition version	Rationale
Priority 1 – Climate Positive			
Consolidated	1.1.2 Work with researchers and government partners to develop and pilot net zero approaches through precinct planning, policy, development controls and design standards. 1.1.3 Promote low-carbon transportation through Council's integrated transport planning and advocacy. 2.1.3 Establish an Environmental Sustainability Strategy research program to influence transport and built environment planning through evidence-based reporting.	1.1.2 Undertake a review on lowering emissions and supporting energy transition through planning controls and design standards to identify opportunities for application in Parramatta. 1.1.3 Promote low-carbon transportation through Council's integrated transport planning and advocacy.	Increase specificity of action. Reduce overlap of action 2.1.3 with 1.1.2 and 1.13
Reworded	1.3.4 Identify and implement opportunities for improving Council's public reporting and communication on carbon emissions.	1.3.4 Improve Council's public reporting and communication on key environmental and resilience data,	Better contextualises action and broader reference to tracking,

		including corporate and community carbon emissions tracking.	reporting and communications.
Priority 2 – Future Ready Community			
Consolidated	2.1.2 Develop and resource a Resilience and Climate Adaptation Plan to strengthen climate resilience, and disaster preparedness. 2.1.1 Utilise Council's Enterprise Risk Management Framework to review and embed key environmental risk reduction and resilience measures across Council's core areas of responsibility and influence. 2.3.1 Benchmark Council's organisational performance against leading resilience frameworks and establish areas for improvement.	2.1.1 Update Council's existing Climate Adaptation Plan to strengthen resilience, and disaster preparedness.	Contextualise action with existing policy and merge actions aligned with its delivery. Increases clarity and priority of action within ESS action plan.
Consolidated	2.3.2 Review and update Council's policy framework to accommodate a clear position on management of climate change related risk. 2.3.3 Embed life-cycle analysis, environmentally sustainable design (ESD), and resilience considerations into internal business practices, asset management and project decision making.	2.3.1 Review and update Council's policy framework to accommodate a clear position on management of climate change related risk, environmentally sustainable design and life-cycle analysis.	Actions are aligned and present opportunity for consolidation improving action plan readability.
Priority 3 – Blue Green City			
Consolidated	3.1.3 Develop and resource a Water Sensitive City Plan that embeds integrated water management ambitions across planning for our local government area. 3.1.1 Benchmark progress in developing Parramatta as a water sensitive city against a global framework and establish areas for improvement.	3.1.1 Scope a Water Sensitive City Plan that embeds integrated water management ambitions into Council practice and planning for our local government area.	Actions 3.1.1, 3.1.4, 3.1.5, 3.2.1 are steps that would be undertaken to deliver Action 3.1.3. Consolidation will improve overall action plan legibility and communication.

	3.1.4 Review local open space spatial requirements and identify opportunities for increasing environmental services, ecological functions and remediation as part of asset management and planning. 3.1.5 Review and identify opportunities for large-scale Council water sensitive urban design (WSUD) asset delivery and partnerships. 3.2.1 Review opportunities for increasing and promoting Council's network of water-focused recreation destinations.		
Removed	3.1.8 Work with First Nations community to identify key cultural values that can support Council in caring for Country.	-	Action overlaps with First Nations Strategy. First Nations involvement has been identified as a delivery principle and further reference to Council's First Nations strategy provided
Consolidated	3.1.7 Advocate and seek partnership for the delivery of Council's vision of the Parramatta River and its tributaries as living waterways with high cultural value. 3.1.9 Undertake a Parramatta River corridor study to establish land use planning and project guidelines supporting Council's Parramatta River Vision. 3.1.2 Partner with key stakeholders to develop opportunities to position Parramatta as a water	3.1.3 Advocate and lead government partnership supporting Council's vision for Parramatta River and its tributaries through co-ordinated land-use planning and project guidelines.	Actions are aligned and have been reworded into one action.

	sensitive city and a leader in green infrastructure.		
Reworded	3.2.2 Plan and deliver community engagement, activation and partnership opportunities to drive waterway health behaviour change programs and litter reduction.	3.2.1 Reduce waterway litter and improve waterway health through community engagement, activation, partnership and behaviour change programs.	Increased specificity and focus of action.
Consolidated	3.3.1 Embed water sensitive urban design (WSUD) standards and green infrastructure into Council's asset management, public domain, and major project processes. 3.3.2 Establish, monitor and regularly review an ongoing program of water sensitive technology and green infrastructure delivery through technical support	3.3.1 Embed water sensitive urban design (WSUD) standards and green infrastructure into Council's asset management, public domain, and major project processes.	Action 3.3.2 is expected to be a product of 3.3.1 and not critical to include in action plan.
Priority 4 – Nature Positive			
Consolidated	4.1.3 Prepare and implement a Nature Positive Plan that protects, connects and enhances habitat across the local government area. 4.1.1 Develop a nature positive research paper to benchmark Parramatta's biodiversity planning standards and opportunities for improvement. 4.1.5 Identify and prioritise habitat corridor connectivity projects and partnerships across and beyond our local government area	4.1.2 Prepare and implement a Nature Positive Plan that protects, connects and enhances habitat across the local government area.	Action 4.1.1, 4.1.4 and 4.1.5 reflect steps to be undertaken and delivered under 4.1.3. Consolidation increases priority of action 4.1.3
Reworded	4.2.1 Expand biodiversity and waterway regeneration on private and public land through Council leadership, partnerships and communications.	4.2.1 Scope the expansion of biodiversity and waterway regeneration on private and public land through Council leadership, partnerships and communications.	Action clarified as further work is needed to understand Council's capacity and opportunities for influence.

Consolidated	4.2.3 Lead nature positive community research and citizen science programs by working with partners. 4.1.4 Work with key partners, researchers and community to test innovative approaches that strengthen habitat values, connectivity and land regeneration. 4.2.2 Research and identify nature positive behaviour change and community empowerment opportunities.	4.2.2 Lead nature positive community research and citizen science programs by working with partners.	Seeking to avoid repetition through action alignment.
Priority 5 – Circular Economy			
Consolidated	5.1.1 Identify circular economy leadership and partnership opportunities through commissioning a research paper and benchmarking against best practice frameworks. 5.1.3 Develop a Central City circular economy advocacy and investment prospectus.	5.1.1 Identify circular economy leadership and partnership opportunities through commissioning a research paper and benchmarking against best practice.	Action 5.1.3 will be better considered as part of action 5.1.1
Removed	5.2.4 Develop a business case for the expansion of services and space associated with Community Recycling and Resource Recovery Centre.	-	Considered BAU. Removed to increase priority of other actions.
Reworded	5.3.1 Research and identify opportunities for embedding sustainability priorities and circular economy principles into Council operations, procurement, investment and business decision-making processes.	5.3.1 Implement City of Parramatta 'Circular Economy Report' recommendations for embedding sustainability priorities and circular economy principles into Council operations, procurement, investment and business decision-making processes.	Increased action specificity and provided context with existing work.

4. Changes to indicators and targets

Change	Exhibition version	Post-exhibition version	Rationale
Priority 3 – Blue Green City			
Revised	**Indicator -** Improvement in Water Sensitive City Index (WSCI) indicators: 5.2 Surface water quality and flows **Target -** Improvement in surface water quality and flows score **Source -** Water Sensitive Cities Index assessment	**Indicator -** Local creek water quality **Target -** Improve total creek health ranking from 2017 baseline. **Source -** Aquatic bio-indicators survey	Increase in specificity
Revised	**Indicator-** Improvement in WSCI indicators: 6.3 Vegetation cover (including tree cover). **Target -** Increase our vegetation (33%) and tree canopy (23%) cover beyond our 2016/17 baseline. **Source:** Department of Planning canopy and vegetation cover.	**Indicator -** Green Infrastructure - total vegetation and tree canopy cover. **Target -** Increase vegetation cover to 40% by 2038. Increase tree canopy cover to 30% by 2050. **Source:** Department of Planning canopy and vegetation cover.	Increase in clarity on targets. Revised vegetation cover target to align with current Community Strategic Plan target. Revised canopy target to align with target set by Councillors at Council meeting (08/07/2024)
Removed	**Indicator -** non-potable and potable water use and consumption (ML). **Target -** All Council non-potable water demand to be serviced using recycled and collected water by 2038. **Source:** Council data	-	Removed
New Indicator	-	**Indicator -** Community awareness of Council programs and action supporting waterway health.	New Indicator

		Target - Increase in performance rating for Council in community communications and programs focused on waterway health. **Source:** Environmental Behaviour Survey	
Priority 4 – Nature Positive			
Revised	**Indicator**: Improvement in the City Biodiversity Index (CBI) indicators: CBI 2 - Structural habitat connectivity. **Target**: Improve structural habitat connectivity score. **Source**: City Biodiversity Index Assessment.	**Indictator**: Percentage of LGA dedicated to ecological functions in good condition. **Target:** Maintain natural areas in good condition from 2020/21 baseline. **Source**: Bi-annual CBI assessment + annual bushland surveys	Replaced indicator to align with data availability
Revised	**Indicator**: Improvement in the CBI indicators: CBI 4-6 - Functional habitat connectivity of key indicator species. **Target**: Improve functional habitat connectivity key indicator species score **Source**: City Biodiversity Index Assessment.	**Indicator**: Native plant species richness and cover **Target**: Bi-annual increase in native plant species richness from 2020/21 baseline. Bi-annual increase in native plant % cover from 2020/21 baseline **Source**: Annual bushland surveys	Selected specific indicator with clearer targets
Revised	**Indicator**: Council bushland reserves under active primary area restoration (ha or %) **Target**: Increase in active management from baseline. **Source**: Annual bushland surveys.	**Indicator**: Council bushland reserves under active primary area restoration (ha or %) **Target**: An increase in areas under active management from 2020/21 baseline (187Ha) over next 4 years **Source**: Annual bushland surveys	Minor clarification, identification of baseline

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - FOR COUNCIL DECISION

ITEM NUMBER	13.5
SUBJECT	Approval of Kleins Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Corridor (Scope of Works)
REFERENCE	F2024/00282 - D09431950
REPORT OF	Senior Project Officer Transport Planning

CSP THEME: Accessible

WORKSHOP/BRIEFING DATE: Nil

PURPOSE:

To seek Council's endorsement for the scope of works for the Kleins Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Corridor in Winston Hills, Northmead and North Parramatta.

RECOMMENDATION

(a) That Council approve the staged scope of works to support walking and cycling along the proposed Kleins Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Corridor, as set out below for submission to the Parramatta Traffic Committee:

1. Separated pedestrian and cyclist paths along Kleins Rd from Thomas St to Burlington St, Northmead, and Fleet St from Greenup Dr to Fennell St, North Parramatta.

2. A new pedestrian and cyclist bridge over Darling Mills Creek at the southern end of Burlington Memorial Reserve.

3. New raised pedestrian crossings, as well as raised pedestrian / cyclist crossings across Kleins Rd and side streets, Northmead.

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7. Associated parking changes to Kleins Rd and Fleet St to enable the facilities listed above.

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(b) That subject to approval by the Parramatta Local Traffic Committee, applications be made to external grant bodies to fund design and construction of the project.

BACKGROUND

1. On 13 May 2024, Council considered draft plans for the *Kleins Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Corridor*. The locations of the proposed works are indicated in **Figure 1** below and while a brief summary of the works is provided in the recommendation above, a detailed description of the works can be viewed in the previous report considered by Council using this *link*. The previous report also includes the community information package which was central to the exhibition of this proposal.

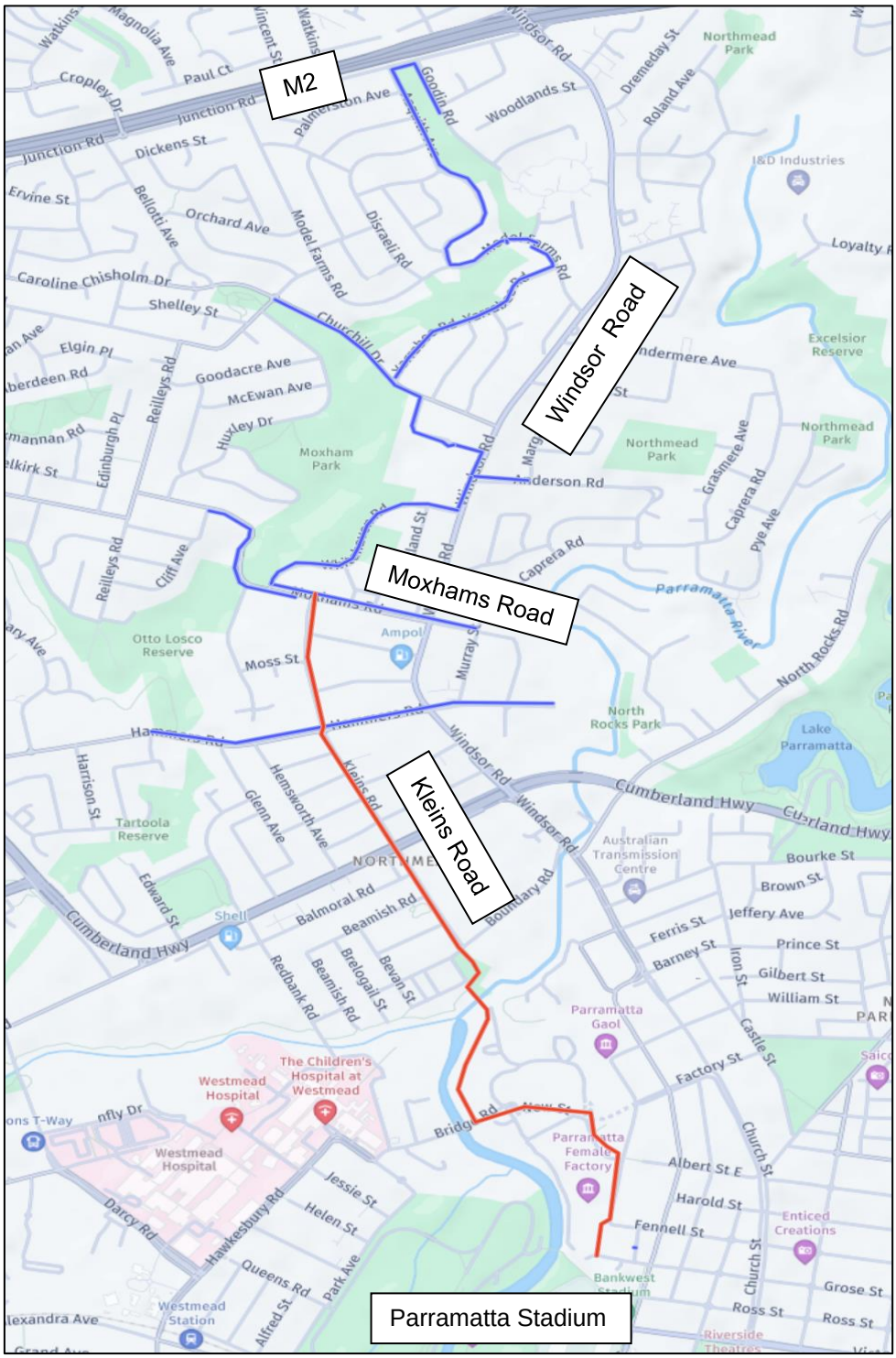


***Figure 1**: Kleins Road main corridor – predominantly separated pedestrian and cyclist paths (**RED**), connecting paths – shared paths (**BLUE**).*

2. On 13 May 2024 Council resolved:

   a) *That Council approve the draft Kleins Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Corridor Study at Attachment 1 for public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days.*

   b) *That the outcomes of public exhibition be reported to Parramatta Traffic Committee and Council.*

3. In accordance with Council's resolution, 13,200 letters were posted to residents and businesses in late May 2024 inviting submissions on the proposal. The consultation area is shown in **Figure 2**. On 28 May 2024, the proposal was advertised in the local newspaper in accordance with the Roads Act 1993 and on Council's website. Three community drop-in sessions were staffed by Council officers on 25 May 2024 (North Parramatta Community Open Day), 28 May 2024 (Kleins Road Shops) and 5 June 2024 (Northmead Primary School), as well as coreflute signs placed at key locations throughout the consultation area (see **Figure 3** below).

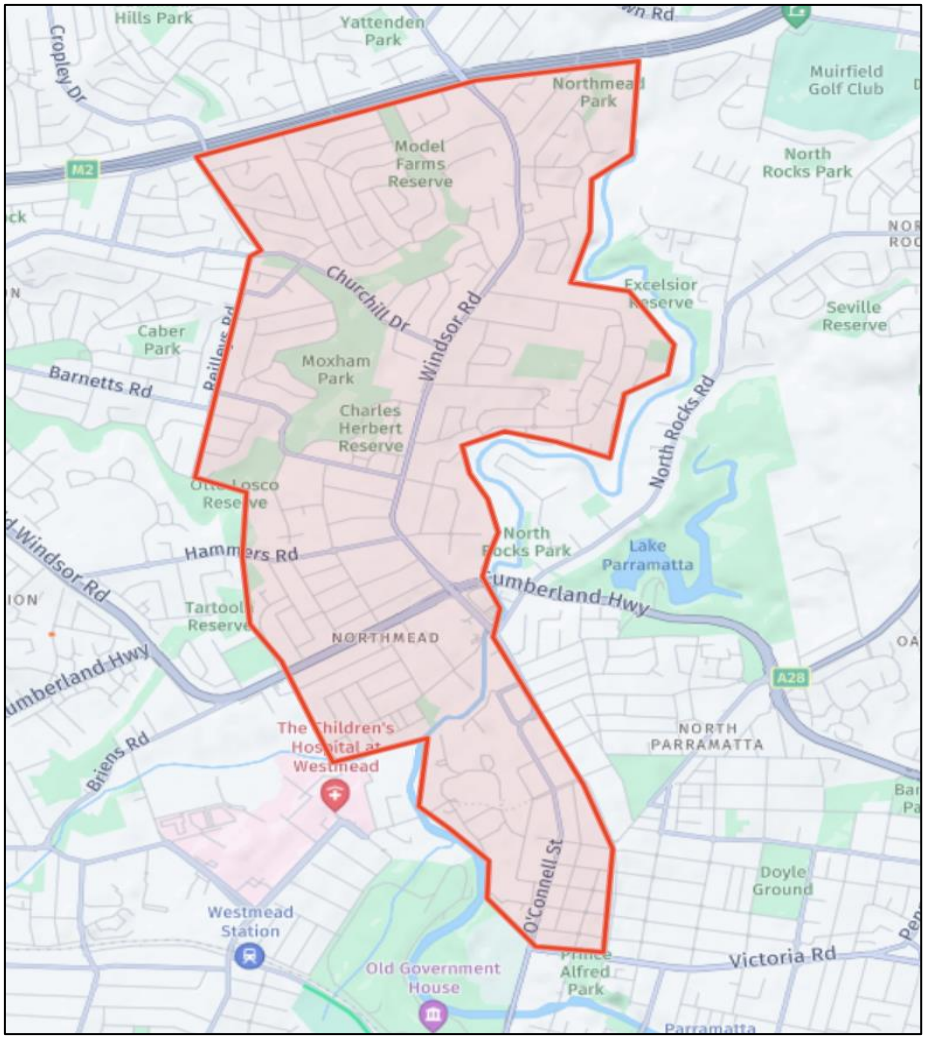


***Figure 2**: Kleins Road Corridor Study notification area*



***Figure 3**: Example of on-site signage*

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

4. Should the Council endorse the project as recommended, it would be reported to the next available Parramatta Traffic Committee for their review and consideration. The key themes and issues raised by the community in the public exhibition are discussed in the following section.

CONSULTATION

Public Consultation

5. Opportunities to give feedback were provided to the community through targeted emails, newspaper ads, digital advertising, social media, in-person popups and surface mail. This resulted in 6,887 views of the Participate Parramatta project page and 414 points of engagement, including 157 surveys, 217 online map submissions (from 67 contributors) and 40 submissions via the popups, direct mail or email and phone calls. The online map only required a user to nominate support, opposition or comment; whereas the survey collected more detailed demographic data and written feedback. See **Attachment 1 – Engagement Evaluation** for more detail.

6. A total of 197 responses (excluding online map submissions) were received from the community with 87 in support, 37 supporting to an extent, 6 unsure, 66 against and 1 did not specify a preference. This feedback, including Council Officer responses, is provided in detail in **Attachment 2**. A breakdown of responses by type and location is provided below:

***Table 1**: Kleins Road Corridor - Summary of Respondents (survey, phone, mail & email)*

Respondent Type	Number	Sentiment				
		Yes	Yes to extent	No	Unsure	Not specified
Within Parramatta and North Rocks Wards	183	77	35	65	5	1
Rest of LGA	7	5	1		1	
Outside of LGA	7	5	1	1		
Total	**197**	**87**	**37**	**66**	**6**	**1**

7. Of the 67 contributors online, the opportunity to make comments on multiple elements led to a mix of views by respondents, in some cases the same respondent had different views on different parts of the proposal (for example some were supportive of the bridge but not other elements of the project). Table 2 provides an overview of the overall sentiment from each respondent (as per their categorisation). Some respondents selected the Objection category, but this appears to be based on a misreading of the map legend (e.g. objecting to riding on Windsor Road when the proposal was a shared path), however these were not changed to ensure the integrity of the data. A full list of all comments (online/in-person/direct) is available on the Participate Parramatta Portal at https://participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/kleins-road-corridor.
Respondents can look up their comment on a map or on a list and read an officer response that directly addresses their feedback and any subsequent actions using the table on council's website.

***Table 2**: Kleins Road Corridor - Summary of online respondents*

	Sentiment					
	Support	Comment	Object	Support & Comment	Object & Comment	Two or more categories
Contributor	17	22	4	11	2	11

8. Overall, a majority of submissions/responses expressed support for the project, however approximately one quarter of respondents objected. Key themes from all consultation are summarised below in **Table 3** with detailed officer responses.

***Table 3:** Key Consultation Themes*

Count	Comment / Theme	Officer Response
45	Large majority support (40 of the comments) for bridge over Darling Mills Creek. Of the comments, 3 objected to the bridge and 2 had concerns regarding the location based on either: low patronage now, alternative	Support for the bridge noted. Current low patronage is due to lack of / poor existing connections. The Alfred Street Bridge has averaged 500-600 people per day since opening, a majority of which are pedestrians. The alternative alignments proposed do not have public access both sides and would have greater ecological impacts. They would also require detours from the main alignment and result in a larger, more prominent structure. Appropriate investigation and studies would be undertaken to ensure the bridge was designed and delivered to minimise

	locations, impacts on heritage.	and mitigate any impacts to heritage and the natural environment.
43	Parking at Kleins Road shops should be retained / increased (42 comments), parking at the shops should be reduced (1).	Parking loss near the shops as a result of the project was kept at a minimum. There are 69 spaces now between the Cumberland Highway and Burlington Street, 66 spaces with the project (both totals include the short section between Kleins and Lizzie Lane at the shops). The proportion of those spaces proposed to be timed to support local businesses was proposed to be increased from 39 to 40 between the Cumberland Hwy and Beamish Rd. However, from video surveys the biggest issue is overstaying, 30% of vehicles parking in excess of one hour on a Wednesday, and 60% on a Friday and Saturday. Therefore the Parking Rangers have been requested to increase patrols. The new pedestrian and cyclist paths will introduce potential new customers, and provide locals with a safe alternative to driving.
42	Parking loss between Moxhams Rd and Cumberland Hwy, particularly at school bell times and church parking.	Video parking audit results (hourly increments) demonstrate a significant number of vacant street parking spaces on Kleins and adjacent streets on weekdays and Sundays. However, on-site observations at school pick up show street parking is filled in close proximity to the school 15 minutes pre and post school bell. Northmead Primary has a 72% drive mode share (approximately 500 students) and there are significant impacts on Kleins Road (parking and congestion). Schools Infrastructure (SI) have a desire to increase walk / ride / scooter to school to decrease local impacts and also support healthier students. SI are targeting 40% walk / ride / scooter and a stretch target of 60%. This change would result in a reduction in 110 / 250 parent driving trips respectively at school time – therefore reducing the peak parking demand and congestion at bell times. The Kleins Road project would support that mode shift and reduce the demand for street parking at the beginning and end of school.
26	The intersection of Kleins Rd and Cumberland Hwy is an issue, the traffic lights need an upgrade, or a new pedestrian / cyclist bridge.	Because the Cumberland Hwy carries 70,000 vehicles per day and Kleins Rd carries 7,000 it is unlikely TfNSW will give additional time to right turn movements from Kleins Rd onto the Cumberland highway, which was the option most commonly requested in submissions. Clearances for a bridge would require substantial ramping, particularly on the south. This would be a significant impediment to movement, particularly pedestrians and is not considered feasible. Localised improvements that do not reduce the capacity of flow on the Cumberland highway could be considered such as a left turn only lane allowing left hand turns from Kliens Road northbound onto the westbound lanes of the Cumberland Highway (see Figure 4 below).

		 ***Figure 4:*** *Example of what a left turn lane could look like.* This would allow a number of vehicles turning left to be held for pedestrians crossing without them impeding vehicles wanting to travel northbound through the intersection. However the benefits may not be significant depending on the number of vehicles seeking to turn left, and this would further reduce parking at the shops. Options will be investigated in detail design
15	Residents objected to the proposal to make Fleet St one way northbound. the reason is that because of road network changes by Parramatta Light Rail (PLR), residents of the block bounded by O'Connell St/ Fleet St / Factory St/ Albert St rely on Fleet St southbound for access to the south. Fleet St southbound is also used for convenient access from the north.	This issue could be addressed by making Fleet street one way southbound. However, currently, the unsignalised intersection at O'Connell / Fennell St used by residents for southbound right turns has had 8 crashes in the last 5 years. If Fleet St was made one way southbound for resident access, the volume of traffic would likely require the installation of traffic lights. However, this is unlikely to be supported by TfNSW due to proximity to other signals. Two alternate more feasible options (See Figures 5 and 6 below the table) include: Alt Option 1 - Allowing a right turn on Factory Street at Fleet Street is the preferred, which would require approval by TfNSW and PLR. Alt Option 2 - A turning facility on Fleet Street at Greenup Drive to allow southbound vehicles to legally make a U-turn, and then exit northbound. However, this would create a longer detour and is a less desirable public domain outcome. The ultimate decision on which option is preferred can only be made once consultation is undertaken with TfNSW and PLR on whether Alt Option 1 is supported.

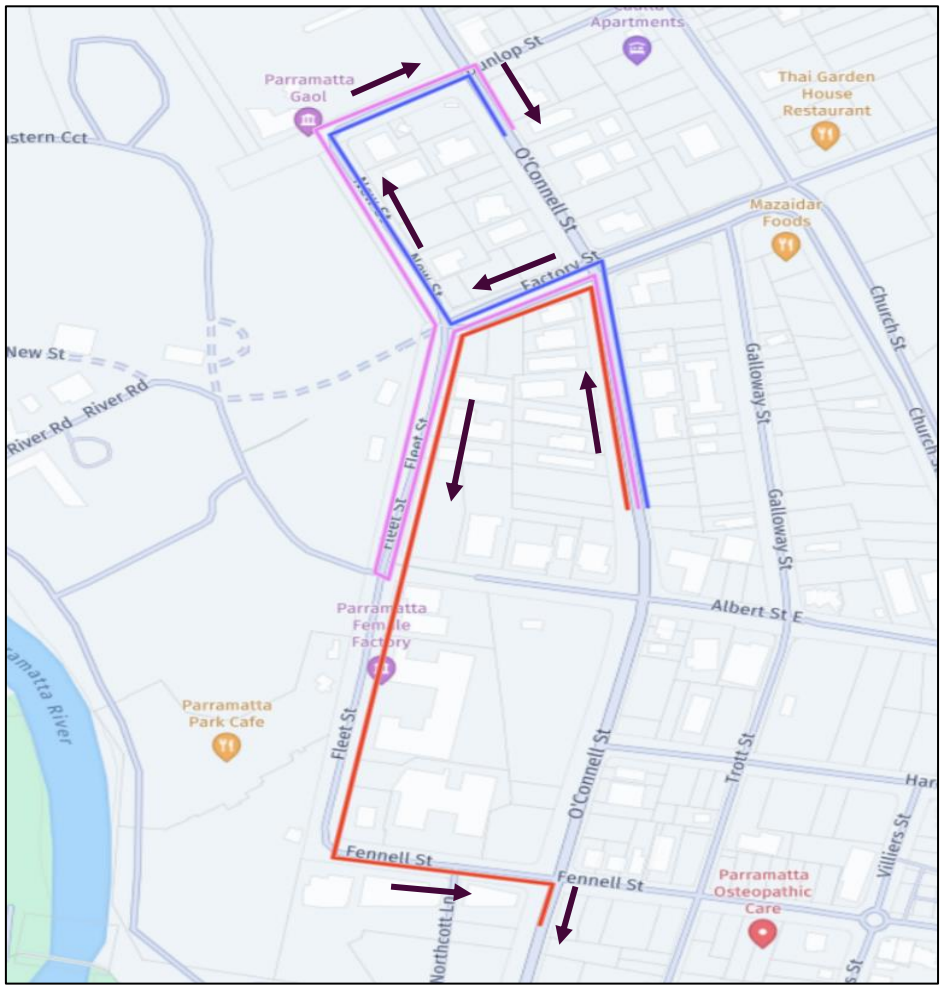


Figure 5: *Alternative routes for access to the south: **RED** – existing route (would also be used if Fleet Street was made one way southbound), **BLUE** – right turn enabled at Factory / Fleet, **PINK** – turning facility at Fleet – Greenup.*



Figure 6: *Alternative access from the north: existing route in **RED**, alternative route in **BLUE**.*

Stakeholder Consultation

9. Additional stakeholder consultation has been undertaken in relation to this matter beyond the Council Committee consultation identified in the Council report endorsing public exhibition, available using this *link*:

Date	Stakeholder	Stakeholder Comment	Council Officer Response	Responsibility
5 June 2024	Northmead Public School	1. Student safety is the priority. 2. Overstaying in the kiss and drop is an issue, as well as people waiting to turn in to the kiss and drop to collect their child impeding traffic. 3. Would like clarification on whether private buses can park in a bus zone (as it impedes access and storage for school buses). 4. Kleins / Cumberland intersection is a significant challenge in a vehicle.	1. Council also shares this priority with the school community. 2. This is an ongoing issue at many schools, Council rangers regularly attend the school. 3. Private buses are not permitted to park in bus zones. 4. The Hwy carries ten times the amount of traffic as Kleins, and therefore it is unlikely TfNSW will give additional time in traffic signal phasing to allow more vehicles to exit from Kliens Road.	City Strategic Planning
12 June 2024	Northmead Public School P&C	The P&C advised they would not provide a position, but would distribute the information to the school community.	N/A	
13 June 2024	Heritage Advisory Committee	As a quorum was not in attendance, members were invited to make individual submissions as part of Council's public exhibition	N/A	

Councillor Consultation

10. In addition to pre-exhibition Councillor consultation detailed in the previous report, which can be accessed with this *link*, the following consultation has been undertaken in relation to this matter:

Date	Clr	Councillor Comment	Council Officer Response
10 July 2024	North Rocks and Parramatta Ward Cllrs	1.There should be options for people to walk and ride from the base of the proposed bridge to O'Connell St. 2.Have any issues been raised in the consultation on parking availability at the park on Beamish Rd?	1.The creek foreshore is partly privately owned, but there are currently no physical restrictions on people moving through now. Current planning envisages pedestrian and cyclist paths along Darling Mills Creek to be delivered with development long term. 2. No issues have been raised about park access during the consultation.

		3.What is the total number of trees proposed to be removed / replaced?	3. Based on the concept plans there will be a net increase in trees. Aside from the bridge location which requires significant detailed design, there are 4 tree removals expected (for raised crossings), 20 tree replacements (to underground power or deliver a shared path) and over 100 new street trees proposed. All totals will be confirmed in detail design.
		4.What is the total parking loss north of the Cumberland Hwy?	4. A total of 33 spaces (out of 77 available) are proposed to be re-purposed between Thomas St and Hammers Rd. Thirty-one spaces (out of 59 available) are proposed to be re-purposed between Hammers Rd and Cumberland Hwy.
		5.What are the total number of spaces: Cumberland Hwy to Burlington St before and after the project?	5.There are 69 spaces now, 66 spaces with the project (both totals include the short section between Kleins Rd and Lizzie Ln at the shops).
		6.Are there alternatives to Kleins Road north of the Cumberland Highway?	6.There are limited alternatives to Kleins Rd, as few streets connect Moxhams Rd to Hammers Rd and the Cumberland Hwy (see Figure 7 below the table): These alternate streets have lower volumes of traffic but are much narrower (8-10m instead of 12.8m), this may pose the similar challenge as Kleins Road in retaining parking. This would require further detailed study and can be investigated in the future and information provided to Council.
		7.Can the project be staged?	7.The project can be staged. Staging options are discussed further below in this report

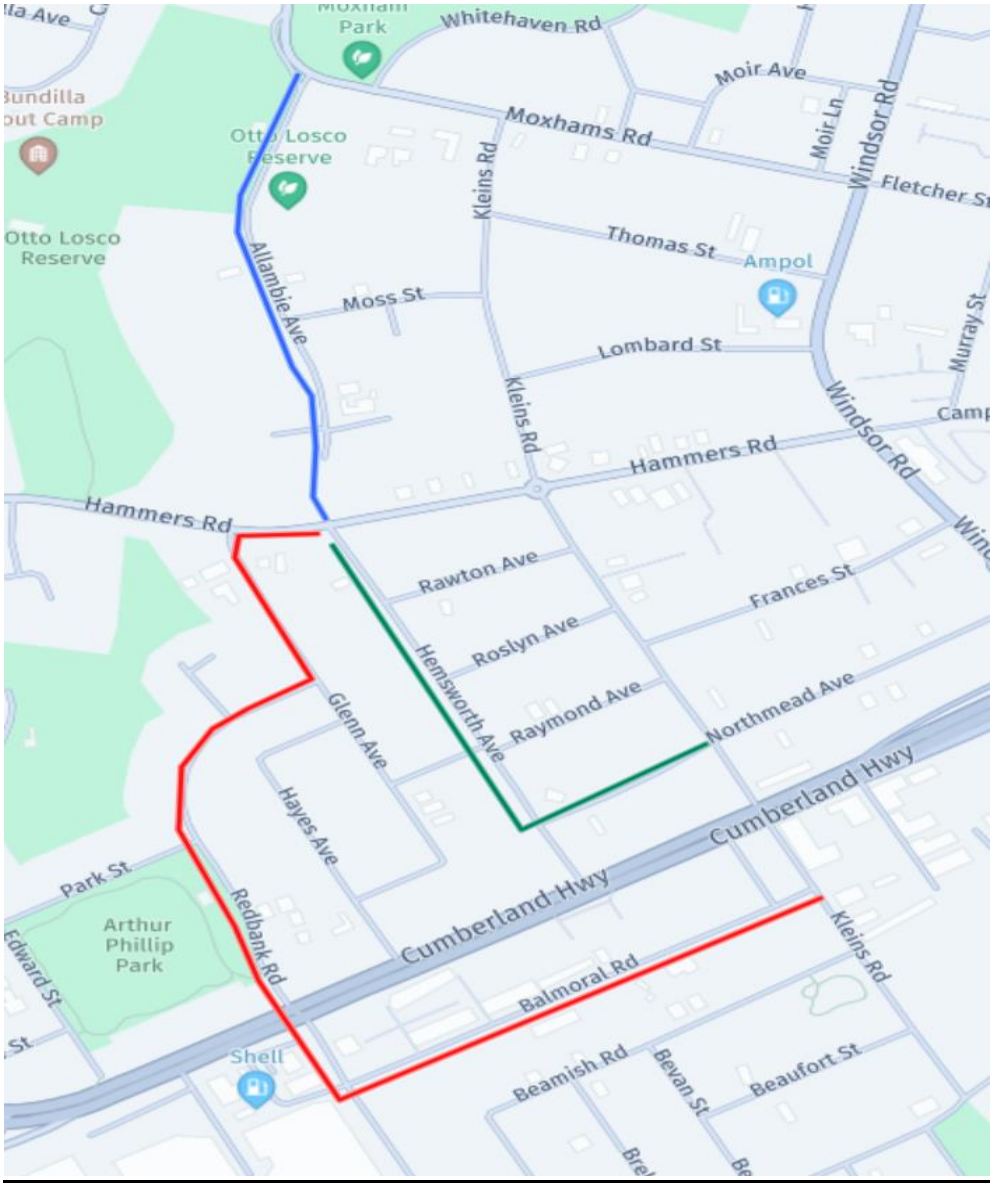


Figure 7: *Alternative routes to Kleins Rd: Allambie Ave in **BLUE**, Redbank Rd in **RED**, Hemsworth Ave in **GREEN**.*

RECOMMENDED STAGING

11. Given the need for safer north-south access to Parramatta, the improved walkability and cyclability to the school and adjoining neighbourhoods and the level of community support, it is recommended that the project proceed. However Council officers also recommend it be staged as follows.

- Stage 1 Proposed bridge and connecting paths to Northmead Ave. This will: (a) establish the corridor with the new bridge, (b) allow pedestrians and cyclists to walk and ride in safety and comfort alongside the section of Kleins Rd that has the highest proportion of heavy vehicles, and (c) connect across the Cumberland Hwy at one of the few signalised intersections.

- Stage 2 Fleet St, Fennell St and Northcott Lane upgrades. Proposed second stage which allows time for Council to resolve local traffic circulation in collaboration with TfNSW. Walking and cycling needs can be served in the interim by existing streets which have low traffic volume and (though they are in poor condition) will be rideable and walkable until upgrades are delivered.

- Stage 3 Kleins Rd from Northmead Ave to Moxhams Rd. Can be delivered in response to increased numbers of pedestrians and cyclists on the corridor.

- Stage 4 The connecting shared paths can be delivered independently of the main corridor. The full network is shown in Figure 1 as blue lines.

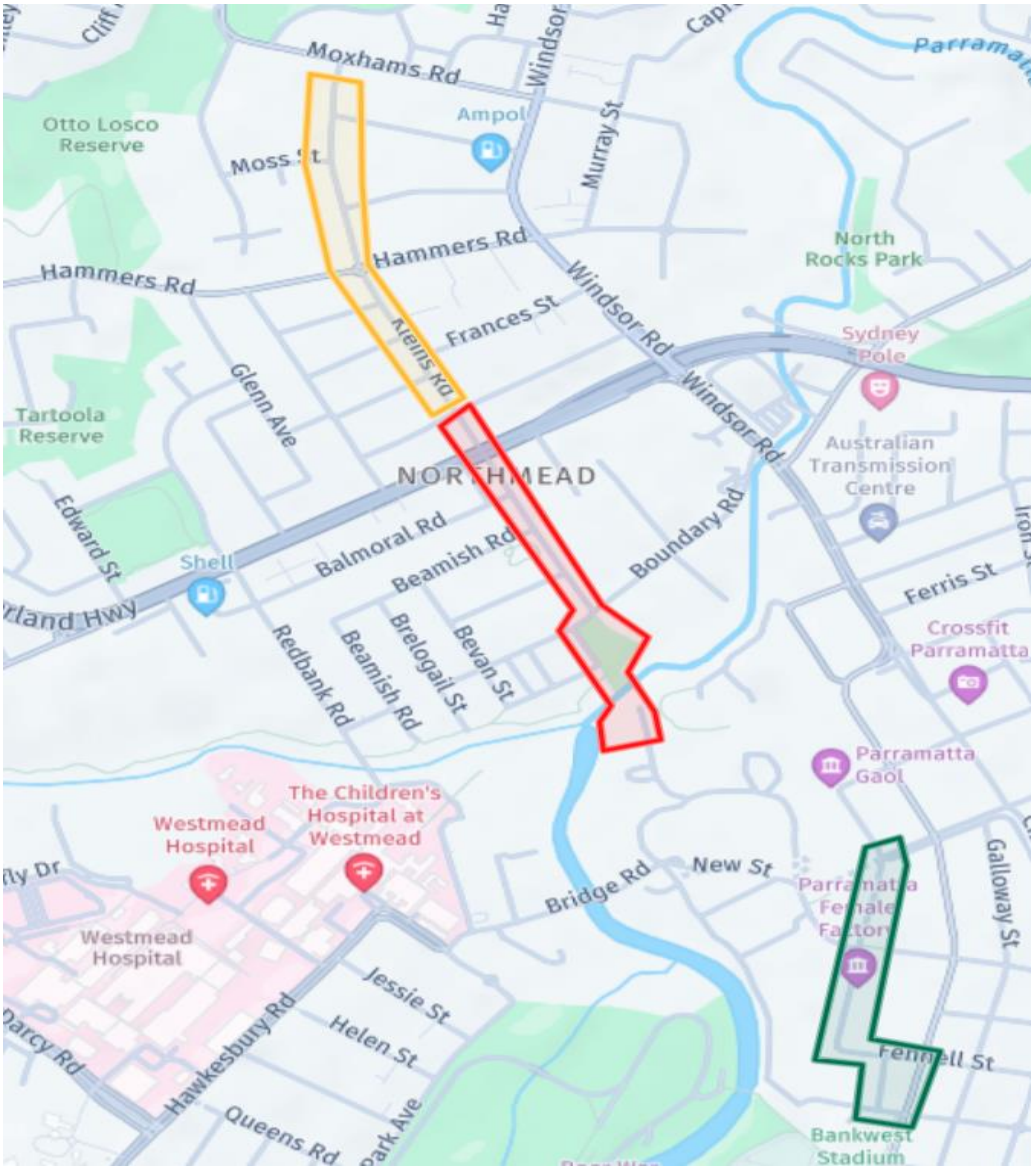


***Figure 8**: Proposed staging: Stage 1 in **RED**, Stage 2 in **GREEN**, Stage 3 in **YELLOW**.*

ALTERNATE STAGING OPTION

12. The alternate staging option is to proceed with the Stages as described in the previous section except Stage 3 (the Kleins Road Corridor between Northmead Ave and Moxhams Rd in **YELLOW** in Figure 8 above) does not proceed until Council receives a study into the alternative routes available for a regional pedestrian and cyclist link.

13. <u>If the alternate option is preferred by Council, the current Recommendation (b) of this Council Report needs to be deleted and replaced with the following:</u>

    (b) That Council approve the staged scope of works to support walking and cycling from the proposed Kleins Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Corridor, as set out below for submission to the Parramatta Traffic Committee:

1 *Separated pedestrian and cyclist paths along Kleins Rd from Northmead Ave to Boundary Rd, Northmead, and Fleet St from Greenup Dr to Fennell St, North Parramatta.*

2 *A new pedestrian and cyclist bridge over Darling Mills Creek at the southern end of Burlington Memorial Reserve.*

3 *New raised pedestrian crossings, as well as raised pedestrian / cyclist crossings across Kleins Rd and side streets, Northmead.*

4 *Shared paths along parts of Kleins Rd, Hammers Rd, Moxhams Rd, Whitehaven Rd, Churchill Drive, Ulandi Pl, Windsor Rd, Anderson Rd, Yarrabee Rd, Model Farms Rd and Asquith Ave, Northmead.*

5 *Change Fleet St between Fennel St and Greenup Dr to one way northbound only and engage with TfNSW to implement reasonable circulation alternatives for local residents and businesses.*

6 *Introduce a contra-flow bike lane on Northcott Ln between Fennel St and Eels Pl.*

7 *Associated parking changes to Kleins Rd and Fleet St to enable the facilities listed above.*

8 *Extension of timed parking on Kleins Rd from Balmoral Rd to Beamish Rd to support local business.*

9 *That with further consultation, the footpath from Allambie Ave to Hammers Rd be widened into a shared path, along with a safer crossing facility of Hammers Rd to Hemsworth Ave be investigated.*

10 *That the separated paths on Kleins Rd between Thomas Street and Northmead Ave, Northmead not proceed until Council has received a report into the alternative routes available for a regional pedestrian and cyclist link.*

14. The risk with the alternate option is that it may result in missed opportunities for external funding for design or construction of pedestrian and traffic facilities associated with the project such as raised pedestrian crossings near the school, roundabout at the intersection of Moxhams Rd and Kleins Rd, as well as improvements to the roundabout at the intersection of Kleins Rd and Hammers Rd.

15. Council Officers do not recommend this option given the benefits discussed in the report and the level of support for the project during the consultation process.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL

16. There are no legal implications in considering this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL

17. If Council resolves to approve this report in accordance with the report recommendation, there are no unbudgeted financial implications.

18. Any funding for future stages of detail design would be subject to Parramatta Traffic Committee approval, future Council budget processes and external grant applications.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1	Kleins Road - Engagement and Key Findings Report	18 Pages
2	Kleins Road Corridor - Long form submissions to exhibition	39 Pages
3	Kleins Road Corridor - Submissions with Council Officer responses	19 Pages
4	Kleins Road Corridor - Online Comments with detailed officer responses	12 Pages

REFERENCE MATERIAL

CITY OF PARRAMATTA

DRAFT KLEINS ROAD PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST CORRIDOR

Engagement Evaluation

18 July 2024

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1. INTRODUCTION

In May and June 2024, Council invited the community to share feedback on the draft Kleins Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Corridor.

The draft plan proposes a network of connected pedestrian and cyclist pathways as well as improved road crossings from Winston Hills and Northmead to Parramatta.

It includes a new pedestrian and cyclist bridge over Darling Mills Creek and changes to parking and traffic arrangements along the route.

This report is an evaluation of the engagement process and key findings.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Public exhibition of the Draft Kleins Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Corridor was held from Friday 24 May to Tuesday 25 June.

The project page on Participate Parramatta was viewed 6,887 times as the result of a geographically targeted engagement campaign.

Council received 157 online survey submissions, 217 comments on an interactive map of the route and 40 direct submission by email, phone call, mail and at the popups.

When asked, "Do you support the proposed Draft Kleins Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Corridor?" the majority (63%) answered 'Yes' or 'Yes to an extent' while 1 in 3 answered 'No' as shown in Table 1.

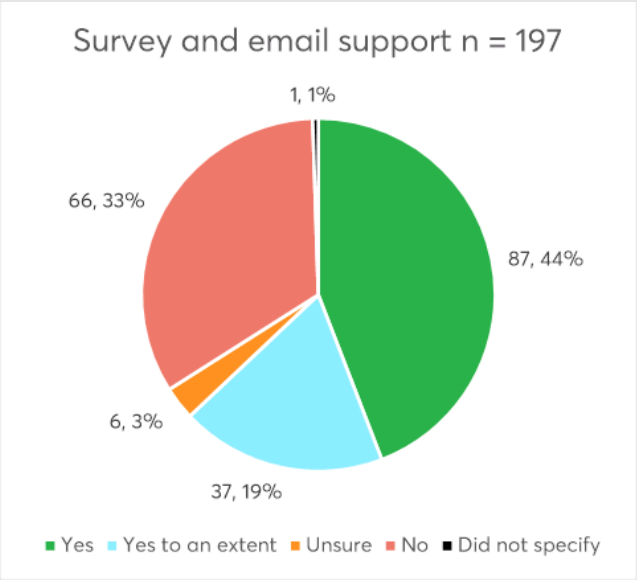
In addition, 67 interactive map users provided a mix of positive and negative comments for specific locations. Please refer to Chapter 4 Key Findings for this localised detail.

Overall, the community was highly engaged. Popular aspects of the proposal were:

- Provision of shared paths in Winston Hills where there is a lack of paths.
- Safety improvements along the corridor such as the raised crossings.
- The proposal for a bridge over Darling Mills Creek.
- Improved connections for commuters and recreational cycling and walking opportunities.

Concern focussed on:

- The impact on traffic, especially at peak times on Kleins Rd / Hammers Rd and the Kleins Road / Cumberland Hwy (Briens Road) intersection.
- Loss of street parking / visibility when entering and leaving properties on Kleins Road.
- Parking impacts at peak times for Northmead Public School and nearby churches.
- Impact on parking availability at Kleins Road shops.
- Access for residents affected by the one-way proposal at Fleet St North Parramatta.


Survey and email support n = 197
1, 1%
66, 33%
87, 44%
6, 3%
37, 19%
Yes
Yes to an extent
Unsure
No
Did not specify

3. ENGAGEMENT EVALUATION

The consultation ran from 24 May to 25 June 2024, with the opportunity to share feedback presented on approx. 130,504 occasions[1], culminating in 6,887 views of the project page and 414 submissions.

3.1. Snapshot

- Social Media Campaign
- Your City News, Participate Parramatta and Active Parramatta EDM
- Participate Parramatta project page with survey
- Interactive online maps (with pin drops)
- Transport for NSW Facebook post
- Banner on CoP homepage
- On Exhibition page on CoP website
- Media release on CoP website
- Onsite and digital signage
- Pop-ups at Kleins Road Shops, Northmead PS, Heritage Precinct North Parramatta
- Parra News advertisement
- Letters of notification
- Meetings and presentations with key stakeholders

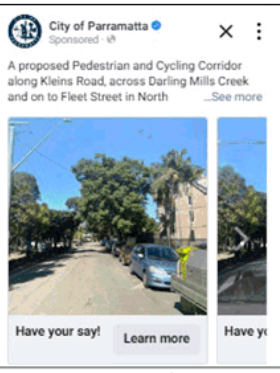
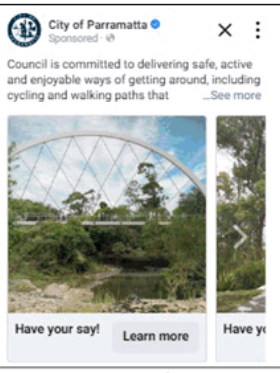
3.2. Social Media Campaign

Paid campaign results:

Paid Advertisments	Campaign Result	Benchmark
Spend	$299.81	n/a
Reach	16,617	n/a
Impressions	36,393	n/a
Frequency (no. times ad seen p/p)	2.19	2-3
Link clicks	1,128	n/a
CPC (cost per click)	$0.27	$0.50-$1
CTR (click through rate)	3.10%	More than 1%
Post engagements	1,671	n/a
Engagement rate (ER)	4.6%	More than 2%

Top performing ads

[1] Combined reach of paid and organic campaigns on Facebook and Instagram, Participate newsletter, Your City News emails, direct notification and information on the COP website.

		
926 Link Clicks, $0.28 CPC	**114 Link Clicks, $0.20 CPC**	**88 Link Clicks, $0.25 CPC**

Insights, Comments & Recommendations

- Fantastic results across all benchmarks, including a very low CPC and high CTR.
- Good results are driven by good quality imagery and engaging copy.
- 46% of results were from men, 53% from women.
- 37% from 65+, 23% from 55-64, and 19% from 45-54

Social Comments

Please refer to the project team to review social media conversations captured.

Summary

Organic campaign results:

Participate Facebook		Benchmarks
Number of posts	1	n/a
Followers	6.9K	n/a
Reach	165	n/a
Post Engagements	1	n/a
Engagement rate	0.6%	2-3%

Participate Instagram		Benchmarks
Number of posts	1	n/a
Followers	566	n/a
Reach	21	n/a
Post Engagements	-	n/a
Engagement rate	0	2-3%

Electronic Direct Notification

Channel	Emails sent	Open rate	Clicks
Participate Parramatta – May 2024 #2	18,292	39%	310
Active Parramatta eNews – June 2024	6,071	50%	na
Your City News – June 2024	30,967	30%	194
TOTAL	55,330		

3.3. Transport for NSW (TFNSW) Facebook

TFNSW posted the following on Facebook:
https://facebook.com/TransportForNSW/posts/pfbid0zVfep7q4cAUjYbN7uiE1efUBTYrmwun1aKWjqVJ3FvqPstiDNL2uLKdzx2krUjqBl

TFNSW Facebook Post	
Dates	31 May – 6 June 2024
Reach	44,784
Impressions	51,032
Reactions	10
Comments	2
Shares	-
Link Clicks	160
Click rate	0.36%

See screenshot of the Facebook post below:



3.4. PARTICIPATE Parramatta

Promotion of the engagement directed community members to the Participate Parramatta website The project page was viewed 6,887 times and generated 157 survey contributions, 217 pin drop contributions and 40 direct email, mail, phone call and popup submissions.

Project Page Events	
Views	**6,887**
Visitors	**3,242**
Survey contributions	**157**
Document downloads	**945**
Image gallery views / downloads	**985**

Please refer to the Appendix for more information on document downloads.

The project page also linked participants to an off-platform interactive map providing another option for feedback:

Interactive Map Events	
Views	**1,688**
Participants	**67**
Pin drop submissions	**217**

Engagement highlights:

- *The engagement rate was approximately 5% (normal range is 3-5%) indicating the project was relevant and of interest to the audience.*

3.5. Banner on City of Parramatta homepage

Banner on COP homepage	
Dates	**24 May – 25 June 2024**
Views	**40**
Downloads	**0**

3.6. On Exhibition Page on City of Parramatta website

On Exhibition page on COP website	
Dates	**24 May – 25 June 2024**
Views	**163**
Downloads	**0**

3.7. Media release on City of Parramatta website

Media release on COP website	
Dates	**24 May – 25 June 2024**
Views	**184**
Downloads	**0**

3.8. Email submissions

There were 32 email submissions received.

3.9. QR Code

QR Code results from the notification letter and posters displayed onsite: 588 scans

3.10. Pop-ups

Three (3) pop-ups were held on the following dates:

Date	Location
Saturday 25 May	North Parramatta Heritage Precinct 9am-4pm
Tuesday 28 May	Kleins Rd Shops near Briens Road 1pm – 6pm
Wednesday 5 June	Kleins Rd / Moxhams Rd near Northmead Public School 2pm – 4pm

Council staff also attended a meeting at Northmead Public School on 5 June 2024 and presented to the Northmead Public P&C on 12 June 2024. Council staff also attended the Heritage Advisory Committee of Council during exhibition, and prior to exhibition, Council's Access Advisory Committee and Active Transport Advisory Committee.

3.11. Parra Newspaper

A half page spread was published in the Parra News on 28 May 2024. Please see below screenshot for reference:



3.1. Letters mailed out

A total of 13,200 letters of notification were delivered to residents and stakeholders.

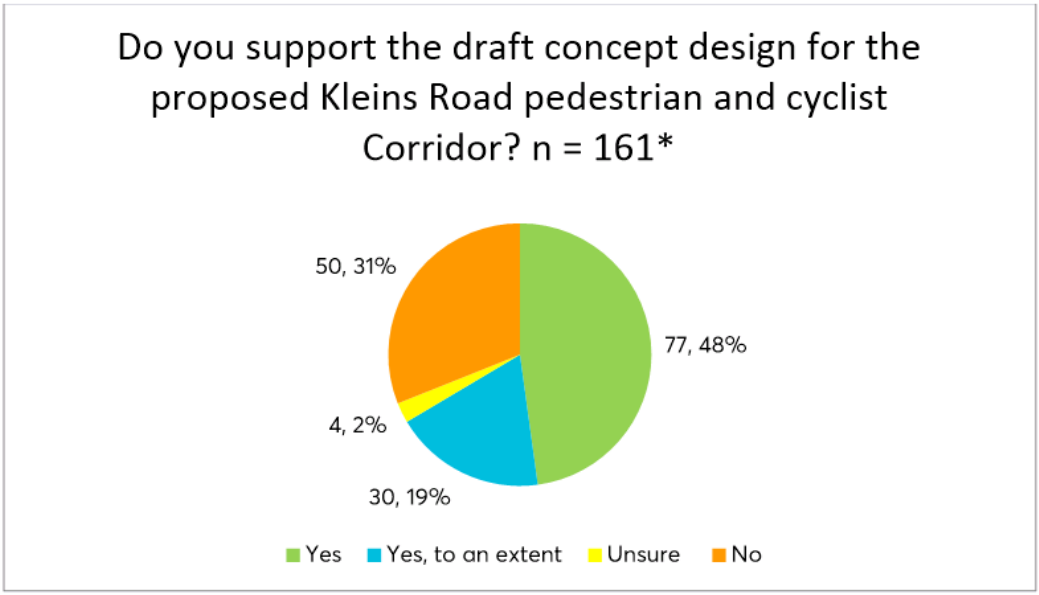
[End of Part 1 - Engagement Evaluation]

4. KEY FINDINGS

This section presents the data and key themes from each feedback channel: the Participate Parramatta survey, emails and direct submissions to Council staff, and the interactive map tool.

4.1. Participate Parramatta Survey

Q1 asked, "Do you support the draft concept design for the proposed Kleins Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Corridor?'. 48% of online respondents said 'Yes', 19% said 'Yes to an extent' and 31% said 'No'.



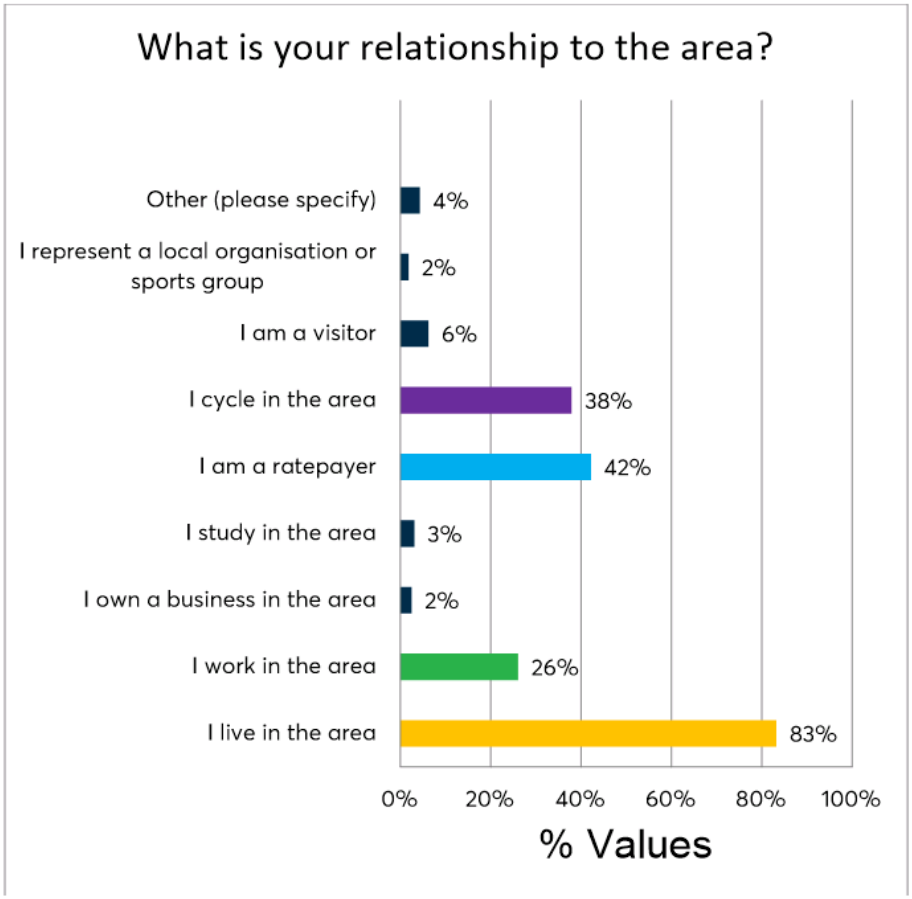
*157 unique submissions were identified, with 4 duplicate submissions.

Q2 asked, 'Do you have any comment for Council to consider?'

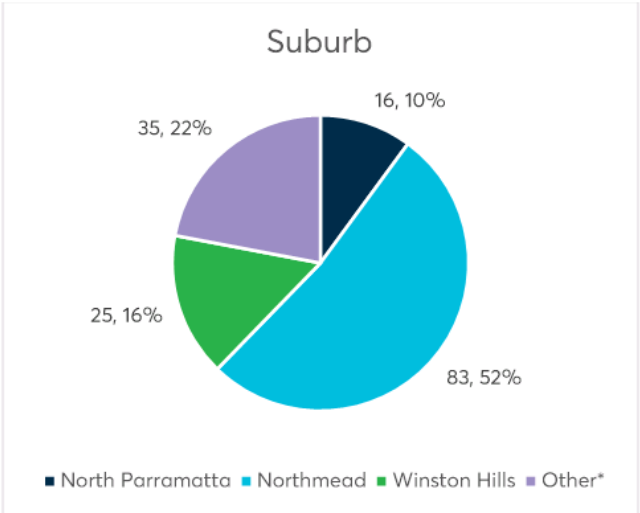
One hundred and forty-three online survey participants provided a comment. Comments were considered in combination with email and interactive map comments. (Please refer to section 4.3)

Q3 asked, 'If you have an attachment to your submission, please upload it here'. Twelve participants uploaded attachments. Please refer to the Appendix.

Q4 asked, 'What is your relationship to the area?'. Eighty-three percent of respondents live in the project area. Participants could choose more than one category yielding the following data:



Q5 asked participants for their Suburb and Q6 asked participants to join the Participate Parramatta community.



*Other = grouped, with 6 submissions per suburb or less

This was the end of the survey.

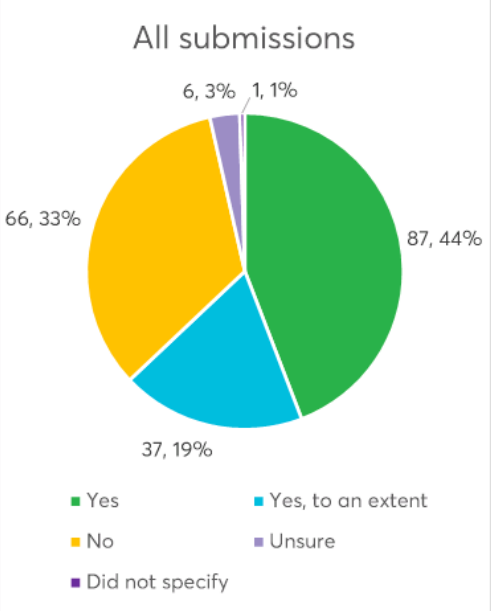
4.2. Email / Post / Direct submissions

Council received 32 email submissions and a further 8 direct submissions. These have been analysed alongside the online survey and interactive map submissions to understand themes below:

4.3. Survey and email submissions analysed by ward and sentiment.

4.3.1. Below is a breakdown of sentiment by location. The majority of sentiment was positive with 63% of respondents in support (Yes/Yes to an extent) of the project.





4.3.2. Survey and email themes

Comments were analysed for common themes. It is important to note more than one theme can occur in each comment. Comments can also seem negative, while overall support for the project has been given. The themes listed below are topics covered by the community in their online and email submissions. This analysis can guide further engagement.

1. Kleins Road, parking concerns, traffic concerns - these themes overlapped with high frequency (35-46 mentions).
2. Supportive themes (full support, support for bike path, support for separated paths) received 30 mentions.
3. Parking at Kleins Road shops – this topic received 29 mentions.
4. Safety – there were 26 comments concerned about safety relating to the proposal; versus 27 comments approving safety improvements addressed within the proposal.
5. Proposed Darling Mills Creek Bridge – 26 mentions approved and/or commented on the design.
6. Fleet St proposal received 14 mentions.
7. Qualified support (shared path concerns, support for pedestrian crossings only) was offered in 11 cases.

There were 58 'suggestions' overall for exclusions or add-ons to this project from survey / email submissions.

When filtered by overall sentiment toward the project the top themes were:

Support: Yes (44%)	Support: Yes, to an extent (19%)	Support: No (33%)
Approve safety improvements Approve bridge Approve separation of paths	Kleins Rd Parking at the shops Design of the bridge	Parking Traffic Kleins Rd

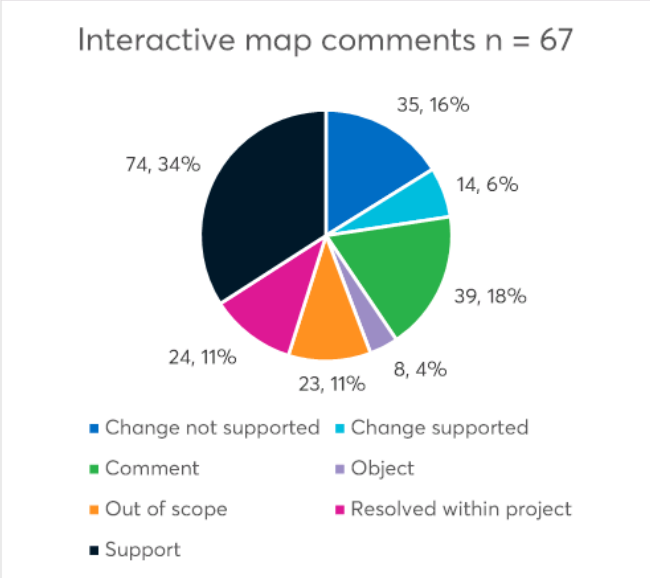
4.4. Interactive map comments

The interactive map received 217 pin drop comments from 67 contributors. The comments are specific to geographic locations and have been analysed by Council staff. They can be classified into the following:

- Response to a specific traffic change proposed (support / not supported)
- General support
- General opposition
- General comment
- Out of scope comment
- Resolved within the project comment

The interactive map feedback was primarily positive and constructive. Top themes were:

1. A variety of suggestions
2. Kleins Rd comments
3. Support for the bike path
4. Cumberland Highwya (Briens Rd) comments / Approval of the bridge / Safety concerns



5. RECOMMENDATIONS

This report presents and analyses the key findings from the recent consultation for the Draft Kleins Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Corridor.

Careful consideration should be given to all the feedback and data presented in this report before a decision is made.

Council should respond to each concern and suggestion raised.

A summary of findings should also be reported back to the community (when appropriate but in a timely manner), highlighting how community feedback has influenced the project. The final decision and reasons why should be made public and reported back to those who provided feedback.

These recommendations are in line with Council's engagement principles and commitments outlined in the Community Engagement Strategy and Community and Stakeholder Engagement Policy.

> ***"We make our decisions in an open and transparent way and provide feedback to our stakeholders in order to explain our decisions and let them know how their input has been considered".***

6. APPENDIX

6.1. Document downloads

Key Documents Tool	Unique visitors	Downloads
Kleins Road Corridor Information Pack	86	126
Shared Paths - Moxhams Road detail	31	42
Kleins Road Corridor - Aboriginal Design Principles	48	62
Kleins Road Corridor Study (Full version)	99	129
Shared Paths - Hammers Road detail	54	71
Shared Paths - Whitehaven Road detail	40	51
Kleins Road Corridor Study - Bridge Feasibility	68	92
Kleins Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Plans and Sections	109	193
Shared Paths - Ulandi and Churchill detail	38	44
Shared Paths - Yarrabee Road detail	26	31
Shared Paths - Asquith Road detail	52	63
Shared Paths - Moxhams Rd detail (updated)	28	41
	445	945

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24th June 2024

Draft Kleins Rd Pedestrian and Cyclist Corridor Feedback

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Kleins Rd Pedestrian and Cyclist Corridor (*The Plan*).[1]

This appears to be another well planned and researched Active Transport corridor plan from the City of Parramatta. The centrepiece of the plan is the bridge over Darling Mills Creek. While placing more importance on the function than the form, we'd be very supportive of whichever bridge design is selected. The inclusion of the shared path 'branches' off the main corridor is a welcome addition to the project. Although we can see that the project aligns with one of the Central River City Strategic Corridors,[2] we think it is a slight stretch to indicate that it encompasses Baulkham Hills, when in reality the planned route just touches the suburb boundary. We can see how via an on-road section of Junction Rd and shared path along Windsor Rd the Grove Square shopping centre can be reached.

One of our main concerns is that a key part of the corridor – through a chunk of Burlington Memorial Park where the ongoing sewage treatment works are occurring – is not accessible until the works are completed. Hopefully by the time other design elements are finalised and funding becomes available these works will be completed or close to.

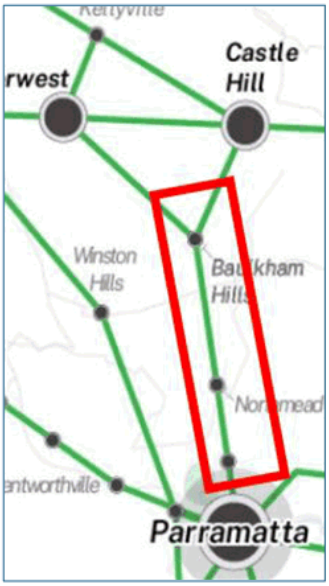


Image from Page 4 of the Community Information Package.[3]

When we look at recreational or commuting routes, we're looking at several criteria. Sometimes these criteria can be contradictory:

- Safe, with the minimum number of potential conflict points with other road users. Lighting is an important factor if wishing to ride outside of daylight hours.
- Enjoyable. Part of this is being away from noisy traffic where feasible.
- Hills. Limiting 'unnecessary' ascents and descents to make it easier for a greater range of people on a greater variety of bicycles and other self-propelled vehicles to feel comfortable using.
- Facilities – Both End-of-trip and on route.

These considerations influence the following suggestions and comments.

➢ Possible Alternative Sections of the Route:

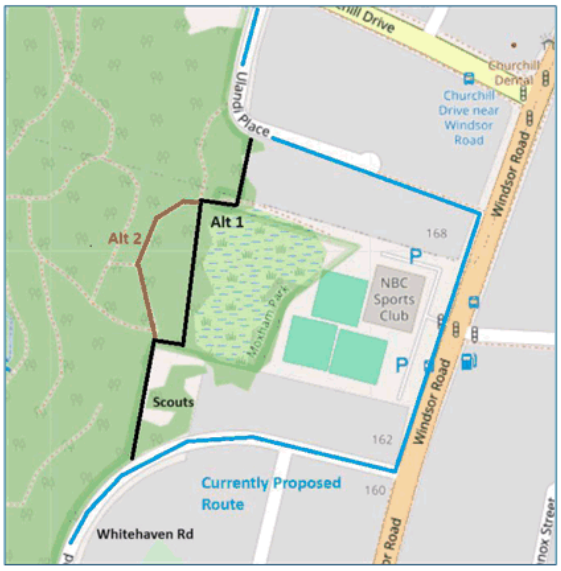
We have identified three potential alternative sections of the route which we believe would improve the attractiveness of the corridor for riders during daylight hours. Each uses sections of the Quarry Branch Ck reserves (or Nothmead Gully) to bypass sections of shared path in front of residential properties, with a reduction to the hill climbing of the currently planned main corridor.

We have since realised that the first of these, the Windsor Rd bypass, was explicitly ruled out in the Community Information Package. We imagine the second one would be too. Hopefully the third, which is basically along a grassed corridor in Model Farms Reserve, may be able to be considered. Additional lighting may need to be considered for this corridor if it were to fully replace the route along the southern section of Asquith Ave.

For completeness we've left the descriptions of all three in this document.

1. Windsor Rd Bypass Route:

We note that the statement '*Western side of Windsor Road (no choice as bushland precludes access west)*' is made on page 32 of the Community Information Package document.[3]
Alternative 1 route in black starts on the access track along the western and northern boundaries of the 2nd Northmead Scout Group property on Whitehaven Rd, then alongside the western boundary of Hourigan's Quarry Wetland and up a bit of an ascent alongside a residential property to Ulandi Place.
Alternative 2 (in red) uses an existing walking track to bypass the wetlands and would probably be even less acceptable than Alternative 1.
These options offer an alternative to the reasonably steep planned shared path climb on Whitehaven Rd with its residential driveway crossings and exposure to traffic noise when alongside Windsor Rd.



Marked-up Open Street Map image.



Track outside western boundary of Scouts property



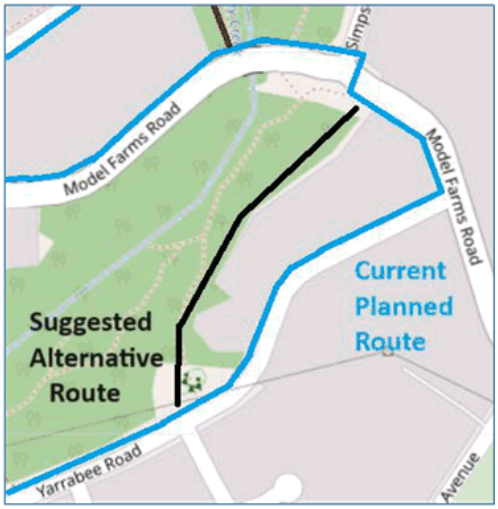
Track outside northern boundary of Scouts property (Boggy at present)



Looking up towards Ulandi Place alongside residential boundary fence from near Hourigan's Quarry Wetland.

2. Yarrabee Rd North Bypass Route:

This alternative route would appear to be the most problematic of the three. The southern end starts at the Model Farms Reserve playground on Yarrabee Rd. The current walking track starts off through disturbed and thinned-out bushland at the rear of the first few residential properties, but then moves further away from the residential properties and becomes narrower and 'bushier' for the remainder of the track through to Model Farms Rd. There are a couple of small wooden bridges that are crossed. If feasible, a possibility may be to construct a new path closer to the rear of the residential properties, so the existing 'bushy' part of the path remains in its current state.



Alternative Route to avoid part of Yarrabee Rd and Model Farms Rd.



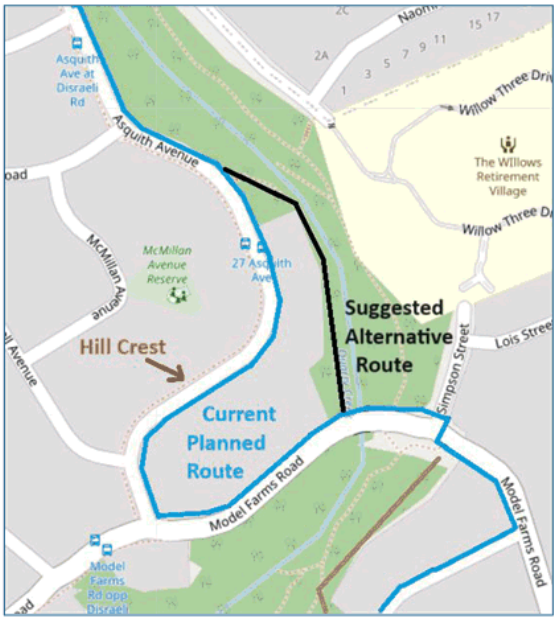
Pathway behind houses leaving the playground



Two wooden bridges further down the pathway.

3. Asquith Ave South Bypass route:

This is the most attractive of the three alternatives, as it bypasses the steep climb at the southern end of Asquith Ave and is shorter in distance than the equivalent shared path alongside Model Farms Rd and Asquith Ave. The main downside that we can see is that a ramp would need to be constructed at the northern end of the path, as the reserve is at a lower elevation than the roadway verge. There are several mature trees in the vicinity of a potential ramp location which may pose some challenges. There are currently stairs and access to a steep residential driveway (see photos) between the reserve and roadway levels.



Marked-up Open Street Map image



Looking north from Model Farms Rd into the reserve.



A section of the reserve behind Asquith Ave residential properties.



Another section of the reserve behind Asquith Ave residential properties.



Looking from the reserve up the steep residential driveway towards Asquith Ave.



Looking down the steps from Asquith Ave to the reserve.



Looking from the reserve up the steps towards Asquith Ave.

➢ Other comments:

- We note the point made on page 25 of the Kleins Rd Study (Full Version) document [4] regarding parking at the Kleins Rd Northmead shops and the loss of car parking spaces when converting angled to parallel parking:

  > '*This could be fully offset by providing additional angled short stay parking nearby on Balmoral Road and on Kleins Road with pedestrian access support by new shared crossing proposed on side streets.*'

  From the plans we can't see any additional angled parking being proposed on Balmoral Rd. It wasn't obvious to us where additional parking could even go. We also can't see any additional parking proposed for Kleins Rd, although in the Community Information document it states that timed parking will be extended to a further 8 car spaces.

- Needing to transition between the western and eastern sides of Kleins Rd around Northmead Primary School is not ideal. We presume that this part of the design was conducted in consultation with the school. It also increases potential for conflicts between riders using the planned eastern-side separated cycleway on Kleins Rd and vehicles turning right from Kleins Rd into Lombard St, which, as identified in the documentation and observed by us, is a popular 'rat run' route.

- There was no mention of additional facilities such as water bubblers along the corridor. Although several websites suggest there is a 'doggy tap' in Burlington Memorial Park, we didn't spot it. There is a non-functioning water bubbler a short distance up Kleins Rd at Wilsford Homes Playground. With its large shady trees this could be an excellent rest stop for riders as they ascend the hill or for people who purchase food from the nearby Northmead shops that want somewhere pleasant to eat. The only functioning water bubbler that we located was at the park on Churchill Drive opposite Yarrabee Rd. This park also had a small picnic shelter. We think a water bubbler either in Burlington Memorial Park or Wilsford Homes Playground would provide worthwhile amenity for pedestrians and riders.

- We couldn't see any indications that the existing bicycle parking hoops at the Kleins Rd shops would be reinstated after the cycle path reconfiguration. We'd like to see additional parking hoops installed at any new or upgraded water stops.

- We assume that the planned 'second stage' route alongside the Parramatta River between Bridge Rd and the planned Darling Mills Ck Bridge will be operational before major development work takes place involving heavy vehicle movements along the on-road sections of Eastern Circuit and Jacaranda Drive, which are proposed for the temporary cycling route between Fleet St and the Darling Mills Ck bridge.

➢ Closing Comments:

- We would be happy to clarify any of the points outlined in this document or assist in any other way to advance *The Plan*.

- This feedback was prepared by Rob Kemp on behalf of CAMWEST Bicycle User Group Inc.

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City Of Parramatta,
PO Box 32,
Parramatta NSW 2124.

Ref:F2023/01472

Attention Mark Crispin:
Re: the proposed Kleins road cycle way showing changes affecting our driveway, causing a detrimental safety effect on vehicles entry and exit.

Dear Mr Crispin,

The council's new cycle access proposal shows that the drive apron to our property would be "further" reduced in length to allow for the proposed bike path, this would mean whilst in use, vehicle protrusion onto to the road area thus creating dangerous conditions for ourselves and for the oncoming motor vehicles or cycle traffic.

Our original driveway when in use, gave pedestrian's especially local school children a safe area to walk around the front of any temporary stopped vehicles. The drive entry pad length we previously had, also allowed a visually decent good exit point area for drivers to get a good view of oncoming traffic. The apron area was reduced in length in 2018.

The recent changes to the roundabout at the intersection of Hammers and Kleins road by Council included the widening of the road surface on Kleins road and the reduction of the length of our original driveway Apron entry area. This has negated our original built in safety factors. It has also made it harder to be able to shut or open our gates without vehicles protruding onto the road hard surface. Road parking signs erected on both of the roadways adjoining our property over preceding years now allow for nil road stopping or parking in these areas. There are nil close parking spots on Kleins Road for us to access near our driveway entrance to enable us to stop and park for the opening and shutting of the gates.

The recently shortened driveway apron has now created for us, a traffic visibility problem. The changed area length of the drive apron means we are now when exiting and looking to clear oncoming traffic, visually obstructed from seeing the road in the northerly direction. This is due to the 5mt circumference of the Paper Bark tree with a 1.5mt width outside of 77B Kleins Road. (I did point out this particular obstructive tree to you.) It is growing on the council verge, right up beside the kerb and storm guttering.

Adding to the visibility obstruction is a recent planting south of that large tree and closer to our drive apron of a tree which will worsen the view as it grows. "A better choice of tree and positioning I'm sure could be achieved."

Other concerns are that the traffic coming from the North of our driveway on Kleins road is visually obstructed from view by a crest in the Kleins Road surface near Lombard street. The area after Lombard Street is visually blocked by aforementioned tree. Any views of oncoming traffic is hard to detect until it is breeching the area of the large tree. If the bike lane should encourage E bikes, given their often greater speed, and closeness to the kerbing area their approach would be even harder to safely detect.
School drop off and departure times on Kleins and side roads and would be further adversely impacted by cycle lanes.
I believe the proposed and approved Development by the Baptist Church on Kleins road includes the installation of a roundabout opposite Lombard Street. I would hope the impending cycle lane will not negate this as a roundabout at that area would be a great benefit in traffic speeds on Kleins Road.
Would you please advise me as to where Council waste bins should be placed for collection?

Thank you for your time and I hope my raised points will be given consideration that will give resolution to safety concerns. Could the concerns re trees blocking road vision be given some appropriate action.

Yours sincerely

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Att: Mr Mark Crispin.

City of Parramatta,

P.O. Box 32,

Parramatta. 2124.

Our Reference: F2023/01472.

Dear Mr. Crispin,

We recently received correspondence from the City of Parramatta Council, regarding the proposed Kleins Rd Pedestrian and Cycle Corridor and forward our feedback as requested.

My wife and I are against the proposed Kleins Rd Pedestrian and Cycle Corridor for several reasons and list our reason's below.

1- We have lived at our current address for over four years and use Kleins Rd regularly. We cannot recall ever seeing or passing a push bike (cycle) on Kleins Rd. Further to this, the only time we have seen any pedestrian using Kleins Road is for the brief period of before and after school near the Northmead Public School.
   In Summary- This proposal is not required!
2- Push bikes do not pay an annual registration fee or government fees to use and repair our roads. A current Green Slip for one of our cars shows an invoice for $657.97, with government charges of $286.96. Also, one of our other cars shows an invoice for $436.64 which includes government charges of $170.71.
   In Summary- Push bike (cycles) owners/users that benefit from this proposal aren't paying for this proposal.
3- There will be a decrease of car parking spaces for the patrons of the shopping centre at the intersection of Kleins Rd and James Ruse Drive. We gave up using that shopping centre due to the poor parking facilities.
   In Summary- your proposal penalizes the patrons of the shops for the benefit of – a few if any push bike riders.

While our feedback is negative, and it is, we feel that there are more important items for the Council to worry about- like cleaning the road drain grates prior to rain and the cleaning of the drain holes on Moxham Rd wooden bridge prior to rain as it often fills up with water during heavy rain.

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By letter dated 24 May 2024 I have received your information inviting feedback for the abovementioned study.
This is quite a large scale proposal for Northmead/Nth. Parramatta that will cause disruption and affect residents, business proprietors, motorists and pedestrians including parents and young children. The following are my comments:

1. The letter states that a regional corridor along Kleins Rd has long been identified by the State and Council as a safer, more enjoyable alternative to Windsor Rd. However, in recent years Briens Rd/Cumberland Highway has become a very busy road because of residential development further west and northwest of Northmead/Parramatta. Additionally there is a trend for single residences being demolished and replace by duplex housing – this means an increase in vehicular traffic, and to a lesser extent, pedestrian traffic. Vehicular traffic, especially in peak hour, is a major challenge for Parramatta Council as I see it.

2. I don't know what the increase of cyclists is on such roads since the corridor was identified, so this morning 24 June 2024, I stood on the NW cnr of Briens Rd and Kleins Rd for half an hour from 7.20am to 7.50am. I counted 159 vehicles travelling north on Kleins Rd towards Moxhams Rd and 183 vehicles travelling south on Kleins Rd to Briens Rd (mostly turning left into Briens Rd) heading towards the Parramatta bypass. In that same period I counted only 1 cyclist travelling south on Kleins Rd who continued down Kleins Rd after crossing Briens Rd. I don't know what the strategy is for less cars and more cycleway users, but I can't see too many senior citizens and retirees like myself becoming regular cyclists.

3. I have concern for the proprietors of the shops along Kleins Rd between Briens Rd and Balmoral Rd in regard to losing some parking spaces outside their shops. The turnover of parking spaces is vital for their businesses. The proprietors have to vie for business with the shops at Northmead Plaza and also now with Woolworths at Nth Parramatta. This small Kleins Rd Shopping Centre has been part of the Northmead community for many many years, and there would be numerous local residents who would not like to see the established proprietors lose their business.

4. The shared pedestrian/cycleway along Kleins Rd from Briens Rd to Fleet St is a great idea which would open up access to Burlington Memorial Reserve. This part of the corridor would be good for some Kleins Rd proprietors, as corridor users could stop at the shops for food and refreshments.

5. If all the 8 dot points in the proposal are implemented, the cost would be of major proportions. I presume information on these costs will be forthcoming.

In summary, my comments are:

a. Implement the pedestrian/cycle path and bridge over Darling Mills Creek along Kleins Rd from Balmoral Rd to Fleet St;
b. Defer pedestrian/cycle paths along Kleins Rd from Moxhams Rd to Balmoral Rd to:
   - Gauge the success of (a);
   - Assess the cyclist usage in Northmead/Nth Parramatta at that time

Thank you for your work on developing infrastructural pathways as the demands on Parramatta's CBD grows and thank you for inviting the local community to comment.

As a resident in North Parramatta for over 20 years, I have been on the front line of transport, roads and infrastructure expansion in North Parramatta. Diversions and road works have affected my ability to live well here for years now. From not sleeping, to lack of access into our building by car, increased noise pollution and road rage, many traffic diversions and changes have occurred during 24/7 roadworks over the last four years.

As the light rail undergoes it's testing phase, it is imperative that Transport NSW work closely with council and locals to understand the impact of traffic closures, diversions and limiting 'one way' signs that adjust traffic flow. As important as traffic flow is, so is the environmental impact cutting a pathway over Darling Mills Creek.

The issue of making Fleet Street one way is that there is no access for west side O'Connell Street residents to access their driveways by car. To get to O'Connell driveways, residents must travel one way in a norwest direction, making westside O'Connell Street, the only way into our driveway. Fleet Street is the only two-way road west side of O'Connell Street, North Parramatta having traffic lights with a green traffic arrow to access. Making Fleet Street one way would prevent street access for residents if made into a one way road. The former two way O'Connell Street, is now made into a four lane road with concrete divisions. There are clear and present dangers with turning into driveways west of O'Connell Street in that cars are reluctant to slow down. Could we have a sign '**Turning Traffic**' or other sign? This will avoid the road rage when residents living westside O'Connell Streets turn into their driveways between No's. 33-71, North Parramatta 2151.

Fleet Street must remain two way. Impact from major events has caused the CBD to be congested taking 20+ minutes plus to movie two metres at a time post major events. Parramatta Leagues Club parking and stadium parking cannot cater to the amount of visitors, let alone when Riverside Theatres is re-developed.

The roads on westside O'Connell are not for major traffic, so when 'No Right Turn' signs appear on Victoria Road, Church Street, Fennell Street - left turn only and others, it limits travel and access routes to get home.

Considering the Light Rail will be functioning within months, I would stress the importance of keeping major and minor roads such as Church, Victoria and Campbell Streets two way with 'right hand turn' options. Together with minor roads such as Fleet Street, duel access will enable people to move and avoid traffic congestion. This includes bus diversions, especially during peak times.

The 900 bus needs to continue up O'Connell Street, North Parramatta and travel into Church Street to service more people, as well as provide a point connecting to Parramatta Station.

The Cyclist path you are proposing is unique in connecting Parramatta North to Northmead - but please consider the east west relationship of traffic flow access in the Parramatta CBD/North Parramatta precinct as it's stressful now - before further DA's and developmental divisions occur in North Parramatta.

Keep Fleet Street two way. It's not just so I can access my driveway by car, but it will be an imperative thoroughfare when traffic pressures increase for visitors, residents and workers. As the commercial and business infrastructure continues to grows in these areas, the **Cumberland Precinct** visitors, community centres, NFP organisations, government/non-government departments and central business hubs, **will require access into Fleet Street - both ways**.

I'm proud to state the transport offered to Parramatta as train, metro, taxi, bus, ferry, light rail - as no other place in Australia offers so much variation in one city. You cordon off the roads, it will cause negative impacts and I fear, possible harm for our city. Visitors, residents, workers, government and non government business, together with social, cultural and network hubs will thrive if they have access. We want Parramatta to thrive, not choke. Keep the roads moving. 'No Right Turn' gives the wrong signal and blocks the demands of this ever expanding city. Provide more green arrow opportunities.

I wish you all the best for the cycle path proposal to adjoin North Parramatta to Northmead. I would ask the environment impact be provided for review to the stakeholders above and we are kept informed of the project's progress and any other project that is impacted by this one.

With the continuing and growing demands, Fleet Street must remain a two-way street to allow traffic flow to access a connecting gateway between Parramatta CBD, Northmead and North Parramatta precinct as there is no other road or way, west-side to provide or accommodate this.

The cycle-way proposal does what Fleet Street currently does for cars, pedestrians and cyclists.



To Whom it May Concern,
My main objections to the proposal is the removal of parking, particularly in the residential area of Kleins Rd.
The street parking is mostly used by the residents of Kleins road and their visitors. Removing this parking will mean that people who use this parking will need to park some distance away, in some cases, such as near my place where there will be little parking left, people will be forced to park in the side streets. This is far from ideal for families with young children or for elderly residents. It also means that this area becomes more attractive to criminals who will quickly learn that cars are parked some distance from their owners.
The removal of parking will be more pronounced as the area is further developed with higher density housing.

The removal of parking, particularly around my area, will also impact people who require trades to come and do repairs or who have bulky items such as refrigerators, couches etc delivered as there will be no convenient parking near the house.

The parking along Kleins Rd is also heavily used by parents of Northmead Public School for drop off and pickup. Removing this parking is going to make it harder for parents to do this. Similarly on Sundays parking on Kleins Rd as well as Thomas and Lombard St are heavily utilized by parishioners of the three local churches. Removing parking along Kleins Rd and forcing residents to park in side streets will make it harder for people to attend church.

Given how busy Kleins Rd gets during peak hour, along with the number of heavy vehicles that use the road, I can not see the cycleway being used, at least not by enough people to warrant taking away so much parking. I know that the Department of Education is keen for more cycleways near schools to encourage kids to ride to school. With all of the work and school traffic on this road, I would not let my children ride on it to school and I have not yet spoken to a parent that would.

Looking at the design of the cycle, it appears that cyclists will need to come up onto the footpath in order to get to the designated crossings. A number of corners along Kleins Rd have limited visibility. This is likely to mean that cyclists and/or pedestrians are going to have a collision.

While I have outlined the reasons I don't support the cycleway, I do support the level crossings that have been proposed as well as the roundabout at the intersection of Moxkams and Kleins Rds. Both of these will make it safer for kids to walk to school as they will automatically have the right of way. It should also help cut down the number of cars that perform illegal U-turns at the intersections of Thomas and Kleins Rd as well as Lombard St and Kleins Rd.

Kind Regards

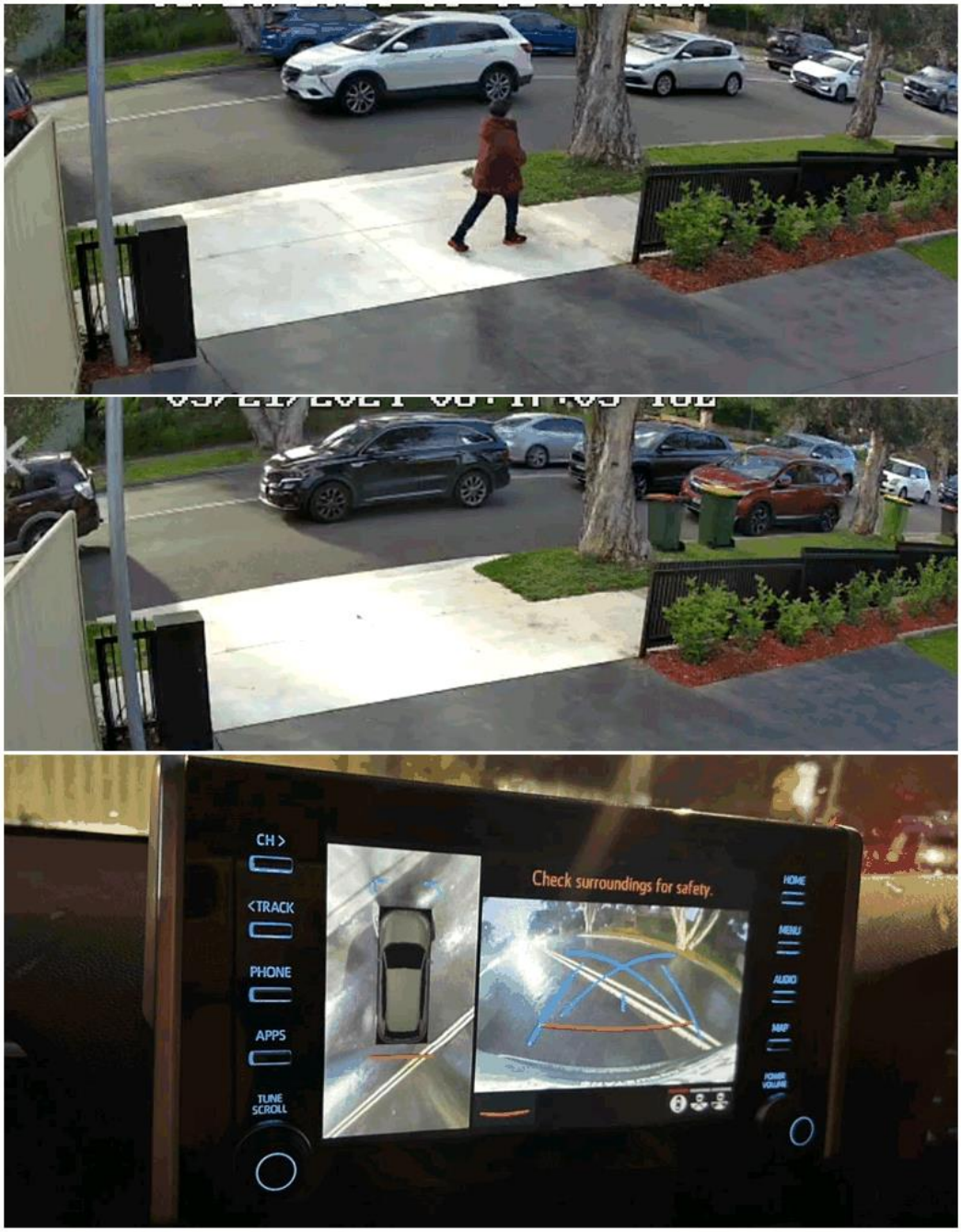
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Some photos of the traffic backed up on Kleins Road in front of my property. I also have parents dropping off their kids park in front of my property many times. The road has big construction vehicles, cranes & buses too continuously using the road even though it is not a bus route. Narrowing the road will be a problem for me backing out of my driveway as it will be hard to spot cyclists with trees on either side of the driveway. Also cars don't give me way at the moment to get out as they are in a hurry and cyclists will definitely not stop. I have to monitor pedestrians then cyclists blocked by the tree and then cars too. Also the road will be narrower to get out without going on the other side of the double line.








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1 June 2023

Submission on the draft Kleins Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Corridor

to the City of Parramatta

Introduction

I write in support of the City of Parramatta's draft Kleins Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Corridor, and to make comment on specific aspects of the design which might be refined to better the project prior to implementation.

Support Bike Plan

Firstly, I commend council on their ongoing commitment to cycling infrastructure and the continued implementation of the Parramatta Bike Plan. The level of continued, carefully planned investment in this space sets council apart from its peers. As a step in implementing the Bike Plan, I am fully supportive of council's proposed approach to pursue a cycleway corridor along Kleins Road. This corridor will be highly beneficial in bettering the links into the Parramatta CBD from the northwest, as well as improving cycle infrastructure around the developing Parramatta North precinct.

The corridor

Section K1: Eels Place to Darling Mills Creek

I believe that the permanent route (D) identified in Working Paper A – Alignment review is an essential step to be pursued once the development of the Parramatta North precinct allows it, as this will provide a direct, level link into Parramatta Park and the pathway around the Old Kings Oval. In the meantime, the interim route (C) is a passable temporary solution, although it is constrained by having to detour uphill to reach Northcott Lane, and the level of traffic which can occur on Eels Place on game days.

Reducing Fleet Street to one-way vehicular traffic is a good solution to allow a separated cycleway while preserving the existing trees which enhance the heritage values of the former Parramatta Female Factory.

Section K2: Darling Mills Creek to Cumberland Highway

The proposed shared path bridge over Darling Mills Creek just upstream from its confluence with Toongabbie Creek will be a great addition, providing an alternative route into Parramatta which avoids the busy Westmead health precinct and the even busier Church Street/Windsor Road crossing of Darling Mills Creek. Currently, the Parramatta River (and tributaries) are quite inaccessible upstream of the Ross Street Causeway, so providing more access for active transport to this area is a good thing.

The path around Burlington Memorial Park is a good approach to managing the gradient rising out of the creek valley. The proposed bent-out raised zebra crossings along Kleins Road are excellent. The approach to reconfiguring parking at the Kleins Road / Cumberland Highway shops is sensible and makes better use of the available road space.

The incomplete 3-sided pedestrian crossings at the Kleins Road / Cumberland Highway intersection is an unfortunate constraint on the project, though pursuing a western side bidirectional cycleway does somewhat mitigate this.

Sections K3 and K4: Cumberland Highway to Moxhams Road

It is within sections K3 and K4 where I think the most significant improvements to the concept design should be made. In these sections the cycleway is proposed in a separated bidirectional format which would tic-tac from the western side of Kleins Road to the eastern side and back again. This introduces unnecessary additional crossings of Kleins Road, which is a poor outcome for both cyclists and drivers, as it creates conflict points between vehicular and cycle traffic which do not need to exist.

From a cyclist perspective, it also makes the route much less legible, as there are multiple occasions where the dedicated separated cycleway is proposed to disappear into shared paths around intersections, at which the next section of separated cycleway may not be readily visible. This increases the likelihood that cyclists will accidentally end up riding on the footpath on the wrong side of Kleins Road, or giving up and riding with traffic on the road, or even losing the route altogether and heading down a different street, all of which are poor outcomes. I think this is particularly likely to occur around the proposed Kleins Road / Hammers Road roundabout, where under the proposed design, the separated cycleway will disappear for over 100 metres of route distance before reappearing again on the far side of the intersection, on the opposite side of Kleins Road. I have noted an alternate design style for this junction at right.



Figure: The Kleins Rd / Hammers Rd roundabout could be improved by having the cycleway continue through it in a separated unidirectional design. An example of this, illustrated above, can be seen in the intersections of Moray St with Coventry St and Dorcas St in South Melbourne. Credit: Victorian Infrastructure Delivery Authority.

As a better alternative, I believe that **the route should adopt a separated unidirectional each side cycleway format** between the proposed raised zebra crossing immediately north of Northmead Avenue all the way through to the end of Kleins Road, before returning to a bidirectional format along the north side of Moxhams Road. This style of cycleway is illustrated in Figure 12a on page 26 of the Parramatta Bike Plan 2017, and in Figure 2.5 at page 10 of the Austroads Guide to Road Design Part 6A: Paths for Walking and Cycling.

The road width cost of a separated twin unidirectional approach compared to a separated single bidirectional approach is negligible, as demonstrated in the recommended widths prescribed by Austroads. The benefit of switching to this approach is the opportunity to provide a much more legible route through the Kleins Road / Hammers Road roundabout, especially if the separated unidirectional cycle lanes continued all the way through the roundabout as shown in the figure. It would not only make the intersection easier to navigate for north–south cycle traffic, but would also make it easier for cyclists riding along Hammers Road in the existing on-road cycle lanes to turn onto the Kleins Road cycleway. This would accommodate links to both Toongabbie Creek and the Northwest T-Way Cycleway to the west and Windsor Road to the east.

The presence of a cycleway along the western side of Kleins Road past Northmead Public School might be considered a limitation of this approach. If this is the case, an alternative option might be for northbound cycle traffic to instead cross to the eastern side of Kleins Road around Moss Street, resulting in a separated bidirectional cycleway from Moss Street all the way to Moxhams Road along the eastern side of Kleins Road, avoiding the school. It would better if this were built with only one road crossing to get to the shared path on Moxhams Road (on the eastern side of the proposed roundabout), rather than two as in the proposed design. In this alternative scenario, the separated unidirectional cycleway format would only exist between Northmead Avenue and Moss Street.

Beyond Kleins Road

The shared path links beyond the end of the dedicated cycleway at the end of Kleins Road will be a beneficial addition. However, further thought should be given to how they might better facilitate links west to Toongabbie Creek and east to Windsor Road towards Baulkham Hills. Even after the shared paths are completed, the most effective links to these destinations are likely to be via Hammers Road, due to the lack of a cycle connection through Impeesa Reserve, and the impenetrability of the M2 Motorway at the top end of Northmead Gully, respectively.

In particular, there is a longer term opportunity for a more level route from Kleins Road along Toongabbie Creek to the Girraween Creek Shared Path and Northwest T-Way Cycleway at Old Windsor Road. Both of these are major cycle routes from the Blacktown LGA which upon entering the Parramatta LGA are forced to climb up and over the peak of Constitution Hill to reach the Parramatta CBD. A route which instead continues along the natural gully of Toongabbie Creek would mitigate this.

To: City of Parramatta

Re: Kleins Rd. Pedestrian and Cyclist Corridor

Attention: Mark Crispin
Senior Transport Planner

I am a resident at 2-6 Albert Street, North Parramatta.

The Kleins Road proposal excludes adverse impacts for residents travelling from the north and northwest. Changes to Fleet Street will cause major traffic problems for vehicles travelling to the western side of O'Connell Street and Albert Street.

As a professional who regularly travels to Castle Hill, my current route home is via Windsor Road turning right at the Barney Street lights and right again at the traffic lights into Fleet Street. Fleet Street joins O'Connell Street where I turn left and then left again at the traffic lights on Albert Street to arrive home. For residents living in Albert Street and those living on the western side of O'Connell Street this is a convoluted yet necessary exercise to access our homes.

The Kleins Road proposition of creating one way traffic northward from Fennel Street to Greenup Drive effectively removes and disadvantages thousands of residents from travelling home.

There is an alternative route that poses several obstacles. The route from Windsor Road is to turn right at Barney Street traffic lights into O'Connell Street continue through the Albert St and O'Connell Street traffic lights and to turn left into Harold Street. To access Albert Street, one turns left into Trott St, a very narrow road that is ostensibly one lane because cars park on one side of the road. Frequently if a car is travelling in the other direction, someone must give way. To complicate matters North Parramatta Primary School skirts Trott Street and if travelling between 2.30pm to 4 pm at school pick up the road is virtually inaccessible. Compounding safety issues and traffic flow there is a (school) pedestrian crossing at the corner of Trott St and Albert Street. Due to congestion and excited children, I have personally experienced a child run onto the road in front of my car in Trott Street. After navigating this small and fraught stretch of Trott Street to reach Albert Street one needs to turn left and quickly get into the right-hand lane to drive straight ahead or to turn right for residents living along the western border of O'Connell Street.

Additionally, the stretch of road from Church and Albert Street traffic lights to the Albert Street and O'Connell Street traffic lights is approximately 100 metres which due to the

school zone and pedestrian crossing and the limitations of Trott Street as a main thoroughfare will result in heightened risk of mishaps occurring.

The Kleins Road proposition doesn't factor in the adverse impact of diverting many residents away from a segment of Fleet Street southbound. The flow on effect to Harold Street, Trott Street and the school is worrying, not to mention the frustration of an even more arduous and treacherous drive home for residents who work or travel from the north and northwest.

Further concerns include:
Less parking spaces.
Many Visitors to North Parramatta and surrounds drive to events and visit relatives.
Some residents require permanent street parking.
The paucity of parking spaces in this area adversely impacts residents and visitors. A reduction of parking spaces is ill considered.
Personally, I have relatives who live in the central coast and Hawkesbury regions who avoid visiting North Parramatta due to lack of parking.
Events at the nearby Stadium result in bedlam as visitors to the area vie for the few available parking spots on Fleet Street, Albert Street, Galloway Street, Trott Street, Harold Street and surrounds.
Additionally, any reduction or change to parking arrangements at Kleins Road shopping precinct is likely to create an adverse flow on effect for shop owners in what is already a trying time for small businesses.

A final concern is that minimal change occurs to the National Heritage Walk. Heritage in Parramatta and surrounds appears to be a secondary consideration to planners and developers despite the hard work and objectives of those who dedicate their time and energy to retain and elevate heritage listed indigenous and colonial history. It is important that the addition of a bridge over Darling Mills Creek does not denigrate the indigenous and heritage significance of Darling Mills.

Regards,

24 June 2024

North Parramatta Residents Action Group
Email: infonprag2024@gmail.com
DATE: 24 June 2024

RE: DRAFT KLEINS ROAD PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST CORRIDOR
THE BRIDGE OVER THE DARLING MILLS CREEK

To Whom it May Concern,

The North Parramatta Residents Action Group (NPRAG) is an active local community group that takes an active role in the preservation of the Heritage within the Parramatta Council area, this includes the build form and sites within the area as well as the Cultural and Environmental attributes of the North Parramatta area.

The proposed area for the Cyclist Bridge construction over the Darling Mills Creek is a significant location for many reasons.
This location is at the conjunction of the Toongabbie and Darling Mills Creeks and the Parramatta River therefore it is **the headwaters of Sydney Harbour**.
This area has been preserved as a site that has NOT been significantly disrupted for over **230 years** and the opportunity is available for enhancing this precinct with considered and sympathetic management as a link between the prior settlement of the area and today's community.

The area surrounding the various waterways including the embankments and attached landscapes either adjoins very significant Heritage and Cultural assets including

- The Parramatta Park and the Wisteria Gardens.
- The Health Dept Precinct including both the Eastern and Western Sides of the Parramatta River.
- The Fleet Street precinct including the Parramatta Girls Home and the Mental health buildings dating from the earliest days of European settlement.
- The previous Parramatta Heritage Goal.
- Remnants of the former Grain Mill and associated buildings and earth works.
- The landing site of the **First Exploration** of the Parramatta River by Gov Phillip whilst searching for a viable drinkable water source. This finding in the Darling Mills Creek resulted in the decision that the **Colony of NSW was viable** to establish and therefore forerunner to the creation of the Australian Nation. This site is more significant than

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an explorer sailing into a Harbor in search of a safe landing. No Cultural Nation would desecrate such a significant location.

- Also, in the vicinity is some of the earliest established farming land in this county's history.
- The Darling Mills Creek is the site of numerous **Aboriginal Cultural Sites** such as stone markings and identified Cultural rituals locations. Nearby Archaeological excavations indicate that occupation has been up to 35,000 years of continuous occupation.

This list above is not inclusive of ALL the identifiable and significant sites around and adjacent the site of the proposed Bridge and Bike path. Therefore, it is recommended that the above proposed location and concept be reconsidered.

- The bridge location is too close to the conjunction of the rivers and waterway thereby it could be relocated to less invasive site from a visual perspective.
- It is NOT considered acceptable that another obtrusive structure be added to the immediate area in addition to the Water Pumping Station.
- It is considered that the footings of the supporting structure and their construction could directly impact and damage Aboriginal Cultural Sites. In addition to impacting the natural environment and earth structures.
- At an onsite inspection undertaken with Council Staff it was pointed out that there is already a crossing of the Darling Mills Creek by **a Water Board Structure which could be adaptively repurposed** at a much lesser cost as an additional bridge over the Creek. This location would be more suitable as it if further away from the conjunction of the Water sources and the location has been previously disturbed.
- An examination of the available drawings and documents indicate mostly large obtrusive bridges of various configurations; however they generally have significant negative impacts upon the area in consideration, either visually or direct site impacts.

The proposal is NOT supported by a business case as to the potential benefits to off-set the significant cost of the preposed project. Based upon local feedback (via our Web Site and letter box replies) and observations regarding the numbers of cyclist's usage in the surrounding area,2 there would appear to be little current usage nor possible potential need as there are alternatives routes.

In discussions with many local residents and businesses of the area and particularly those in Klein's Rd Northmead, the creation of a Cycleway would greatly impact the area by reducing parking and cluttering transport / traffic needs in the area. A traffic study would clearly confirm the veracity of these concerns as there is little alternatives for the locals and businesses impacted by the proposal.

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In addition, the Cycle track route needs to re-considered when combined with the changes implemented by the Light Rail transport system, this has caused to the road and pedestrian network on the eastern side of the area being considered to be severely impacted by restricting their ability to access their properties, again a comprehensive traffic study should have outlined these concerns as the viability of proposal and associated works.

The proposed structure does not integrate with the adjoining neighbourhood and surrounds, advice would suggest that **there is NO funding to mitigate the projects impact** by the creation of appropriate walking tracks etc which would contribute to the enhancement of the publics use of the adjoining water ways and bushlands.

The project does **not assist with promoting** the significant local Heritage and Cultural resources to develop community activity, tourism or business development as outlined in the Councils Vision 2050 strategy.

The information provided upon the Council web site, regarding this project is questionable as it fails to provide to possible contributors intending to make a submission, a very partisan presentation of the facts. It also mitigates or glosses over significant concerns that will be passed over in the future. Many of the attached comments (in the attached rout map) to be part of a campaign by the advocates to justify their case.

The examination of the report on the significance of the Heritage and Cultural items needs a review as it has failed to detail the potential impacts and the detrimental influences of the Bridge and Cycle track. The proposal has taken a very limited envelope trying to justify the construction and building works potential impacts. This completely misses the point regarding this VERY significant area by taking a short-term perspective.

The Community of North Parramatta and NSW will prefer nothing be done if it risks such a significant Heritage and Cultural Area for both Aboriginal and European Groups.

I look forward to your prompt response.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Russo, OAM

Former Deputy Lord Mayor Parramatta City Council

President of the North Parramatta Residents Action Group

THE WALKING VOLUNTEERS SUBMISSION DATED 23 JUNE 2024

RE: DRAFT KLEINS ROAD PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST CORRIDOR

THE BRIDGE AT DARLING MILLS CREEK

The Walking Volunteers support the concept of a pedestrian/cyclist bridge across Darling Mills Creek on condition that it is placed and designed in a way that truly respects the considerable heritage and environmental significance of the headwaters of the Parramatta River.

1. THE HEADWATERS

   The Headwaters include the embankments and adjoining land on both sides of the Parramatta River from the Wistaria Gardens and the Female Factory to the Head of the River (where Toongabbie Creek meets Darling Mills Creek), and extend from there on both sides of Toongabbie Creek to the Redbank Rd bridge, and on both sides of Darling Mills Creek to where the Sydney Water pipes cross the Creek near the old Gaol.

   It is the view of *The Walking Volunteers* that this waterway including the River and the Creeks and the embankments and the land adjoining is of national heritage significance. It includes evidence of Aboriginal occupation for thousands of years, is a natural environment that is exceptional and dominant, and tells the whole story of the nation when combined with the colonial past in Parramatta Park and the modern CBD.

2. POSITION OF BRIDGE

   The proposed bridge across Darling Mills Creek is far too close to the Head of the River. This area has been identified from an Indigenous perspective as including a potential Song Line (access point across the Creek), and significant rock platforms and natural environment.

   The nearest position it could arguably go would be to continue the proposed path on the north/eastern side of Burlington Memorial Park (next to Bus Depot) straight across Darling Mills Creek as set out approximately in the attached diagram 'WV DM Creek bridge proposal'.

   The advantage of this position is that with sensitive design it may be able to minimise adverse impacts, including on views and the sense of remoteness one now experiences at the Head of the River. It would also take the positioning of the bridge away from the working infrastructure of the new Sydney Water pumping station.

Some may say that to place it here means that approvals or agreements may have to be reached with the local Aboriginal Land Council and the Bus Company, but we would submit that this is in fact a positive. Governments both State and Local often state how important it is for Government to work with community in all its forms to achieve best outcomes. This is such a case.

3. DESIGN

This should not be a bridge like that of the Alfred Street Bridge in the CBD. That design is appropriate in that position. But at Darling Mills Creek to emphasise or create an obvious structure is what you don't want to do. The art or skill needed is to make it as unobtrusive as possible so that it blends and disappears into the natural landscape. It is appreciated it has to be above the appropriate flood level, but what needs to be seen in this vicinity are the magnificent rock formations and trees and vegetation and the creek itself, not man-made structures. And that goes with the material and colour of the bridge – it needs to disappear into the natural environment.
The proposed designs are monumental in form and frankly not appropriate.

4. OTHER OPTIONS

Yes, there are other options for the positioning of the bridge. The pedestrian/cyclist track could swing left from Burlington Memorial Park below the Bus Depot and cross Darling Mills Creek closer to the Gaol or indeed where the Sydney Water pipes cross near the Gaol. This would have the advantage of being well away from the Head of the River and a more substantial structure may be appropriate in this vicinity.

Looking to the future, the Gaol will probably become a place of considerable interest for the public and a crossing near there makes sense.

The position of the proposed bridge in the draft documents needs to be moved further away from the Head of the Parramatta River towards the old Gaol and redesigned to have minimal impact on the significant heritage and environmental values of this special place.

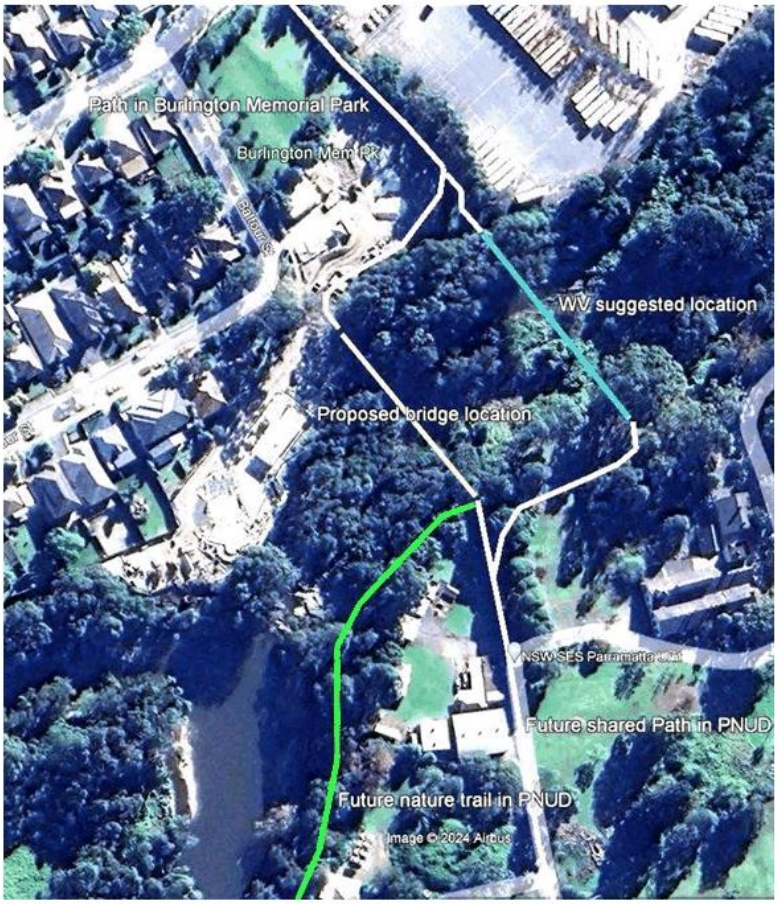
Phil Jenkyn OAM on behalf of *The Walking Volunteers*

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The Walking Volunteers are a group of experienced walkers who for over twenty years have been working in a voluntary capacity with government agencies and councils to develop an interconnected walking network for the Greater Sydney region.
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ATTACHMENT TO *THE WALKING VOLUNTEERS* SUBMISSION 23 JUNE 2024

'WV DM Creek bridge proposal'



Draft Kleins Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Corridor.

Submission re Ulandi, Churchill, Yarrabee, Model Farms, & Asquith shared paths.

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1 Ulandi-Churchill-Yarrabee alternate crossings.

2 Churchill Drive at Yarrabee Road.

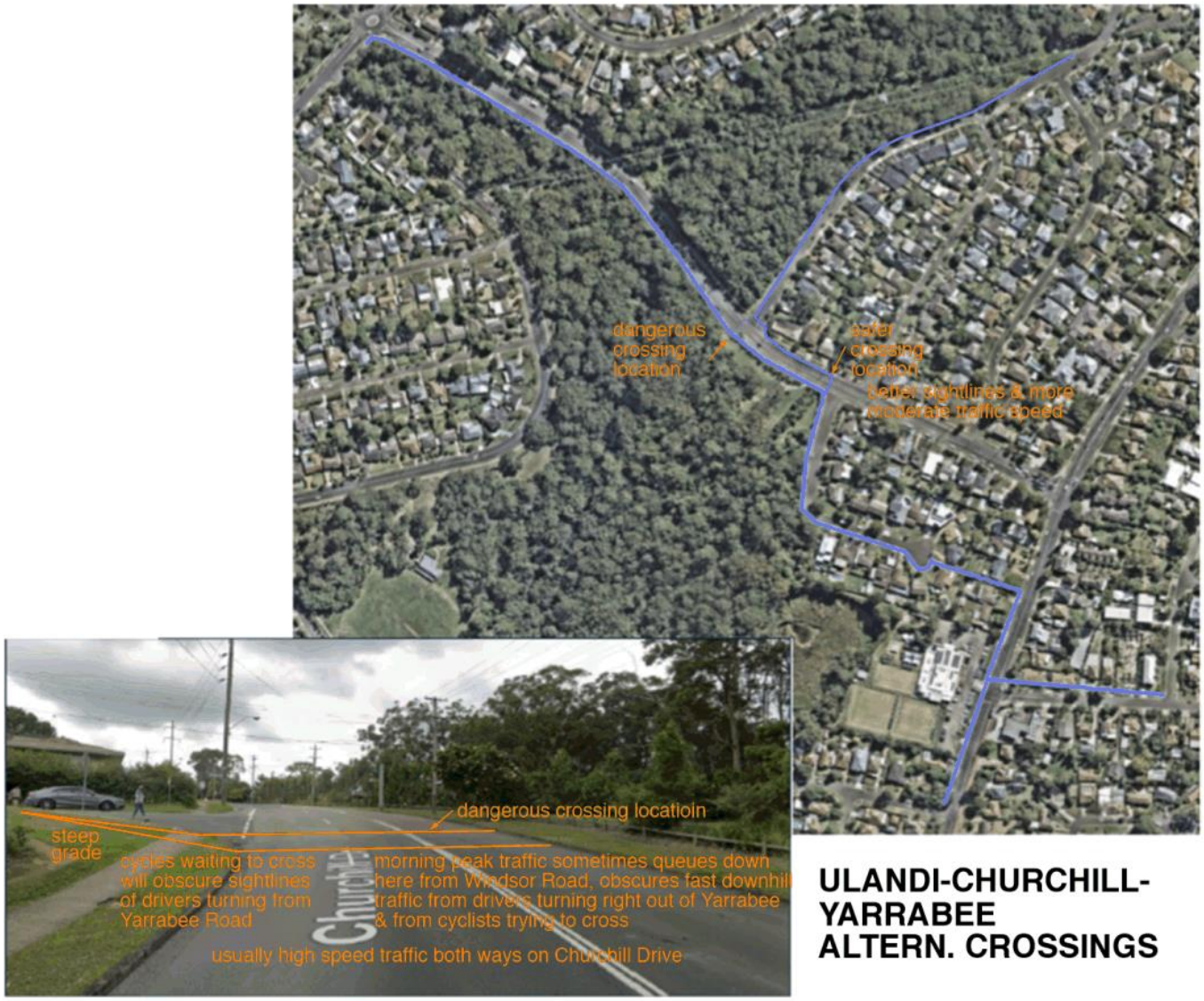
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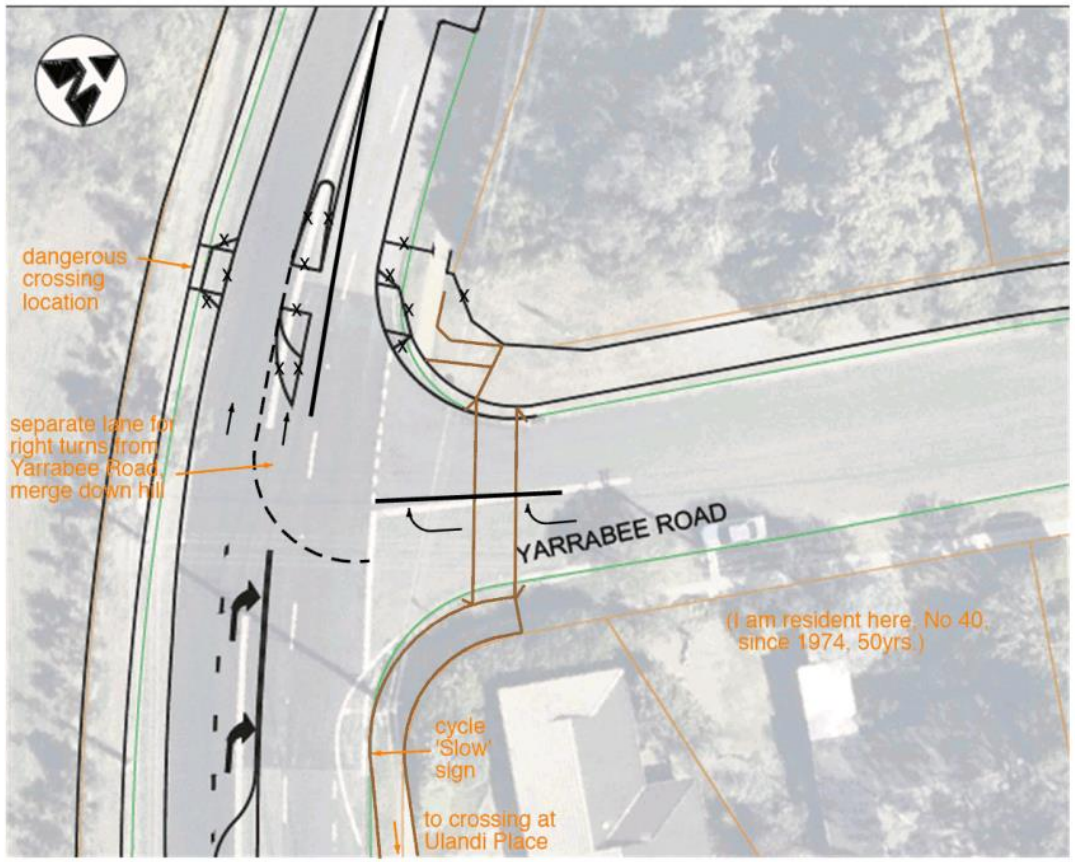
4 Model Farms / Asquith Avenue altern. route - Goodin Road.

by

Phillip Johnston
Civil Engineer, MIEAust, CPEng
resident 50yrs




dangerous crossing location
safer crossing location
better sightlines & more moderate traffic speed
dangerous crossing locatioin
steep grade
cycles waiting to cross will obscure sightlines of drivers turning from Yarrabee Road
morning peak traffic sometimes queues down here from Windsor Road, obscures fast downhill traffic from drivers turning right out of Yarrabee & from cyclists trying to cross
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ULANDI-CHURCHILL-YARRABEE ALTERN. CROSSINGS



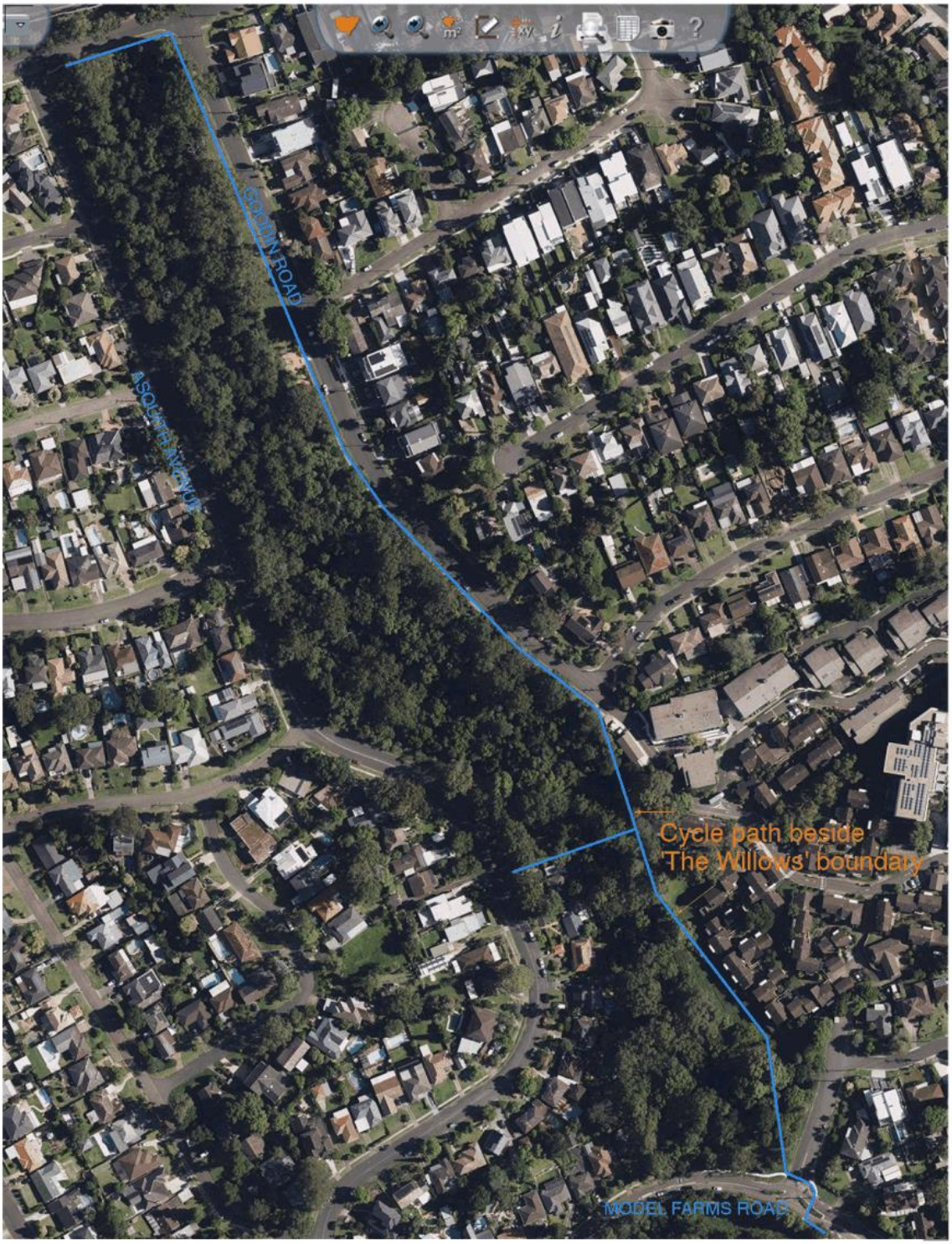
Since M2 and Northconnex, more through traffic right turns from Yarrabee Road, provide separate right turn lane, and keep two uphill lanes, in Churchill Drive?

CHURCHILL DRIVE at YARRABEE ROAD



PLAYGROUND - Yarrabee Road opp Weemala Street

Fence & gates



Alternate route avoids 24 driveway crossings on Model Farms Rd & Asquith Ave., and narrow creek crossing on Model Farms Road.
Lighting and residences in 'The Willows' provide night time safety for cycle path.

MODEL FARMS/ASQUITH AVE
ALTERNATIVE ROUTE - GOODIN ROAD

Western Sydney Local Health District
Centre for Population Health

24 June 2024

City of Parramatta
Attn: Mark Crispin Senior Transport Planner
Via email: transportplanning@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au

Subject: Letter of Support – Draft Kleins Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Corridor

Dear Mark Crispin,

Western Sydney Local Health District (WSLHD), Centre for Population Health (CPH) welcomes the opportunity to comment on City of Parramatta's (CoP) proposed Kleins Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Corridor.

The CPH acknowledges the achievements in infrastructure delivery to date via the CoP Bike Plan (2017, updated and endorsed on 11 June 2024), and Parramatta Ways Walking Strategy (2017), to enhance the accessibility, sustainability, productivity, and liveability for people who live and work in CoP. The commitment of CoP to invest in improved infrastructure which helps enable the community to be more physically active, via more opportunities for safe and sustainable travel options for work, study and/or recreation via the proposed Kleins Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Corridor is commended.

Informed by Policy.

We congratulate Council on the alignment of the Kleins Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Corridor with key NSW, Federal Government and WSLHD Strategic documents that support the health and wellbeing of the community by enabling people to be more physically active, with a corresponding reduction in rates of chronic disease.

Of note are the following supportive Strategies:

- Active Transport Strategy 2022
- NSW Movement and Place Framework
- NSW Healthy Eating and Active Living Strategy
- National Health Preventative Strategy 2021-2039
- Western Sydney Local Health District Health Promotion Strategic Framework

Equity approach that supports climate health.

We applaud the equity approach of this proposed project which provides more affordable and equitable travel options for people commuting to/from the Westmead Health Precinct and other key public places including Parramatta Stadium and Northmead Public School. In addition to, improving local active travel connections to parks/playgrounds and key destinations such as shops and childcare centres. We also acknowledge the important role active travel plays in supporting climate health. Policies and interventions designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate climate

change also have the potential to reduce health inequity, build community resilience, and protect and promote better health.[1]

Aboriginal design principles.

We congratulate CoP's Aboriginal Co-design Engagement strategy to inform the project and propose principles that align with important guidelines, such as the Connecting with Country Framework. The design ideas gained from CoP's Walk on Country to gain initial thoughts about the Kleins Road Cycling Corridor study provided valuable feedback for how Dharug knowledge and design might be implemented into the project. CPH acknowledges CoP's active role in their commitment to aspire to a future where cultures, histories and rights of all First Nations people are understood, recognised, and respected by all Australians.

Listening to the community.

CPH acknowledges the proposed changes to the Corridor incorporate community feedback from cyclists, pedestrians, and other road users. Through your community and stakeholder engagement both online and through various community face to face engagement, you are listening to broad views to understand barriers and enablers to active travel and have aimed to address these in the new pedestrian and cyclist corridor.

Proposed structural changes to the environments.

We are encouraged to see the many proposed structural changes to the environments to prioritise safe active travel, such as separated pedestrian and cyclist paths along the length of Kleins Road, Northmead and part of Fleet Street, North Parramatta; a new pedestrian and cyclist bridge over Darling Mills Creek; new raised pedestrian crossing, as well as raised pedestrian/cyclist crossing across Kleins Road and side streets, Northmead and shared paths along several sections of the proposed corridor.

Strengthening existing paths and creating new paths where available will support greater positive health behaviours. Timely delivery of transport connections (including walking, cycling and public transport) is critical to reducing car reliance and preventing a decline in physical activity of people who live and work in CoP.

For consideration:

Journey experience and streetscape improvements.

Where practicable it is important to consider environmental factors that impact on user journey experience and maximises positive health outcomes of the corridor for all people who use it. This includes providing adequate lighting along the corridor, access to public amenities where practicable, opportunities to rest (seating), access to drinking water and adequate shading along the corridor. Suitable signage and way finding that meets the literacy needs of the diverse Western Sydney community is vital. As reported in the Bike Plan 2024, 62% do not use English as their first language at home. As a result, the importance of way finding becomes a critical navigator of a successful cycling network.

Separate cycle and pedestrian ways.

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[1] Haines, A. (2017). Health co-benefits of climate action. *The Lancet Planetary Health*, 1(1): pp. E4-E5. doi: 10.1016/S2542-5196(17)30003-7

CPH notes the inclusion of separate cycleways designs on sections of the Corridor and reiterates wherever possible, the separation of cyclists and pedestrians from motorised traffic to reduce fatalities and injuries, particularly along roads with high traffic volume counts[2]. In addition, where possible, the separation of pedestrians and cyclists is the preferred option.

Future collaboration:

We are keen to collaborate with Council on the ongoing development and implementation of the Kleins Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Corridor. Specifically, we would like to explore possibilities to:

- Partner with Council and other organisations for intersectoral collaboration to implement walking and cycling research trials and pilot interventions.
- Support Council in advocacy efforts across all levels of government, for improvements in walking and cycling infrastructure.
- Conduct walkability audits of the Active Transport Corridors and take joint action on audit findings.
- Work together to increase active travel to the Westmead Precinct and any potential active travel to school related projects, such as a collaboration with Northmead Public School.
- Any potential community engagement projects that investigate change in health behaviours because of the Kleins Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Corridor.

If required, the Centre for Population Health is willing to provide additional evidence or information in relation to our comments. We look forward to continuing our working relationship with City of Parramatta Council to improve the health and wellbeing of residents.

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Yours sincerely,



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[2] WSLHD, Epidemiology and Health Analytics, Social and Health Atlas
https://www.wslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/SocialHealthAtlas/

Attention: Mark Crispin
Senior Transport Planner

Location: City of Parramatta

Re: Kleins Rd. Pedestrian and Cyclist Corridor

I am an owner at 2-6 Albert Street, North Parramatta.

I have several concerns over the Kleins Road proposal. The proposal does not consider the adverse impact on residents travelling from the north and northwest. Changes to Fleet Street will cause major traffic problems for vehicles travelling to the western side of O'Connell Street and Albert Street.

The Kleins Road proposition of creating one way traffic northward from Fennel Street to Greenup Drive effectively removes and disadvantages thousands of residents from travelling home.

I regularly travel NorthWest bound to Baulkam Hills, my current route home is via Windsor Road turning right at the Barney Street lights and right again at the traffic lights into Fleet Street. Fleet Street joins O'Connell Street where I turn left and then left again at the traffic lights on Albert Street to arrive home. For residents living in Albert Street and those living on the western side of O'Connell Street this is a complex yet necessary to access our homes.

There is an alternative route that poses several obstacles. The route from Windsor Road is to turn right at Barney Street traffic lights into O'Connell Street continue through the Albert St and O'Connell Street traffic lights and to turn left into Harold Street. To access Albert Street, one turns left into Trott St, a very narrow road that is ostensibly one lane because cars park on one side of the road. Frequently if a car is travelling in the other direction, someone must give way. To complicate matters North Parramatta Primary School skirts Trott Street and if travelling between 2.30pm to 4 pm at school pick up the road is virtually inaccessible.

Compounding safety issues and traffic flow there is a (school) pedestrian crossing at the corner of Trott St and Albert Street. This is dangerously congested around children. After navigating this small and fraught stretch of Trott Street to reach Albert Street one needs to turn left and quickly get into the right-hand lane to drive straight ahead or to turn right for residents living along the western border of O'Connell Street.

Additionally, the stretch of road from Church and Albert Street traffic lights to the Albert Street and O'Connell Street traffic lights is approximately 100 metres which due to the school zone and pedestrian crossing and the limitations of Trott Street as a main thoroughfare will result in heightened risk of mishaps occurring.

The Kleins Road proposition doesn't factor in the adverse impact of diverting many residents away from a segment of Fleet Street southbound. The flow on effect to Harold Street, Trott Street and the school is worrying, not to mention the frustration of an even more arduous and treacherous drive home for residents who work or travel from the north and northwest.

Further concerns include:
(1) Less parking spaces -
Many Visitors to North Parramatta and surrounds drive to events and visit relatives. Some residents require street parking.
(2) The lack of parking spaces in this area adversely impacts residents and visitors. A reduction of parking spaces is not taken into account.
(3) Since Church street has a metro, a lot of traffic is not diverted onto O'Connell, which further adds traffic congestion. Limiting access with one way restricts access further.

(4) Events at the nearby Stadium result is chaotic as visitors to the area vie for the few available parking spots on Fleet Street, Albert Street, Galloway Street, Trott Street, Harold Street, Grose Street and surrounds.
(5) Additionally, any reduction or change to parking arrangements at Kleins Road shopping precinct is likely to create an adverse flow on effect for shop owners in what is already a trying time for small businesses.

A final concern is that minimal change occurs to the National Heritage Walk. Heritage in Parramatta and surrounds appears to be a secondary consideration to planners and developers despite the hard work and objectives of those who dedicate their time and energy to retain and elevate heritage listed indigenous and colonial history. It is important that the addition of a bridge over Darling Mills Creek does not denigrate the indigenous and heritage significance of Darling Mills.

Kind regards

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Kleins Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Corridor - Submissions				
Comment Code	Suburb	Sentiment	Feedback **NOTE: Minor corrections have been made to spelling**	Officer Response
SV39	Epping	Yes, to an extent	It would be good to have more cycle lanes - instead of shared paths. Also consider if any speed limits can or should be lowered on the surrounding roads & areas.	Support noted, however any change in speed limit would be subject to the approval of TfNSW.
SV104	North Parramatta	Yes, to an extent	Making Fleet Street one way northbound will cause problems for anyone on the western side of O'Connell Street from getting into Parramatta. Part of the reason I moved here was to be close to the city and it's facilities, if Fleet Street is one way northbound, it will make it easier for me to drive to Northmead that into Parramatta itself. Without two way access in Fleet street I can not access parramatta to the south without breaking traffic laws somewhere along either Fleet Street, New Street or Dunlop Street.	Council understands the role of Fleet Street in this area in providing critical southbound egress for residents, and a convenient northbound ingress. Should the project proceed there is a shorter inbound route from the north available via Castle Street, right into Factory Street, left into Galloway Street and right into Albert Street. There are three options being explored for outbound access to the south, of which allowing the right turn in Factory at Fleet Street is the preferred. Two alternatives will enable access to right turns at the existing signals at Dunlop / O'Connell Street. Of these options, (1) allowing a right turn on Factory Street at Fleet Street is the preferred, but would require approval by TfNSW and PLR. The alternative (2) is a turning facility on Fleet Street at Greenup Drive to allow southbound vehicles to legally make a U-turn, and then exit northbound. However, this would create a longer detour and is a less desirable public domain outcome. Currently the intersection at O'Connell / Fennell St used by residents for southbound right turns has had 8 crashes in the last 5 years and is unsignalised. (3) If Fleet St was made one way southbound for resident access, the volume of traffic would likely require the installation of traffic lights. However, this is unlikely to be supported by TfNSW due to proximity to other signals.
SV40	North Parramatta	Yes, to an extent	Great to see Council providing for connections to Northmead. As a North Parramatta resident, I have ridden my bike to Officeworks, Bunnings, but the route is clunky and unfriendly, and going beyond the Cumberland Hwy feels unsafe. This project will create a good, practical route for people to access shops and services by bike, and I hope will reduce the number of short distance car trips in the area.	Support noted.
SV107	North Rocks	Yes, to an extent	A pedestrian bridge over busy Kleins Rd would be a huge benefit for users of this new pedestrian/cyclist corridor.	A bridge over Kleins Road is not proposed as part of this project. It is unlikely to be supported due to the significant ramping required up and over the street that will be an impediment to pedestrians.
Email 1	Northmead	Yes, to an extent	Thanks for consulting us. So long as the free flow of car traffic is kept the same, it might be good to separate bikes and people on the footpaths. But I hope it won't be like in the CBD where it's a mess and takes up parking and is sometimes confusing to drivers.	Support noted, there are no proposals to change circulation outside of Fleet Street in North Parramatta. Separated paths are proposed where higher volumes and speeds are anticipated. Parramatta CBD does not currently have any separated cycling facilities.
Email 19	Northmead	Yes, to an extent	My concern is about the interaction between cyclists and heavy vehicles - in particular near the bus depot on Boundary Rd., which has frequent movements along Kleins Rd approaching the depot from Briens Rd. I want to be clear that I do support the cycleway, but the design should minimize the interaction between cyclists and heavy vehicles, both equally important road users in the area. I am dismayed that the section along Kleins Rd between Boundary Rd and Briens Rd aligns the cycleway immediately adjacent to the roadway, with nothing more than a low kerb between them. I suggest the alignment of the cycleway be pushed towards the houses, and a row of trees be placed between the cycleway and the existing roadway. I note that new trees are already part of the proposal along this section of Kleins Rd. If that is not feasible, I would propose SOLID posts between the cycleway and the general traffic roadway. Note: Not flexi-posts. A post must have consequence (i.e. damage) for the vehicle that hits it, or it won't be meaningful. Case in point: flexible posts used between lanes on the northern exit of the Sydney Harbour Bridge (northbound) in January 2024, were routinely demolished by poorly skilled heavy vehicle drivers unable to stay within their lane. I watched as more and more were knocked down (and not replaced) daily. Eventually they were removed entirely. I note that heavy vehicles have significant usable body overhang beyond the front and rear axles. Members of the community who are unfamiliar with heavy vehicles might not anticipate "tail-swing" and, if a corner is tight or (a bus driver is lazy/poorly trained) also "front overhang" when turning a corner. The corner of Boundary Rd and Kleins Rd should allow plenty of clearance for a 12.5m - 14.5m long vehicle to turn with room to spare, without needing to use overhangs to clear the corner. Installation of posts or other solid barriers to ensure overhang cannot be used over the cycleway is critical at this corner in particular. My background: I am a resident of Northmead/Baulkham Hills. I am an infrequent/casual cyclist. I used to work as a driver at the bus depot on Boundary Rd, but that ended over 2 years ago. I currently work at a different bus company in another region, but my views are my own, and do not represent my company. Collisions between heavy vehicles and cyclists are always severe. I leave you with three fatal examples within the past year: https://clarencevalleynews.com.au/cyclist-tragically-passes-away-in-maclean/ https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/cyclist-killed-in-collision-with-bus-latest-in-long-list-of-accidents-20140502-zr2xm.html https://www.manningrivertimes.com.au/story/8601090/bus-driver-couldnt-see-cyclist-before-fatal-crash/	The concept plans were tested for 12.5m standard buses and trucks. Officers will make sure any future design (if the project proceeds) considers larger 14.5m and articulated buses to ensure wheel paths, overhang and safety buffers are accommodated in the roadway. Vertical bollards adjacent to the bike path are generally not supported due to the hazards they can cause to riders. There will be a minimum raised 400mm concrete separator between traffic and cyclists.
Email 28	Northmead	Yes, to an extent	Submitter provided detailed comments that are provided as an attachment, but the key issues are summarised below: 1. Prefer suspension bridge, thoughtful lighting, colours, bridge deck height, screening for local properties, habitat, waste collection and flooding 2. Construct fast - Sydney water has taken too long 3. Parking outside of the corridor is a challenge 4. Intersection of Kleins / Cumberland is a challenge. 5. Kleins shops need and upgrade. 6. Some local shopping trips needs more than 1 hour parking.	1. Bridge preference is noted, if the project proceeds many of these issues will be addressed in the detail design. 2. Noted, this would be Council's preference as well. 3. Comprehensive counts were undertaken on and off the corridor and there is a surplus of spaces on weekdays and weekends. 4. Green right turn arrows (the most common suggestion) for both approaches would require additional time within the traffic signal timing. However because Cumberland Hwy carries 70,000 vehicles per day and Kleins Rd carries 7,000 it is unlikely TfNSW will give additional time to the Kleins Rd movements. Some localised improvements could be investigated such as a left turn pocket northbound. This would allow a number of vehicles turning left to be held for pedestrians crossing (allowing a dedicated through lane northbound for a short distance), however the benefits would be minimal and will further reduce parking at shops. This could be investigated in detail design. 5. The project is proposing to upgrade the public domain around the shops by undergrounding the power lines and providing street trees and furniture. 6. Noted, this will be considered if the project proceeds.
Phone Call 2	Northmead	Yes, to an extent	No concerns about the project Supports crossing at Moss Street Allambie used as a race track (0700-0930 using Allambie as a way to avoid Kleins / Moxhams). Wants speed humps and chicanes, or no right turns timed (excluding residents).	Support for Moss Street Crossing noted. Council officers advised the submitter of the process to follow when requesting Local Area Traffic Management infrastructure.
Popup 2	Northmead	Yes, to an extent	Would like outdoor dining Doesn't like how tree obscures his shop	Preference for outdoor dining noted. Council officers note that, if the powerlines were undergrounded, this may allow for a larger tree to grow clear of shop signage.
Popup 4	Northmead	Yes, to an extent	It is okay, as long as parking goes up Especially Friday night Saturday and Sunday Parking important, people overstaying (not fair for business), can the rangers keep coming / regular	Concerns and support for increased timed parking noted. The request for increased attendance by Parking Rangers has been passed on to Council's Compliance team.

Popup 6	Northmead	Yes, to an extent	More parking, better ranger attendance Whatever brings more customers Would like more seating	Concerns and support for increased timed parking noted. Preference for more seating noted.
SV116	Northmead	Yes, to an extent	What is Council's plan regarding the few existing trees on Moxhams Road? This is an unattractive road without many trees. Will council plant new trees to create shade for walkers and cyclists? The proposed roundabout at Klein and Moxhams is terrific because this is currently a dangerous intersection.	Support for roundabout noted. The shared path on Moxhams Road would also include street tree planting (subject to consultation with local residents).
SV120	Northmead	Yes, to an extent	I think this is a great idea. I personally do a fair bit of cycling in the area, but mostly use Redbank Rd. I live in Roslyn Ave, Roslyn Ave, like Raymond, Rawton, Moss, and Northmead Aves are used by "rat Runners". They are short narrow roads. If there is an upsurge in cyclists using this new route, I would advocate STOP signs where each of these roads meet Kleins Rd. Not all, but many of these "rat runners" see these roads as their own personal race tracks. Cyclists crossing in front of them, as the cars try to get out onto Kleins Rd, would be in great danger. There are many school children from Northmead Primary School using this corridor. Having said that, I don't see why pedestrians would use this new corridor, as opposed to the existing footpath. Will there be a physical separation between this new corridor and the existing Kleins Rd? How will the existing pedestrian crossing on Hammers Rd (at the Kleins Rd roundabout) be utilised in this proposal?	Support for the project noted. There are no plans to install STOP signs at side streets, however the raised crossings will require motorists to give way to path users and slow down. If the project proceeds, pedestrians are more likely to use this link as it is the most direct route, but also will have priority over side streets and Hammers Road. there will also be the new bridge at the southern end. Along most of Kleins Road, pedestrians and cyclists will be separate from each other, and always physically separate from general traffic. It is proposed to re-build the existing pedestrian crossing as a pedestrian/cyclist crossing, and install raised crossings on all sides of Hammers Road / Kleins Road intersection.
SV130	Northmead	Yes, to an extent	The crossings are absolutely necessary. The separate cycle way on the road and loss of parking is ridiculous. I live on the road, work from home looking out to Kleins Rd from my office. There is maybe 2 regular cyclists daily. This is solving a problem that does not exist. But I reiterate my support for pedestrian crossings, especially for the school children and elderly.	Support for crossings noted. From the counts there are currently 25-35 cyclists a day riding on Kleins Road, however this is limited to those who feel comfortable riding in heavy traffic. The project is proposed to provide a safe and enjoyable pedestrian and cyclist route by improving safety, time and amenity.
SV2	Northmead	Yes, to an extent	I have had a quick look at the interactive map & it appears that the raised pedestrian/cyclist crossings are on the western side of Kleins Road between Briens Road & Moxhams Road. I live on the eastern side of Kleins Road, on the corner of Frances Street. I would like consideration given to timed parking limits along both sides of Kleins Road for non-residents, between Briens Road & Moxham Road. Trucks especially, have been parking on the western side of Kleins Road for longer than the permitted one hour, often overnight, leaving in the early hours of the morning.	Residential parking permits are not proposed as part of this project.
SV20	Northmead	Yes, to an extent	There are no facilities for safe crossing of Kleins Road from Northmead Avenue and Frances Street. This proposal is good but does not address this safety issue especially for children travelling to and from school. Kleins road is very busy and for children on that side of the street there is no safe crossing at Hammers Road either.	A raised priority crossing can only be proposed where the number of users (now or in the future) meets Council's minimum warrants. At this stage, not enough pedestrians are crossing at Frances Street, but this may change if a raised pedestrian crossing is installed in the future on the eastern leg of the Hammers Road roundabout.
SV23	Northmead	Yes, to an extent	How much is it going to cost and could the funds be allocated somewhere more appropriately	The feasibility of the project is funded by the NSW Government, there are no funds currently allocated to design or construction. There is no accurate cost of the project as it is only in concept design, however a preliminary costing prepared for the bridge is in a range from $10-15M.
SV28	Northmead	Yes, to an extent	I would need to be very sure that the width of Whitehaven Road is not altered in any way. It is already a very narrow road which during school hours is extremely busy. It is not possible to safely park cars on both sides of the road at the moment. Should there be any change to the width of the roadway then it should become a one way street. Concern for bend near scout hall – particularly northbound traffic, Can traffic calming be introduced, No large trees please, Shared path is fine, Do not touch the black top - it cannot be narrowed, please remove the trees from the front, trim the tree adjacent. Would prefer one way street.	The road pavement width on Whitehaven Road is not proposed to change, the proposal is a shared path on the western side behind the kerb. It is not proposed to make Whitehaven a one way street.
SV29	Northmead	Yes, to an extent	Great idea, I question halving the available parking at Klein's Rd shops. Also a traffic study at intersection of Klein's and A28 to look at impact on an already difficult intersection would be advisable. I am excited about this project as myself and my kids frequently ride through the Cumberland hospital to get to parramatta Park and through to the pathway along the river.	Support noted. From detailed parking studies, the biggest challenge to parking at the shops is overstaying with 60% of users on a Friday and 30% on a Wednesday parking 2 hours or longer. This information has been passed on to Council's Compliance team to request more frequent visits from the Rangers. In recognising the important role of street parking for neighbourhood shops, the project is proposing to increase the number of timed parking spaces to support access to local business. Green right turn arrows (the most common suggestion) for both approaches would require additional time within the traffic signal timing. However because Cumberland Hwy carries 70,000 vehicles per day and Kleins Rd carries 7,000 it is unlikely TfNSW will give additional time to the Kleins Rd movements. Some localised improvements could be investigated such as a left turn pocket northbound. This would allow a number of vehicles turning left to be held for pedestrians crossing (allowing a dedicated through lane northbound for a short distance), however the benefits would be minimal and will further reduce parking at shops. This could be investigated in detail design.
SV31	Northmead	Yes, to an extent	Yes, consider linking to the way bike path via hammers rd. or Arthur Phillip park	A shared path is proposed on Hammers Road to the closest side street on the other side of the creek. Connections beyond are out of scope for this project but can be viewed in Council's recently endorsed Bike Plan.
SV76	Northmead	Yes, to an extent	Traffic light timings need to be fixed at the Kleins / Brian's Rd intersection, cars using turning lanes to go straight ahead, during peak periods it is hard to turn due to this concern, proposal to have each side of Kleins road take their own turn so turning lanes are confident they will be able to get through the intersection. During peak periods the traffic extends from the lights all the way past the dog park (near start of proposed site) as cars can not turn through the intersection safely without running a red light	Green right turn arrows for both approaches would require additional time within the traffic signal timing. However because Cumberland Hwy carries 70,000 vehicles per day and Kleins Rd carries 7,000 it is unlikely TfNSW will give additional time to the Kleins Rd movements. Some localised improvements could be investigated such as a left turn pocket northbound. This would allow a number of vehicles turning left to be held for pedestrians crossing (allowing a dedicated through lane northbound for a short distance), however the benefits would be minimal and will further reduce parking at shops. This could be investigated in detail design.
SV93	Northmead	Yes, to an extent	The intersection of Kleins and Brien roads needs more attention. This intersection is a nightmare for residents and highly dangerous because of consistent misuse.	Green right turn arrows would require additional time within the traffic signal timing. However because Cumberland Hwy carries 70,000 vehicles per day and Kleins Rd carries 7,000 it is unlikely TfNSW will give additional time to the Kleins Rd movements. Some localised improvements could be investigated such as a left turn pocket northbound. This would allow a number of vehicles turning left to be held for pedestrians crossing (allowing a dedicated through lane northbound for a short distance), however the benefits would be minimal and will further reduce parking at shops. This could be investigated in detail design.
SV153	Old Toongabbie	Yes, to an extent	This Submission is to Object to the Darling Mills Bridge Arch Option/s and support only a Suspension Bridge scheme (Option 5) with the least visual and physical impact across the highly sensitive natural and Cultural Landscape sites. Similarly the Location of peripheral "future route" on the outer -riverbank shoulder needs to be the least functional width and NOT in full white concrete intersecting through the entire State Heritage Cultural Landscape. The NSWDPIE current plans for demolishing the existing curvilinear Roadway Circuit around the Fleet Street Heritage Precinct is opposed and this request is for the Council Cycleway Plan to strongly defend and advocate for the restoration / enhancement of this historic Street Pattern and its associated wide-open Botanic Landscape green-spaces.	Preference for the suspension bridge noted. The future paths along the creek are proposed top of bank and not within the riparian corridor. The street layout in the North Parramatta precinct is outside the scope of this project.

SV52	Old Toongabbie	Yes, to an extent	Our place of work is at the Kleins Rd shopping precinct, and I have a slight concern about the adequate level of Parking under the new proposal. In busy times of traffic and peak hour. The angled parking is difficult to navigate therefore, I suspect the to end, Parking will be very difficult For many to manage our reverse parking situation in peak hour not to mention the reduce number of parking spots under that arrangement. If there are plans to add more parking in the neighbouring area than I think this will alleviate that issue as I think the bike path proposal is amazing for the local area and residents in general.	From detailed parking studies, the biggest challenge to parking at the shops is overstaying with 60% of users on a Friday and 30% on a Wednesday parking 2 hours or longer. This information has been passed on to Council's Compliance team to request more frequent visits from the Rangers. In recognising the important role of street parking for neighbourhood shops, the project is proposing to increase the number of timed parking spaces to support access to local business. The proposed pedestrian and cyclist paths will provide a healthy and enjoyable alternative to driving to access the shops. Between the Cumberland Highway and Burlington Street there are currently 69 spaces, this is proposed to be reduced to 66, but this is well within the current demand.
SV51	Outside LGA	Yes, to an extent	Strongly support this infrastructure, consider expediting it with a temporary solution while design is being finalised. At Kleins and Cumberland, both approaches have a right turn lane that takes away space from people who walk, ride, and potential place and planting space. is it necessary to have so much room for general traffic? would taking out the turning lane reduce the chance of rat running? At Moxham's rd., the current preferred path for riders is to go to Moir and Hartland St. understand that Whitehaven might actually be faster and safer given fewer driveway crossings, but it would probably worth having proper separation on Moxham's rd. to induce riders in the direction of Whitehaven. Overall, great project, strongly support, looking forward to seeing it constructed!	Support noted. A temporary solution is not currently being explored, but could be considered at the discretion of Council. The northbound right turn in Kleins at Cumberland Hwy provides essential southbound and eastbound access for residents and businesses south of the Cumberland Highway. The southbound right turn is less critical but is still well utilised by the community. This project is not proposing significant circulation changes to Kleins Road. Moir and Hartland does provide a more direct connection for riding on road, but you are correct that Whitehaven has less driveways, but it is also more enjoyable given the proximity to the bushland. There are no plans for a separated cycleway on Moxhams at this stage, a shared path should provide adequate capacity for the number of anticipated users.
SV106	Parramatta	Yes, to an extent	No further comment was provided other than qualified support for the project.	Qualified support noted.
SV26	Parramatta	Yes, to an extent	Fully supportive of any new separated cycle road in Parramatta. However it would be good to see a clear connection between this new separated cycle road and other existing cycleways leading into the Parramatta CBD. Ideally this new path should connect to other separated paths that lead into the city. Also I think the bridge design should be reconsidered. It looks practically identical to the one at Alfred Street - a new design should be considered preferably using recycled timber or other organic material to blend into the natural environment.	Support noted. The proposal will connect to the shared paths on each side of O'Connell Street, and potentially long term down the back of the Leagues Club to Parramatta Park (subject to the approval of Greater Sydney Parklands Trust). The current designs for the bridge are indicative only from a feasibility study, if the project proceeded it would be subject to detail design.
SV57	Parramatta	Yes, to an extent	Submitter provided detailed comments in support that are provided as an attachment, but the key issues are summarised below: 1. The long term solution of Fleet Street one way and subsequent connection within the site to Eels Place is supported. 2. The proposed solution between Darling Mills Creek and Briens road is supported. 3. Can the section between Moxhams Road and Briens Road be one-way pairs rather than bi-directional with a full protected roundabout at Hammers Road? 4. The proposed shared path network is a good start, however future expansion along topographically kind creek gullies would be supported.	Support noted. 1. Support for one way noted. 2. Support for Kleins Road South noted. 3. It is an interesting suggestion, however it could not work on Kleins Road in this area as there is not enough space on the eastern leg of the Hammers Road roundabout to fit in an adjacent cyclist crossing, cyclists would still need to switch to the eastern side at the school, and one way pairs are more space hungry (minimum 2m plus buffer) and would not fit within the street cross section. 4. The recently endorsed Bike Plan identifies a connecting network of shared paths beyond the scope of this project. They are not generally supported within the riparian corridor as a wide concrete path can have a significant effect on ecology and require a large amount of earthworks and retaining.
SV156	Toongabbie	Yes, to an extent	The Suspension Bridge lower impact option is the one with the large cable support columns sloping up and away from the creek, behind vegetation from downstream near the river/creek's junction/confluence and proposed Parra River Heritage stepping-stone crossing.	Preference for the suspension bridge noted.
SV111	Westmead	Yes, to an extent	From Parramatta Park, it is a pain to get to the start of the bike path at Bridge Rd, especially since Hainsworth St is one way. Can this connection please be streamlined or improved? This will help make the various bike paths feel much more like a cohesive network.	This request is outside the scope of the study area for this project, but it has been passed on to Council's Traffic team for their consideration.
SV125	Winston Hills	Yes, to an extent	Don't go on the eastern side. Stick to the western side. People will ride that way anyway, so just embrace it. It may encourage kids to ride to school too. Please consider a parallel setup along Redbank Rd too for those of us who ride along Toongabbie creek. Anything though is great, and it's great you're improving cycling and connections with public transport.	A path on the western side is not supported outside the school as that would require removal of the kiss and ride and have higher levels of conflict. Currently, there are no plans to provide a similar facility on Redbank Road, though the Bike Plan does identify a shared path connection along the northern edge of Toongabbie Creek from Kleins Road to Redbank Road.
SV128	Winston Hills	Yes, to an extent	Widening of the timber bridge on Moxham road on the northern side to accommodate the shared path and replace the timber bridge with modern bridge and pavement standards. Consider a pedestrian bridge over Briens rd. to safely connect both sides of Kleins rd. and allow traffic to flow better at this intersection.	Preference for replacing the Moxhams Bridge noted. A pedestrian / cyclist bridge over the Cumberland Highway is unlikely to be supported as the clearances required would make the ramping on approach significant, especially on the southern side. This would be a present a significant barrier to pedestrians.
SV148	Winston Hills	Yes, to an extent	No further comment was provided other than qualified support for the project.	Qualified support noted.
SV36	Winston Hills	Yes, to an extent	Will this affect parking on Model Farms Road	A shared path on Model Farms Road will not affect parking as it would be behind the kerb, nit in the roadway.
SV7	Winston Hills	Yes, to an extent	I like the idea, but I don't think the roads are wide enough to accommodate a shared path. I live on Model Farms Rd and I can tell you that it's busy enough as it is without introducing cyclists. I think it would be a dangerous proposal	The proposed shared path on Model Farms Road would not affect the carriageway as it is behind the kerb.
SV91	Winston Hills	Yes, to an extent	If it is supposedly going to be for pedestrians and cyclists, please make sure it will be safe for pedestrians from speeding cyclists who are often not local residents but people who think they are participating in the Tour de France. I had a frightening experience on the path along the river close to Broughton St, East Parramatta by a cycling group when that path was first opened that scared me so much, I have never been back. Not only was I nearly run down by cyclists racing along, I was verbally abused for being there. There needs to be lanes to separate pedestrians and cyclists, especially in this age of E bikes and fat bikes.	We are sorry to hear of your experience along the river, behaviour change on the foreshore paths is currently a real focus of Council. Where Council is anticipating greater volumes of pedestrians and cyclists on the project (Moxhams Road to Stadium) we are proposing separated pedestrian and cyclist paths for a majority of the length. To each side we are proposing shared paths, but we expect much lower volumes and speeds on them.
SV92	Winston Hills	Yes, to an extent	Thank you for this proposal. As a cyclist who cycled to work in Parramatta from Winston Hills, I know it is badly needed. My only concern is with the route crossing Churchill Drive either at or between Ulandi Place and Yarrabee Road.	A refuge island is proposed in Churchill Drive just south of Yarrabee and Ulandi with a connecting shared path either side. This will allow pedestrians and cyclists to address one direction of vehicles at a time when crossing.
SV139	Beecroft	Yes	No further comment was provided other than support for the project.	Support noted
SV9	Beecroft	Yes	This would be fantastic. I regularly cycle from Beecroft to Parramatta & providing safe cycling infrastructure would make such a difference. I regularly cycle from Epping to the new cycle path that runs along the light rail from Carlingford & it has been a game changer. To improve access from North Parramatta is a logical step.	Support noted
SV115	Carlingford	Yes	No further comment was provided other than support for the project.	Support noted
SV74	Carlingford	Yes	Raised crossings are vital to ensure the path is safe for pedestrians and cyclists. Also, please avoid the temptation to put in an overpass for crossing Briens Road. An overpass would reduce the utility for cyclists and increase travel times. A dedicated light phase just for pedestrians and cyclists would be more beneficial. Its great to see the city plan more dedicated cycle and pedestrian infrastructure!	Support noted, on the main alignment pedestrian and cyclist crossings are proposed, and pedestrian only crossings proposed where space allows. A bridge is not proposed as the clearances required would result in significant ramping, especially on the southern side.
SV18	Granville	Yes	Please implement more active transport projects like this!	Support noted

SV131	Merrylands	Yes	Just build it! My son currently rides his bicycle from Merrylands to Northmead High School along O'Connell Street and then Windsor Road. He rides on the pathways when he can but unfortunately at times he has no choice but to ride on the road. As you could imagine it is not safe. This cycleway will go a long way to improving the safety of a good part of his ride. Thank you.	Support noted
SV102	North Parramatta	Yes	I think this corridor is necessary and we need more similar pedestrian corridors. Thank you very much.	Support noted
SV132	North Parramatta	Yes	I think it's an excellent plan, looking forward to riding it	Support noted
SV134	North Parramatta	Yes	I am a very active cyclist who lives in North Parramatta. I personally use the cycling infrastructure in and around Parramatta on a very regular basis. These plans that have been put forward are a great idea. There needs to path from the M7 cycleway down towards Parramatta to link up key cycling infrastructure and to increase options for cyclists to use safe paths instead of busy, narrow and congested roads around Northmead, Westmeath, Winston Hills, and the outskirts of Parramatta. Cycleways are needed to allow travel heading north up Pennant Hills Road. More cycle paths to head towards Epping and other surrounding suburbs would also help. Heading south towards Granville is a challenge especially get to the Aqua duct cycle pathway that heads towards Greystanes. Linking that cycleway to Parramatta is a must. There is also to be additional education for the general public to promote the increased use of bicycles in our daily lives as it helps mental health, physical health and can assist in reducing ever increasing transport costs. The increasing cycling infrastructure should include safeguards like CCTV and access for Police as the cycling community is running out of patience with the level of anger, impatient and at times violence being subjected upon us for doing nothing more than what we love. If people know what infrastructure exists, what is coming, how safe it is / will be and what benefits it will have for them, I dare say it will be embraced and appreciate it.	Support noted. There is an existing shared path from the M7 next to the T-Way along Old Windsor Road. Council is currently delivering a project in Constitution Hill that will make it shorter, safer, more convenient and enjoyable than the current route.
SV24	North Parramatta	Yes	Please make it clear that pedestrians and cyclists need to travel on the left hand side of shared paths. Please ensure there is as much lighting as possible to encourage more people to use cycle paths at night time.	Support noted. Any shared path would include supplementary educational line marking that encourages people to walk / ride on the left. Should the project proceed, lighting will be a key consideration in the detail design.
SV41	North Parramatta	Yes	Access to water with paths and a bridge to Darling Mills Creek would be excellent. Having more people using the heritage area for walks would be nice, as it's a beautiful precinct but feels underused. Access from Eels Place down to the river would be nice so that you don't have to walk around the leagues club and through the stadium carpark. Another pedestrian / cycle crossing from the heritage precinct near Havenstone Cafe to Wistaria Gardens would be awesome - this would link up the walk into Parramatta Park. Overall - great improvement to the area!	Support noted. Access from Eels Place down to the Park is being investigated outside of this project, however this would be at the discretion of the landowner, Greater Sydney Parklands Trust. There is no proposal for a cyclable bridge between Wistaria and Havenstone, there is an existing weir crossing and bridge further south.
SV53	North Parramatta	Yes	I really appreciate the idea of making walking and cycling easier and safer, I just think we need more of it!	Support noted
SV70	North Parramatta	Yes	I support this initiative and the efforts council makes to active transport links and spaces which can be utilised without a motor vehicle	Support noted
SV95	North Parramatta	Yes	It is terrific that you are providing bike access to and around our city, but you also need to educate bike riders so as to keep pedestrians safe. It is insufficient that a bike rider thinks ringing their bell is all it takes to give them right of way, especially on paths that are not shared. Bike riders need education on when they need to walk their bike, when they need to give way to pedestrians and how to share paths. It is unsafe to allow toddlers freedom to toddle on public footpaths now for fear of them being run over. This is a serious risk, especially with e-bikes because they are heavy, fast, and silent. Frequently, the e-bike riders run straight over teh 'dismount' stickers, weaving in and out of the crowd, even in poor light. Please help before someone is seriously injured.	Support noted, separated paths are proposed where greater traffic volumes and speeds are anticipated, and where space allows. Should the project proceed, once constructed a series of supporting programs should be delivered to support behaviour management on the paths.
SV68	North Rocks	Yes	The missing link is a proper connection to North Rocks Rd. This could happen along Darling Mills Creek. This would be superb and allow easier access from NRR into Parramatta Park and beyond. I am not sure if there is scope to run it under Windsor Rd via the creek viaduct/bridge, rather than having to cross at the lights, however it would be awesome if it did (and then properly integrated into the new viaduct works about to begin at the bottom of North Rocks Rd). Oddly enough, I reckon a community boardwalk & cycleway along Hunts Creek from North Rocks Rd (where the new viaduct will be going in), under JRD and into Lake Parramatta would also get a lot of use.	Support noted. Council's Bike Plan identifies a link up Darling Mills Creek, however it is not in the scope of this project.
Email 10	Northmead	Yes	I write in support of this project. This is a very important project and is key for connectivity between Parramatta's expanded CBD, light rail and the northwest suburbs. At the moment, it is not pleasant to walk on the footpaths next to extremely busy roads such as Church St, Windsor and Brian's roads. Encouraging active transport links in the area will result in not only improved amenities but healthier and safer communities. Having just moved to Northmead from Carlingford, we were blown away at the high footfall and extremely frequent use (at all hours!) of the pedestrian and cycle path next to the new light rail service at that end of the line. I have no doubt this area will experience the same explosion in use once completed especially with the developments in store around this area. Please prioritise the bridge over Darling Mills Creek as this will ensure safe connectivity for cyclists and pedestrians to the Parramatta North site, Westmead Precinct, Parramatta Park and beyond. Please prioritise funding and apply for grants to get this project done as our community is crying out for more safe pedestrian and cycle ways. As an aside, having worked with Mark Crispin many years ago, if he is involved I'm confident this project will definitely be completed to a very high quality and attract excellent funding! As it should!	Support noted
Email 13	Northmead	Yes	I fully support the plan to improve the Kleins Road pedestrian and cyclist corridor. My children and grandchildren live in Hammers Road. My grandchildren attends Northmead Public School, walking both ways. As a grandparent, I am deeply concerned about the safety of our grandchildren. And there are lots of other children with parents/carers who also walk on a daily basis. The upgrading in my opinion is crucial for the community. I urge the council to consider the positive impact this plan will have for everyone in this location.	Support noted

Email 3	Northmead	Yes	To who it may concern, I am writing to express my full support for the community plan to improve the Kleins Road pedestrian and cyclist corridor. As an avid cyclist and a parent of young primary school kids, I strongly believe that enhancing the safety of this corridor is crucial for our community. The current conditions along Kleins Road pose significant risks to our children's safety when walking to Northmead Primary School. By supporting the proposed improvements, we can create a safer environment for them to travel to school and other destinations. Investing in the improvement of the Kleins Road corridor will benefit pedestrians and cyclists alike, promoting a healthier lifestyle and reducing traffic congestion. I wholeheartedly endorse this community plan and look forward to it coming to fruition. Thank you for your attention to this matter.	Support noted
Email 4	Northmead	Yes	I just wanted to reach out and let you know that I am fully on board with the community plan to improve the Kleins Road pedestrian and cyclist corridor. As a mum whose kids walk to Northmead Primary School, I am genuinely concerned about their safety and believe that upgrading this corridor is absolutely necessary. The current situation along Kleins Road is far from ideal for our little ones. If we support the proposed improvements, we can create a much safer environment for our kids to walk to school without any fear. Investing in the improvement of the Kleins Road corridor will benefit not only our children but also the cyclists in our community. It's a win-win situation that encourages a healthier lifestyle and would help reduce traffic congestion. I wholeheartedly endorse this community plan and urge you to consider the positive impact it will have on our kids' safety.	Support noted
Email 6	Northmead	Yes	This is a nice idea. I often see cyclists competing for room on the very busy Kleins Road, and safety is a genuine concern..... Just a thought on any bridge over the creek - the floods here rise 5 metres regularly on very fast currents. Would love if you might consider native tree planting along the corridor (large enough for shade in summer :). Nice idea to ride through Cumberland hospital (much nicer than church sat etc :). Thanks very much and kind wishes	Support noted. Flood levels have been a key consideration in the feasibility assessment of the bridge, and it is planned above the predicted 1 in 100 year event. Should the project proceed, planting for shade, amenity and ecology will be key considerations in detail design.
Popup 1	Northmead	Yes	Looks good, nice change Shops should turn into a cafe Can't move out of this place at 5pm	Support noted
Popup 5	Northmead	Yes	I ride everywhere, this would be brilliant	Support noted
SV10	Northmead	Yes	I am happy that the residents of Northmead will have quicker foot and cycle paths into the parramatta precinct	Support noted
SV108	Northmead	Yes	This will be really beneficial to me and a great safety improvement, I regularly cycle from Murray St Northmead through to Sydney Olympic Park which is cycle/shared paths from Parramatta park, but currently my journey from Murray St to Parramatta park is risky with major roads involved, this will make it much safer for me and others and will no doubt increase cyclist participation which can only be a good thing.	Support noted
SV110	Northmead	Yes	This is a great idea that takes into consideration the community that uses these routes - in particular, the safety of school aged children who ride bikes to school from around this area. I will be more likely to encourage my children to ride to school as we are part of this route (the Hood sat end). I also particularly like the fact that pedestrians are provided with more safety crossings around the Hammers Rd roundabout AND the Moss St/Kleins Rd intersection. These additional safety features also make me more likely to encourage and allow my kids to walk to school independently. I acknowledge that this may increase traffic in this particular area - as it's a thoroughfare. I question whether we might see an increase in road rage as a result? And does that then impact on the safety of children walking/cycling independently to and from school. As I have read in local forums some anger expressed in this proposal. I just ask that some thorough analysis of current and predicted future traffic (based on a growing community) is considered - especially during peak periods. All in all, this proposal enables Northmead residents more of an opportunity to cycle to and from Parramatta CBD - something I will do, as I'm not a confident cyclist - once these bike paths are underway! Thanks to the team for this proposal, I do see lots of value in it as a resident of Northmead	Support noted
SV113	Northmead	Yes	The plans look good. It would be beneficial to have a shared bike/pedestrian path to link the residents and shoppers from Hammers Road junction with Campbell Street. Windsor Road is a busy road with locals crossing for the shops and transport connections. In addition, a large number of high schoolers come from neighbouring suburbs, to attend Northmead Performing and Creative Arts HS. Some ride bikes but more would be encouraged if an actual path existed to link at least with the plans for Kleins Road. Parramatta has an appeal due to the river and paths linking the riverbank and parks. More paths to walk and ride will create easier access to local facilities without the necessity to always drive- better for the environment too. Will the dog park still exist at Boundary Road?	Support noted. The project proposed shared paths along both Moxhams Road and Hammers Road to improve riding access to Northmead CAPA high School. The dog park will be retained at Burlington Memorial Park, just the fences adjusted to accommodate the paths (but retain the total area).
SV119	Northmead	Yes	The proposal makes sense and hopefully will encourage all cycling. Windsor Road and Church Street are not very safe for cyclists. This would be a good alternative.	Support noted
SV12	Northmead	Yes	No further comment was provided other than support for the project.	Support noted
SV122	Northmead	Yes	No further comment was provided other than support for the project.	Support noted
SV137	Northmead	Yes	Great idea, can we please have more of these corridors throughout the counsel? I love cycling, but stopped a fee years back due to the aggression on the road by many drivers.	Support noted
SV17	Northmead	Yes	This is a fantastic idea and I support it completely. In addition, I would like Council to consider additional traffic calming devices for Northmead and Frances Streets where traffic bypassing Windsor Rd exit from James Ruse Drive uses these streets as a shortcut, often at excessive speed. Something to consider given likely cyclist & pedestrian activity! An upgrade of the existing footpath along the western side of Windsor Rd to cycleway standard between Hammers Road and Northmead Ave Northmead would also be very beneficial.	Support noted. A shared path along that section of Windsor Road would be delivered alongside any widening associated with bus priority works, and is not a priority of this project (which is proposing an alternative to Windsor Road).
SV25	Northmead	Yes	Are the tired shops on Klein's Road getting a makeover? When is this project estimated to be finished ? Thank You	Support noted. Should the project proceed, it is proposed to upgrade the public domain outside the shops, the timing of which will be subject to a decision of Council and available funding for design and construction.
SV27	Northmead	Yes	No Further comment was provided other than support for the project.	Support noted

SV3	Northmead	Yes	Yes I support this entirely! This will allow me (and many, many others from Northmead, Winston Hills and beyond) to avoid the extremely busy and dangerous route along Windsor Rd when walking or riding into Parramatta North, Parramatta Park and CBD. Thank you to Cr Sameer Pandey for listening to my suggestion regarding the pedestrian and cyclist bridge over Darling Mills Creek into the Parramatta North Precinct and Parramatta.	Support noted
SV30	Northmead	Yes	No further comment was provided other than support for the project.	Support noted
SV32	Northmead	Yes	I fully support this proposal. I am a regular cyclist travelling to Parramatta, currently via Redbank, Cumberland Hospital and Parramatta Park, and this proposal would be a wonderful improvement. BUT, as a cyclist and driver in the area, I believe that it will not be successful unless it is accompanied by strong action to improve the vehicle flow. Major traffic delays at Hammers Rd roundabout (morning), for right-hand turns in Kleins (all day), and afternoon traffic heading north from Boundary Road will make the cycle way dangerous and significantly reduce its effectiveness - particularly at the Kleins/Brians intersection. Adding a bike path to the current chaos is likely to extremely dangerous. There will also need to be a lot of thought given to how to manage interactions around the school.	Support noted. The proposal at the Hammers Road roundabout is to deliver raised crossings on all sides of the roundabout and deliver a slower, safer intersection. There are no major proposals to increase traffic capacity at this intersection as there is limited space. At Briens Road, green right turn arrows (the most common suggestion) for both approaches would require additional time within the traffic signal timing. However because Cumberland Hwy carries 70,000 vehicles per day and Kleins Rd carries 7,000 it is unlikely TfNSW will give additional time to the Kleins Rd movements. Some localised improvements could be investigated such as a left turn pocket northbound. This would allow a number of vehicles turning left to be held for pedestrians crossing (allowing a dedicated through lane northbound for a short distance), however the benefits would be minimal and will further reduce parking at shops. This could be investigated in detail design. It is proposed cyclists will cross at-grade with the pedestrian leg at Briens Road. The bike route is proposed on the opposite side of Kleins Road at the school to minimise disruption to the school at bell times.
SV33	Northmead	Yes	I think this is a great initiative. I ride to work in Sydney city CBD sometimes and I use Redbank Road through the Westmead hospital precinct to get to Parra Park to get to the Valley Cycleway. As long as the shared path is wide enough for cycling at a good speed I think the plan is good. There is a point in Meadow Bank where in the evening with dog walkers, joggers it's not possible to go faster than walking pace.	Support noted. Any shared paths would be as wide as space allows.
SV38	Northmead	Yes	I love the idea or a pedestrian and cyclist pathway. I fully support adding greenery and shade to the area. Please consider car traffic implications however.	Support for paths and additional planting noted. There are no significant changes proposed to vehicle circulation in Northmead.
SV4	Northmead	Yes	Please do it as soon as possible, we love it. Hopefully there will be the concrete barriers like Queens Rd has.	Support noted, the proposed paths are physically separate from vehicles at all times.
SV42	Northmead	Yes	Great idea and will be excellent to use	Support noted
SV43	Northmead	Yes	As someone who lives in Northmead and cycles almost daily, this project is incredibly exciting. I'm most excited by: the proposed changes to Kleins Rd, which can be dicey to cycle up during peak hour; the Darling Mills Creek bridge, which will provide a better route from Northmead into North Parramatta; and the contraflow on Northcott Lane. Overall - very excited, I fully support it. My main concern is with the intersection of Kleins and Briens Rd. This is already quite a dangerous intersection, mainly caused by southbound Kleins Rd motorists driving straight across the intersection from the left-turn only lane. This itself is a product of impatience and the traffic light / intersection set-up providing limited opportunities for southbound Kleins Rd drivers to turn right onto Briens Rd. This should be addressed now, and would be very dangerous if not addressed by the time this project is fully implemented. My only other concern is the number of road crossings involved on Kleins Rd. By my count, cycling along Kleins Rd from Moxhams Rd to Briens Rd will require 9 different road crossings, not including the Kleins / Briens intersection. South of Briens Rd, a further 4 crossings are required to then reach the Darling Mills Creek bridge. I feel that I would be inclined to cycle on the road (especially southbound on Kleins Rd as it's downhill) rather than the new cycle path to avoid all the crossings and to maintain my speed, depending on the traffic.	Support noted. Green right turn arrows (the most common suggestion) for both approaches would require additional time within the traffic signal timing. However because Cumberland Hwy carries 70,000 vehicles per day and Kleins Rd carries 7,000 it is unlikely TfNSW will give additional time to the Kleins Rd movements. Some localised improvements could be investigated such as a left turn pocket northbound. This would allow a number of vehicles turning left to be held for pedestrians crossing (allowing a dedicated through lane northbound for a short distance), however the benefits would be minimal and will further reduce parking at shops. This could be investigated in detail design. It is proposed cyclists will cross at-grade with the pedestrian leg. Cyclists may ride on the road northbound or southbound and will not be compelled to use the path.
SV5	Northmead	Yes	Great idea! we have been hoping for something like this since we moved into the area. It is frustrating to have to drive to Parramatta park because of a lack of safe access to there. We sometimes catch the river cat to Olympic Park to ride home so it would be great to do that without having to drive and park as well.	Support noted
SV58	Northmead	Yes	Fantastic for residents in Northmead to connect to the light rail and provide further walking and bicycle access to parramatta in a safe manner as an alternative to walking through Westmead hospital	Support noted
SV6	Northmead	Yes	I don't cycle but do walk in the area, it would be nice to have new routes for a change. My (adult) children cycle in the area and would welcome this proposal with great enthusiasm. It would be great to encourage cycling without the need for cars to run errands (my daughter goes to a physio in north Parramatta) or transport bikes to places they ride.	Support noted
SV65	Northmead	Yes	The Dog Park that the cycle way is to pass by I assume that the dog park will be made smaller? Is this correct? I live at Bevan Street Northmead and definitely support this.	Support noted. The dog park will be retained at Burlington Memorial Park, just the fences adjusted to accommodate the paths (but the total area will be retained).
SV71	Northmead	Yes	As mentioned by others, the Kleins/Briens Rd intersection would benefit from improvement, as it is currently unsafe and does not provide good access for people who actually live in the nearby streets and need to use it. I can't wait for the bridge to connect through to Cumberland Hospital (I had thought this was part of the original light rail proposal, so am disappointed it does not now appear to be happening until a later time). This will give local residents much better access to the new light rail.	Support noted. Green right turn arrows (the most common suggestion) for both approaches would require additional time within the traffic signal timing. However because Cumberland Hwy carries 70,000 vehicles per day and Kleins Rd carries 7,000 it is unlikely TfNSW will give additional time to the Kleins Rd movements. Some localised improvements could be investigated such as a left turn pocket northbound. This would allow a number of vehicles turning left to be held for pedestrians crossing (allowing a dedicated through lane northbound for a short distance), however the benefits would be minimal and will further reduce parking at shops. This could be investigated in detail design. It is proposed cyclists will cross at-grade with the pedestrian leg.
SV8	Northmead	Yes	Please ensure any shared paths are built properly so that bikes and pedestrians can share the space safely and comfortably. Avoid the mistake so many councils have made in the past! Also, don't listen to the people complaining about perceptions of increased traffic/loss of parking. Evidence shows people will quickly see the benefits of the upgraded infrastructure once it is in.	Support noted, separated paths are proposed where larger volumes and speeds are anticipated, and where space allows.
SV81	Northmead	Yes	Klein's Rd is very traffic heavy This proposal will help protect pedestrians and cyclists and I think will offer a greener alternative to driving	Support noted
SV82	Northmead	Yes	No further comment was provided other than support for the project.	Support noted

SV88	Northmead	Yes	I am pleased to see council encouraging active transport and reducing car traffic by providing a walking and cycling link along Kleins Road down to Parramatta. It will make Kleins Road safer for local residents by removing "rat run" traffic trying to avoid Windsor Rd & Briens Rd. I heartily endorse this proposal in full, and look forward to the improved commercial opportunities at the Kleins Road Shops as well as the safer neighbourhood created for Northmead Public School.	Support noted
SV90	Northmead	Yes	I strongly support the proposed plan. I live locally and regularly cycle along Kleins Rd. I have two specific comments. 1) In the afternoon and morning peaks, car traffic regularly banks up south along Kleins Rd to Boundary Rd. Changes to road markings at the intersection of Kleins / Balmoral and Kleins / Boundary should be included to ensure cars don't block the intersections and access to the cycle path. 2) Cars travelling north through the Kleins / Briens rd. intersection are often prevented from turning left and right by oncoming traffic and the pedestrian lights. This causes traffic to bank up. Changes to the phases of traffic lights at this intersection should be considered to allow car traffic to flow and protect cyclists, particularly from cars turning left. More broadly, improvements to regional traffic management to stop cars using Kleins Rd and Balmoral Rd as rat runs would be great. Through traffic prevents locals from getting to and from home during peaks.	Support noted. Should the project proceed, KEEP CLEAR markings can be investigated in detail design. Green right turn arrows (the most common suggestion) for both approaches would require additional time within the traffic signal timing. However because Cumberland Hwy carries 70,000 vehicles per day and Kleins Rd carries 7,000 it is unlikely TfNSW will give additional time to the Kleins Rd movements. Some localised improvements could be investigated such as a left turn pocket northbound. This would allow a number of vehicles turning left to be held for pedestrians crossing (allowing a dedicated through lane northbound for a short distance), however the benefits would be minimal and will further reduce parking at shops. This could be investigated in detail design. It is proposed cyclists will cross at-grade with the pedestrian leg. There are no broader plans to change circulation on Kleins Road as part of this project.
SV94	Northmead	Yes	I think this is a wonderful proposal. I regularly cycle in the area and the marked cycle way on Kleins Road as it currently stands is dangerous, and makes me feel unsafe to ride. I am sure others are discouraged from riding as well. The new cycle way will make it safer for riders, safer for pedestrians, quieter streets for residents and improve the amenity of the area and access to Parramatta CBD. I am so excited to see a project like this in our area, as it brings us into the modern era of urban design like what we see in City of Sydney and the Inner West Council, where cycling rates are consistently improving due to cycleway construction. Well done on an excellent project.	Support noted
SV98	Northmead	Yes	This is a great initiative and I highly agree that the project starts soon this year. To add I would like to request to the Parramatta Traffic Committee to make changes to the traffic light at the intersection of Windsor road and Hammers Rd, where by introducing the green right turn traffic light from Hammers Rd onto Windsor road as traffic builds up on Hammers Rd during every morning and afternoon peak time. See attached the file of the intersection.	Support noted. Green right turn arrows (the most common suggestion) for both approaches would require additional time within the traffic signal timing. However because Cumberland Hwy carries 70,000 vehicles per day and Kleins Rd carries 7,000 it is unlikely TfNSW will give additional time to the Kleins Rd movements. Some localised improvements could be investigated such as a left turn pocket northbound. This would allow a number of vehicles turning left to be held for pedestrians crossing (allowing a dedicated through lane northbound for a short distance), however the benefits would be minimal and will further reduce parking at shops. This could be investigated in detail design.
Email 21	Outside LGA	Yes	Would like to voice my strong support for this project. Would also suggest that a lower speed limit – ideally 30km/h – is also needed to improve safety and amenity.	Support noted, however any change in speed limit would be subject to the approval of TfNSW.
SV135	Outside LGA	Yes	More active travel - especially safety for people cycling is great	Support noted
SV145	Outside LGA	Yes	Great work making it easier to cycle around Paramatta, will definitely motivate me to visit more often and shop at food places etc.	Support noted
SV15	Outside LGA	Yes	I'm black	Support noted
Email 23	Parramatta	Yes	I am writing to express support for the Kleins Road pedestrian / cycleway corridor initiative. I have reviewed the draft plan and FAQs online and I believe it will be a very useful connection in the Parramatta / Hills bicycle network. I speak for both myself and Bike North when I say I hope this proposal will be fully realised.	Support noted
Email 25	Parramatta	Yes	No further comment was provided other than support for the project.	Support noted
SV133	Parramatta	Yes	Highly supportive of the submission, this will make visit the area more to use the cycleways	Support noted
SV141	Parramatta	Yes	The cycle way looks amazing. Please build it asap. I strongly support this cycling project.	Support noted
SV143	Parramatta	Yes	Writing in my capacity as Project Director responsible for planning public access into and through the Parramatta North Precinct, the proposed Klein Rd active transport link will be an important way of connecting the destinations and public spaces within Parramatta North, including the Former Female Factory historic precinct, with areas to the north and south. We look forward to continuing the collaboration with City of Parramatta and TFNSW to establish these links.	Support noted
SV155	Parramatta	Yes	On behalf of CAMWest, submitter provided detailed comments that are provided as an attachment, but the key issues are summarised below: 1. Alternative paths are proposed at Ulandi Place, Yarrabee Road and Asquith Avenue. 2. Concern about transition between eastern and western side of Kleins Road near school. 3. The project needs supporting amenities such as water bubblers, bike hoops etc. 4. When will paths on the Parramatta North site be delivered?	Support noted. 1. The alternative paths at Ulandi Place and Yarrabee Road were investigated with Council's Natural Resources team but are infeasible due to topography and ecology. The alternative link to Asquith Avenue was plausible, but challenging to provide DDA compliant access at the north. Should the project proceed, before detail design commences a design review will investigate this link in more detail and contrast it against the Asquith Avenue shared path. 2. A bike path on the school frontage (western side) was not supported as it would remove kiss and drop spaces and increase congestion on the path. A raised crossing was not warranted on the eastern side of the intersection of Moxhams Road and Kleins Road and therefore to connect to the proposed shared path north of Moxhams, the design had to follow the existing raised crossings. 3. Should the project proceed, planting for shade, amenity and ecology will be a key consideration in detail design. 4. The paths in North Parramatta will be subject to the delivery timetable of the landowner, the NSW Government.
SV142	Toongabbie	Yes	No further comment was provided other than support for the project.	Support noted
SV34	Toongabbie	Yes	No further comment was provided other than support for the project.	Support noted
SV56	Toongabbie	Yes	This cycle path will increase the safety of all travellers on this route as mature cyclists will not need to risk riding on the road with cars through the high traffic route near the hospital and adults riding with children will not have to ride on small pedestrian paths making it safer for them and pedestrians.	Support noted
SV73	Toongabbie	Yes	No further comment was provided other than support for the project.	Support noted
SV11	Wentworth Point	Yes	A much needed safe cycling connection. I fully support this plan and look forward to using this	Support noted

SV35	Wentworth Point	Yes	anything that supports safer, more efficient options for cycling and pedestrians are useful additions to the community. Full separation of cyclist and pedestrian areas is suggested as plenty of cyclist commuters will access this pathway and they will inevitably travel at speeds which present a safety risk to pedestrians.	Support noted, separated paths are proposed where larger volumes and speeds are anticipated, and where space allows.
Email 27	Westmead	Yes	Western Sydney Local Health District Centre for Population Health (CPH) provided a detailed submission that is provided as an attachment, but the key points raised are summarised below: 1. Support projects that improve population health 2. Support for the Aboriginal co-design process 3. Support structural changes to improve conditions for active transport. 4. Consider other elements beyond safety that improve amenity and comfort like lighting, shade, water etc. 5. Provide separation where possible 6. CPH would welcome future collaboration with Council.	Support noted. Should the project proceed, lighting, shade, amenity and access to water will be key considerations in detail design. Separated paths are proposed where larger volumes and speeds are anticipated, and where space allows. Future collaboration between Council and NSW Health would be welcomed.
SV158	Westmead	Yes	No further comment was provided other than support for the project.	Support noted
SV54	Westmead	Yes	Ensure that the degree of separation is continuous and does not randomly end. Safety for those outside a motor vehicle should be at the forefront of priorities.	Support noted
Email 17	Winston Hills	Yes	We are writing to respond to the letter you've sent on 24 May 2024 (Reference #: F2023/01472) regarding the proposal to extend shared paths along parts of the roads within Winston Hills area including Model Farms Rd. We live on Model Farms Rd, Winston Hills. Currently there isn't any shared paths on our side of Model Farms Rd. This road is relatively busy with pedestrians (dog walkers, family with young kids and undoubtedly the postmen). Our family loves enjoying walking around the area too, however every time we are out and about, the first thing we need to do is to cross the road to access the existing shared paths. This is inconvenient as well as dangerous (given it is a double line road and can be relatively busy at times). We also noticed the grass areas on the council part of our driveway had become wet and mushy following several days of heavy rains. The postmen passed on the grass and left a mark on the soggy soil (see picture 'Driveway_1'). Additionally, pedestrians passed on the corner of the mushy soil, leaving big holes all over it and creating muddy puddles (see picture 'Driveway_2'). It has been 24 hours since the last time we had the heavy rains, but these areas remain wet. Sydney Waters came to check if there's a leak going on and confirmed there is none. We would be grateful if you could please consider extending the shared paths to our side of Model Farms Rd (i.e. the odd house numbers approx. from 39 to 79 Model Farms Rd), or at least help us to fix the issues around the soil conditions on our driveway.	Support noted. This area of Model Farms Road is outside of the scope of the study area. Should the project be supported, a further extension further west could be considered in detail design (subject to further consultation). The damp grass is a result of the significant amount of rain recently and it is beyond the control of Council.
SV126	Winston Hills	Yes	I am very happy to learn of this initiative. I have a bicycle and always wanted to ride from my home in Winston Hills to Parramatta River, but was too scared to ride on most of the roads to reach there because of the fast and unsafe (for cyclists) traffic.	Support noted
SV13	Winston Hills	Yes	Please do it would make this area so much better.	Support noted
SV138	Winston Hills	Yes	No further comment was provided other than support for the project.	Support noted
SV14	Winston Hills	Yes	Make Winston hills better for bikers like me and my mates. I would also appreciate if you make a pump track near here.	Support noted. The request regarding a pump track has been forwarded to Council's Open Space team for their consideration.
SV150	Winston Hills	Yes	No further comment was provided other than support for the project.	Support noted
SV151	Winston Hills	Yes	No further comment was provided other than support for the project.	Support noted
SV157	Winston Hills	Yes	This is an excellent idea as Winston Hills/Northmead residents currently have limited options for cycling to/from Parramatta for work. It needs to ensure careful safety planning is done at the intersection of Kleins and Briens Rd as this is a dangerous intersection.	Support noted. The intersection of Kleins Road and Cumberland Highway is proposed to be upgraded to have wider and more compliant kerb ramps on the western crossing.
SV159	Winston Hills	Yes	This is a huge benefit for Winston Hills community, meaning the commute to Parramatta Park and CBD would become safer, especially if riding with children. I hope that this will be embraced and will give the locals the push to ditch their cars and get on their bikes.	Support noted
SV37	Winston Hills	Yes	Sounds great	Support noted
SV44	Winston Hills	Yes	a bridge connecting Northmead to parramatta would be amazing, as would better cycling infrastructure. I would like to ride my bike more, and possibly even start riding to work some days, but find it intimidating riding on the road on Kleins and boundary roads.	Support noted
SV47	Winston Hills	Yes	Signage and road markings to inform drivers/pedestrians that it is a shared path. Other than that it looks good.	Support noted. Should the project proceed, shared paths would include educational line marking.

SV48	Winston Hills	Yes	This proposal is important to residents of Northmead and Winston Hills providing much needed access to Parramatta CBD by bicycle. The Bridge over Darling Mills is an excellent idea and provides a direct route avoiding the need to use Windsor Road or Old Windsor Road. Further, the proposal provides the missing link to join the Windsor Road Cycleway which extends all the way to Windsor, but is currently disconnected at the Northern Parramatta council boundary. By utilising backstreets, rather than beside Windsor road, the proposal provides increased amenity for users of active transport as it is away from the noise, pollution and danger of Windsor Road. The proposal, by joining Northmead Public and Northmead High Schools to a cycling network will help to decrease the current unsustainable car congestion at school pickup drop off times providing parents with a SAFE alternative to driving their children. The cycleways on Moxhams and Carolyn Chisolm are an important component providing residents of Winston hills with a safe means of negotiating the Valley that exists between Winston Hills and Northmead - currently these routes are VERY dangerous for cyclists and are a huge impediment to the uptake of cycling by residents who do not feel capable of cycling on the road at these important gateways to the suburb. While the planned infrastructure along Yarrabee - Model Farms - Asquith - Junction is ABSOLUTELY welcome, there isn't a great deal of "reason" to cycle there. The main utility of this route is its access to the connection to Junction Road-Windsor Road. I believe a corridor Carolyn Chisolm - Bellotti -Junction provides far more utility to residents to Winston Hills and Northmead. 1. Access to Bellotti Street Shops.(Bellotti) 2. Access to Old Post Office reserve and john Bergen Reserve(Bellotti) 3. Access to the M2 Bus stop at Cropley drive which recently had its parking increased to accommodate the enormous demand for commuter access to the City via the 607x buses.(Junction) 4. Access to Winston Hills Public School. (Junction) 5. Close access to Winston Hills Mall (Junction) 6. Close access to Model Farms High School. (Gooden Drive)) 7. Close access to Timber Getters Reserve (Junction) 8. Close access to Max Ruddock (Junction) 9.Close access to Masonic Oval and Skate Park (via Cropley) Again, while I support the current plan, I feel it would be far better to either add the infrastructure to Bellotti or replace the corridor on Asquith with one on Bellotti. I have been cycling in Winston Hills for 30 years. I have been hit by cars THREE times on Kleins road - two of which were hit and run, and look forward to finally feeling safe.	Support noted. The routes identified (majority west of the creek) are not within the scope of the project. However, the recently endorsed Parramatta Bike Plan identifies a number of these routes for delivery in the future (subject to prioritisation and budget).
SV59	Winston Hills	Yes	If at all possible at some stage it would be an idea to try and incorporate Parramatta Lake in any future cycle way developments. The Lake is scenic and could easily be linked into the proposed cycle way on Kleins Road.	Support noted. Council's Bike Plan identifies a link up Darling Mills Creek, however riding a bike around Lake Parramatta (other than on the fire trail) is not supported.
SV96	Winston Hills	Yes	No. Trust the plan	Support noted
SV123	North Parramatta	Unsure	One way traffic North bound on Fleet Street will impact people who live on North bound O'Connell Street.	Council understands the role of Fleet Street in this area in providing critical southbound egress for residents, and a convenient northbound ingress. Should the project proceed there is a shorter inbound route from the north available via Castle Street, right into Factory Street, left into Galloway Street and right into Albert Street. There are three options being explored for outbound access to the south, of which allowing the right turn in Factory at Fleet Street is the preferred. Two alternatives will enable access to right turns at the existing signals at Dunlop / O'Connell Street. Of these options, (1) allowing a right turn on Factory Street at Fleet Street is the preferred, but would require approval by TfNSW and PLR. The alternative (2) is a turning facility on Fleet Street at Greenup Drive to allow southbound vehicles to legally make a U-turn, and then exit northbound. However, this would create a longer detour and is a less desirable public domain outcome. Currently the intersection at O'Connell / Fennell St used by residents for southbound right turns has had 8 crashes in the last 5 years and is unsignalised. (3) If Fleet St was made one way southbound for resident access, the volume of traffic would likely require the installation of traffic lights. However, this is unlikely to be supported by TfNSW due to proximity to other signals.
SV85	North Parramatta	Unsure	The one way on fleet street change to traffic conditions would have a significant impact on residents and businesses. The traffic management plan for Parra as a town had been severely impacted by the light rail. Further charges on existing two way roads would have adverse impacts on traffic. Keep Fleet street both ways.	Council understands the role of Fleet Street in this area in providing critical southbound egress for residents, and a convenient northbound ingress. Should the project proceed there is a shorter inbound route from the north available via Castle Street, right into Factory Street, left into Galloway Street and right into Albert Street. There are three options being explored for outbound access to the south, of which allowing the right turn in Factory at Fleet Street is the preferred. Two alternatives will enable access to right turns at the existing signals at Dunlop / O'Connell Street. Of these options, (1) allowing a right turn on Factory Street at Fleet Street is the preferred, but would require approval by TfNSW and PLR. The alternative (2) is a turning facility on Fleet Street at Greenup Drive to allow southbound vehicles to legally make a U-turn, and then exit northbound. However, this would create a longer detour and is a less desirable public domain outcome. Currently the intersection at O'Connell / Fennell St used by residents for southbound right turns has had 8 crashes in the last 5 years and is unsignalised. (3) If Fleet St was made one way southbound for resident access, the volume of traffic would likely require the installation of traffic lights. However, this is unlikely to be supported by TfNSW due to proximity to other signals.
Phone Call 1	Northmead	Unsure	Yes to bridge at bottom Yes to Moxham's roundabout Yes to crossings to school (pedestrian only) Don't want to lose parking as it is already tight at school time and when the church is open Parking over or close to driveway, will get worse with 4 services a day at the church No where for visitors to park No to cycleway	Support for Bridge, Roundabout and pedestrian crossings noted. Objection to cycleway and parking loss noted, however officers note that providing safe alternatives to driving has been proven at other schools across Sydney to reduce parking and congestion challenges around schools. Residents can request (at their cost) for Council organised contractors to paint lines either side of a driveway to help with compliance.
Popup 3	Northmead	Unsure	I don't mind	Noted
SV72	Northmead	Unsure	I drop my daughter off at the preschool on Klein's Rd, and during peak hour this road gets very clogged. This is somewhat alleviated by there being enough space to go around cars waiting to turn across traffic - so if this proposal were to narrow the road overall, it could have severe impacts on traffic. I would also worry about safety in such circumstances due to all the children walking to school in the area - as I have witnessed many ugly road rage incidents in this street already due to blocked traffic trying to get past.	The proposal does not seek to narrow parking lanes or travel lanes beyond standard widths, the bike path essentially displaces the parking on one side. The parking outside the pre-school is retained. The raised crossings will improve the safety of students walking and riding to school.

Email 7		Unsure	I wanted to provide my input into the Kleins Rd Pedestrian and Cyclist Corridor Study. After sitting in traffic at the intersection of Briens Rd and Kleins Rd, I had the opportunity to view a significant amount of free space on either side of the intersection. Both on the residential and business sides of the intersection. To support the business and community objective of creating a safe and enjoyable connection along Kleins Rd, could I enquire as to the feasibility of an overhead footpath above Briens Rd? Theoretically, this would improve traffic flow (of which this intersection is a severe bottleneck) and the safety of pedestrians, to name two of many benefits. Furthermore, if the intent is to remove as many pedestrians and cyclists from Windsor Rd, can I please enquire as to why Huxley Dr wasn't considered for this study? I see that both Moxhams and Churchill Dr aren't connected. Again, Huxley Dr has ample space for the widening of the existing footpath to include cyclists, of which many already use Huxley Dr on a daily basis. I look forward to hearing back from you shortly.	A pedestrian / cyclist bridge over Briens Road is unlikely to be supported as the clearances required would make the ramping on approach significant, especially on the southern side. This would be a present a significant barrier to pedestrians. Huxley Drive is outside of the scope of this project as it is on the other side of the creek to Windsor Road, but could have cycling facilities in the future.
SV100	Constitution Hill	No	I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed removal of parking spots on Kleins Road to accommodate cycle lanes. As a regular visitor to the local shops and businesses, I am deeply concerned about the impact this will have on parking availability. The current parking situation is already challenging, and the loss of parking spots will only exacerbate the issue. I urge you to consider alternative solutions that balance the needs of cyclists with those of local businesses and residents. I request that you reconsider this proposal and engage in further consultation with the community to find a more suitable solution.	From detailed parking studies, the biggest challenge to parking at the shops is overstaying with 60% of users on a Friday and 30% on a Wednesday parking 2 hours or longer. This information has been passed on to Council's Compliance team to request more frequent visits from the Rangers. In recognising the important role of street parking for neighbourhood shops, the project is proposing to increase the number of timed parking spaces to support access to local business. The proposed pedestrian and cyclist paths will provide a healthy and enjoyable alternative to driving to access the shops.
Email 11	North Parramatta	No	This is the most stupid TCP put in place I have ever heard of as a resident in Factory Street, We have put up with the mega 24/7 light rail construction 5 years to date. The TCP planning is totally up shit creek and I have no idea what they are doing as far as traffic flow. At present you have to turn left into Fleet Street, do a U-turn then go back through Dunlop St to turn right into O'Connell, a lot of our time is wasted doing this - how stupid is that. We have had to put up with so much interruption as shift workers and did not ask for this to even begin, we have lost all the beautiful willow and gum trees. Factory Street is all concrete and steel, what a sad contrast to what was here originally. Forget the one-way street, leave it as it is. Whoever has planned this did not consult with any locals and they need to re-train for their traffic cards. NO to removing our choice of access.	Council understands the role of Fleet Street in this area in providing critical southbound egress for residents, and a convenient northbound ingress. Should the project proceed there is a shorter inbound route from the north available via Castle Street, right into Factory Street, left into Galloway Street and right into Albert Street. There are three options being explored for outbound access to the south, of which allowing the right turn in Factory at Fleet Street is the preferred. Two alternatives will enable access to right turns at the existing signals at Dunlop / O'Connell Street. Of these options, (1) allowing a right turn on Factory Street at Fleet Street is the preferred, but would require approval by TfNSW and PLR. The alternative (2) is a turning facility on Fleet Street at Greenup Drive to allow southbound vehicles to legally make a U-turn, and then exit northbound. However, this would create a longer detour and is a less desirable public domain outcome. Currently the intersection at O'Connell / Fennell St used by residents for southbound right turns has had 8 crashes in the last 5 years and is unsignalised. (3) If Fleet St was made one way southbound for resident access, the volume of traffic would likely require the installation of traffic lights. However, this is unlikely to be supported by TfNSW due to proximity to other signals.
Email 12	North Parramatta	No	On behalf of the residents of 2/14 fleet street north parramatta, we strongly request that no changes be made to ensure fennel street stays a 2 way street	Council understands the role of Fleet Street in this area in providing critical southbound egress for residents, and a convenient northbound ingress. Should the project proceed there is a shorter inbound route from the north available via Castle Street, right into Factory Street, left into Galloway Street and right into Albert Street. There are three options being explored for outbound access to the south, of which allowing the right turn in Factory at Fleet Street is the preferred. Two alternatives will enable access to right turns at the existing signals at Dunlop / O'Connell Street. Of these options, (1) allowing a right turn on Factory Street at Fleet Street is the preferred, but would require approval by TfNSW and PLR. The alternative (2) is a turning facility on Fleet Street at Greenup Drive to allow southbound vehicles to legally make a U-turn, and then exit northbound. However, this would create a longer detour and is a less desirable public domain outcome. Currently the intersection at O'Connell / Fennell St used by residents for southbound right turns has had 8 crashes in the last 5 years and is unsignalised. (3) If Fleet St was made one way southbound for resident access, the volume of traffic would likely require the installation of traffic lights. However, this is unlikely to be supported by TfNSW due to proximity to other signals.
Email 2	North Parramatta	No	Re: Fleet St between Fennel St and Greenup Dr to one way north. The construction of the light rail has resulted in significant changes to those of us living in North Parramatta none of which are positive. Those living on O'Connell St north of Albert St can only turn left out of and into our driveway. For example - I live on the odd numbered side of the street and when I approach my home from the direction of Northmead, the most efficient route is along Church St, right into Dunlop St, left into New St which then becomes Fleet St, left into Fennell St, left into O'Connell St so I can turn left into my driveway north of Albert St. If vehicle traffic along the above mentioned section of Fleet St is reduced to one way north - it is unclear whether this proposal is for cars or bikes - that will make reaching our home from the north even more convoluted and does not have my support nor that of my neighbours. As tax payers and rate payers who have invested financially and emotionally in our community and neighbourhood, we request that we are not subjected to further inconvenience due to new infrastructure projects.	Council understands the role of Fleet Street in this area in providing critical southbound egress for residents, and a convenient northbound ingress. Should the project proceed there is a shorter inbound route from the north available via Castle Street, right into Factory Street, left into Galloway Street and right into Albert Street. There are three options being explored for outbound access to the south, of which allowing the right turn in Factory at Fleet Street is the preferred. Two alternatives will enable access to right turns at the existing signals at Dunlop / O'Connell Street. Of these options, (1) allowing a right turn on Factory Street at Fleet Street is the preferred, but would require approval by TfNSW and PLR. The alternative (2) is a turning facility on Fleet Street at Greenup Drive to allow southbound vehicles to legally make a U-turn, and then exit northbound. However, this would create a longer detour and is a less desirable public domain outcome. Currently the intersection at O'Connell / Fennell St used by residents for southbound right turns has had 8 crashes in the last 5 years and is unsignalised. (3) If Fleet St was made one way southbound for resident access, the volume of traffic would likely require the installation of traffic lights. However, this is unlikely to be supported by TfNSW due to proximity to other signals.

Email 20	North Parramatta	No	North Parramatta Residents Action Group provided a detailed submission that is provided as an attachment, but the key points raised are summarised below: 1. The bridge location is too close to the confluence 2. The structure is too visually obtrusive 3. The footings could impact in situ archaeology 4. The Water Board structure upstream could be adapted for a bridge 5. There is a little usage to justify a bridge 6. Kleins Road is already too busy for a bike path, too much impact to parking. 7. The impact to Fleet Street circulation is too great. 8. There is no funding for bush tracks within the project 9. The project does not align with Parramatta 2050 to promote culture and heritage 10. The report fails to outline the detrimental affects of the proposal.	1. The bridge is as far from the confluence as possible and is the best compromise between all the constraints such as property ownership, ecological, flooding, heritage and accessibility. 2. The proposed bridge forms are from the feasibility only, any further detail design will have a more refined response to the context. 3. There is a rigorous process to follow for all potential in-situ archaeology including testing and permits that would need to be followed for both pre and post colonial archaeology. 4. The water board structure lands behind a private property on the north, requires a 1km diversion from the main desire line and would require the permission of Sydney Water. Combined, this renders this location infeasible. 5. There is currently little infrastructure that would encourage cyclists and pedestrians (particularly anyone with a disability, pram or mobility aid) to access the area. The recently constructed Alfred Street Bridge hosts 500-600 people per day since opening. 6. It is because Kleins Road is so busy with a large number of heavy vehicles that a separated bike path is proposed alongside a significant number of pedestrian safety improvements. Parking is only proposed to be re-purposed where on street parking is currently underutilised. 7. Council understands the role of Fleet Street in this area in providing critical southbound egress for residents, and a convenient northbound ingress. Should the project proceed there is a shorter inbound route from the north available via Castle Street, right into Factory Street, left into Galloway Street and right into Albert Street. There are three options being explored for outbound access to the south, of which allowing the right turn in Factory at Fleet Street is the preferred. Two alternatives will enable access to right turns at the existing signals at Dunlop / O'Connell Street. Of these options, (1) allowing a right turn on Factory Street at Fleet Street is the preferred, but would require approval by TfNSW and PLR. The alternative (2) is a turning facility on Fleet Street at Greenup Drive to allow southbound vehicles to legally make a U-turn, and then exit northbound. However, this would create a longer detour and is a less desirable public domain outcome. Currently the intersection at O'Connell / Fennell St used by residents for southbound right turns has had 8 crashes in the last 5 years and is unsignalised. (3) If Fleet St was made one way southbound for resident access, the volume of traffic would likely require the installation of traffic lights. However, this is unlikely to be supported by TfNSW due to proximity to other signals. 8. The funding envelope for design and construction has not been finalised and could include bush tracks along the creek to support the vision for a heritage walk. 9. The bridge will support pedestrians and cyclists accessing the culture and heritage of the Parramatta North precinct. 10. The bridge will have an impact to ecology during construction however the heritage impact has yet to be studied in detail and quantified. On the balance, Council officers recommend the project proceed as the benefits are expected to outweigh the potential impacts.
Email 26	North Parramatta	No	Submitter provided detailed comments that are provided as an attachment, but the key issues are summarised below: 1. Access to 2-6 Albert Street has been compromised by PLR 2. Making Fleet Street one-way will further compromise this access, particularly to the north. 3. Reduction in parking not supported. 3. O'Connell is very busy, proposal will add to congestion. 4. Events at the stadium make access and parking challenging. 5. Kleins Road shops should not have parking reduction. 6. Any bridge over Darling Mills Creek should not detract from the proposed heritage walk.	1. & 2. Council understands the role of Fleet Street in this area in providing critical southbound egress for residents, and a convenient northbound ingress. Should the project proceed there is a shorter inbound route from the north available via Castle Street, right into Factory Street, left into Galloway Street and right into Albert Street. There are three options being explored for outbound access to the south, of which allowing the right turn in Factory at Fleet Street is the preferred. Two alternatives will enable access to right turns at the existing signals at Dunlop / O'Connell Street. Of these options, (1) allowing a right turn on Factory Street at Fleet Street is the preferred, but would require approval by TfNSW and PLR. The alternative (2) is a turning facility on Fleet Street at Greenup Drive to allow southbound vehicles to legally make a U-turn, and then exit northbound. However, this would create a longer detour and is a less desirable public domain outcome. Currently the intersection at O'Connell / Fennell St used by residents for southbound right turns has had 8 crashes in the last 5 years and is unsignalised. (3) If Fleet St was made one way southbound for resident access, the volume of traffic would likely require the installation of traffic lights. However, this is unlikely to be supported by TfNSW due to proximity to other signals. 3. Parking is only proposed to be re-purposed for the bike path where there is a surplus of on street parking. 4. This project will provide a safe and enjoyable alternative to driving to the stadium. 5. The number of timed spaces to support the shops is being increased. 6. The bridge is proposed at top of bank and will be complementary to the proposed heritage walk that is within the banks of the creeks and rivers.
Email 32	North Parramatta	No	Submitter provided detailed comments that are provided as an attachment, but the key issues are summarised below: 1. Parramatta Light Rail has significantly impacted circulation in North Parramatta 2. Fleet Street should remain two-way	Council understands the role of Fleet Street in this area in providing critical southbound egress for residents, and a convenient northbound ingress. Should the project proceed there is a shorter inbound route from the north available via Castle Street, right into Factory Street, left into Galloway Street and right into Albert Street. There are three options being explored for outbound access to the south, of which allowing the right turn in Factory at Fleet Street is the preferred. Two alternatives will enable access to right turns at the existing signals at Dunlop / O'Connell Street. Of these options, (1) allowing a right turn on Factory Street at Fleet Street is the preferred, but would require approval by TfNSW and PLR. The alternative (2) is a turning facility on Fleet Street at Greenup Drive to allow southbound vehicles to legally make a U-turn, and then exit northbound. However, this would create a longer detour and is a less desirable public domain outcome. Currently the intersection at O'Connell / Fennell St used by residents for southbound right turns has had 8 crashes in the last 5 years and is unsignalised. (3) If Fleet St was made one way southbound for resident access, the volume of traffic would likely require the installation of traffic lights. However, this is unlikely to be supported by TfNSW due to proximity to other signals.
Email 9	North Parramatta	No	One other things will cars be able to travel south along the full length of Fleet? The reason I ask is because I live in Factory and if Fleet is inaccessible from the north I have no way of driving from our property south to Parra.	Council understands the role of Fleet Street in this area in providing critical southbound egress for residents, and a convenient northbound ingress. Should the project proceed there is a shorter inbound route from the north available via Castle Street, right into Factory Street, left into Galloway Street and right into Albert Street. There are three options being explored for outbound access to the south, of which allowing the right turn in Factory at Fleet Street is the preferred. Two alternatives will enable access to right turns at the existing signals at Dunlop / O'Connell Street. Of these options, (1) allowing a right turn on Factory Street at Fleet Street is the preferred, but would require approval by TfNSW and PLR. The alternative (2) is a turning facility on Fleet Street at Greenup Drive to allow southbound vehicles to legally make a U-turn, and then exit northbound. However, this would create a longer detour and is a less desirable public domain outcome. Currently the intersection at O'Connell / Fennell St used by residents for southbound right turns has had 8 crashes in the last 5 years and is unsignalised. (3) If Fleet St was made one way southbound for resident access, the volume of traffic would likely require the installation of traffic lights. However, this is unlikely to be supported by TfNSW due to proximity to other signals.

SV152	North Parramatta	No	In summary: please consider that closing Fleet Street southbound to cars accessing Fennell Street, will cause disruption to residents living in the block bounded by Albert Street to the west of O'Connell to Factory Street and further pressure on local streets surrounding Parramatta North Public School. See attached Word Document for more detail.	Council understands the role of Fleet Street in this area in providing critical southbound egress for residents, and a convenient northbound ingress. Should the project proceed there is a shorter inbound route from the north available via Castle Street, right into Factory Street, left into Galloway Street and right into Albert Street. There are three options being explored for outbound access to the south, of which allowing the right turn in Factory at Fleet Street is the preferred. Two alternatives will enable access to right turns at the existing signals at Dunlop / O'Connell Street. Of these options, (1) allowing a right turn on Factory Street at Fleet Street is the preferred, but would require approval by TfNSW and PLR. The alternative (2) is a turning facility on Fleet Street at Greenup Drive to allow southbound vehicles to legally make a U-turn, and then exit northbound. However, this would create a longer detour and is a less desirable public domain outcome. Currently the intersection at O'Connell / Fennell St used by residents for southbound right turns has had 8 crashes in the last 5 years and is unsignalised. (3) If Fleet St was made one way southbound for resident access, the volume of traffic would likely require the installation of traffic lights. However, this is unlikely to be supported by TfNSW due to proximity to other signals.
SV161	North Parramatta	No	Submitter provided detailed comments that are provided as an attachment, but the key issues are summarised below: 1. Access to 2-6 Albert Street has been compromised by PLR 2. Making Fleet Street one-way will further compromise this access, particularly to the north. 3. Reduction in parking not supported. 3. O'Connell is very busy, proposal will add to congestion. 4. Events at the stadium make access and parking challenging. 5. Kleins Road shops should not have parking reduction. 6. Any bridge over Darling Mills Creek should not detract from the proposed heritage walk.	1. & 2. Council understands the role of Fleet Street in this area in providing critical southbound egress for residents, and a convenient northbound ingress. Should the project proceed there is a shorter inbound route from the north available via Castle Street, right into Factory Street, left into Galloway Street and right into Albert Street. There are three options being explored for outbound access to the south, of which allowing the right turn in Factory at Fleet Street is the preferred. Two alternatives will enable access to right turns at the existing signals at Dunlop / O'Connell Street. Of these options, (1) allowing a right turn on Factory Street at Fleet Street is the preferred, but would require approval by TfNSW and PLR. The alternative (2) is a turning facility on Fleet Street at Greenup Drive to allow southbound vehicles to legally make a U-turn, and then exit northbound. However, this would create a longer detour and is a less desirable public domain outcome. Currently the intersection at O'Connell / Fennell St used by residents for southbound right turns has had 8 crashes in the last 5 years and is unsignalised. (3) If Fleet St was made one way southbound for resident access, the volume of traffic would likely require the installation of traffic lights. However, this is unlikely to be supported by TfNSW due to proximity to other signals. 3. Parking is only proposed to be re-purposed for the bike path where there is a surplus of on street parking. 4. This project will provide a safe and enjoyable alternative to driving to the stadium. 5. The number of timed spaces to support the shops is being increased. 6. The bridge is proposed at top of bank and will be complementary to the proposed heritage walk that is within the banks of the creeks and rivers.
SV67	North Parramatta	No	As a resident of 1 Factory Street, North Parramatta, and with the proposed changes to Fleet Street, I do not see an acceptable and safe passage from our driveway to anywhere. Due to the tram tracks, we must turn left from our driveway onto Factory Street. Once at the intersection with Fleet/New, we must turn left onto Fleet (No Right Turn). Where do we go if Fleet Street is made one-way north travel? For travel into Parramatta now we drive south along Fleet and onto Fennell and then turn right onto O'Connell. PLEASE do not turn Fleet Street into a one-way street.	Council understands the role of Fleet Street in this area in providing critical southbound egress for residents, and a convenient northbound ingress. Should the project proceed there is a shorter inbound route from the north available via Castle Street, right into Factory Street, left into Galloway Street and right into Albert Street. There are three options being explored for outbound access to the south, of which allowing the right turn in Factory at Fleet Street is the preferred. Two alternatives will enable access to right turns at the existing signals at Dunlop / O'Connell Street. Of these options, (1) allowing a right turn on Factory Street at Fleet Street is the preferred, but would require approval by TfNSW and PLR. The alternative (2) is a turning facility on Fleet Street at Greenup Drive to allow southbound vehicles to legally make a U-turn, and then exit northbound. However, this would create a longer detour and is a less desirable public domain outcome. Currently the intersection at O'Connell / Fennell St used by residents for southbound right turns has had 8 crashes in the last 5 years and is unsignalised. (3) If Fleet St was made one way southbound for resident access, the volume of traffic would likely require the installation of traffic lights. However, this is unlikely to be supported by TfNSW due to proximity to other signals.
SV97	North Parramatta	No	Shared paths benefit cyclists at the expense of pedestrians. Shared paths are unsafe for pedestrians and public transport users. Cyclists may travel at 30 or 40 kph and may cause serious injury to pedestrians. Elderly pedestrians (including me) are made to feel very vulnerable and reluctant to walk. Danger is exacerbated at bus stops were cyclists speed between waiting passengers or between bus shelters and doors of buses. Taking cyclists off the roads may be safer for cyclists but this is achieved at the expense of pedestrians. I support cyclist safety but not at the expense of pedestrians.	Separated paths are proposed where anticipated speeds and volumes are greater, and space allows. Should any shared paths exceed their capacity once constructed separated paths can be considered.
SV86	North Rocks	No	This road is already congested and dangerous for pedestrians. You are literally making it more unsafe. This is a waste of money to build as the road is currently sufficient and honestly inviting more traffic is an incredibly dumb idea.	It is because Kleins Road is so busy with a large number of heavy vehicles that a separated bike path is proposed alongside a significant number of pedestrian safety improvements. The proposed raised crossings and additional roundabout will retain current traffic circulation and access, but slow traffic down and provide a safer way for people not in a vehicle to move along or across Kleins Road.
Email 14	Northmead	No	I live at the above-mentioned address and our garage faces onto Kleins Rd. I keep my car in this garage. When going into the garage I reverse in so that when exiting the garage I can come straight out and get a good early view of any pedestrians who may be approaching. I can reverse in quite easily as there is room on the road for me to pull over to the side and wait for a break in the traffic that is coming from behind me before I reverse in. If there is a cycleway there I cannot do this as I would have to stop in the roadway. Also when exiting I stop my car until the roll-a-door is back down. In this position, any pedestrians approaching have room to keep walking in the space behind my car, and the front of my car is not impeding the traffic. If there is a cycleway, I could not do this as my car would be in the middle of it. If I change my entering and exiting routines around and drive straight in, I would have the problem of reversing out where I would be blind to any approaching pedestrians and would have still to block this cycleway until I have my roll-a-door. Therefore I oppose this propositioned cycleway as it makes parking in and exiting my garage to be dangerous and difficult.	This thoughtful method of entering the driveway is the safest way to enter and exit; however with the bike path it would be necessary to stop in lane before reversing, whilst giving way to anyone on a path. This will require additional time. When exiting, the choice to wait for the roller door to close is a personal one, and if no one is using the footpath or bike path at that time it will be possible to pause outside of the travel lane.
Email 16	Northmead	No	I would like to register my OPPOSITION to this proposal. Especially Kleins Road does not need a dedicated cycle lane at all.	Objection noted.

Email 18	Northmead	No	I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed pedestrian and cyclist path that is intended to pass through our residential area, particularly near our house. While I appreciate the council's efforts to promote pedestrian and cyclist safety, I believe that this particular proposal raises several concerns. I am a local resident that this proposal will impact. First and foremost, the proposed path poses potential safety hazards for both pedestrians and cyclists. Our street already experiences heavy traffic, and the addition of a pathway would only exacerbate the congestion and increase the risk of accidents. Moreover, the path could attract unwanted elements to our neighbourhood, posing a threat to the safety and security of residents, especially during late hours. The introduction of a busy pedestrian and cyclist path would inevitably lead to increased busyness, noise levels and heavy congestion. Additionally, I am concerned about the potential impact of the path on property values in our area. The presence of a busy pedestrian and cyclist route could detract from the appeal of our neighbourhood, making it less desirable for potential buyers and leading to a decline in property values. As homeowners, this is a significant concern for us, as it could have long-term financial implications. As the prices of living increase, this is a heavy concern that we are very worried about. I urge the council to reconsider the proposed location of the pedestrian and cyclist path and explore alternative routes that would not disrupt the residential character of our neighbourhood. Furthermore, I request that the council conduct a comprehensive impact assessment to address the concerns raised by residents and ensure that any decision made takes into account the well-being and interests of the community. Thank you for taking the time to consider my objections. I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.	There are no proposals to change circulation on Kleins Road, but rather to make a safer space for pedestrians and cyclists to travel along and across the busy street. The proposed raised crossings will slow traffic down and make it a safer experience for all road users. Kleins Road is a public street that anyone is welcome to drive, ride or walk on currently, this proposal will not change this, and any noise generated by people walking or riding is likely to be much lower than that from traffic on Kleins Road itself. Council officers have searched for any link between a bike path and a decline in property values, however none has been reported. The only information available referred to an increase in value.
Email 22	Northmead	No	I believe that the above proposal is a waste of money at this time...I don't think I have seen one cyclist using this route. This will cause so much congestion for motorists in peak times and parking well as trying to access the shops. There are many other things you could spend our money on ... potholes, patchwork quilt road surfaces .	From the counts there are currently 25-35 cyclists a day riding on Kleins Road, however this is limited to those who feel comfortable riding in heavy traffic. The project is proposed to provide a safe and enjoyable pedestrian and cyclist route by improving safety, time and amenity. There are no changes to circulation proposed on Kleins Road. From detailed parking studies, the biggest challenge to parking at the shops is overstaying with 60% of users on a Friday and 30% on a Wednesday parking 2 hours or longer. This information has been passed on to Council's Compliance team to request more frequent visits from the Rangers. In recognising the important role of street parking for neighbourhood shops, the project is proposing to increase the number of timed parking spaces to support access to local business. The proposed pedestrian and cyclist paths will provide a healthy and enjoyable alternative to driving to access the shops.
Email 24	Northmead	No	Submitter provided detailed comments that are provided as an attachment, but the key issues are summarised below: 1. Kleins Road carries lots of vehicles. 2. There has been no increase in cyclists since the corridor was identified. Number of vehicles and cyclists was counted. 3. Older people will not ride bicycles. 4. Losing parking at Northmead Shops will result in businesses closing. 5. The pedestrian and cyclist path from Briens - Bridge - Fleet is a great idea and would bring people to the shops. 6. The proposal will be very expensive. 7. Defer proposal north of Briens Road until the success of the southern portion can be demonstrated.	1. It is because Kleins Road is so busy that these changes are proposed to support pedestrian and cyclist safety and encourage people to walk and ride more. 2. It is likely there has been no change in the number of cyclists in Kleins Road because there has been no change to the actual or perceived safety of riding on the street. 3. Older people are often an indicator of how safe a bike path is. Down on the river foreshore where the paths are completely separate from traffic there is a large number of older people who ride for all trip purposes. 4. From detailed parking studies, the biggest challenge to parking at the shops is overstaying with 60% of users on a Friday and 30% on a Wednesday parking 2 hours or longer. This information has been passed on to Council's Compliance team to request more frequent visits from the Rangers. In recognising the important role of street parking for neighbourhood shops, the project is proposing to increase the number of timed parking spaces to support access to local business. The proposed pedestrian and cyclist paths will provide a healthy and enjoyable alternative to driving to access the shops. 5. Support for the bridge noted. 6. The proposal has yet to be fully costed, though similar recent walking and cycling projects had high Benefit Cost Ratios because of the high safety and health benefits when used. 7. Staging is a potential option but will ultimately be a decision of the Councillors.
Email 29	Northmead	No	[redacted] study proposal. Having lived on Moxhams Rd for past 20 years, I have seen lots of growth and development in the area and I believe this project sounds good in theory but not in practice. I acknowledge that an extreme amount of work has gone into this study to get to where it is thus far however I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposal, in particular any of the cycling routes, for the reasons outlined below. 1. Risk to children riding past driveways before and after school poses a significant risk to their safety. Residents are already competing with great volumes of traffic each morning when trying to leave for work. Moxhams Rd is a main thoroughfare connecting Winston Hills and Windsor Rd. To add a bike path will require drivers to look out for oncoming traffic and children who may fleet past on a bike. Once a child is injured or killed its too late!! What is the problem we are trying to solve? Do we want more children to ride bikes to school? Children can still get exercise by walking to school. Proposed Solution 1 Additional raised crossings as per the proposal is a safety measure, not a bike path which crosses residence driveways. Proposed Solution 2 If you were to continue with a bike path along Moxhams Rd consider connecting the track between Whitehaven and Moxhams Rd between No.35 and No.37 Moxhams, where an existing laneway connects the two streets. This will avoid residents along Moxhams Rd up to No.37 having to dealing with banked up traffic in the morning and afternoons and having to watch for children on bikes simultaneously. Residents on the northern side of Windsor Rd can still access the proposed raised crossing via Anderson Rd and loop through the quiet back streets to Kleins Rd. 2. Residents own dogs not bikes We don't ride bikes! Northmead residents are happy in our current tiny pocket of western Sydney. We don't ride bikes, we don't intend on buying bikes to ride to parramatta and if we need to commute there, we can access buses from Windsor Rd or drive. We like to walk. Some walk dogs. We already have footpaths and a number of bush tracks. I don't recall a survey to affected residents even asking if we would use an alternative connecting corridor to parramatta. 3. Serious and substantial waste of public funds I would consider this project not the best use of public funds. Again, residents have not been surveyed asking them if they would use the proposed new corridor. In this case the costs will outweigh the benefits of this project. I think the funds could be redirected to solutions for easing current traffic congestion. Proposed Solutions 1.Consider phasing of the lights 2.Proposed left and right turning lanes.	Objection noted. When entering or exiting a driveway, drivers must take due care and give way to all traffic and anyone on the path. At the moment children 16 and under can ride on the footpath, if they are on the bike path they will be further from the property boundary and have better visibility. The project is about supporting the community and students to walk, ride or scooter to school or any other destination. Widening the path connections between Whitehaven and Moxhams could be considered as an additional connection, subject to community consultation.

Email 31	Northmead	No	Submitter provided detailed comments that are provided as an attachment, but the key issues are summarised below: 1. No pedestrians or cyclists use Kleins Road 2. Cyclists do not pay registration, they should pay for this proposal. 3. Parking loss at Northmead Shops is not supported. 4. Council should clean drains on Moxhams Road as a higher priority.	1. Based on the recent counts, currently 25-35 cyclists and 550-750 pedestrians (depending on which section) currently use Kleins Road each day. 2. This proposal is funded from general tax revenue that everyone pays, regardless of how they move. 3. From detailed parking studies, the biggest challenge to parking at the shops is overstaying with 60% of users on a Friday and 30% on a Wednesday parking 2 hours or longer. This information has been passed on to Council's Compliance team to request more frequent visits from the Rangers. In recognising the important role of street parking for neighbourhood shops, the project is proposing to increase the number of timed parking spaces to support access to local business. The proposed pedestrian and cyclist paths will provide a healthy and enjoyable alternative to driving to access the shops. 4. This request has been passed on to Council's Assets team for their consideration.
Email 5	Northmead	No	Submitter provided detailed comments that are provided as an attachment, but the key issues are summarised below: 1. Concerns safely accessing their driveway 2. The large paperbark north of the property and the crest of the hill obscures the view to the north. 3. The development proposal of the Baptist Church included a roundabout at Lombard. 4. Where will bins go if there is no parking lane.	1. Given the location of the driveway as a transition from separated to shared, there are opportunities to shift the path within the verge to improve driveway safety and access, these can be explored in detail design should the project be supported by Council. 2. Should the project proceed, all sightlines will be checked. 3. A review of the approved development plans identified that a roundabout was not a condition of consent. 4. Should the project proceed, painted bin boxes can be placed in line with the raised kerb between the travel lane and bike path.
Email 8	Northmead	No	I do not support the use of Kleins Road for the creation for a cycle/walkway. Kleins Road is busy as it is with a school, church and villas fronting the road between Fames Ruse Dr and Moxhams Rd. Hammers Rd is a main through a fare between Old Windsor Rd and Windsor Rd, adding a cycle and walkway will only add to the congestion and confusion of users. On the Parramatta side of Kleins Rd is a local shopping centre and placing a cycle/walking way will result in pedestrian accidents as shoppers frequent the shops. My preference is to start the cycle/walkway from Boundary Rd where Kleins Rd ends. This will free up Kleins Rd and the shopping centre and still allow for the creation of a cycle/walkway for all to use without disruption to existing facilities, school, church, shopping and businesses.	Objection noted, support for elements south of Boundary Road noted. From detailed parking studies, the biggest challenge to parking at the shops is overstaying with 60% of users on a Friday and 30% on a Wednesday parking 2 hours or longer. This information has been passed on to Council's Compliance team to request more frequent visits from the Rangers. In recognising the important role of street parking for neighbourhood shops, the project is proposing to increase the number of timed parking spaces to support access to local business. The proposed pedestrian and cyclist paths will provide a healthy and enjoyable alternative to driving to access the shops. The project is proposed to provide a safe and enjoyable pedestrian and cyclist route by improving safety, convenience and amenity, giving people an alternative to driving. The project proposes using elements that are commonly used across Sydney and Australia with raised crossings, roundabouts, bike paths, shared paths and pedestrian paths. At the shops, it is proposed to have exclusive pedestrian space under the awning and a mixed "movement" space between the street furniture and parking. Cyclists will also be moving slower in this location as they must wait at the traffic lights and deflect sideways to use the raised priority crossing over Balmoral Road.
Popup 4	Northmead	No	Parking is really important as his shop services the commercial and industrial	From detailed parking studies, the biggest challenge to parking at the shops is overstaying with 60% of users on a Friday and 30% on a Wednesday parking 2 hours or longer. This information has been passed on to Council's Compliance team to request more frequent visits from the Rangers. In recognising the important role of street parking for neighbourhood shops, the project is proposing to increase the number of timed parking spaces to support access to local business.
SV1	Northmead	No	I am writing to you as a resident of Kleins road Northmead and wished to voice my views on the proposal of upgrades to the street referenced as F2023/01472. Having read through the available documents, spoken with Mark Crispin via email and in person at the pop up stall there are parts of the proposal I support and parts which I strongly oppose and would hope you consider when the time comes to make the final decision on these changes. I would like to support some of the points on the proposal relating to walking safety, mainly the raised traffic crossings on Hammers, Lombard, Moss & Thomas streets, plus the roundabout on the intersection near the school on Kleins and Moxham. I think these would be a great addition to the area and speaking as someone that walks these streets daily dropping off and picking up a school age child would make it a much safer environment plus aid in some traffic flow during the busy parts of the day. Upgrades to the southern end of Kleins road such as the walking bridge also have merit and would be welcomed albeit not at the expense of parking at the already busy Kleins road shops. I do however strongly oppose the proposed cycle path on Kleins road, this is already an extremely busy road (morning and evenings) and would become even more congested which will only increase the chance of more accidents and threaten the safety of people (especially children including mine) in my street. Not to mention taking away street parking which is already at a premium especially when there is Church events or events at the school. I believe there are already safety concerns on this road with hazards such as traffic coming over the rise from Moxham towards Hammers Road and there are many near misses as cars/motorcycles travelling at speed don't anticipate cars coming in or out of driveways, and also people crossing. I can only imagine when potentially we may have to also anticipate cyclists in their own lane in this scenario as well, plus cross more often to the limited parking on the other side of the street. I speak from experience of having had a vehicle written off at the front of my house in this scenario with cars travelling over the rise at speed. This proposal has also not factored in the changes already in motion for the entrance and exit of the church on Kleins road, this will only further increase the need for flexibility in manoeuvring around this area, plus take away more parking spots (this part was left out of the proposal and when mentioned, the response was it was an oversight which does make me question how much detailed planning went into the proposal). I'm sure this is a hot topic as it certainly is in my local area and the local public school which can be chaotic around pickup/ drop off, would really appreciate your understanding and support in making some much needed improvements without the need to add extra congestion and concern to an already busy area.	Support for raised crossings, bridge, shops upgrade, and roundabout noted. Street parking is only proposed to be re-purposed where there is currently excess capacity. Detailed video parking counts were completed that demonstrated that even on Sundays, only 50% or less of parking spaces on Kleins Road and adjacent streets were used (the figure was lower on weekdays). All residences have access to off street parking and on street parking will still be available on side streets and on the opposite side of the street to the bike path. By providing an alternative to driving, the proposed pedestrian and cyclist improvements can support a reduction to the number of people driving to school and therefore reduce congestion, pressure on parking and result in healthier, more active students. When entering or exiting a driveway, drivers must take due care and give way to all traffic and anyone on the path. At the moment children 16 and under can ride on the footpath, if they are on the bike path they will be further from the property boundary and have better visibility. The project is about supporting the community and students to walk, ride or scooter to school or any other destination. Detailed site issues such as visibility at the rise in Moxhams will be investigated at detail design should the project proceed.
SV101	Northmead	No	I am in favour of the Darling mills crossing and the pedestrian crossing at the roundabout but not at all in favour of the dedicated cycle way as it impacts me severely. Refer to attachment. The traffic gets backed up on Kleins Road in front of my property. I also have parents dropping off their kids park in front of my property many times. The road has big construction vehicles, cranes & buses too continuously using the road even though it is not a bus route. Narrowing the road will be a problem for me backing out of my driveway as it will be hard to spot cyclists with trees on either side of the driveway. Also cars don't give me way at the moment to get out as they are in a hurry and cyclists will definitely not stop. I have to monitor pedestrians then cyclists blocked by the tree and then cars too. Also the road will be narrower to get out without going on the other side of the double line and I don't want vehicles on the other side hit my vehicle.	Support for Bridge, Roundabout and pedestrian crossings noted. If cars are parking blocking a driveway, Council can organise (at a residents' cost) line marking either side of the driveway to improve compliance. Please contact Traffic@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au for more details. The proposed travel lane widths meet the Guidelines for use by larger vehicles, the bike path essentially would displace parking on one side of Kleins Road. Sightlines and the impacts of trees will be assessed at detail design should the project proceed. Anyone entering and exiting their driveway must give way to anyone on the path or on the road, this will not change as part of the proposal.

SV103	Northmead	No	Traffic delays because of the childcare centres and the school in the area, availability of parking for medical treatments for myself and friend because of our cancer treatments, not feasible to place a bike pathway in front of children's safety in the area and we also lose our street parking as well.	From detailed parking studies, the biggest challenge to parking at the shops is overstaying with 60% of users on a Friday and 30% on a Wednesday parking 2 hours or longer. This information has been passed on to Council's Compliance team to request more frequent visits from the Rangers. In recognising the important role of street parking for neighbourhood shops, the project is proposing to increase the number of timed parking spaces to support access to local business. The proposed pedestrian and cyclist paths will provide a healthy and enjoyable alternative to driving to access the shops, school and other destinations. Parking is only proposed to be re-purposed where it is not currently well utilised. The proposal includes a number of elements like raised crossings, a roundabout, shared and separated paths that will increase safety for pedestrians and cyclists along and across Kleins Road.
SV109	Northmead	No	This proposal does not take into consideration the high number of cars travelling in the area. The road is already shared with buses and large trucks. With the changing traffic conditions on Windsor Rd, this proposed change will not benefit anyone.	The high number of vehicles using Kleins Road is the reason a separated bike path, shared paths, raised crossings and the roundabout are proposed. This will improve safety, convenience and amenity for pedestrians and cyclists along and across Kleins Road.
SV112	Northmead	No	Our street are already very busy and so many cars passing by ..the road are narrow and dangerous for cyclists and children using this road without supervision of their parents	The high number of vehicles using Kleins Road is the reason a separated bike path, shared paths, raised crossings and the roundabout are proposed. This will improve safety, convenience and amenity for pedestrians and cyclists along and across Kleins Road. Anyone under the age of 16 or accompanying them is welcome to ride on the footpath, whether a parent accompanies a child on their bike is a personal choice.
SV114	Northmead	No	Whilst generally positive re cycleways, I am very concerned about the separate bike/pedestrian Kleins Rd section between Moxhams Rd and Briens Rd. This is a high traffic area at school drop off and pick up times and also in the morning and afternoon peak times. Kleins Rd is used to avoid sections of both Old Windsor Rd, Windsor Rd and Church St, with many people turning into Lombard St to get back onto Windsor Rd. Any reduction in the width of Kleins Rd would prevent cars being able to safely turn right, greatly increasing congestion. It would also present risk for students at Northmead Primary School by reducing available parking.	The high number of vehicles using Kleins Road is the reason a separated bike path, shared paths, raised crossings and the roundabout are proposed. This will improve safety, convenience and amenity for pedestrians and cyclists along and across Kleins Road. Drivers currently wishing to turn right must store in the travel lane, this proposal does not change the current arrangement. All the crossings of side streets are set back to allow a vehicle to wait outside the main line of travel. By providing an alternative to driving, the proposed pedestrian and cyclist improvements can support a reduction to the number of people driving to school and therefore reduce congestion, pressure on parking and result in healthier, more active students.
SV117	Northmead	No	What a waste of money planning this impractical solution to a problem that's non existent. Solving the massive traffic congestion issue should have been the priority. Has the impact from the removal of the parking on the local businesses been considered	By providing an alternative to driving, the proposed pedestrian and cyclist improvements can support a reduction to the number of people driving to school and therefore reduce congestion, pressure on parking and result in healthier, more active community. From detailed parking studies, the biggest challenge to parking at the shops is overstaying with 60% of users on a Friday and 30% on a Wednesday parking 2 hours or longer. This information has been passed on to Council's Compliance team to request more frequent visits from the Rangers. In recognising the important role of street parking for neighbourhood shops, the project is proposing to increase the number of timed parking spaces to support access to local business. The proposed pedestrian and cyclist paths will provide a healthy and enjoyable alternative to driving to access the shops, school and other destinations. Parking is only proposed to be re-purposed where it is not currently well utilised.
SV118	Northmead	No	Northmead residents have access to enough cycleways for recreational use. Practically though, to access shops, schools and more we need less congested roads. Building a cycle way is going to cramp up roads which can't get any wider, and cut down on parking availability on Kleins rd. Focus on practical ways to improve our lives rather than worsening the only semi functional transport option in favour of an idealistic, but severely under-utilised cycle way concept. It's not what we need. Northmead residents need a fix for the growing traffic cutting between the Windsor roads through our suburb, and wider roads so people can safely travel where they need.	By providing an alternative to driving, the proposed pedestrian and cyclist improvements can support a reduction to the number of people driving to school and therefore reduce congestion, pressure on parking and result in healthier, more active community. From detailed parking studies, the biggest challenge to parking at the shops is overstaying with 60% of users on a Friday and 30% on a Wednesday parking 2 hours or longer. This information has been passed on to Council's Compliance team to request more frequent visits from the Rangers. In recognising the important role of street parking for neighbourhood shops, the project is proposing to increase the number of timed parking spaces to support access to local business. The proposed pedestrian and cyclist paths will provide a healthy and enjoyable alternative to driving to access the shops, school and other destinations. Parking is only proposed to be re-purposed where it is not currently well utilised. This project is not proposing to change how vehicles access and circulate on Kleins Road, just slow them down and make it safer for all users.
SV121	Northmead	No	No further comment was provided other than an objection to the project.	Objection noted.
SV124	Northmead	No	Reducing the number of parking spaces on Kleins road will just make more cars park in front of my house during school drop off/pick up and Sunday church	Parking is only proposed to be re-purposed where it is not currently well utilised. The proposed pedestrian and cyclist paths will provide a healthy and enjoyable alternative to driving to access the shops, school and other destinations, helping reduce congestion and pressure on street parking. If cars are parking across a driveway, Council can organise (at a residents' cost) line marking either side of the driveway to improve compliance. Please contact Traffic@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au for more details.
SV127	Northmead	No	I consider that the proposed corridor is not suitable for such a highly residential area. The bike path will give users a false sense if security and safety as the path will need to cross over many residential driveways where. It will be extremely difficult for people coming out of their driveways to see approaching cyclists who may not be considering cars backing out of their driveways. In Moxhams rd. in particular, it is already difficult enough to see due to the number of cars parked in the street and the amount of traffic stopped waiting for the Windsor road lights to change. This is particularly the case between Moir Ave and Windsor Road. This will be very dangerous, particularly in the case of children who may not be thinking about cars coming out of driveways. The shared pathway will be aesthetically unattractive, replacing a grassed nature strip with native trees recently planted by the Council to provide shade and reduce the amount of heat in the neighbourhood. A concrete pathway would no doubt increase the reflective heat in the street. This is not suitable for a highly residential area. The number of people inconvenienced by the pathway will I expect be greater the number who will actually use it.	When entering or exiting a driveway, drivers must take due care and give way to all traffic and anyone on the path. At the moment children 16 and under can ride on the footpath, if they are on the bike path they will be further from the property boundary and have better visibility. Where anticipated speeds and volumes are higher, it is proposed to have a separated path on the street along Kleins Road where space allows. This will allow the planted verge and street trees to remain. Where shared paths are proposed, there will also be street trees planted for amenity, ecology and heat mitigation.
SV129	Northmead	No	I've Lived on Klein Rd since 2008, am retired. NEVER seen any heavy cycling activity on Klein that would justify this bike lane. What IS NEEDED are two speed bumps one tween BRIEN Rd and Hammers Rd, other tween Hammer and Moxham to slow cars and motorbikes tearing up Klein rd. all day every day from the lights. Pre and Primary school kids on this rd. are at risk if one of these lost control. Funds better spent on this. Bike lane would also narrow what is already a car park in am and pm peaks on Klein Rd, reduce residential parking	From the counts there are currently 25-35 cyclists a day riding on Kleins Road, however this is limited to those who feel comfortable riding in heavy traffic. The project is proposed to provide a safe and enjoyable pedestrian and cyclist route by improving safety, time and amenity. Two raised crossings are proposed across Kleins Road between Hammers Road and the Cumberland Highway. Street parking is only proposed to be re-purposed where there is currently excess capacity. Detailed video parking counts were completed that demonstrated that even on Sundays, only 50% or less of parking spaces on Kleins Road and adjacent streets were used (the figure was lower on weekdays). All residences have access to off street parking and on street parking will still be available on side streets and on the opposite side of the street to the bike path. The bike path essentially displaces the parking on one side of the street and the resultant travel lanes meet current guidance for widths.

SV140	Northmead	No	- The reduction in parking at the Kleins Rd shops will have a negative impact on local businesses. Parking in this area is already difficult to find and will only become worse - The cycleway on Kleins Rd will have a negative impact on local residents as well as the extended community. Street parking will be removed meaning that residents and their visitors will not be able to park outside their premises and it will also reduce accessibility by delivery/removalist vans, emergency services etc. There is not adequate street parking on the opposite side of Kleins Rd. is also utilized for parking by parents of Northmead Public School at school drop off and pick up times as well as for church overflow on Sundays (Baptist Church and Anglican church). Removal of existing parking is likely to increase congestion in surrounding streets - The addition of a cycleway on Kleins Rd and need for cyclists to cross where the cycleway changes sides will only serve to increase congestion on an already busy street. The intersection of Kleins and Briens Rd is already incredibly dangerous with multiple near misses a day which will pose a risk for cyclists - Addition of crossings at Hammers Rd roundabout will increase congestion. The existing refuge at Hammers and Kleins is very dangerous as cars cannot see pedestrians to stop in time and pedestrians often cannot see cars - in support of pedestrian crossings at Thomas and Lombard +, roundabout at Moxhams to increase safety, especially for kids	From detailed parking studies, the biggest challenge to parking at the shops is overstaying with 60% of users on a Friday and 30% on a Wednesday parking 2 hours or longer. This information has been passed on to Council's Compliance team to request more frequent visits from the Rangers. In recognising the important role of street parking for neighbourhood shops, the project is proposing to increase the number of timed parking spaces to support access to local business. The proposed pedestrian and cyclist paths will provide a healthy and enjoyable alternative to driving to access the shops, school and other destinations. Street parking is only proposed to be re-purposed where there is currently excess capacity. Detailed video parking counts were completed that demonstrated that even on Sundays, only 50% or less of parking spaces on Kleins Road and adjacent streets were used (the figure was lower on weekdays). All residences have access to off street parking and on street parking will still be available on side streets and on the opposite side of the street to the bike path. Cyclists riding along the length of Kleins Road have to cross twice as there are insurmountable barriers at the north (avoiding the school frontage and impacts to kiss and ride) and south (the only signalised leg at Cumberland Hwy is on the west). The raised crossings are proposed at Hammers Road to make crossing safer for the most vulnerable road users, they will assist in slowing traffic down so that everyone is safer. Support for selected pedestrian crossings and roundabout noted.
SV144	Northmead	No	I live on Kleins Rd and it needs more road space not less. The traffic is already terrible at peak, school pickups and when the church has services and other events. Taking out a lane will make this worse not better. I live here and I know that the bike usage is not enough to make the car traffic worse for us all. It is also a major through road for cars avoiding Windsor Rd. I find it hard to believe that you have done any real usage studies before suggesting this very backward idea.	From the counts there are currently 25-35 cyclists a day riding on Kleins Road, however this is limited to those who feel comfortable riding in heavy traffic. The project is proposed to provide a safe and enjoyable pedestrian and cyclist route by improving safety, time and amenity. Two raised crossings are proposed across Kleins Road between Hammers Road and the Cumberland Highway. Street parking is only proposed to be re-purposed where there is currently excess capacity. Detailed video parking counts were completed that demonstrated that even on Sundays, only 50% or less of parking spaces on Kleins Road and adjacent streets were used (the figure was lower on weekdays). All residences have access to off street parking and on street parking will still be available on side streets and on the opposite side of the street to the bike path. The bike path essentially displaces the parking on one side of the street and the resultant travel lanes meet current guidance for widths.
SV146	Northmead	No	You want to make the limited parking even less???? And they've just built more apartments in the area. You people and 'planners' are a joke. Think of plans that will actually help the traffic, not hinder. You people need brains.	Street parking is only proposed to be re-purposed where there is currently excess capacity. Detailed video parking counts were completed that demonstrated that even on Sundays, only 50% or less of parking spaces on Kleins Road and adjacent streets were used (the figure was lower on weekdays). All residences have access to off street parking and on street parking will still be available on side streets and on the opposite side of the street to the bike path. By providing a safe alternative to driving, the proposed pedestrian and cyclist improvements can support a reduction to the number of people driving to school and other destinations and therefore reduce congestion, pressure on parking and result in healthier, more active community.
SV147	Northmead	No	I object to the cycleway on the following grounds - Removes parking from the shops. - Removes parking from Residents - Removes parking from Church parishioners - Removes parking for school parents I support the proposed level crossings as well as the round about at the intersection of Kleins Rd and Moxhams. The submitter included a letter, the key points are provided in summary below: 1. Replacement of the parking on one side will impact home owners, their visitors, trades and services, school pick up and drop off, church attendees, they will have to walk further. Crime will rise because cars are further away. 2. There is too much traffic (including heavy vehicles) that a bike path will not be used, especially by children. 3. Cyclists will have to share corners with pedestrians and will collide. 4. Raised crossings and roundabout are supported.	Objection noted 1. From detailed parking studies, the biggest challenge to parking at the shops is overstaying with 60% of users on a Friday and 30% on a Wednesday parking 2 hours or longer. This information has been passed on to Council's Compliance team to request more frequent visits from the Rangers. In recognising the important role of street parking for neighbourhood shops, the project is proposing to increase the number of timed parking spaces to support access to local business. The proposed pedestrian and cyclist paths will provide a healthy and enjoyable alternative to driving to access the shops. Street parking is only proposed to be re-purposed where there is currently excess capacity. Detailed video parking counts were completed that demonstrated that even on Sundays, only 50% or less of parking spaces on Kleins Road and adjacent streets were used (the figure was lower on weekdays). All residences have access to off street parking and on street parking will still be available on side streets and on the opposite side of the street to the bike path. 2. By providing a safe alternative to driving, the proposed pedestrian and cyclist improvements can support a reduction to the number of people driving to school and therefore reduce congestion, pressure on parking and result in healthier, more active community. 3. On some corners cyclists will be moving slower as they are tuning 90 degrees, this means a shared path will be adequate. 4. Support for crossings and roundabout noted.
SV154	Northmead	No	It's great to rebuild the street and pedestrian path, but I am strongly against building the bicycle path.	Support for pedestrian improvements and objection to the bike path noted.
SV16	Northmead	No	It is already huge traffic on Kleins Rd in the morning after 8am and in the afternoon. Cycle corridor would only make things worse On some mornings it takes me good 10 minutes to turn to Kleins Road because of school drop offs and then pickups in the afternoon. Perhaps if there was time limit(outside school hours) for cyclists this solution could be considered	By providing a safe alternative to driving, the proposed pedestrian and cyclist improvements can support a reduction to the number of people driving to school and therefore reduce congestion, pressure on parking and result in healthier, more active community. The project is proposing to re-purpose underutilised space on the road (street parking) and replace it with a bike path alongside pedestrian improvements.
SV160	Northmead	No	Reducing the parking spaces available will have a detrimental effect on local businesses' trade. It will also further impact local residents who already experience people parking across their driveways due to a lack of available parking spots. Increasing traffic of any type, including bikes, in this area will cause further congestion to roads already gridlocked during peak periods. Lives will be endangered as people take risks to navigate right turns and there will be even more traffic accidents. If there is space available that can be re-purposed, it would be better utilised making dedicated right turn lanes from Kleins Road into Briens Road in both directions increasing safety for everyone - drivers, cyclists & pedestrians.	From detailed parking studies, the biggest challenge to parking at the shops is overstaying with 60% of users on a Friday and 30% on a Wednesday parking 2 hours or longer. This information has been passed on to Council's Compliance team to request more frequent visits from the Rangers. In recognising the important role of street parking for neighbourhood shops, the project is proposing to increase the number of timed parking spaces to support access to local business. The proposed pedestrian and cyclist paths will provide a healthy and enjoyable alternative to driving to access the shops. Street parking is only proposed to be re-purposed where there is currently excess capacity. Detailed video parking counts were completed that demonstrated that even on Sundays, only 50% or less of parking spaces on Kleins Road and adjacent streets were used (the figure was lower on weekdays). All residences have access to off street parking and on street parking will still be available on side streets and on the opposite side of the street to the bike path. The project is proposing to re-purpose and underutilised space on the road (street parking) and replace it with a bike path alongside pedestrian improvements. Currently, anyone turning right has to hold in the travel lane, this proposal does not change that condition.
SV19	Northmead	No	Everyone in Kleins road will lose their on street parking. The corridor streets are already a max capacity and overflowing onto Kleins road. This proposal will make the situation worse for residents.	Detailed video parking counts were completed that demonstrated that even on Sundays, only 50% or less of parking spaces on Kleins Road and adjacent streets were used (the figure was lower on weekdays). All residences have access to off street parking and on street parking will still be available on side streets and on the opposite side of the street to the bike path.
SV21	Northmead	No	On Kleins Road your plans have missed at least 3 existing driveways. As a local you have underestimated the amount local residents cars parked on the street. You plan is to punish the local living here for the two cyclists that pass by on the weekends? ALSO - YOUR POP UP STALLS ARE DURING THE WEEK DURING WORK HOURS! CONGRATULATIONS ON HIDING THE FACT YOU DON"T WANT FEEDBACK FROM LOCALS WHO WILL BE AT WORK ON THOSE DAYS!	The plans will be corrected if driveways are missing. Detailed video parking counts were completed that demonstrated that even on Sundays, only 50% or less of parking spaces on Kleins Road and adjacent streets were used (the figure was lower on weekdays). All residences have access to off street parking and on street parking will still be available on side streets and on the opposite side of the street to the bike path. A total of 25-35 cyclists have been counted when there is no safe facility to ride along. The popups included a Saturday (all day) in north Parramatta and until 6pm on a weekday at the Kleins Road shops. Council officers also met with any concerned residents on site at a time of their convenience if it was requested.

SV22	Northmead	No	A cycle way is a waste of space. It is already hard to park out the front of my house. The road is too busy and too congested to take away more.	Objection noted. Street parking is only proposed to be re-purposed where there is currently excess capacity. Detailed video parking counts were completed that demonstrated that even on Sundays, only 50% or less of parking spaces on Kleins Road and adjacent streets were used (the figure was lower on weekdays). All residences have access to off street parking and on street parking will still be available on side streets and on the opposite side of the street to the bike path. The project is proposing to re-purpose underutilised space on the road (street parking) and replace it with a bike path alongside pedestrian improvements.
SV45	Northmead	No	Don't do it	Objection noted.
SV46	Northmead	No	Removal of parking will lead to extreme inconvenience for residents. For such an expense that will only affect the local community, it will only serve to disrupt and be of inconvenience.	Street parking is only proposed to be re-purposed where there is currently excess capacity. Detailed video parking counts were completed that demonstrated that even on Sundays, only 50% or less of parking spaces on Kleins Road and adjacent streets were used (the figure was lower on weekdays). All residences have access to off street parking and on street parking will still be available on side streets and on the opposite side of the street to the bike path.
SV55	Northmead	No	The concept will attract street car parking in the already congested streets and roads in the B streets of Northmead, leading to vehicles parking across driveways which there is a current problem already. The B streets are narrow and further car street parking will effect residents street parking who already pay for street parking permits which is ludicrous. There will be little benefit to local residents and will create further unnecessary congestion within the area. The whole plan was rejected some 7 years ago and now council has brought back an unwanted and expensive plan that will benefit a few.	South of the Cumberland Highway, it is proposed to reduce the number of car parking spaces from 69 to 66, with a proportional increase in timed spots to support the local shops. From video parking surveys this is more than enough to meet current demand on weekdays and weekends.
SV60	Northmead	No	I live on Kleins road and don't want to lose street parking by the proposed bike corridor	Street parking is only proposed to be re-purposed where there is currently excess capacity. Detailed video parking counts were completed that demonstrated that even on Sundays, only 50% or less of parking spaces on Kleins Road and adjacent streets were used (the figure was lower on weekdays). All residences have access to off street parking and on street parking will still be available on side streets and on the opposite side of the street to the bike path.
SV62	Northmead	No	1. It will reduce the available parking which combined with the increasing density of housing and population will impact lifestyle and property value 2. I have been refused a second driveway so we can exit forwards for safety as close as we are to the Klein's/Hammers roundabout. This makes our need even greater or a cyclist is likely to be seriously injured. Council has not reduced the superfluous elements in development approval nor kept private certifiers in check so owners can't adapt to the changing community. 3. The community has not been sufficiently notified. It is only by chance that I learned of the proposal. 4. The type of bicycles that are allowed has been limited and we do not have a bicycle repairer in the immediate area. 5. It will increase traffic congestion. Besides we need more crossings to reduce road deaths and accidents due to people trying to enter busy roads with unending traffic.	1. Street parking is only proposed to be re-purposed where there is currently excess capacity. Detailed video parking counts were completed that demonstrated that even on Sundays, only 50% or less of parking spaces on Kleins Road and adjacent streets were used (the figure was lower on weekdays). All residences have access to off street parking and on street parking will still be available on side streets and on the opposite side of the street to the bike path. 2. This complaint is outside the scope of this project. 3. Notification activities included large amounts of on site signage, over 12,000 letters, social media posts, popups as well as an advertisement in the local paper. 4. The lack of a bicycle repairer is not material to the proposal. 5. More crossings are proposed as part of the project. The project has the potential to decrease congestion by providing people a safe and pleasant alternative to driving to their destination.
SV64	Northmead	No	Kleins Rd is busy and narrow enough with out adding a bike lane. Also we are losing a way to much parking spots in front of shops and homes. Better of adding a green arrow to the traffic lights so cars travelling south on Kleins rd. can turn right onto Briens rd. This proposal will majorly disrupt the traffic and parking in this area.	Objection noted. Street parking is only proposed to be re-purposed where there is currently excess capacity. Detailed video parking counts were completed that demonstrated that even on Sundays, only 50% or less of parking spaces on Kleins Road and adjacent streets were used (the figure was lower on weekdays). All residences have access to off street parking and on street parking will still be available on side streets and on the opposite side of the street to the bike path. The project is proposing to re-purpose and underutilised space on the road (street parking) and replace it with a bike path alongside pedestrian improvements. Green right turn arrows would require additional time within the traffic signal timing. However because Cumberland Hwy carries 70,000 vehicles per day and Kleins Rd carries 7,000 it is unlikely TfNSW will give additional time to the Kleins Rd movements. Some localised improvements could be investigated such as a left turn pocket northbound. This would allow a number of vehicles turning left to be held for pedestrians crossing (allowing a dedicated through lane northbound for a short distance), however the benefits would be minimal and will further reduce parking at shops. This could be investigated in detail design.
SV66	Northmead	No	If you take away the angled parking from the shops you are going to cause more harm than good. The angled parking allows for more cars to park and do so quickly. This road gets crazy busy in AM/ PM peaks. If people are trying to reverse park into limited spaces near shops or elsewhere in Kleins Rd it's going to cause more congestion. The footpath can accommodate pedestrians and bikes as it is, otherwise bikes can travel on the left lane if the road then go to the lights to cross. It's not a problem I've done it myself many times. If there was a way to reduce rat run traffic that would do far more to benefit but I'm not sure if there are any easy ways to do so. I'm happy to discuss further with anyone interested in improving things. Any change however needs to be fit for purpose. Cycleways can be well or poorly implemented. For me it's a secondary concern TBH as it's primarily all about congestion. It really is incredibly difficult to turn onto Kleins Rd and then onto Cumberland in the afternoon at peak hours. Thinking about it some more maybe the reduced spaces on Kleins might balance out somewhat by virtue of the fact that there will be less spots available. Something it would be good to really have a good look at to be sure. I've attached a photo from the front of my house looking at Kleins Rd just before 5pm today. Cars backed up more than 2 blocks from Cumberland why intersection. They all ratrun onto boundary Rd from Windsor Rd to avoid the busy Windsor /Cumberland intersection. Re: Other features of the proposal I'll have to have another look at the design and get back to you.	From detailed parking studies, the biggest challenge to parking at the shops is overstaying with 60% of users on a Friday and 30% on a Wednesday parking 2 hours or longer. This information has been passed on to Council's Compliance team to request more frequent visits from the Rangers. In recognising the important role of street parking for neighbourhood shops, the project is proposing to increase the number of timed parking spaces to support access to local business. The proposed pedestrian and cyclist paths will provide a healthy and enjoyable alternative to driving to access the shops. Green right turn arrows would require additional time within the traffic signal timing. However because Cumberland Hwy carries 70,000 vehicles per day and Kleins Rd carries 7,000 it is unlikely TfNSW will give additional time to the Kleins Rd movements. Some localised improvements could be investigated such as a left turn pocket northbound. This would allow a number of vehicles turning left to be held for pedestrians crossing (allowing a dedicated through lane northbound for a short distance), however the benefits would be minimal and will further reduce parking at shops. This could be investigated in detail design. The footpath is not wide enough for pedestrians and cyclists to share, and only a small proportion of the community is comfortable riding in traffic, let alone on such a busy road with a large proportion of heavy vehicles.
SV69	Northmead	No	Kleins road gets very busy with all traffic trying to skip the busy Windsor Road & Briens Road traffic lights. Especially at the roundabout it is very busy and the cycle way should be made through a more quiet street instead of adding to the chaos. The additional traffic from the public school also adds to the chaos. There is already a cycle way marking on Kleins Road why not continue using that instead of wasting funds in making it dedicated and also losing some car parking spots on the road. With the number of duplexes coming up in the suburb this is the last thing we want.	The current markings on the road indicate a cycling route, but only a small proportion of the community is comfortable riding in traffic, let alone on such a busy road with a large proportion of heavy vehicles. By providing a safe alternative to driving, the proposed pedestrian and cyclist improvements can support a reduction to the number of people driving to school and therefore reduce congestion, pressure on parking and result in healthier, more active community. At the Hammers Road roundabout it is proposed to introduce raised crossings on all legs to slow traffic down and make it safer for pedestrians and cyclists to cross, without changing circulation. Street parking is only proposed to be re-purposed where there is currently excess capacity. Detailed video parking counts were completed that demonstrated that even on Sundays, only 50% or less of parking spaces on Kleins Road and adjacent streets were used (the figure was lower on weekdays). All residences have access to off street parking and on street parking will still be available on side streets and on the opposite side of the street to the bike path. The project is proposing to re-purpose and underutilised space on the road (street parking) and replace it with a bike path alongside pedestrian improvements.
SV75	Northmead	No	The traffic is already very heavy during peak time. I can spend 10 minutes just trying to get out of Hammers Road.	By providing a safe alternative to driving, the proposed pedestrian and cyclist improvements can support a reduction to the number of people driving to school and therefore reduce congestion, pressure on parking and result in healthier, more active community.

SV77	Northmead	No	This is a path to nowhere. A cycle lane would only result in worsening and bottle-necking existing traffic. It eliminates residential parking which places strain on other roadways. There is not enough bicycle traffic to justify dedicating an exclusive roadway, and creating one is unlikely to encourage existing residents to take up cycling. If they driving, they are driving for a reason. This is not a solution, but it will become a problem.	The proposed paths connect down to Parramatta Stadium and the Parramatta River foreshore paths, some of the busiest pedestrian and cyclist paths in Western Sydney. Only a small proportion of the community is comfortable riding in traffic, let alone on such a busy road with a large proportion of heavy vehicles. By providing a safe alternative to driving, the proposed pedestrian and cyclist improvements can support a reduction to the number of people driving and therefore reduce congestion, pressure on parking and result in healthier, more active community.
SV79	Northmead	No	Street parking is almost impossible there already and this will just add more pressure on residents and visitors trying to park.	Parking is only proposed to be re-purposed where it is not currently well utilised. From detailed parking studies, the biggest challenge to parking at the shops is overstaying with 60% of users on a Friday and 30% on a Wednesday parking 2 hours or longer. This information has been passed on to Council's Compliance team to request more frequent visits from the Rangers. In recognising the important role of street parking for neighbourhood shops, the project is proposing to increase the number of timed parking spaces to support access to local business. The proposed pedestrian and cyclist paths will provide a healthy and enjoyable alternative to driving to access the shops.
SV80	Northmead	No	No further comment was provided other than an objection to the project.	Objection noted
SV83	Northmead	No	We are regular visitors to the street which support 3 shops, every weekend. During the week, "quiet times" the street parking is full. During peak times, traffic is at a standstill. While I usually support bike paths, I think doing it on a street that is already overused, is negligent for pedestrians and unfair for people who try to support local businesses. The path with impact on how often I frequent the local businesses.	From detailed parking studies, the biggest challenge to parking at the shops is overstaying with 60% of users on a Friday and 30% on a Wednesday parking 2 hours or longer. This information has been passed on to Council's Compliance team to request more frequent visits from the Rangers. In recognising the important role of street parking for neighbourhood shops, the project is proposing to increase the number of timed parking spaces to support access to local business. The proposed pedestrian and cyclist paths will provide a healthy and enjoyable alternative to driving to access the shops. By providing a safe alternative to driving, the proposed pedestrian and cyclist improvements can support a reduction to the number of people driving and therefore reduce congestion, pressure on parking and result in healthier, more active community.
SV84	Northmead	No	We are residents on Kleins Rd and we strongly oppose the idea of cycle pathway as it will only increase the traffic chaos and reduce parking availability for all the parents during peak times. Also on Sunday the street parking is all taken up by local churches etc. Also it's residential road and we do not want cycle path reducing our ability to park on our street parking. There are lots of houses that are subdivided and need the street to park residents / visitors cars as well. Please, its already pretty full on heavy traffic road with busy roundabout as well. It will just increase the incidents with more chaotic traffic with cycle path	Street parking is only proposed to be re-purposed where there is currently excess capacity. Detailed video parking counts were completed that demonstrated that even on Sundays, only 50% or less of parking spaces on Kleins Road and adjacent streets were used (the figure was lower on weekdays). All residences have access to off street parking and on street parking will still be available on side streets and on the opposite side of the street to the bike path. The project is proposing to re-purpose and underutilised space on the road (street parking) and replace it with a bike path alongside pedestrian improvements.
SV87	Northmead	No	Please invest in safe crossing options and better traffic flow please.	The project includes a significant number of raised crossings across Kleins Road and the adjacent side streets. A roundabout is proposed at the intersection of Moxhams Road and Kleins Road to improve circulation.
SV89	Northmead	No	The traffic congestion is already terrible during peak hours on Kleins. I can't believe the absolute waste of funds this would be. Money would be better spent making the lights on Briens and Kleins have right hand turn arrows to help with the insane traffic congestion.	By providing a safe alternative to driving, the proposed pedestrian and cyclist improvements can support a reduction to the number of people driving and therefore reduce congestion, pressure on parking and result in healthier, more active community. Green right turn arrows would require additional time within the traffic signal timing. However because Cumberland Hwy carries 70,000 vehicles per day and Kleins Rd carries 7,000 it is unlikely TfNSW will give additional time to the Kleins Rd movements. Some localised improvements could be investigated such as a left turn pocket northbound. This would allow a number of vehicles turning left to be held for pedestrians crossing (allowing a dedicated through lane northbound for a short distance), however the benefits would be minimal and will further reduce parking at shops. This could be investigated in detail design.
SV99	Northmead	No	I am a resident of Kleins Road, Northmead and the council proposes to create a dedicated cycle pathway on the road which would take away street parking for residents on one side. The road is already so busy with cars trying to skip the traffic on Windsor Road & Briens Road and during peak/school hours traffic can be backed up a fair bit. While I do understand we need to encourage residents to be more active there are better ways to do that and the road is already marked today for cyclists. Below are some of the concerns I could think about. Please feel free to share your inputs with council on the link I have included in the comments before the June 25 deadline. 1. Parking Availability: The proposed pathway would reduce street parking by half. The council's study claims that only 11 cars are parked during peak hours, which contradicts the observations of residents. Half of us will lose the ability to park on our side of the street and there are also so many duplexes getting added in the area. 2. Property Value Impact: Homeowners on Kleins Road are worried about the potential negative effect on property values that could result from the construction of the cycling pathway making the street more busy. 3. Better use of funds: The funds allocated for this project could be better utilized to address the increased traffic using Kleins Road as a shortcut to avoid traffic lights on Windsor Road and Briens Road. The existing road markings for cyclists may already be sufficient without	1. Street parking is only proposed to be re-purposed where there is currently excess capacity. Detailed video parking counts were completed that demonstrated that even on Sundays, only 50% or less of parking spaces on Kleins Road and adjacent streets were used (the figure was lower on weekdays). All residences have access to off street parking and on street parking will still be available on side streets and on the opposite side of the street to the bike path. The project is proposing to re-purpose and underutilised space on the road (street parking) and replace it with a bike path alongside pedestrian improvements. 2. Council officers have searched for any link between a bike path and a decline in property values, however none has been reported. The only information available referred to an increase in value. 3. The proposed raised crossings of Kleins Road will slow traffic and may disincentivise through traffic, however this project does not propose major changes to traffic circulation on Kleins Road. Only a small proportion of the community is comfortable riding in traffic, let alone on such a busy road with a large proportion of heavy vehicles. By providing a safe alternative to driving, the proposed pedestrian and cyclist improvements can support a reduction to the number of people driving to school and therefore reduce congestion, pressure on parking and result in healthier, more active community.
SV149	Outside LGA	No	The Australian Walking Volunteers (AWV) provided a detailed submission that is provided as an attachment, but the key points raised are summarised below: 1. The proposed bridge over Darling Mills Creek as set out in the draft documents needs to be moved further away from the Head of the Parramatta River towards the old Gaol and redesigned to have minimal impact on the significant heritage and environmental values of this special place, as well as away from the Sydney Water pumping station. 2. The design of any bridge should not be like the Alfred Street Bridge, it should be unobtrusive and disappear into the natural environment. The current designs are too monumental. 3. Attachment includes proposed alignment that is in line with the eastern edge of Burlington Memorial Reserve.	1. The bridge is as far from the confluence as possible and is the best compromise between all the constraints such as property ownership, ecology, flooding, heritage and accessibility. 2. The proposed bridge forms are from the feasibility only, any further detail design will have a more refined response to the context, and the design width of the bridge will be reduced from 6m to 5m to further reduce the scale and bulk of any superstructure. 3. A bridge in the proposed location would require the agreement of two private landowners, have a greater ecological impact (no power lines to keep the vegetation clear) and would require a larger span and therefore larger, more prominent structure and is therefore not supported as an alignment.
SV63	Seven Hills	No	Converting Angle Parking to Parallel Parking will remove most spaces, not retain most spaces as claimed in the proposal. Business are struggling now with limited parking (in particular the restaurants) where 1/2 hour parking is insufficient. Reducing the parking to make way for outdoor dining - there will be no need for more dining space - there will be no one able to access it.	From detailed parking studies, the biggest challenge to parking at the shops is overstaying with 60% of users on a Friday and 30% on a Wednesday parking 2 hours or longer. This information has been passed on to Council's Compliance team to request more frequent visits from the Rangers. In recognising the important role of street parking for neighbourhood shops, the project is proposing to increase the number of timed parking spaces to support access to local business. The proposed pedestrian and cyclist paths will provide a healthy and enjoyable alternative to driving to access the shops.
SV105	Winston Hills	No	This council seems intent on punishing the elderly and disabled who can't cycle and have difficulty using public transport. It's an unfortunate and unavoidable truth that we need personal transport and parking spaces. Rates have gone up by a ridiculous amount in a short amount of time, and this is what you think to spend that money on? How about you spend it on more staff to enforce all the laws that are being broken on your watch. I have personally reported violations that have not been attended to for YEARS. People in council I spoke to have agreed laws are being broken but concede that likely nothing will happen. Disgusting.	The project is about providing a safe and enjoyable alternative to driving, the impacts to parking have been minimised where the spaces are currently used and only one change to traffic circulation is proposed at Fleet Street where heritage constraints have limited other options. The study for this project has been funded by the NSW Government and external funding sources will be pursued for design and construction should the project be supported.

SV78	Winston Hills	No	This very busy area constantly has all parking taken and is very hard to get around as it is. The parking spots that you will remove are needed by the business and also by us the people who live in the area to come and visit the centre	From detailed parking studies, the biggest challenge to parking at the shops is overstaying with 60% of users on a Friday and 30% on a Wednesday parking 2 hours or longer. This information has been passed on to Council's Compliance team to request more frequent visits from the Rangers. In recognising the important role of street parking for neighbourhood shops, the project is proposing to increase the number of timed parking spaces to support access to local business. The proposed pedestrian and cyclist paths will provide a healthy and enjoyable alternative to driving to access the shops.
Email 30	Northmead	Did not specify	Northmead Primary School 1. Student safety is priority 2. Overstaying in the kiss and drop is an issue (that melts away when rangers / police attend), and also people waiting to turn in and collect their child. 3. Would like clarification on whether private buses can park in a bus zone (as it impedes access and storage for school buses). 4. Kleins / Cumberland intersection is a significant challenge in a vehicle.	1. Council also supports student safety as the highest priority and the project is proposing facilities to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety. 2. Council Parking Rangers respond to requests from the school to attend. 3. Private buses are not permitted to park in bus zones. 4. Green right turn arrows (the most common suggestion) for both approaches would require additional time within the traffic signal timing. However because Cumberland Hwy carries 70,000 vehicles per day and Kleins Rd carries 7,000 it is unlikely TfNSW will give additional time to the Kleins Rd movements. Some localised improvements could be investigated such as a left turn pocket northbound. This would allow a number of vehicles turning left to be held for pedestrians crossing (allowing a dedicated through lane northbound for a short distance), however the benefits would be minimal and will further reduce parking at shops. This could be investigated in detail design.

Kleins Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Corridor - online comments **NOTE** comment ID commences at 115 due to previous projects and other testing					
No	Category	Section	Online comment **NOTE: Minor corrections have been made to spelling**	Council Officer Category	Council officer response
115	Support	Kleins Shops	Is a small round-about at Kleins and Balmoral possible - to assist traffic that turns around to park at the shops. Also, can additional parking be added on Balmoral St?	Comment	A roundabout is not feasible at the intersection of Balmoral and Kleins and is not proposed as part of this project. One additional space has been added on Balmoral between Kleins and Lizzie Lane, however the width of Balmoral Road does not allow for parking on the southern side.
116	Support	Kleins - Briens to Balfour	Love the path through and alongside the park. Is it possible to relocate the bus depot to open up additional parkland along the creek? This would be a major improvement to the amenity and also remove bus traffic from these streets.	Support	Support for Kleins Road project noted, relocating the bus depot next to Burlington Memorial Reserve is beyond the scope of this project.
117	Support	Darling Mills Bridge	The bridge will open up Parramatta North (+Light Rail) and Parramatta Park to so much more pedestrian access. Also pls keep both the interim and proposed pathways to Jacaranda Dr and along the river to Bridge Road.	Support	Support noted, the paths and their timing will be determined by Government Property and their delivery timeframes and funding.
118	Support	Kleins - Briens to Balfour	No further comment beyond support was provided	Support	Support for Kleins Road project noted.
119	Comment	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	Could a pedestrian island also be included across Kleins Rd between Hammers and Thomas? When traffic is busy at peak times it is almost impossible to cross.	Change not supported	A pair of kerb ramps are proposed north of Moss Street, however a refuge island and the associated swept paths would have a significant impact on other elements within the public domain. Using the priority crossing of Kleins Road 100m to the north in conjunction with the proposed crossings of Thomas Street and Moss Street is preferred.
120	Support	Darling Mills Bridge	If nothing else is built - build this shared bridge over the creek.	Support	Support for bridge noted
121	Object	Kleins - Briens to Balfour	Are you kidding?? Don't you realise how overused Boundary and Klein's Rds are in the approach to Briens Rd? Cars use it as a rat run to avoid traffic light congestion along Church St and trucks and buses use Klein's Rd to access the light industrial area	Object	There is no proposal to change the number of traffic lanes or how traffic circulates south of Briens Road. The proposal for improved pedestrian and cyclist facilities will make it safer, more convenient and more enjoyable to walk or ride and provide an alternative to driving.
122	Comment	Cumberland Hwy	This intersection is dangerous during peak traffic times. If upgrading this route for the safety of all please install right turn traffic lights, lane markings/dividers for traffic turning right into Briens Rd in both directions from Kleins Road.	Comment	Green right turn arrows (the most common suggestion) for both approaches would require additional time within the traffic signal timing. However because Cumberland Hwy carries 70,000 vehicles per day and Kleins Rd carries 7,000 it is unlikely TfNSW will give additional time to the Kleins Rd movements. Some localised improvements could be investigated such as a left turn pocket northbound. This would allow a number of vehicles turning left to be held for pedestrians crossing (allowing a dedicated through lane northbound for a short distance), however the benefits would be minimal and will further reduce parking at shops. This could be investigated in detail design.
123	Object	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	Off road shared path running through the primary school bus stop and around the corner past the school's main entrance does not seem safe. How can you ensure the safety of school children as pedestrians on a shared path with cyclists during peak times?	Object	In this location a separated path would remove parking at the child care or the bus stops for the school. At the northern end of Kleins Road patronage will be lower, and speeds mitigated by the large number of 90 degree turns cyclists will be required to perform. A shared path at the school gate also allows parents to legally ride onwards on the path after dropping a child to school.
124	Support	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	Raised pedestrian crossing on Moss St for school children is definitely needed. This is an extremely busy cross street during peak times for cars and pedestrians.	Support	Support noted
125	Support	Darling Mills Bridge	A bridge between Northmead and Parramatta and new footpaths/park facilities around the park near Burlington Street will beautify the area make it more usable and accessible.	Support	Support noted for bridge and paths in Burlington Memorial Reserve
126	Comment	Kleins Shops	Traffic waiting at the Briens/Kleins intersection regularly backs up past Balmoral Road, making it challenging for vehicles trying to turn right from Kleins into Balmoral to see cyclists using the shared/separated path	Change supported	"Keep clear" or similar pavement markings will be investigated in detail design should the project proceed.
127	Comment	Cumberland Hwy	An overpass for pedestrians and cyclists would greatly improve safety here.	Change not supported	At pedestrian / cyclist bridge over the Cumberland Highway is unlikely to be supported as the clearances required would make the ramping on approach significant, especially on the southern side. This would be a present a significant barrier to pedestrians.
128	Comment	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	The separated paths should stay on the western side of Kleins Road rather than crossing Kleins Road twice. Users will want to stay on the western side for simplicity.	Change not supported	The bike path is proposed on the opposite side of the school to retain pick up / set down parking on the school frontage and minimise potential conflict.
129	Support	Darling Mills Bridge	A far more peaceful option to walk to parramatta rather than alongside busy Windsor road/church street	Support	Support for bridge noted
130	Support	Kleins Shops	In support of any raised pedestrian crossing to make the area more liveable for us local residents	Support	Support for raised pedestrian and cyclist crossings noted
131	Comment	Cumberland Hwy	A pedestrian overpass is a must when redeveloping this area - safety! Also, Balmoral road should be one way only and another raised pedestrian crossing should be added at the childcare centre. The area needs to made much more residents friendly!	Change not supported	At pedestrian / cyclist bridge over the Cumberland Highway is unlikely to be supported as the clearances required would make the ramping on approach significant, especially on the southern side. This would be a present a significant barrier to pedestrians. Changes in circulation on Balmoral Road are not proposed as part of this project. A raised pedestrian crossing over Kleins Road is proposed close to the child care centre south of Balmoral Road.
132	Object	Kleins Shops	No extra parking on balmoral road! Too many cars in this area, and these shops there do not need extra parking. E.g time parking can be extended!	Comment	One extra space has been added to the parking on Balmoral Road between Kleins Road and Lizzie Lane through more efficient use of the space. No other changes to parking are proposed on Balmoral Road.
133	Comment	Kleins Shops	No left turn here into balmoral road! Balmoral road to be one way only! This will reduce traffic noise! Improve public transport and accessibility to reduce car use for non residents!	Change not supported	It is not proposed to change the circulation of Balmoral Road as part of this project.
134	Object	Kleins - Hammers to Briens	If this is going to be a separate bike path/lane similar to the Sydney CBD, it's not a good idea. I travel this road daily, and it's very busy with traffic. It's already difficult with cars turning from Kleins into side streets, without adding cycleway.	Resolved within project	Objection to Kleins Road bike path noted. The proposal does not change the number of vehicles lanes, it just proposes to re-purpose one of the parking lanes to provide a safe place to ride. There are also associated improvements for pedestrian time, safety and amenity. The priority crossings on side streets are indented to allow one vehicle to store between Kleins Road and the crossing so vehicle drivers can address one movement at a time.

135	Comment	Cumberland Hwy	Pedestrian overpass here may reduce traffic banked back on Kleins rd. when pedestrians cross Briens	Change not supported	Green right turn arrows (the most common suggestion) for both approaches would require additional time within the traffic signal timing. However because Cumberland Hwy carries 70,000 vehicles per day and Kleins Rd carries 7,000 it is unlikely TfNSW will give additional time to the Kleins Rd movements. Some localised improvements could be investigated such as a left turn pocket northbound. This would allow a number of vehicles turning left to be held for pedestrians crossing (allowing a dedicated through lane northbound for a short distance), however the benefits would be minimal and will further reduce parking at shops. This could be investigated in detail design.
136	Comment	Kleins Shops	Roundabout here good idea for cars to turn safely for parking	Change not supported	A roundabout is not feasible at the intersection of Balmoral and Kleins and is not proposed as part of this project.
137	Support	Kleins - Hammers to Briens	Agree need for raised ped /bike crossings on these streets adjoining Kleins	Support	Support for raised pedestrian and cyclist crossings noted
138	Support	Darling Mills Bridge	Such a cool shortcut, would make it so much nicer to cycle around here.	Support	Support for bridge noted
139	Support	Darling Mills Bridge	This bridge is desperately needed to provide access between Northmead and North Parramatta. As a cyclist, pedestrian and parent who uses a pram, this bridge would greatly improve my ability to access Parramatta Park from Northmead.	Support	Support for bridge noted
140	Support	Darling Mills Bridge	This bridge would provide a fantastic alternative to walking or cycling along Windsor Rd which is far too noisy and unpleasant.	Support	Support for bridge noted
141	Comment	North Parramatta	It would be helpful to have a cycling path on the Western side of O'Connell St to avoid the need to cross the busy road twice.	Resolved within project	The O'Connell Street shared path stops at Grose Street, it provides the interim connection whilst other alternatives between the Leagues Club and River are investigated.
142	Comment	North Parramatta	Would it be possible to link the cul-de-sac at the end of Eels Pl with the path into Parramatta Park? This would help to streamline walking and cycling access in the area and give better access to Parramatta Park.	Change supported	A link between the leagues club and the River will be investigated, however it would be at the discretion of the landowner Greater Sydney Parklands Trust.
143	Support	Kleins - Hammers to Briens	Separated paths along Kleins Rd would be greatly beneficial to help improve safety for cyclists. The cars drive so fast through here.	Support	Support for Kleins Road bike path noted.
144	Support	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	Setting up a shared path on the Hammers Road Bridge would be very beneficial for ensuring that cyclists can cross the bridge safely without being on the roadway.	Support	Support for Hammers shared path noted
145	Comment	North Parramatta	Could this shared path be left in place? It is more direct for travelling between Fleet St and Kleins Rd	Comment	The current development controls for the Parramatta North site have paths along the foreshore and through the site. The interim route identified will allow pedestrians and cyclists to use the existing street network if the bridge is delivered before any of the future path network.
146	Support	Churchill North	A shared path across the Moxhams Rd Bridge and the slopes either side would be fantastic	Support	Support noted
147	Comment	Out of scope	Is it possible to look into streamlining access into Parramatta Park from here? At the moment I have to cycle on the road along Hainsworth/Park Ave to get into the Park.	Out of scope	Connections to the Park on the western side are beyond the scope of this project, however this has been referred to our internal traffic team for their consideration.
149	Comment	Cumberland Hwy	I agree that there needs to be better management of vehicles turning right into Briens Rd from Kleins Road in both directions. Every day there are near misses resulting from frustration when vehicles are unable to turn. This endangers all users	Comment	Green right turn arrows (the most common suggestion) for both approaches would require additional time within the traffic signal timing. However because Cumberland Hwy carries 70,000 vehicles per day and Kleins Rd carries 7,000 it is unlikely TfNSW will give additional time to the Kleins Rd movements. Some localised improvements could be investigated such as a left turn pocket northbound. This would allow a number of vehicles turning left to be held for pedestrians crossing (allowing a dedicated through lane northbound for a short distance), however the benefits would be minimal and will further reduce parking at shops. This could be investigated in detail design.
150	Support	Darling Mills Bridge	I am a daily cyclists from Northmead to Parramatta, currently via Cumberland Hospital. This proposal would be a fantastic improvement, but only if the connection at North Parra is improved.	Support	Support for bridge noted
151	Support	Darling Mills Bridge	A great opportunity here to improve access and amenity of Darling Mills Creek to remove weeds and regenerate the creek line.	Support	Support for bridge noted, if the project proceeds it would include weeding and bush restoration around the project.
152	Comment	Churchill to Moxhams	Can you improve the ramps here, including access to the shops? Some are missing, and the ones that are in place don't face each other.	Out of scope	This feedback will be passed on to Council's Assets team for their consideration. If a shared path was installed it would include ramps that meet current standards.
153	Comment	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	Is the plan still to provide a new shared path from here to the Woolworths site?	Out of scope	A shared path along Darling Mills Creek to North Rocks Road is a long term plan of Council; however this will require negotiation with multiple landowners.
154	Comment	Cumberland Hwy	Definitely needs a light to turn right, how many accidents nearly happen on a daily cause people can't turn right off Kleins roads	Comment	Green right turn arrows (the most common suggestion) for both approaches would require additional time within the traffic signal timing. However because Cumberland Hwy carries 70,000 vehicles per day and Kleins Rd carries 7,000 it is unlikely TfNSW will give additional time to the Kleins Rd movements. Some localised improvements could be investigated such as a left turn pocket northbound. This would allow a number of vehicles turning left to be held for pedestrians crossing (allowing a dedicated through lane northbound for a short distance), however the benefits would be minimal and will further reduce parking at shops. This could be investigated in detail design.
155	Comment	Cumberland Hwy	An overpass would work well here, this road is one of the busiest and a overpass would help not just help with the traffic (and turning right off Kleins road issue) but would also be a safe passage for all the school kids that use these lights everyday	Change not supported	At pedestrian / cyclist bridge over the Cumberland Highway is unlikely to be supported as the clearances required would make the ramping on approach significant, especially on the southern side. This would be a present a significant barrier to pedestrians.

156	Comment	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	It might be an idea to have the path go from Allambie Ave(a quieter sat) through moss and then onto Kleins road as this would mean cyclists stay clear of the schools main entrances	Change not supported	Kleins Road provides a coherent linear link in a longer regional route, and also allows parents to legally ride away on a path after dropping their child to a school gate.
157	Support	Darling Mills Bridge	No further comment beyond support was provided	Support	Support noted
158	Support	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	No further comment beyond support was provided	Support	Support for Moxhams shared path noted
159	Comment	Kleins Shops	Is it possible to close off this lane from Windsor	Change not supported	Closing Lizzie Lane at Briens Road would not be supported as there would be insufficient room for vehicles to turn around at the northern end.
160	Comment	Kleins Shops	Is it possible to have this lane a one way street from Balmoral road and then it would allow to possibly use the left side of the lane for a few extra parking	Change not supported	It is not proposed to change the circulation of Balmoral Road as part of this project.
161	Support	Darling Mills Bridge	I like the idea of a bridge across Darling Mills Creek at this location. However, I do NOT like the big arch design in pictures supplied. The suspension-style bridge design, shown in this proposal, looks far better, more modern,.	Support	Support and preference for suspension option noted.
162	Object	Churchill North	Shared Path on Windsor Rd is unsafe for cyclists on such a heavily trafficked road. This needs to be a separate path. Alternate route the shared path via Huxley Drive in Winston Hills	Resolved within project	A shared path is proposed on Windsor Road in this location.
163	Support	Out of scope	Can this link to the proposed Parramatta to Toongabbie cycle path being proposed to run along Alexandra Ave? Run a shared path along Park Ave Westmead for example.	Out of scope	A path along Park Ave is beyond the scope of this project, the recently endorsed Parramatta Bike Plan identifies all future routes in the Parramatta Local Government Area.
164	Comment	Churchill North	On which side of Asquith Avenue will the path run or will it be both sides? Will the path impact street parking?	Comment	The proposal is for a shared path on the eastern side only with no impact to parking.
165	Support	Kleins - Hammers to Briens	This section of continuous bike way is great, much better way to get up to Northmead then Windsor road/church St.	Support	Support for Kleins Road bike path noted.
166	Support	Kleins Shops	Appreciate the design for an extra-wide, softly separated cycle path here.	Support	Support for the bike path at the Kleins Shops noted
167	Support	Kleins Shops	Also appreciate the streetscaping design here, the bike racks are definitely welcome	Support	Support for the upgrade at the Kleins Shops noted
168	Comment	North Parramatta	Having both of these routes be permanent would improve travel in both Westmead and Parramatta directions	Support	The current development controls for the Parramatta North site have paths along the foreshore and through the site. The interim route identified will allow pedestrians and cyclists to use the existing street network if the bridge is delivered before any of the future path network.
169	Support	North Parramatta	I support this permanently being contraflow, more one way streets/lanes around parramatta should allow it	Support	Support for Northcott Lane contraflow noted
170	Comment	Out of scope	Good opportunity to 'complete the grid' of shared paths here	Out of scope	A new shared path is delivered on Windsor Road when bus priority is delivered on Windsor Road by the NSW Government. This project does not propose to deliver a shared path in the short term as it would be removed and replaced in any future work, and is about providing an alternative away from the main road.
171	Support	Churchill to Moxhams	Would complete the pedestrian crossings around these lights	Support	Support noted
172	Comment	Churchill North	Will tree planting opportunities be considered along Windsor Road?	Change supported	Yes, opportunities for tree planting will be explored (subject to TfNSW approval).
173	Support	Churchill to Moxhams	These little things like shared path alleyways are much appreciated and make navigating a quiet route easier	Support	Support noted
174	Comment	Churchill to Moxhams	Quietway may be more appropriate here and require less sealed ground	Change not supported	Cyclists could ride on the road, however as there are currently no footpaths on Ulandi Place at all, a shared path on one side could provide a better facility for pedestrians and cyclists, as well as providing continuity (a path behind the kerb) with the balance of the proposed network).
175	Support	Churchill North	Road narrowing and pedestrian island designed seems much needed here	Resolved within project	A refuge island is proposed in this location as part of the project. This will allow users to effectively cross one direction of traffic at a time, and make it easier to recognise suitable gaps in the traffic.
176	Object	Churchill North	Double road crossing here is unfortunate when it could be just a single crossing to the west	Change supported	A shared path on the southern side of Model Farms Road will be investigated if the project proceeds, however this requires more detailed investigation than is possible at the feasibility stage.
177	Support	Churchill North	Built out bus stop supportable to avoid conflicts	Change supported	Should the project proceed, this would be investigated in detail design.
178	Support	Kleins - Briens to Balfour	As a 72 year old I often negotiate the North Rocks/Church Street area on my EBike utilising the shared path as the intersection is very dangerous. I ride through the whole area and find Kleins Road both ways particularly difficult. Great proposal.	Support	Support for Kleins Road project noted.
179	Comment	Churchill North	Can a pedestrian / cyclist overpass be installed here as a part of this proposal? This can reduce the number accidents that's been happening recently due to lack of pedestrian/ cyclist access.	Out of scope	This feedback will be passed on to the Traffic team for their consideration
180	Comment	Cumberland Hwy	Could this intersection be changed that the lights from Kliens road are one side at a time. This would allow the traffic turning right from either side more time to get through the lights. And reduce the risk for potential accidents.	Comment	Green right turn arrows (the most common suggestion) for both approaches would require additional time within the traffic signal timing. However because Cumberland Hwy carries 70,000 vehicles per day and Kleins Rd carries 7,000 it is unlikely TfNSW will give additional time to the Kleins Rd movements. Some localised improvements could be investigated such as a left turn pocket northbound. This would allow a number of vehicles turning left to be held for pedestrians crossing (allowing a dedicated through lane northbound for a short distance), however the benefits would be minimal and will further reduce parking at shops. This could be investigated in detail design.

181	Support	Kleins - Hammers to Briens	I have cycled Kleins road, almost daily, for over 25 years. It is very difficult to negotiate - especially during peak hour and school pickup/drop off hours. This is essential infrastructure that will promote active transport in the area. Fantastic work.	Support	Support for Kleins Road bike path noted.
183	Comment	Kleins - Hammers to Briens	Northmead Ave provides access to Windsor road cycleway and on to North Rocks Road. Crossing here will need Cycling as well as pedestrian.	Change supported	Should the project and crossing proceed, a cyclist crossing could be added in this location (pending survey and detail design).
184	Comment	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	Cycleway appears to be on Northern Side. How do cyclist cross here to head West to Old Windsor Road? Perhaps signage would be appropriate?	Change supported	Should the project proceed, improved crossing options and signage will be investigated in detail design
185	Support	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	Although my Mountain Biking Days are behind me, this use to be a great off road track and providing access is fantastic especially as it provides access to Oaks Road as an alternative to using Old Windsor Road.	Out of scope	Formalising the paths on the western side of Toongabbie Creek for mountain biking is beyond the scope of this project, your request will be forwarded on to the Natural Resources team for consideration.
186	Support	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	The Cut Through here to Allambie Ave is used a great deal by cyclists to need to cross Moxhams Bridge and the cycleway along Barnetts Road and on to the Old Windsor Road Cycleway towards the M7.	Change supported	Should the project proceed, making the cut through between Allambie and Hammers a shared path would be investigated in detail design (subject to consultation).
187	Support	Churchill to Moxhams	Strongly Support!!! The bridge crossing by bicycle is AWEFUL. Absolutely essential Infrastructure for cyclists wishing to access Winston Hills, Barnetts Road etc. The hills are becoming less of an issue now that eBikes are becoming more popular.	Support	Support noted
188	Support	Churchill to Moxhams	This is wonderful. Heading North in the same direction as Windsor Road is fantastic. Will FINALLY be able to cycle safely to Baulkham Hills Shops!!	Support	Support noted
189	Support	Churchill to Moxhams	Although Shared path in this heavily trafficked area is not ideal, ANY cycling infrastructure on Windsor Road is VERY welcome. Almost all cycling Infrastructure (Further North) is Shared and I've had very little issue other than motorists deciding to park.	Support	Support noted
190	Support	Churchill to Moxhams	I had no idea this cut through existed. Much better than Churchill drive which is super scary to cycle down	Support	Support noted
191	Comment	Churchill North	How do cyclists cross here? Motor vehicles are going stupidly fast down the hill here.	Resolved within project	A refuge island is proposed in this location as part of the project. This will allow users to effectively cross one direction of traffic at a time, and make it easier to recognise suitable gaps in the traffic.
192	Support	Churchill North	Great to see access to Junction Road especially as it provides access to Windsor Road from here and FINALLY access to the Windsor Road cycleway. Cant wait!	Support	Support noted
193	Support	Kleins - Hammers to Briens	Kleins road is very wide and will easily support separated cycling infrastructure. Much of the congestion is school traffic and proper infrastructure will encourage parents to leave their car at home and walk/cycle children to school.	Support	Support for Kleins Road bike path and ride to school noted.
194	Support	Kleins - Hammers to Briens	Most traffic on this road are "rat runners" any delays that the cycleway creates will be welcome as it will discourage motorists from using this popular "short cut" and stay on the main road where they belong.	Support	Support for Kleins Road bike path noted.
195	Support	Darling Mills Bridge	This will be AMAZING! I currently access Parramatta via Redbank and cut through the Children's Hospital. This is MUCH nicer and will reduce danger on backroads around Redbank	Support	Support for Darling Mills Bridge
196	Support	North Parramatta	Fleet St separate pedestrian/cyclist needs to be extended to Northcott. Otherwise Council are placing cyclist at risk. Additionally the practical way to advance to Parramatta is thru Leagues Club. I suggest you ride a bike here and check for yourself.	Change not supported	A separated path along Fennell Street is not possible without removing parking from the southern side. Given this will be an interim treatment until a longer term link is delivered from Fleet Street direct to Eels Place, a shared path is sufficient. The shared path along O'Connell Street can provide a connection into Parramatta whilst alternatives between the Leagues Club and river are investigated, however this will be at the discretion of Greater Sydney Parklands Trust who are the landowner.
197	Support	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	Access to Northmead High Very welcome. Hopefully this will reduce the reliance on Parent pickup drop off which cause significant congestion in morning and evenings	Support	Support for Hammers shared path noted
198	Comment	Churchill North	Big ask, but access to Sports/Swimming centre on Windermere Ave would be welcome. I usually just cycle up the footpath after crossing at Churchill Drive, but its narrow and very bumpy.	Out of scope	A new shared path is delivered on Windsor Road when bus priority is delivered on Windsor Road by the NSW Government. This project does not propose to deliver a shared path in the short term as it would be removed and replaced in any future work, and is about providing an alternative away from the main road. There is an alternative route via back streets to the swimming centre.
199	Comment	Out of scope	This is a shared path? There is no signage that says this and its VERY narrow. Signage would be welcome as I have been abused by pedestrians for cycling here.	Out of scope	Noted, this feedback will be passed onto Council's Assets team for their consideration.
200	Comment	Out of scope	Again, no signage to indicate shared path. Signage would be welcome so I don't get fined for cycling on the footpath.	Out of scope	Noted, this feedback will be passed onto Council's Assets team for their consideration.
201	Support	Kleins - Briens to Balfour	The amount of congestion is EXCATLY why safe separated infrastructure is needed for users of active transport.	Support	Support for Kleins Road project noted.
202	Comment	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	Pretty sure there is no signage here to show cycling is permitted. Please add signage to existing cycling infrastructure so we aren't abused for riding on the footpath.	Comment	This feedback will be passed on to the Assets team for their consideration
203	Support	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	Great! Important to include cyclists on the crossing as we will just ride across anyway. Thanks for making it legal.	Support	Support noted
204	Comment	Churchill to Moxhams	On Road Cycle Symbols would be appropriate here as cyclists will use this back street to access the Barnetts Road Cycle path	Out of scope	In this location the Bike Plan identifies Moxhams - Reilleys and Barnetts as the on road routes. Cyclists are welcome to ride Cliff Road if they desire.

205	Comment	Out of scope	On Road Cycle Symbols would be appropriate here as cyclists will use this back street to access the Barnetts Road Cycle path	Out of scope	In this location the Bike Plan identifies Moxhams - Reilleys and Barnetts as the on road routes. Cyclists are welcome to ride Cliff Road if they desire.
206	Comment	Churchill North	Would it be possible to extend beyond roundabout here allowing cyclist access to "Piggly-Wiggly" (Bellotti Ave) shops as well as Lions Club Park	Out of scope	To be considered in another project
207	Comment	Churchill North	Why is this here ? This is a quiet street that goes nowhere. Surely it would be better to spend money building cycling infrastructure somewhere along Junction Road? The Watkins-Junction-Asquith corridor is a bit of a rat run - put the off road path here.	Change not supported	A shared path is proposed in this location to provide a "behind the kerb" facility for all the people in this location. No decisions on prioritisation have been made against other projects in the Bike Plan.
208	Comment	Churchill North	Extending the infrastructure up Bellotti would be welcome. Cropley Drive M2 Bus stop is a huge city commuter stop. Infrastructure to an M2 bus stop is DESPERATELY needed. There is NO SAFE infrastructure to the M2 Buses currently.	Out of scope	Links beyond this project are identified in Council's recently adopted Bike Plan. They will be progressively delivered as funding and capacity allow.
209	Comment	Churchill North	This is a VERY much used access route to the ENORMOUS playing fields at Masonic Oval. Connecting Bellotti Ave to the new cycling infrastructure would allow safe cycling to the Ovals and skate park. REALLY something to consider.	Out of scope	Links beyond this project are identified in Council's recently adopted Bike Plan. They will be progressively delivered as funding and capacity allow.
210	Comment	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	Whenever I commute through Moxhams in the morning, I will always take the Moss-Allambie-Moxhams option. This avoids the busy school drop-offs and T-junction. I only use the T-junction if I go through before 7am.	Change not supported	Allambie Ave is an excellent option for on road riding (and will continue to be), however a safe cycling route along Kleins Road to Moxhams will provide a more coherent regional route.
211	Comment	Churchill North	While this Infrastructure - Yarrabee-Model Farms-Asquith is welcome, it would make MUCH more sense to go Churchill-Bellotti-Junction-Windsor Road. Closer to M2 Buses, Winston Hills Public, Winston Hills Shops, Piggly Wiggly shops, Masonic Ovals.	Out of scope	To be considered in another project
212	Support	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	Safer to detour to Moxhams avoiding school drop-off and pick-up traffic.	Change supported	Should the project proceed, making the cut through between Allambie and Hammers a shared path would be investigated in detail design (subject to consultation).
213	Comment	Kleins - Hammers to Briens	Consider a parallel cycleway option between Moxhams to Briens Road. How about detour through Allambie, then cut-through to Hammers Road, continue on to Hemsworth to Rawton back to Kleins Road? This will avoid a)school b)T-junction c)roundabout	Change not supported	Diverting off Kleins Road with multiple turns will not be a coherent route for cyclists to follow, even though this proposal is not supported, cyclists are welcome to ride on these streets if they wish.
214	Comment	Churchill North	Pedestrian Path besides new car parking is (despite being illegal) good for cycling and I use it most days (I lobbied counsellors to have it made a shared path without success). By connecting Bellotti to Proposed Infra we have a safe corridor to WH shops	Out of scope	To be considered in another project
215	Support	North Parramatta	No further comment beyond support was provided	Support	Support for Parramatta River foreshore paths noted
216	Support	North Parramatta	This riverside path will provide access from the Bridge Road shared path to the crossing of darling Mills Creek	Support	Support for Parramatta River foreshore paths noted
218	Support	Churchill North	Support this Junction Road connection given it links to the path to Windsor Road at the North Eastern end. Would suggest this be upgraded to be clearly shared.	Resolved within project	If the project proceeds, this path would be widened to a shared path.
219	Support	Darling Mills Bridge	No further comment beyond support was provided	Support	Support for shared path through Burlington Memorial Reserve noted
220	Support	Churchill North	Good gradient. Good link to this local park and court. Consider water connection for drinking fountain here.	Change supported	This feedback will be passed on to the Parks team for their consideration
221	Support	Darling Mills Bridge	No further comment beyond support was provided	Support	Support for bridge noted
222	Support	Darling Mills Bridge	Can't happen soon enough! A great way to open up Northmead to Parramatta to foot and cycle traffic and by passing a congested Church St	Support	Support for bridge noted
223	Comment	Cumberland Hwy	Watching cars trying to turn right from the school side of Kleins Road onto Briens Rd is like watching Seconds from Disaster	Comment	Green right turn arrows (the most common suggestion) for both approaches would require additional time within the traffic signal timing. However because Cumberland Hwy carries 70,000 vehicles per day and Kleins Rd carries 7,000 it is unlikely TfNSW will give additional time to the Kleins Rd movements. Some localised improvements could be investigated such as a left turn pocket northbound. This would allow a number of vehicles turning left to be held for pedestrians crossing (allowing a dedicated through lane northbound for a short distance), however the benefits would be minimal and will further reduce parking at shops. This could be investigated in detail design.
224	Object	Kleins - Hammers to Briens	I disagree with the use of Kleins Road, due to a school in on the road, there a villa's that front Kleins Road which all add to the congestion adding a cycle and walking way will only add tot he congestion. Also the shops on Parramatta side of Kleins	Object	The purpose of the pedestrian and cyclist improvements on Kleins Road is to provide a safe and enjoyable alternative to driving, especially to school. This can help reduce the number of cars on the road. The proposal seeks to re-purpose one parking lane that is currently not well utilised for most of the day.
225	Comment	Churchill North	Crossing either way at the junction of Churchill Drive and Yarrabee Rds is not a safe alternative. Even as an experienced rider I would not cross here. vehicles travelling east up Churchill Drive have limited view as they are approaching a rise.	Resolved within project	A refuge island is proposed in this location as part of the project. This will allow users to effectively cross one direction of traffic at a time, and make it easier to recognise suitable gaps in the traffic.
226	Comment	Churchill North	Experienced rider in this area of 30+ years. Suicidal to ride north bound on road as it's uphill.	Resolved within project	The proposal in this location is for a shared path in the western verge of Windsor Road, not riding in traffic.
227	Comment	Churchill North	Southbound cyclist not considered at all here. How do you share the south bound lane then quickly negotiate 4 lanes of traffic? Dumb!	Resolved within project	The proposal in this location is for a shared path in the western verge of Windsor Road, not riding in traffic.
228	Support	Churchill North	Already safe no work needed	Support	Support noted
229	Comment	Churchill North	This is an existing shared path. This plan provides no improvement for cyclist. NIL. The bridge clearly does not cater for shared pathway with cars but it is done.	Resolved within project	The proposal in this location is to extend and improve the shared path in the southern verge of Moxhams Road, not riding in traffic.

230	Comment	Churchill North	What evidence does PCC have that painted signage of a cyclist on a shared road makes for increased safety. Just leave as is or create new footpath.	Resolved within project	The proposal in this location is for a shared path in the western verge of Whitehaven Road, not riding in traffic.
231	Comment	Churchill North	I don't understand how shared path can be created only to this point. Either create shared path to further destinations e.g. Winston Hills shops or don't	Out of Scope	The project scope is centred on access to Northmead and North Parramatta. Access to other locations may be considered through separate projects as the Bike Plan is implemented. In this location once across the creek, the proposed shared path connects to the nearest intersecting street.
232	Support	Hammers Roundabout	Intersection of Hammers Rd and Kleins Rd has compounded traffic at AM & PM peak hours. The ergonomics of additional raised crossings likely need to be placed further back as the round about is dangerous and small.	Comment	The crossings are set back from the intersection to allow one vehicle to store out of the circulation of the roundabout, allowing other traffic to pass.
233	Support	Kleins - Hammers to Briens	New pedestrian/cyclist path here will create a safe passageway. Shared path must be wide enough and have distinct direction markers to reduce accidents.	Support	Support for Kleins Road bike path and pedestrian improvements noted.
234	Support	Darling Mills Bridge	So much safer than me riding down Windsor Rd and Church St. Access to PCC's "new university" perfect.	Support	Support for bridge noted
235	Comment	North Parramatta	Fleet St separate pedestrian/cyclist needs to be extended to Northcott. Otherwise Council are placing cyclist at risk. Additionally the practical way to advance to Parramatta is thru Leagues Club. I suggest you ride a bike here and check for yourself.	Change not supported	Given that the long term link will be delivered between Fleet Street and Eels Place, an interim shared path on the southern side of Fennell Street is considered sufficient.
236	Comment	North Parramatta	Cyclist access finishes at end of Grose St. Cyclist now mostly cut through Parramatta Leagues club carpark which is fairly dangerous. Can a path be constructed behind carpark adjacent to river?	Change supported	A link between the Leagues Club and the River will be investigated, however it would be at the discretion of the landowner Greater Sydney Parklands Trust.
237	Object	North Parramatta	This footpath has multiple obstructions, mostly bus shelters and poles as well as the crossing for stadium parking. This is not a suitable cyclist path. No room for any error from cyclist or they end up against O'Connell St heavy traffic.	Resolved within project	The O'Connell Street shared path stops at Grose Street, it provides the interim connection whilst other alternatives between the Leagues Club and River are investigated.
238	Comment	Churchill North	Can a new bush pedestrian/cycle pathway be considered north/south from Whitehaven Rd to Ulandi Place. This will reduce substantial risk with the suggested Windsor Rd shared path?	Change not supported	A link down the back of the Northmead Bowling Club would be excellent for pedestrians and cyclists, but is not feasible due to the ecological impacts.
239	Comment	Churchill North	cyclist and bush track currently exist between Model Farms Rd/Simpson St junction through to Goodin Rd. the path is rough and inaccessible during wet times as it is rough. Create new path here	Change supported	Formalisation of this path was investigated with the Natural Resources team and it is plausible. However, there are significant challenges in providing a DDA compliant connection at the northern end, and lighting would have environmental impact. Should the project be supported, when this section is designed the opportunity of this path will be investigated in more detail versus a shared path on Asquith.
240	Object	Churchill to Moxhams	Dangerous and impractical. This idea has not been thought out on the practicalities of riding with traffic on narrow Windsor Rd for 150m. Does a cyclist literally stop and then cross over 4 lanes of traffic with no crossing or anything. This is crazy.	Resolved within project	In this location a shared path on the side of Windsor Road is proposed, not riding on the road.
241	Object	Churchill North	Needs improvement as this is a very dangerous spot to suggest cyclist stop and cross.	Resolved within project	A refuge island is proposed in this location as part of the project. This will allow users to effectively cross one direction of traffic at a time, and make it easier to recognise suitable gaps in the traffic.
242	Object	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	Narrow bridge does not cater for cyclist either way	Resolved within project	It is proposed to upgrade the current shared path and bridge crossing as part of the project
243	Comment	Hammers Roundabout	location of this crossing requires careful consideration as the intersection is busy, sight from vehicles is difficult as all traffic is in a condensed area.	Comment	Noted, in this location it is proposed to install raised priority crossings on all sides to reduce speeds and make a safer intersection for all users.
244	Object	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	narrow footpath. Existing paperbark trees must not be removed for a pathway. As an avid cyclist the trees are essential for shade and reducing surface temperatures.	Resolved within project	On Kleins Road it is proposed to retain the footpath and tree and have the bike path on road, affecting neither.
245	Comment	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	I was hoping this plan would include traffic calming measures for Allambie Avenue. To get to Moxhams Rd and Winston Hills, many drivers come off Kleins Rd onto Moss St and then Allambie Avenue to avoid the school zone. We need a speed bump or crossing.	Comment	Traffic calming on Allambie Ave is not proposed as part of this project. A raised pedestrian crossing is proposed at Moss Street that would help reduce speeds in that location.
246	Comment	Out of scope	Please fix the slopes at this intersection, they are at such precarious angles for a bike (and probably wheelchairs too). It feels like I have to cycle into traffic to come off it. Applies to a few slopes at all points of this intersection.	Out of scope	Re-building the kerb ramps at the intersection of Church Street and Briens Road is outside the scope of this project, and will be passed on to TfNSW for their consideration.
247	Object	North Parramatta	Please DO NOT make this a one way North street as I am a resident of O'Connell (North lane at North Parramatta) and need this access to go home. This is also my access to go South to Parramatta CBD!	Object	Re-building the kerb ramps at the intersection of Church Street and Briens Road is outside the scope of this project, and will be passed on to TfNSW for their consideration.
249	Object	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	Please retain parking outside of bus zone times. Please do not add trees at bus zone. This makes visibility when entering and exiting 95 Kleins road dangerous	Change supported	Should the project proceed, sight lines will be checked as part of detail design.
250	Support	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	I support all the proposed improvements to crossings at each street corner or crossing. Well done.	Support	Support for raised pedestrian and cyclist crossings at Kleins and Moxhams noted
251	Support	Moxhams Roundabout	A roundabout here will be excellent. This is a dangerous corner	Support	Support for Moxhams roundabout noted
252	Support	Hammers Roundabout	I support crossings at each corner of this roundabout. This is a very dangerous intersection for all pedestrians to navigate, especially kids, who are walking to either Northmead Primary or Northmead High School. Please implement as a priority.	Support	Support for crossings at Hammers Road roundabout noted

253	Comment	Cumberland Hwy	This is a very poorly managed intersection. I have complained to the council previously and was essentially told maintaining the flow of traffic is priority over improving the safety of the intersection. Ideally there would be a pedestrian footbridge over	Comment	Green right turn arrows (the most common suggestion) for both approaches would require additional time within the traffic signal timing. However because Cumberland Hwy carries 70,000 vehicles per day and Kleins Rd carries 7,000 it is unlikely TfNSW will give additional time to the Kleins Rd movements. Some localised improvements could be investigated such as a left turn pocket northbound. This would allow a number of vehicles turning left to be held for pedestrians crossing (allowing a dedicated through lane northbound for a short distance), however the benefits would be minimal and will further reduce parking at shops. This could be investigated in detail design.
254	Comment	Cumberland Hwy	This intersection is dangerous. There needs to be green arrows for cars heading south from Kleins, turning right (west) onto Briens Rd.	Comment	Green right turn arrows (the most common suggestion) for both approaches would require additional time within the traffic signal timing. However because Cumberland Hwy carries 70,000 vehicles per day and Kleins Rd carries 7,000 it is unlikely TfNSW will give additional time to the Kleins Rd movements. Some localised improvements could be investigated such as a left turn pocket northbound. This would allow a number of vehicles turning left to be held for pedestrians crossing (allowing a dedicated through lane northbound for a short distance), however the benefits would be minimal and will further reduce parking at shops. This could be investigated in detail design.
255	Comment	Cumberland Hwy	Cars heading North on Kleins, turning east onto Briens rd. need dedicated green arrow	Comment	Green right turn arrows (the most common suggestion) for both approaches would require additional time within the traffic signal timing. However because Cumberland Hwy carries 70,000 vehicles per day and Kleins Rd carries 7,000 it is unlikely TfNSW will give additional time to the Kleins Rd movements. Some localised improvements could be investigated such as a left turn pocket northbound. This would allow a number of vehicles turning left to be held for pedestrians crossing (allowing a dedicated through lane northbound for a short distance), however the benefits would be minimal and will further reduce parking at shops. This could be investigated in detail design.
256	Comment	Churchill North	Very dangerous location to try and cross, particularly with children	Resolved within project	A refuge island is proposed in this location as part of the project. This will allow users to effectively cross one direction of traffic at a time, and make it easier to recognise suitable gaps in the traffic.
257	Comment	Churchill North	Extremely dangerous location. Recently there was a pedestrian fatality. Need overpass from bus stop to residential, gym and other on the other side. Too far between pedestrian crossings at traffic lights.	Out of scope	This feedback will be passed on to the Traffic team for their consideration
258	Comment	Kleins Shops	Support other people suggestions that a roundabout would be good here. Lots of dodgy U turns for gym and shop parking	Change not supported	A roundabout is not feasible at the intersection of Balmoral and Kleins and is not proposed as part of this project.
259	Comment	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	Support the overall proposal, however I don't think this is the best location to change side on the path due to proximity to roundabout. Perhaps earlier, or simply continue north up western side of Kleins rd.	Change not supported	A raised crossing over Kleins Road can only be provided where warrants are met. The only other location is Northmead Avenue, however the eastern leg of the Hammers / Kleins Roundabout does not have enough space to add a cyclist crossing.
260	Comment	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	Retain northward travel on Western side of Kleins Rd. as a cyclist, constantly changing side is annoying and inefficient. Additionally there is more room on the other side of the road.	Change not supported	The bike path is proposed on the opposite side of the school to retain pick up / set down parking on the school frontage and minimise potential conflict.
261	Comment	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	Retain pedestrian crossing, move bike path to other side	Change not supported	The bike path is proposed on the opposite side of the school to retain pick up / set down parking on the school frontage and minimise potential conflict.
262	Comment	Churchill North	This bridge has a low weight limit, however I regularly see trucks that are in excess of this limit travelling this route.	Comment	This feedback will be passed onto Council's Traffic team for their consideration
263	Comment	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	Increased cycling provision between Northmead and Parramatta Park would be great but care is needed at roundabouts and Kleins and Moxhams Rd.	Comment	Noted, at roundabouts it is proposed to have raised pedestrian and cyclist priority crossings.
264	Comment	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	Right hand turn from Kleins Rd to Moxhams Rd requires special provision.	Resolved within project	The project proposes a roundabout at Moxhams and Kleins for vehicles and a priority crossing and shared path on Moxhams for pedestrians and cyclists.
265	Comment	North Parramatta	If this is made one-way north then those of us in Factory Street, west of O'Connell, can not get out (due to tram line and no right turn)	Comment	If the project proceeds, a comparable alternative would need to be found for those who require southbound access on Fleet Street.
266	Support	Darling Mills Bridge	the missing link! I have suggested this link before, it creates a much nicer option to Windsor road, one without inhaling all the car/truck/bus exhausts and noise pollution	Support	Support for bridge noted
267	Comment	North Parramatta	This should not be marked as a shared path, as currently it is a road, and because they have made river rd. one way, now all cars entering and exiting the Cumberland Hospital/Parra North precinct via Fleet sat are directed along this path.	Comment	Due to the complexities of construction on the Parramatta North site, the interim route would require cyclists to ride on the road as the footpath is not wide enough to allow cycling. However the current development controls for the Parramatta North site have paths along the foreshore and through the site.
268	Comment	North Parramatta	Could we continue the cycle/foot path along the riverfront here, its a continued spine from Kleins rd. and certainly a nicer outlook than the jail yards of Cumberland hospital. Currently cant see the river due weeds, would love to see it all the way along.	Comment	The current development controls for the Parramatta North site have paths along the foreshore, but they only extend as far south as the ecology, topography and heritage constraints allow. It is currently not possible to continue all the way along the eastern bank of the River to Parramatta Park, hence the proposal for a safe and convenient alternative on Fleet Street.
269	Comment	Cumberland Hwy	Extremely dangerous intersection. No one reads the left lane must turn left sign!! This concept needs to be changed add a raised island forcing people left only. Or N,S,E,W change of lights as a much safer and faster flow of rat run traffic.	Comment	Green right turn arrows (the most common suggestion) for both approaches would require additional time within the traffic signal timing. However because Cumberland Hwy carries 70,000 vehicles per day and Kleins Rd carries 7,000 it is unlikely TfNSW will give additional time to the Kleins Rd movements. Some localised improvements could be investigated such as a left turn pocket northbound. This would allow a number of vehicles turning left to be held for pedestrians crossing (allowing a dedicated through lane northbound for a short distance), however the benefits would be minimal and will further reduce parking at shops. This could be investigated in detail design.

270	Object	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	This will take away parking for resident living on Kleins Rd between Hammers Rd and Lombard St.	Object	All residences in this area have access to one or more off street private car parking spaces. The street parking is well utilised during school pick up and drop off, however is largely empty outside of those times. Should there be an increase in walking and riding to school as a result of the project there will be less pressure on street parking. Should the project proceed parking would not be allowed on the eastern side of Kleins Road in this location.
271	Comment	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	At school pickup time parents are parked all along here, as well as along all of the side streets leaving no on-street parking for residents and in some cases blocking driveways as people try and squeeze in	Comment	The street parking is well utilised during school pick up and drop off, however is largely empty outside of those times. Should there be an increase in walking and riding to school as a result of the project there will be less pressure on street parking. Should the project proceed parking would not be allowed on the eastern side of Kleins in this location and therefore keep resident driveways clear at all times.
272	Comment	North Parramatta	The curb side (non existent on one side of fleet sat) and the road are in urgent state of repair due to heavy parking during sporting events and the proposed shared area will be dangerous if not fixed	Resolved within project	As part of the project, it is proposed to fix Fleet Street and formalise the footpath, the parking alongside a new bike path.
273	Support	Darling Mills Bridge	This bridge is a much needed connection between north Parramatta & Northmead, moving pedestrians and cyclists away from the busy/noisy/congested Church St	Support	Support for bridge noted
274	Object	Churchill North	shared paths are unsafe for pedestrians. Even more unsafe when cyclists are travelling at 30kph or faster as commuters leave or enter bus at bus stops. At this location, speeding cyclists travel between bus shelter and where buses stop at edge of roadway.	Change not supported	There is not enough space in the verge of Windsor Road for separated pedestrian and cyclist paths, however during detail design it will be investigated if the shared path can be diverted around the back of the bus stop.
276	Comment	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	Cyclists speeding along footpath are unsafe. Even more dangerous at bus stops where people are waiting, boarding/leaving buses. Separated paths are needed.	Resolved within project	The Windsor Road shared path has been in place for a number of years, this project proposes an alternate route that is separated, safer and more enjoyable.
277	Object	Churchill North	Speeding cyclists are dangerous to pedestrians. Need separated ways. Danger is exacerbated at bus stops where cyclists people are waiting or alighting from buses.	Change not supported	There is not enough space in the verge of Windsor Road for separated pedestrian and cyclist paths, however during detail design it will be investigated if the shared path can be diverted around the back of the bus stop.
278	Comment	Kleins Shops	With over 200 units in the surrounding area and already a very limited number of spaces to park, the removal of parking for the bikeway and kerbside dining will cause significant disruption in the area, and an increase in illegal parking	Comment	From detailed parking studies, the biggest challenge to parking at the shops is overstaying with 60% of users on a Friday and 30% on a Wednesday parking 2 hours or longer. This information has been passed on to Council's Compliance team to request more frequent visits from the Rangers. In recognising the important role of street parking for neighbourhood shops, the project is proposing to increase the number of timed parking spaces to support access to local business.
279	Comment	Kleins Shops	A new roundabout should be placed farther down than Balmoral, with new road furniture preventing illegal U-turns at Balmoral	Change not supported	A roundabout is not proposed at any of the intersections of the B Streets (Balmoral to Burlington) and Kleins Road, nor are any road barriers or medians.
280	Comment	Kleins Shops	This laneway must be changed to One-way towards Balmoral to reduce incidents and prevent rat-running passed the traffic lights.	Change not supported	Changes to circulation on Lizzie Lane is not part of this project, however your request will be passed on to Council's Traffic team for their consideration.
281	Comment	Kleins Shops	With over 200 units in this area, and an already congested parking situation, removal of any street parking will cause major issues for residents	Comment	From detailed parking studies, the biggest challenge to parking at the shops is overstaying with 60% of users on a Friday and 30% on a Wednesday parking 2 hours or longer. This information has been passed on to Council's Compliance team to request more frequent visits from the Rangers. In recognising the important role of street parking for neighbourhood shops, the project is proposing to increase the number of timed parking spaces to support access to local business.
283	Comment	Kleins - Briens to Balfour	Any roundabout must be farther down than Balmoral, with road furniture at Balmoral to prevent illegal U-turns	Change not supported	A roundabout is not proposed at any of the intersections of the B Streets (Balmoral to Burlington) and Kleins Road.
284	Comment	Kleins Shops	You say that there would be minimal impact to parking outside the shops yet making it parallel parking instead of angle parking reduces it by half	Comment	From detailed parking studies, the biggest challenge to parking at the shops is overstaying with 60% of users on a Friday and 30% on a Wednesday parking 2 hours or longer. This information has been passed on to Council's Compliance team to request more frequent visits from the Rangers. In recognising the important role of street parking for neighbourhood shops, the project is proposing to increase the number of timed parking spaces to support access to local business.
285	Comment	Cumberland Hwy	This whole intersection is dangerous with a large number of cars avoiding the lights on Windsor Rd/Briens road intersection and buses and now you want to add cycles to the mix?	Comment	Green right turn arrows (the most common suggestion) for both approaches would require additional time within the traffic signal timing. However because Cumberland Hwy carries 70,000 vehicles per day and Kleins Rd carries 7,000 it is unlikely TfNSW will give additional time to the Kleins Rd movements. Some localised improvements could be investigated such as a left turn pocket northbound. This would allow a number of vehicles turning left to be held for pedestrians crossing (allowing a dedicated through lane northbound for a short distance), however the benefits would be minimal and will further reduce parking at shops. This could be investigated in detail design.
286	Comment	Cumberland Hwy	Better management for pedestrians is needed here. Crossing roads for buses and public transport is a nightmare as it currently is	Comment	Pedestrians are required to follow the crossing lights at all times.
287	Support	Darling Mills Bridge	I LOVE the idea of a bridge over Darling Mills Creek. However I think it will only be highly useful if there is a direct path after it connecting to the Parramatta CBD and Park. It needs to be convenient to commute across by foot/bike	Support	Support for bridge noted
288	Support	Moxhams Roundabout	Roundabout would be very good here. It is such a dangerous intersection.	Support	Support for Moxhams roundabout noted
289	Object	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	Separated footpath down Kleins road is not a good idea. It is a busy road and parking is already difficult down it for school pick-up which already frustrates residents. Taking away more parking will make it worse.	Object	The street parking is well utilised during school pick up and drop off, however is largely empty outside of those times, especially on side streets. Should there be an increase in walking and riding to school as a result of the project there will be less pressure on street parking.
290	Object	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	Having a cycleway along a busy school street is dangerous. The safer option is to direct bikes down Allambie Avenue and through the pathway to Hammers Road. Then do a separated path up Hammers Road to the roundabout at Kleins so cyclists can continue South.	Change not supported	Allambie Ave is an excellent option for on road riding (and will continue to be), however a safe cycling route along Kleins Road to Moxhams will provide a more coherent regional route. Street parking is well used at school pick up and drop off, however there is significant extra capacity outside of these times.
291	Support	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	Great idea to have a raised pedestrian crossing here	Support	Support noted

292	Comment	Churchill to Moxhams	Parking down this side of Fletcher Street between Windsor and Murray St should not be allowed during school pickup and drop-off. Cars park both sides which stop busses going down the street at times and causes congestion	Out of scope	The project does not propose any changes to parking in Fletcher Street.
293	Comment	Out of scope	A better and direct connection between Cumberland hospital and parramatta park would be fantastic. The one way access between Hainsworth and Bridge Rd is a pain for cyclists	Out of scope	Connections to the Park on the western side are beyond the scope of this project, however this has been referred to our internal traffic team for their consideration.
295	Support	Darling Mills Bridge	Support for a new bridge	Support	Support for bridge noted
296	Support	Kleins - Briens to Balfour	Support for the bike path around the dog park, but please ensure that its curvy at all right angles for easy of use on a bike.	Support	Support for shared path through Burlington Memorial Reserve noted, path geometry will be carefully considered at detail design to maximise DDA compliance, enjoyment as well as speed management.
298	Comment	North Parramatta	This path is not suitable as a shared path due to the bus stop. There is no safe width for cyclists, and this is a popular stop being on the free bus route. Proposed new route should extend to join existing shared paths at the stadium.	Resolved within project	The O'Connell Street shared path stops at Grose Street, it provides the interim connection whilst other alternatives between the Leagues Club and River are investigated.
299	Comment	North Parramatta	The path ends here, suggesting that it joins existing shared paths. These existing paths are not suitable as shared paths, especially outside the club at the bus stop. There is no safe access for cyclists on the western side when there are people waiting.	Resolved within project	The O'Connell Street shared path stops at Grose Street, it provides the interim connection whilst other alternatives between the Leagues Club and River are investigated.
300	Support	Darling Mills Bridge	Bridge will be safer than current Church St cycle path where you have to cross driveways. Can we have a bridge like this over Moxhams Creek	Support	Support for bridge noted, an improved shared path across the creek at Moxhams Road is proposed as part of this project.
302	Comment	Cumberland Hwy	The line up to the traffic lights is a nightmare at all times, especially during peak hours. Cars stopping to navigate parallel parking will worsen an already bad situation.	Comment	To access both angled parking and parallel parking cars must stop in the kerbside lane and reverse and have the same impact.
303	Comment	Cumberland Hwy	It's the worst intersection ever. DESPERATE NEED green arrow lights to direct traffics from Kleins road to Briens road in both directions.	Comment	Green right turn arrows (the most common suggestion) for both approaches would require additional time within the traffic signal timing. However because Cumberland Hwy carries 70,000 vehicles per day and Kleins Rd carries 7,000 it is unlikely TfNSW will give additional time to the Kleins Rd movements. Some localised improvements could be investigated such as a left turn pocket northbound. This would allow a number of vehicles turning left to be held for pedestrians crossing (allowing a dedicated through lane northbound for a short distance), however the benefits would be minimal and will further reduce parking at shops. This could be investigated in detail design.
304	Support	Moxhams Roundabout	Fantastic idea	Support	Support for Moxhams roundabout noted
305	Support	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	Moss St crossing very necessary for student safety	Support	Support for Moss Street pedestrian crossing noted
306	Support	Moxhams Roundabout	I am very pleased that a roundabout will be constructed here, this is a dangerous intersection.	Support	Support for Moxhams roundabout noted
307	Comment	Churchill to Moxhams	Will council plant trees to shade the shared path?	Resolved within project	Should the project proceed, street trees would be included in the delivery of a shared path.
309	Comment	Churchill North	Love the idea of better bike paths, at this point however is a serious blind spot, dangerous even when in a car to get a break in traffic. Advise a crossing at Berrigan Street crossing Churchill	Resolved within project	A refuge island is proposed in this location as part of the project. This will allow users to effectively cross one direction of traffic at a time, and make it easier to recognise suitable gaps in the traffic.
310	Comment	Hammers Roundabout	No splayed corner on the private property reduces available verge width compared to the other corners: has widening the road reserve been considered?	Change not supported	At this stage, no property acquisition is proposed as the project can fit within the road reserve.
313	Support	Moxhams Roundabout	The proposed roundabout here will improve outcomes for all road users	Support	Support for Moxhams roundabout noted
314	Support	Kleins Shops	Good design here. Consider reviewing parking restrictions to promote turnover of spaces during business hours.	Support	Support noted, Council's regulatory services have been advised of the overparking issue.
315	Support	Kleins Shops	Good compromise design here. Consider reviewing parking restriction exemptions to promote turnover of spaces during business hours.	Support	From detailed parking studies, the biggest challenge to parking at the shops is overstaying with 60% of users on a Friday and 30% on a Wednesday parking 2 hours or longer. This information has been passed on to Council's Compliance team to request more frequent visits from the Rangers. In recognising the important role of street parking for neighbourhood shops, the project is proposing to increase the number of timed parking spaces to support access to local business.
316	Support	Darling Mills Bridge	This connection will make Parramatta so much more accessible from the north	Support	Support for bridge noted
319	Comment	Cumberland Hwy	The road gets severely stressed and defected by heavy trucks/buses from the industrial area, bypass from Church Street/Boundary Road and the Northmead Bus Depot. Road improvements required which can take on this type of traffic.	Comment	Green right turn arrows (the most common suggestion) for both approaches would require additional time within the traffic signal timing. However because Cumberland Hwy carries 70,000 vehicles per day and Kleins Rd carries 7,000 it is unlikely TfNSW will give additional time to the Kleins Rd movements. Some localised improvements could be investigated such as a left turn pocket northbound. This would allow a number of vehicles turning left to be held for pedestrians crossing (allowing a dedicated through lane northbound for a short distance), however the benefits would be minimal and will further reduce parking at shops. This could be investigated in detail design.
320	Comment	Cumberland Hwy	Definitely an overpass/underpass needed here.	Comment	At pedestrian / cyclist bridge over the Cumberland Highway is unlikely to be supported as the clearances required would make the ramping on approach significant, especially on the southern side. This would be a present a significant barrier to pedestrians.
321	Object	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	do not have separated paths here. Street parking should remain. There is already traffic chaos at school times and the school is intended to grow in student population over the coming years	Object	The street parking is well utilised during school pick up and drop off, however is largely empty outside of those times, especially on side streets. Should there be an increase in walking and riding to school as a result of the project there will be less pressure on street parking.

322	Comment	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	bike path should not swap sides, should remain on western side of Kleins rd.	Change not supported	The bike path is proposed on the opposite side of the school to retain pick up / set down parking on the school frontage and minimise potential conflict.
323	Comment	Kleins - Hammers to Briens	Suggest the existing footpath become a shared path rather than separated paths. Parking should remain on street. Revamp existing paths	Change not supported	A separated path along Kleins Road is preferred as the anticipated speeds and volumes are higher, therefore pedestrians and cyclists should be provided their own path where space allows. Detailed parking studies have demonstrated there is a significant surplus of street parking on Kleins Road and the adjacent streets throughout the day.
324	Comment	Kleins - Briens to Balfour	needs a pedestrian crossing here and a roundabout	Change not supported	A roundabout at the corner of Beamish and Kleins is not proposed as part of this project. A pedestrian crossing is not warranted at the intersection, however kerb build outs are proposed as part of the project to assist pedestrians in crossing Kleins Road.
325	Comment	Kleins - Briens to Balfour	Needs a crossing	Change not supported	Pedestrian crossing demand is not high enough to warrant a crossing at the intersection of Kleins and Beaufort, however kerb build outs are are proposed as part of the project to assist pedestrians in crossing.
327	Comment	Kleins Shops	The removal of angled parking will reduce the number of bays causing an even worse problem in an already congested residential area.	Comment	From detailed parking studies, the biggest challenge to parking at the shops is overstaying with 60% of users on a Friday and 30% on a Wednesday parking 2 hours or longer. This information has been passed on to Council's Compliance team to request more frequent visits from the Rangers. In recognising the important role of street parking for neighbourhood shops, the project is proposing to increase the number of timed parking spaces to support access to local business.
330	Comment	Kleins - Hammers to Briens	There are customers who occasionally park along the no stopping zone here to visit the shops. This obstructs traffic flow joining from Briens Rd and south Kleins Rd. This situation will worsen with the lack of parking spaces at the shops.	Comment	The issue of drivers parking north of Briens Road in Kleins Road within the no stopping area will be passed onto Council's regulatory services for their consideration on an appropriate course of action. If the project proceeds, there would be a concrete block that prevents anyone from parking and remove this issue entirely.
331	Comment	Kleins Shops	The reduction of parking bays and converted timed bays will increase parking along these streets making it more difficult for residents to enter and exit our driveways at peak hours as drivers park too close to our driveway entrances, sometimes blocking.	Comment	From detailed parking studies, the biggest challenge to parking at the shops is overstaying with 60% of users on a Friday and 30% on a Wednesday parking 2 hours or longer. This information has been passed on to Council's Compliance team to request more frequent visits from the Rangers. In recognising the important role of street parking for neighbourhood shops, the project is proposing to increase the number of timed parking spaces to support access to local business.
332	Comment	Cumberland Hwy	I've lived hear for many years and seen many fatal accidents at this intersection. To endorse cyclists (especially youngsters) at this intersection would be very irresponsible.	Comment	Green right turn arrows (the most common suggestion) for both approaches would require additional time within the traffic signal timing. However because Cumberland Hwy carries 70,000 vehicles per day and Kleins Rd carries 7,000 it is unlikely TfNSW will give additional time to the Kleins Rd movements. Some localised improvements could be investigated such as a left turn pocket northbound. This would allow a number of vehicles turning left to be held for pedestrians crossing (allowing a dedicated through lane northbound for a short distance), however the benefits would be minimal and will further reduce parking at shops. This could be investigated in detail design.
333	Comment	Kleins - Hammers to Briens	Our vehicles are at risk of getting hit by cyclists who come speeding down the hill from North Kleins Rd as we exit our driveways. We are already experiencing this danger with electric bikes and Uber riders speeding down the hill.	Comment	Any driver entering or exiting a driveway must take due care give way to all users on the path, and this currently would include anyone under the age of 16 riding or scootering on the footpath that is close to the property boundary. If the project proceeds, drivers would need to also give way to cyclists on the path, however cyclists would be further away from the driveway entrance and will be slowed down by traffic lights and the tight turns needed to navigate the priority crossings on side streets.
334	Comment	Kleins Shops	We need more parking bays here not fewer to help support these local businesses here.	Comment	From detailed parking studies, the biggest challenge to parking at the shops is overstaying with 60% of users on a Friday and 30% on a Wednesday parking 2 hours or longer. This information has been passed on to Council's Compliance team to request more frequent visits from the Rangers. In recognising the important role of street parking for neighbourhood shops, the project is proposing to increase the number of timed parking spaces to support access to local business.
335	Support	Churchill to Moxhams	Support a off-road shared path. The current narrow bridge and on-road options are the only reasons I don't cross between the suburbs.	Support	Support for Moxhams shared path noted
336	Object	Cumberland Hwy	Parramatta Council Can't fix the potholes in our B Streets let alone new infrastructure. The intersection of Briens & Kleins Roads is a dangerous intersection for cars. If you add bicycles, it will not end well.	Object	There are no significant changes proposed at the intersection of the Briens Road and Kleins Road, bicycles will use the western leg of the intersection as pedestrians and anyone under the age of 16 does currently.
337	Support	Churchill to Moxhams	The proposed cycleway would be a huge benefit for the Winston Hills and Northmead community. It would make the commute to Parramatta Park and the CBD safer, especially for those riding with children.	Support	Support for whole project noted
338	Object	Churchill to Moxhams	There isn't enough verge width to safely accommodate shared path plus bus stop infrastructure here. Instead the off-road path behind NBC seems a better suggestion.	Change not supported	Due to topographical and ecological constraints a path behind Northmead Bowling Club is not feasible.
339	Support	Cumberland Hwy	Use this change as an opportunity to add a phase to the lights per other comments	Comment	Green right turn arrows (the most common suggestion) for both approaches would require additional time within the traffic signal timing. However because Cumberland Hwy carries 70,000 vehicles per day and Kleins Rd carries 7,000 it is unlikely TfNSW will give additional time to the Kleins Rd movements. Some localised improvements could be investigated such as a left turn pocket northbound. This would allow a number of vehicles turning left to be held for pedestrians crossing (allowing a dedicated through lane northbound for a short distance), however the benefits would be minimal and will further reduce parking at shops. This could be investigated in detail design.
340	Support	Kleins - Briens to Balfour	Plenty of space to make this happen along this stretch	Support	Support for bike path on Kleins noted
341	Support	Kleins - Hammers to Briens	Separated path is an excellent choice along here	Support	Support for Kleins Road bike path noted.
342	Support	Churchill to Moxhams	The higher this connection can be the better	Support	Support for Moxhams shared path noted
343	Support	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	This is tight, best if some additional footpath width can be acquired from the school	Change supported	It is unlikely additional width will be needed due to anticipated speed and volumes, however Council may request a splay at the corner to improve manoeuvring space, particularly if the roundabout proceeds.

344	Support	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	An off-road cycling option here will be great	Support	Support for Hammers shared path noted
345	Comment	Kleins - Moxhams to Hammers	Sections of the bike corridor along schools should have extra bike racks with enough separation to allow for parents doing pick up/drop off on cargo bikes	Out of scope	Schools Infrastructure NSW has indicated it will look to increase the number of bike racks at Northmead Primary.
346	Comment	Hammers Roundabout	should consider a Dutch style roundabout as they're safer for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists	Change not supported	A Dutch style roundabout would not work at Hammers / Kleins as there is not enough room for a cyclist crossing on the eastern leg.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - FOR COUNCIL DECISION

ITEM NUMBER 13.6
SUBJECT Adoption of Code of Meeting Practice 2024
REFERENCE F2024/00282 - D09473620
REPORT OF Group Manager Office of the Lord Mayor and CEO

CSP THEME: Fair

WORKSHOP/BRIEFING DATE: Policy Review Committee – 30 April 2024

PURPOSE:

To seek Council's adoption of the Code of Meeting Practice 2024 (Policy 291).

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Code of Meeting Practice 2024 as attached to this report.

BACKGROUND

1. On 27 May 2024, Council resolved to place the draft Code of Meeting Practice on public exhibition.

2. The draft Code was placed on public exhibition from 3 June to 16 July 2024. Submissions were invited from members of the public by contacting Council's Governance Team directly or by using Council's Participate Parramatta portal. Printed copies of exhibition materials were also made available for viewing at Council's library branches and Customer Service Centre.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

3. In total the Participate Parramatta page for the Code of Meeting Practice received 261 views. One submission was received for the public exhibition, as summarised in the table below:

Submission Number	Submission Comment	Staff Response
1	Not supportive of the draft Policy. Raised the following feedback: a. Recommended that public forum speakers should not be restricted to one Agenda item. b. Recommended that public forum speakers should not be restricted to speaking to the same matter once in a twelve-month period. c. Requested clarification on clause 16.1, as to requirements for Councillors to leave the meeting after declaring a conflict of interest.	a. Not agree to amend this clause as public forum speakers can register to speak on multiple items on the agenda. However, the total number of speakers at a meeting is five, so this may affect their ability to speak more than once at a meeting, given that there may be other registered speakers. b. Agree to delete clause 4.13 as speakers can make submissions on an item on the agenda and if a matter that has been raised in the last 12 months is on the agenda again, under clause 4.2, members of

		the public should be able to put in a submission. c. Not agree to make further clarification. Councillors have an obligation to manage their own conflict of interest. The clause should not prescribe the requirements of how to manage Councillors conflict.

4. Officers have deleted clause 4.13 '*Public Forums previously raised cannot be raised again by the same speaker unless there is new information, or it has been 12 months since the matter was first raised'* as it contradicts the current clause 4.2.

5. The Code of Meeting Practice (with the deleted old clause 4.13) recommended for adoption is provided at **Attachment 1**.

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Stakeholder Consultation

6. The following stakeholder consultation has been undertaken in relation to this matter:

Date	Stakeholder	Stakeholder Comment	Council Officer Response	Responsibility
3 June – 16 July 2024	Public Exhibition	1 submission received during Public Exhibition period	Noted and addressed as per paragraph 4.	Governance

Councillor Consultation

7. The following Councillor consultation has been undertaken in relation to this matter:

Date	Councillor	Councillor Comment	Council Officer Response	Responsibility
30 April 2024	Policy Review Committee	The Committee recommended the following amendments to the draft: a. clause 2.5: delete "for any matter" b. clause 3.6: replace "7" with "10" days c. clause 4.7: delete clause d. clause 4.9: replace "5" with "3" minutes, replace "4" with "2" minutes, and replace "twenty-five" with "fifteen" minutes e. clause 5.37(b): replace "as soon as practicable after the meeting" with "on the Friday following the meeting" f. clause 5.38: delete "a minimum of 12 months"	All amendments recommended by the Committee were incorporated into the draft as put on public exhibition.	Governance

		g. clause 9.27: delete clause h. clause 13.5: delete clause i. clause 14.17: replace “5” with “3” minutes j. clause 17.17: delete clause		

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL

8. The amendments to the draft Code of Meeting Practice are not considered to be inconsistent with the Model Code.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL

9. If Council resolves to approve this report in accordance with the proposed resolution, there are no unbudgeted financial implications for Council associated with the exhibition and adoption of this Policy.

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Group Manager Office of the Lord Mayor and CEO

John Angilley
Executive Director Finance & Information

Gail Connolly
Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENTS:
1⇩ Code of Meeting Practice

REFERENCE MATERIAL

CITY OF PARRAMATTA

Code of Meeting Practice

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9	23 May 2016	Update in line with Proclamation	
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13	April 2019	Draft Document for exhibition in line with changes to model code of meeting practice	
14	11 June 2019	Adoption of the 2019 City of Parramatta Code of Meeting Practice	
15	27 June 2022	Draft Document for exhibition in line with changes to Model Code of Meeting Practice	Minute No. 3857
16	April/May/June 2024	Update	XXXX

1. INTRODUCTION

The City of Parramatta Code of Meeting Practice is based on the Model Code of Meeting Practice for Local Councils in NSW. The Model Code of Meeting Practice for Local Councils in NSW (the Model Code) is prescribed under section 360 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (the Regulations).

This Code of Meeting Practice applies to all meetings of Council and Committees of Council of which all the members are Councillors ('Committees of Council'). Council Committees whose members include persons other than Councillors may adopt their own rules for meetings unless the Council determines otherwise.

Councils must adopt a Code of Meeting Practice that incorporates the mandatory provisions of the Model Code.

A Council's adopted Code of Meeting Practice may also incorporate the non-mandatory provisions of the Model Code and other supplementary provisions. However, a Code of Meeting Practice adopted by a Council must not contain provisions that are inconsistent with the mandatory provisions of the Model Code.

A Council and a Committee of Council of which all the members are Councillors must conduct its meetings in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice adopted by the Council.

2. MEETING PRINCIPLES

2.1 Council and Committee of Council meetings should be:

Transparent: Decisions are made in a way that is open and accountable.

Informed: Decisions are made based on relevant, quality information.

Inclusive: Decisions respect the diverse needs and interests of the local community.

Principled: Decisions are informed by the principles prescribed under Chapter 3 of the Act.

Trusted: The community has confidence that Councillors and staff act ethically and make decisions in the interests of the whole community.

Respectful: Councillors, staff and meeting attendees treat each other with respect. Councillors and staff are also bound by the obligations in relation to meetings as set out in the Council's Code of Conduct (clauses 3.19 to 3.22).

Effective: Meetings are well organised, effectively run and skilfully chaired.

Orderly: Councillors, staff and meeting attendees behave in a way that contributes to the orderly conduct of the meeting.

Council Decisions Prior to a Local Government Election (Caretaker Period)

2.2 The Council, Chief Executive Officer, or any other delegate of the Council must not exercise certain functions during a Caretaker period.

2.3 The Caretaker Period means the period of four (4) weeks preceding the date of a Local Government Election.

Note: Clauses 2.2 and 2.3 reflect clause 393B of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (the Regulations).

Council Decisions During Recess Period

2.4 Council meetings are held each month of the calendar year, except in January, where no meetings are held. The period from the final meeting of the year to the first meeting of the new year is known as the Recess Period.

2.5 Council may, by resolution in December each year, delegate joint authority to the Lord Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer all powers, duties and functions of the Council which cannot reasonably be deferred to the first Ordinary Meeting of Council following the recess period.

2.6 Any decision made under joint delegated authority is taken to be a decision of the Council.

2.7 The Chief Executive Officer is to provide a report to the first meeting of the Council in the new year, detailing all decisions made under joint delegated authority during the recess period.

3. BEFORE THE MEETING

Timing of Ordinary Council Meetings

3.1 Ordinary meetings of the Council will start at 6:30pm and will be held on the second and fourth Monday of the month (except for in January, where no meetings are held).

Note: Under section 365 of the Act, Councils are required to meet at least ten (10) times each year, each time in a different month unless the Minister for Local Government has approved a reduction in the number of times that a Council is required to meet each year under section 365A.

Extraordinary Meetings

3.2 If the Lord Mayor receives a request in writing, signed by at least two (2) Councillors, the Lord Mayor must call an extraordinary meeting of the Council to be held as soon as practicable, but in any event, no more than fourteen (14) days after receipt of the request. The Lord Mayor can be one of the two Councillors requesting the meeting.

Note: Clause 3.2 reflects section 366 of the Act.

Notice to the Public of Council Meetings

3.3 The Council must give notice to the public of the time, date and place of each of its meetings, including Extraordinary Meetings and of each meeting of Committees of Council.

Note: Clause 3.3 reflects section 9(1) of the Act.

3.4 For the purposes of clause 3.3, notice of a meeting of the Council and of a Committee of Council is to be published before the meeting takes place. The notice must be published on the Council's website, and in such other manner that the Council is satisfied is likely to bring notice of the meeting to the attention of as many people as possible.

3.5 For the purposes of clause 3.3, notice of more than one (1) meeting may be given in the same notice.

Notice to Councillors of Ordinary Council Meetings

3.6 The Chief Executive Officer must send to each Councillor, at least three (3) days before each meeting of the Council, a notice specifying the time, date and place at which the meeting is to be held, and the business proposed to be considered at the meeting. City of Parramatta Council has resolved that Councillors will receive the agenda of an Ordinary Council Meeting at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

Note: Clause 3.6 reflects section 367(1) of the Act.

3.7 The notice and the agenda for, and the business papers relating to, the meeting may be given to Councillors in electronic form, but only if all Councillors have facilities to access the notice, agenda and business papers in that form. Councillors will have access to notice of the meeting, agenda and business papers via their individually nominated means (hard copy or electronic or both).

Note: Clause 3.7 reflects section 367(3) of the Act.

Notice to Councillors of Extraordinary Meetings

3.8 Notice of less than three (3) days may be given to Councillors of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council in cases of emergency. The Lord Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer will determine if the matter/s proposed to be considered are of emergency/urgency which cannot reasonably wait to the next ordinary meeting of Council.

Note: Clause 3.8 reflects section 367(2) of the Act.

Giving Notice of Business to be Considered at Council Meetings

3.9 A Councillor may give notice of any business they wish to be considered by the Council at its next Ordinary Meeting by way of a Notice of Motion. To be included on the agenda of the meeting, the Notice of Motion must be in writing and must be submitted by 10:00am on the Wednesday two weeks before the meeting is to be held.

3.10 A Councillor may, in writing to the Chief Executive Officer, request the withdrawal of a Notice of Motion submitted by them prior to its inclusion in the agenda and business paper for the meeting at which it is to be considered.

3.11 If the Chief Executive Officer considers that a Notice of Motion submitted by a Councillor for consideration at an Ordinary Meeting of the Council has legal, strategic, financial or policy implications which should be taken into consideration by the meeting, the Chief Executive Officer may prepare a report in relation to the Notice of Motion for inclusion with the business papers for the meeting at which the Notice of Motion is to be considered by the Council.

3.12 A Notice of Motion for the expenditure of funds on works and/or services other than those already provided for in the Council's current adopted operational plan must identify the source of funding for the expenditure that is the subject of the Notice of Motion. If the Notice of Motion does not identify a funding source, the Chief Executive Officer must either:

(a) include as a staff response to the Notice of Motion to be considered by the Council, a note on the availability of funds for implementing the Motion if adopted by the Council, or

(b) include as a staff response to the Notice of Motion that the matter be deferred for the preparation of a report to Council which will address the availability of funds for implementing the Motion if adopted by Council.

Questions With Notice

3.13 A Councillor may, by way of a notice submitted under clause 3.9, ask a question for response by the Chief Executive Officer about the performance or operations of the Council.

3.14 A Councillor is not permitted to ask a Question With Notice under clause 3.13 that comprises a complaint against the Chief Executive Officer or a member of staff of the Council, or a question that implies wrongdoing by the Chief Executive Officer or a member of staff of the Council.

3.15 Each Councillor is limited to submitting one (1) Question with Notice per Council meeting.

3.16 The Chief Executive Officer or their nominee may respond to a Question With Notice submitted under clause 3.13 by way of a report included in the business papers for the relevant meeting of the Council or orally at the meeting.

Agenda and Business Papers for Ordinary Meetings

3.17 The Chief Executive Officer must cause the agenda for a meeting of the Council or a Committee of Council to be prepared as soon as practicable before the meeting.

3.18 The Chief Executive Officer must ensure that the agenda for an Ordinary Meeting of the Council states:

(a) all matters to be dealt with arising out of the proceedings of previous meetings of the Council, and

(b) if the Lord Mayor is the Chairperson – any matter or topic that the Chairperson proposes, at the time when the agenda is prepared, to put to the meeting, and

(c) all matters, including matters that are the subject of staff reports and reports of committees, to be considered at the meeting, and

(d) any business of which due notice has been given under clause 3.9.

3.19 Nothing in clause 3.18 limits the powers of the Lord Mayor to put a Lord Mayoral Minute to a meeting under clause 9.7.

3.20 The Chief Executive Officer must not include in the agenda for a meeting of the Council any business of which due notice has been given if, in the opinion of the Chief Executive Officer, the business is, or the implementation of the business would be, unlawful. The Chief Executive Officer must report, without giving details of the item of business, any such exclusion to the next meeting of the Council.

3.21 Where the agenda includes the receipt of information or discussion of other matters that, in the opinion of the Chief Executive Officer, is likely to take place when the meeting is closed to the public, the Chief Executive Officer must ensure that the agenda of the meeting:

(a) identifies the relevant item of business and indicates that it is of such a nature (without disclosing details of the information to be considered when the meeting is closed to the public), and

(b) states the grounds under section 10A(2) of the Act relevant to the item of business.

Note: Clause 3.21 reflects section 9(2A)(a) of the Act.

3.22 The Chief Executive Officer must ensure that the details of any item of business which, in the opinion of the Chief Executive Officer, is likely to be considered when the meeting is closed to the public, are included in a business paper provided to Councillors for the meeting concerned. Such details must not be included in the business papers made available to the public and must not be disclosed by a Councillor or by any other person to another person who is not authorised to have that information.

Statement of Ethical Obligations

3.23 Business papers for all Ordinary and Extraordinary Meetings of the Council and Committees of Council must contain a statement reminding Councillors of their oath or affirmation of office made under section 233A of the Act and their obligations under the Council's Code of Conduct to disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interest.

Availability of the Agenda and Business Papers to the Public

3.24 Copies of the agenda and the associated business papers, such as correspondence and reports for meetings of the Council and Committees of Council, are to be published on the Council's website , and must be made available to the public for inspection, or for taking away by any person free of charge at the offices of the Council, at the relevant meeting and at such other venues determined by the Council, including Council libraries, seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Note: Clause 3.24 reflects section 9(2) and (4) of the Act.

3.25 Clause 3.24 does not apply to the business papers for items of business that the Chief Executive Officer has identified under clause 3.21 as being likely to be considered when the meeting is closed to the public.

Note: Clause 3.25 reflects section 9(2A)(b) of the Act.

3.26 For the purposes of clause 3.24, copies of agendas and business papers must be published on the Council's website and made available to the public at a time that is as close as possible to the time they are available to Councillors.

Note: Clause 3.26 reflects section 9(3) of the Act.

3.27 A copy of an agenda, or of an associated business paper made available under clause 3.24, may in addition be given or made available in electronic form.

Note: Clause 3.27 reflects section 9(5) of the Act.

Agenda and Business Papers for Extraordinary Meetings

3.28 The Chief Executive Officer must ensure that the agenda for an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council deals only with the matters stated in the notice of the meeting.

3.29 Despite clause 3.28, business may be considered at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council, even though due notice of the business has not been given, if:

(a) a Motion is passed to have the business considered at the meeting, and

(b) the business to be considered is ruled by the Chairperson to be of great urgency on the grounds that it requires a decision by the Council before the next scheduled Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

3.30 A Motion moved under clause 3.29(a) can be moved without notice but only after the business notified in the agenda for the Extraordinary Meeting has been dealt with.

3.31 Despite clauses 10.22 and 10.25-10.34, only the mover of a Motion moved under clause 3.29(a) can speak to the Motion before it is put.

3.32 A Motion of Dissent cannot be moved against a ruling of the Chairperson under clause 3.29(b) on whether a matter is of great urgency.

Pre-Meeting Briefing Sessions

3.33 Prior to each Ordinary Meeting of the Council, the Chief Executive Officer may arrange a pre-meeting briefing session to brief Councillors on business to be considered at the meeting. Pre-meeting briefing sessions may also be held for Extraordinary Meetings of the Council and meetings of committees of the Council.

3.34 Pre-meeting briefing sessions are to be held in the absence of the public.

3.35 Pre-meeting briefing sessions may be held by audio-visual link.

3.36 The Chief Executive Officer or a member of staff nominated by the Chief Executive Officer is to preside at pre-meeting briefing sessions.

3.37 Councillors must not use pre-meeting briefing sessions to debate or make preliminary decisions on items of business they are being briefed on, and any debate and decision-making must be left to the formal Council or committee meeting at which the item of business is to be considered.

3.38 Councillors (including the Lord Mayor) must declare and manage any conflicts of interest they may have in relation to any item of business that is the subject of a briefing at a pre-meeting briefing session, in the same way that they are required to do so at a Council or committee meeting. The Council is to maintain a written record of all conflict of interest declarations made at pre-meeting briefing sessions and how the conflict of interest was managed by the Councillor who made the declaration.

4. PUBLIC FORUMS

4.1 To speak at a Public Forum, a person must first make an application to the Council via the approved application form. A verbatim (word by word) text of the question, comment or statement must be lodged in writing with the name and contact details of the speaker prior to 4.00pm on the Thursday prior to the Council meeting by either an email, presented to the Customer Contact Centre at 126 Church Street Parramatta or online on Council's website. The application must identify the item of business on the agenda of the Council meeting the person wishes to speak on, and whether they wish to speak 'for' or 'against' the item.

4.2 A person may only apply to speak on any item listed on the agenda of the Council meeting.

4.3 A person may apply to speak on no more than one item of business on the agenda of the Council meeting.

4.4 Legal representatives acting on behalf of others are not to be permitted to speak at a public forum unless they identify their status as a legal representative when applying to speak at the public forum.

4.5 Acceptance of Public Forum submissions will not be confirmed until after the deadline before the Council Meeting.

4.6 A maximum of one (1) speaker 'for' and one (1) speaker 'against' each item of business on the agenda for the Council meeting.

4.7 In total, Council will permit no more than five (5) Public Forum speakers per Council meeting.

4.8 The Chief Executive Officer or their delegate may refuse an application to speak at a Public Forum.

4.9 Each speaker will have a maximum of three (3) minutes to address Council on a Public Forum item. After two (2) minutes a warning bell will sound indicating they have one (1) minute remaining. After the allocated speaking time, the Chief Executive Officer or a nominated officer may provide a response or right of reply. Speakers will be contacted by the morning of the meeting and notified if their request to speak in the Public Forum has been granted.

4.10 If more than the permitted number of speakers apply to speak 'for' or 'against' any item of business, the Chief Executive Officer or their delegate in consultation with the Lord Mayor, may increase the number of speakers permitted to speak on an item of business, where they are satisfied that it is necessary to do so to allow the Council to hear a fuller range of views on the relevant item of business.

4.11 The Chief Executive Officer or their delegate is to determine the order of speakers at the Public Forum.

4.12 Speakers at the Public Forum must not digress from the item on the agenda of the Council Meeting they have applied to address the Council on. If a speaker digresses to irrelevant matters, the Chairperson is to direct the speaker not to do so. If a speaker fails to observe a direction from the Chairperson, the speaker will not be further heard.

4.13 Speakers at Public Forums cannot ask questions of the Council, Councillors or Council staff.

4.14 Where an address made at a Public Forum raises matters that require further consideration by Council staff, the Chief Executive Officer may recommend that the Council defer consideration of the matter pending the preparation of a further report on the matter.

4.15 When addressing the Council, speakers at the Public Forum must comply with this Code and all other relevant Council codes, policies and procedures. Speakers must refrain from engaging in disorderly conduct, publicly alleging breaches of the Council's Code of Conduct or making other potentially defamatory statements.

4.16 If the Chairperson considers that a speaker at a public forum has engaged in conduct of the type referred to in clause 4.16, the Chairperson may request the person to refrain from the inappropriate behaviour and to withdraw and unreservedly apologise for any inappropriate comments. Where the speaker fails to comply with the Chairperson's request, the Chairperson may immediately require the person to stop speaking.

4.17 Clause 4.17 does not limit the ability of the Chairperson to deal with disorderly conduct by speakers at the public forums in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of this Code.

4.18 Where a speaker engages in conduct of the type referred to in clause 4.16, the Chief Executive Officer or their delegate may refuse further applications from that person to speak at public forums for such a period as the Chief Executive Officer or their delegate considers appropriate.

4.19 Councillors (including the Lord Mayor) must declare and manage any conflicts of interest they may have in relation to any item of business that is the subject of an address at a public forum, in the same way that they are required to do so at a Council or committee meeting. The Council is to maintain a written record of all conflicts of interest declarations made at public forums and how the conflict of interest was managed by the Councillor who made the declaration.

4.20 Council will not accept any Public Forum submissions that clearly target political parties.

4.21 Public Forums may be held by audio-visual link.

Note: Public Forums held as part of a Council or Committee meeting must be conducted in accordance with the other requirements of this Code relating to the conduct of Council and Committee meetings.

5. COMING TOGETHER

Attendance by Councillors at Meetings

5.1 All Councillors must make reasonable efforts to attend meetings of the Council and of Committees of Council of which they are members.

Note: A Councillor may not attend a meeting as a Councillor (other than the first meeting of the Council after the Councillor is elected or a meeting at which the Councillor takes an oath or makes an affirmation of office) until they have taken an oath or made an affirmation of office in the form prescribed under section 233A of the Act.

5.2 A Councillor cannot participate in a meeting of the Council or of a Committee of Council unless personally present at the meeting, unless permitted to attend the meeting by audio-visual link under this Code.

5.3 Where a Councillor is unable to attend one or more Ordinary Meetings of the Council, the Councillor should request that the Council grant them a leave of absence from those meetings prior to any period of leave or at the meeting concerned. This clause does not prevent a Councillor from making an apology if they are unable to attend a meeting. However, the acceptance of such an apology does not constitute the granting of a leave of absence for the purposes of this Code and the Act.

5.4 A Councillor's request for leave of absence from Council Meetings should, if practicable, identify (by date) the meetings from which the Councillor intends to be absent and the grounds upon which the leave of absence is being sought. Councillors seeking an extended period of leave may request such leave be mentioned in Confidential session to protect their privacy. Then, at successive meetings it should be noted in open session the leave of absence has been previously granted.

5.5 A Councillor applying for a leave of absence from a meeting of Council does not need to make the application in person, and the Council may grant such leave in the absence of that Councillor.

Note: Clause 5.5 reflects section 234(2) of the Act.

5.6 If a Councillor attends an Ordinary Meeting of Council or an Extraordinary Meeting of Council, despite having been granted a leave of absence, the leave of absence is taken to have been rescinded.

Note: Clause 5.6 reflects section 234(3) of the Act.

5.7 The Council must act reasonably when considering whether to grant a Councillor's request for a leave of absence.

5.8 A Councillor's civic office will become vacant if the Councillor is absent from three (3) consecutive Ordinary Meetings of the Council without prior leave of the Council, or leave granted by the Council at any of the meetings concerned, unless the holder is absent because they have been suspended from office under the Act, or because the Council has been suspended under the Act, or as a consequence of a compliance order under section 438HA.

Note: Clause 5.8 reflects section 234(1)(d) of the Act.

5.9 A Councillor who intends to attend a meeting of the Council despite having been granted a leave of absence should, if practicable, give the Chief Executive Officer at least two (2) days' notice of their intention to attend.

The Quorum for a Meeting

5.10 The quorum for a meeting of the Council is a majority of the Councillors of the Council who hold office at that time and are not suspended from office.

Note: Clause 5.10 reflects section 368(1) of the Act.

5.11 Clause 5.10 does not apply if the quorum is required to be determined in accordance with directions of the Minister in a performance improvement order issued in respect of the Council.

Note: Clause 5.11 reflects section 368(2) of the Act.

5.12 A meeting of the Council must be adjourned if a quorum is not present:

(a) at the commencement of the meeting where the number of apologies received for the meeting indicates that there will not be a quorum for the meeting, or

(b) within half an hour after the time designated for the holding of the meeting, or

(c) at any time during the meeting.

5.13 In either case, the meeting must be adjourned to a time, date, and place fixed:

(a) by the Chairperson, or

(b) in the Chairperson's absence, by the majority of the Councillors present, or

(c) failing that, by the Chief Executive Officer.

5.14 The Chief Executive Officer must record in the Council's minutes the circumstances relating to the absence of a quorum (including the reasons for the absence of a quorum) at or arising during a meeting of the Council, together with the names of the Councillors present.

5.15 Where, prior to the commencement of a meeting, it becomes apparent that a quorum may not be present at the meeting, or that the health, safety or welfare of Councillors, Council staff and members of the public may be put at risk by attending the meeting because of a natural disaster or a public health emergency, the Lord Mayor may, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer and, as far as is practicable, with each Councillor, cancel the meeting. Where a meeting is cancelled, notice of the cancellation must be published on the Council's website and in such other manner that the Council is satisfied is likely to bring notice of the cancellation to the attention of as many people as possible.

5.16 Where a meeting is cancelled under clause 5.15, the business to be considered at the meeting may instead be considered, where practicable, at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council or at an Extraordinary Meeting called under clause 3.2.

Meetings Held by Audio-Visual Link

5.17 A meeting of the Council or a Committee of Council may be held by audio-visual link where the Lord Mayor determines that the meeting should be held by audio-visual link because of a natural disaster or a public health emergency. The Lord Mayor may only make a determination under this clause where they are satisfied that attendance at the meeting may put the health and safety of Councillors and staff at risk. The Lord Mayor must make a determination under this clause in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer and, as far as is practicable, with each Councillor.

5.18 Where the Lord Mayor determines under clause 5.17 that a meeting is to be held by audio-visual link, the Chief Executive Officer must:

(a) give written notice to all Councillors that the meeting is to be held by audio-visual link, and

(b) take all reasonable steps to ensure that all Councillors can participate in the meeting by audio-visual link, and

(c) cause a notice to be published on the Council's website and in such other manner the Chief Executive Officer is satisfied will bring it to the attention of as many people as possible, advising that the meeting is to be held by audio-visual link and providing information about where members of the public may view the meeting.

5.19 This Code applies to a meeting held by audio-visual link under clause 5.17 in the same way it would if the meeting was held in person.

Note: Where a Council holds a meeting by audio-visual link under clause 5.17, it is still required under section 10 of the Act to provide a physical venue for members of the public to attend in person and observe the meeting.

Attendance by Councillors at Meetings by Audio-Visual Link

5.20 Councillors may attend and participate in meetings of the Council and Committees of Council by audio-visual link with the approval of the Council or the relevant committee.

5.21 A request by a Councillor for approval to attend a meeting by audio-visual link must be made in writing to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the meeting in question and must provide reasons why the Councillor will be prevented from attending the meeting in person.

5.22 Councillors may request approval to attend more than one meeting by audio-visual link. Where a Councillor requests approval to attend more than one meeting by audio-visual link, the request must specify the meetings the request relates to in addition to the information required under clause 5.21.

5.23 The Council must comply with the Health Privacy Principles prescribed under the *Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002* when collecting, holding, using and disclosing health information in connection with a request by a Councillor to attend a meeting by audio-visual link.

5.24 A Councillor who has requested approval to attend a meeting of the Council or a Committee of Council by audio-visual link may participate in the meeting by audio-visual link until the Council or committee determines whether to approve their request and is to be taken as present at the meeting. The Councillor may participate in a decision in relation to their request to attend the meeting by audio-visual link.

5.25 A decision whether to approve a request by a Councillor to attend a meeting of the Council or a committee of the Council by audio-visual link must be made by a resolution of the Council or the committee concerned. The resolution must state:

(a) the meetings the resolution applies to, and

(b) the reason why the Councillor is being permitted to attend the meetings by audio-visual link where it is on grounds other than illness, disability, or caring responsibilities.

5.26 If the Council or committee refuses a Councillor's request to attend a meeting by audio-visual link, their link to the meeting is to be terminated.

5.27 A decision whether to approve a Councillor's request to attend a meeting by audio-visual link is at the Council's or the relevant committee's discretion. The Council and committees of the Council must act reasonably when considering requests by Councillors to attend meetings by audio-visual link. However, the Council and committees of the Council are under no obligation to approve a Councillor's request to attend a meeting by audio-visual link where the technical capacity does not exist to allow the Councillor to attend the meeting by these means.

5.28 The Council and Committees of Council may refuse a Councillor's request to attend a meeting by audio-visual link where the Council or committee is satisfied that the Councillor has failed to appropriately declare and manage conflicts of interest, observe confidentiality or to comply with this Code on one or more previous occasions they have attended a meeting of the Council or a Committee of Council by audio-visual link.

5.29 This Code applies to a Councillor attending a meeting by audio-visual link in the same way it would if the Councillor was attending the meeting in person. Where a Councillor is permitted to attend a meeting by audio-visual link under this Code, they are to be taken as attending the meeting in person for the purposes of the Code and will have the same voting rights as if they were attending the meeting in person.

5.30 A Councillor must give their full attention to the business and proceedings of the meeting when attending a meeting by audio-visual link. The Councillor's camera must be on at all times during the meeting except as may be otherwise provided for under this Code.

5.31 A Councillor must be appropriately dressed when attending a meeting by audio-visual link and must ensure that no items are within sight of the meeting that are inconsistent with the maintenance of order at the meeting or that are likely to bring the Council or the committee into disrepute.

Entitlement of the Public to Attend Council Meetings

5.32 Everyone is entitled to attend a meeting of the Council and Committee of Council. The Council must ensure that all meetings of the Council and Committees of Council are open to the public.

Note: Clause 5.32 reflects section 10(1) of the Act.

5.33 Clause 5.32 does not apply to parts of meetings that have been closed to the public under section 10A of the Act.

5.34 A person (whether a Councillor or another person) is not entitled to be present at a meeting of the Council or a committee of the Council if expelled from the meeting:

(a) by a resolution of the meeting, or

(b) by the person presiding at the meeting if the Council has, by resolution, authorised the person presiding to exercise the power of expulsion.

Note: Clause 5.34 reflects section 10(2) of the Act.

Note: Clauses 15.15 and 15.16 confer a standing authorisation on all Chairpersons of meetings of the Council and committees of the Council to expel persons from meetings. Clause 15.15 authorises Chairpersons to expel any person, including a Councillor, from a Council or committee meeting. Clause 15.16 authorises Chairpersons to expel persons other than Councillors from a Council or committee meeting.

Webcasting of Meetings

5.35 Each meeting of the Council or a Committee of Council is to be recorded by means of an audio or audio-visual device.

5.36 At the start of each meeting of the Council or a Committee of Council, the Chairperson must inform the persons attending the meeting that:

(a) the meeting is being recorded and made publicly available on the Council's website, and

(b) persons attending the meeting should refrain from making any defamatory statements.

5.37 The recording of a meeting is to be made publicly available on the Council's website:

(a) at the same time as the meeting is taking place, or
(b) on the Friday following the meeting.

5.38 The recording of a meeting is to be made publicly available on the Council's website for seven (7) years after the meeting.

5.39 Clauses 5.37 and 5.38 do not apply to any part of a meeting that has been closed to the public in accordance with section 10A of the Act.

Note: Clauses 5.35 – 5.39 reflect section 236 of the Regulation.

5.40 Recordings of meetings may be disposed of in accordance with the *State Records Act 1998*.

5.41 Access to webcasts/recordings of Council and Committee of Council Meetings are available to view on Council's website for personal and non-commercial use. All webcasts/recordings of Council or Committee of Council Meetings are subject to copyright under the *Copyright Act 1968* and cannot be reused or reproduced in any way without the permission of Council.

5.42 Whilst Council will take all reasonable efforts to ensure webcasting/recordings is available for meetings, there may be situations where, due to technical difficulties beyond Council's control, webcasting/recordings of a meeting may not be available. Council takes no responsibility for and accepts no liability in the event that webcasting/recording on Council's website is unavailable.

Attendance of the Chief Executive Officer and Other Staff at Meetings

5.43 The Chief Executive Officer is entitled to attend, but not to vote at, a meeting of the Council or a meeting of a Committee of Council of which all of the members are Councillors.

Note: Clause 5.43 reflects section 376(1) of the Act.

5.44 The Chief Executive Officer is entitled to attend a meeting of any other Committee of Council and may, if a member of the committee, exercise a vote.

Note: Clause 5.44 reflects section 376(2) of the Act.

5.45 The Chief Executive Officer may be excluded from a meeting of the Council or a Committee of Council while the Council or Committee deals with a matter relating to the standard of performance of the Chief Executive Officer or the terms of employment of the Chief Executive Officer.

Note: Clause 5.45 reflects section 376(3) of the Act.

5.46 The attendance of other Council staff at a meeting, (other than as members of the public) shall be with the approval of the Chief Executive Officer.

5.47 The Chief Executive Officer and other Council staff may attend meetings of the Council and Committees of Council by audio-visual-link. Attendance by Council staff at meetings by audio-visual link (other than as members of the public) shall be with the approval of the Chief Executive Officer.

6. THE CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson at Meetings

6.1 The Lord Mayor, or at the request of or in the absence of the Lord Mayor, the Deputy Lord Mayor (if any) presides at meetings of the Council.

Note: Clause 6.1 reflects section 369(1) of the Act.

6.2 If the Lord Mayor and the Deputy Lord Mayor (if any) are absent, a Councillor elected to chair the meeting by the Councillors present presides at a meeting of the Council.

Note: Clause 6.2 reflects section 369(2) of the Act.

Election of the Chairperson in the Absence of the Lord Mayor and Lord Deputy Mayor

6.3 If no Chairperson is present at a meeting of the Council at the time designated for the holding of the meeting, the first business of the meeting must be the election of a Chairperson to preside at the meeting.

6.4 The election of a Chairperson must be conducted:

(a) by the Chief Executive Officer or, in their absence, an employee of the Council designated by the Chief Executive Officer to conduct the election, or

(b) by the person who called the meeting or a person acting on their behalf if neither the Chief Executive Officer nor a designated employee is present at the meeting, or if there is no Chief Executive Officer or designated employee.

6.5 If, at an election of a Chairperson, two (2) or more candidates receive the same number of votes and no other candidate receives a greater number of votes, the Chairperson is to be the candidate whose name is chosen by lot.

6.6 For the purposes of clause 6.5, the person conducting the election must:

(a) arrange for the names of the candidates who have equal numbers of votes to be written on similar slips, and

(b) then fold the slips so as to prevent the names from being seen, mix the slips and draw one of the slips at random.

6.7 The candidate whose name is on the drawn slip is the candidate who is to be the Chairperson.

6.8 Any election conducted under clause 6.3, and the outcome of the vote, are to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Chairperson to Have Precedence

6.9 When the Chairperson rises or speaks during a meeting of the Council:

(a) any Councillor then speaking or seeking to speak must cease speaking and, if standing, immediately resume their seat, and

(b) every Councillor present must be silent to enable the Chairperson to be heard without interruption.

7. MODES OF ADDRESS

7.1 If the Chairperson is the Lord Mayor, they are to be addressed as "Lord Mayor".

7.2 Where the Chairperson is not the Lord Mayor, they are to be addressed as "Chairperson"

7.3 A Councillor is to be addressed as 'Councillor [surname]'.

7.4 A Council Officer is to be addressed by their official designation or by their surname.

8. ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS

8.1 The general order of business for an Ordinary Meeting of the Council shall be:

01 Opening meeting
02 Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners of Land
03 Webcasting Announcement
04 General recording of meeting announcement
05 Apologies and applications for a leave of absence or attendance by audio-visual link by Councillors
06 Confirmation of minutes
07 Disclosures of interests
08 Minutes of the Lord Mayor
09 Items by Exception
10 Public Forums
11 Items Raised in Public Forum
12 Petitions
13 Rescission Motions
14 Reports to Council – For Notation
15 Reports to Council – For Council Decision
16 Notices of Motions
17 Questions with Notice
18 Questions Taken on Notice at the previous Council meeting
19 Confidential Matters
20 Announcement of Resolutions made in Closed Session
21 Conclusion of the Meeting

Note: Petitions will be handled in accordance with relevant Council policies.

8.2 The order of business as fixed under clause 8.1 may be altered for a particular meeting of the Council if a motion to that effect is passed at that meeting. Such a motion can be moved without notice.

Note: Part 13 allows Council to deal with items of business by exception.

8.3 Despite clauses 10.22 and 10.25-10.34, only the mover of a motion referred to in clause 8.2 may speak to the Motion before it is put.

9. CONSIDERATION OF BUSINESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Business that Can Be Dealt with at a Council Meeting

9.1 The Council must not consider business at a meeting of the Council:

(a) unless a Councillor has given notice of the business, as required by clause 3.9, and

(b) unless notice of the business has been sent to the Councillors in accordance with clause 3.6 in the case of an ordinary meeting or clause 3.8 in the case of an Extraordinary Meeting called in an emergency.

9.2 Clause 9.1 does not apply to the consideration of business at a meeting, if the business:

(a) is already before, or directly relates to, a matter that is already before the Council, or

(b) is the election of a Chairperson to preside at the meeting, or

(c) subject to clause 9.11, is a matter or topic put to the meeting by way of a Lord Mayoral Minute, or

(d) is a motion for the adoption of recommendations of a committee, including, but not limited to, a Committee of Council.

9.3 Despite clause 9.1, business may be considered at a meeting of the Council even though due notice of the business has not been given to the Councillors if:

(a) a motion is passed to have the business considered at the meeting, and

(b) the business to be considered is ruled by the Chairperson to be of great urgency on the grounds that it requires a decision by the Council before the next scheduled Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

9.4 A motion moved under clause 9.3(a) can be moved without notice. Despite clauses 10.22 and 10.25-10.34, only the mover of a motion referred to in clause 9.3(a) can speak to the motion before it is put.

9.5 A motion of dissent cannot be moved against a ruling by the Chairperson under clause 9.3(b).

9.6 A separate motion and establishment of urgency is required for each new item of proposed business under clause 9.3.

Lord Mayoral Minutes

9.7 Subject to clause 9.11, if the Lord Mayor is the Chairperson at a Meeting of the Council, the Lord Mayor may, by minute signed by the Lord Mayor, put to the meeting without notice any matter or topic that is within the jurisdiction of the Council, or of which the Council has official knowledge.

9.8 A Lord Mayoral Minute, when put to a meeting, takes precedence over all business on the Council's agenda for the meeting. The Chairperson (but only if the Chairperson is the Lord Mayor) may move the adoption of a Lord Mayoral Minute without the motion being seconded.

9.9 In the tabling of a Lord Mayoral Minute, the Lord Mayor will read the Minute for the purposes of webcasting. A copy of the minute is to be made available to the gallery and the press. The full content of any Lord Mayoral Minute not already included in a published agenda or business paper will be included in the Council minutes.

9.10 A recommendation made in a Lord Mayoral Minute put by the Lord Mayor is, so far as it is adopted by the Council, a resolution of the Council.

9.11 A Lord Mayoral Minute must not be used to put without notice matters that are routine and not urgent or matters for which proper notice should be given because of their complexity. For the purpose of this clause, a matter will be urgent where it requires a decision by the Council before the next scheduled Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

9.12 Where a Lord Mayoral Minute makes a recommendation which, if adopted, would require the expenditure of funds on works and/or services other than those already provided for in the Council's current adopted operational plan, it must identify the source of funding for the expenditure that is the subject of the recommendation. If the Lord Mayoral Minute does not identify a funding source, the Council must defer consideration of the matter, pending a report from the Chief Executive Officer on the availability of funds for implementing the recommendation if adopted.

Petitions

9.13 A Petition will be tabled at the Council meeting at the relevant point in the order of business.

9.14 Petitions are not to be debated.

9.15 Petitions will be handled in accordance with Council's Petitions Policy.

9.16 As a matter of practice, the petition will be referred to the relevant Council officer/s, and a copy of the petition will be distributed to all Councillors.

Staff Reports

9.17 A recommendation made in a staff report is, so far as it is adopted by the Council, a resolution of the Council.

Reports of Committees of Council

9.18 The recommendations of a Committee of Council are, so far as they are adopted by the Council, resolutions of the Council.

9.19 If in a report of a Committee of Council distinct recommendations are made, the Council may make separate decisions on each recommendation.

Questions

9.20 A question must not be asked at a meeting of the Council unless it concerns a matter on the agenda of the meeting or notice has been given of the question in accordance with clauses 3.9 and 3.13.

9.21 A Councillor may, through the Chairperson, put a question to another Councillor about a matter on the agenda.

9.22 A Councillor may, through the Chief Executive Officer, put a question to a Council employee about a matter on the agenda. Council employees are only obliged to answer a question put to them through the Chief Executive Officer at the direction of the Chief Executive Officer.

9.23 A Councillor or Council employee to whom a question is put is entitled to be given reasonable notice of the question and, in particular, sufficient notice to enable reference to be made to other persons or to information. Where a Councillor or Council employee to whom a question is put is unable to respond to the question at the meeting at which it is put, they may take it on notice and report the response to the next meeting of the Council.

9.24 Councillors must put questions directly, succinctly, respectfully and without argument.

9.25 The Chairperson must not permit discussion on any reply to, or refusal to reply to, a question put to a Councillor or Council employee.

9.26 Responses to any questions by either Councillors or Council staff should be made through the Chairperson. Should the Council staff wish to comment upon any matter before the Council, the Council staff should seek the leave of the Chairperson to do so.

10. RULES OF DEBATE

Motions to be Seconded

10.1 Unless otherwise specified in this Code, a Motion or an Amendment cannot be debated unless or until it has been seconded.

Notices of Motion

10.2 A Councillor who has submitted a Notice of Motion under clause 3.9 is to move the motion the subject of the Notice of Motion at the meeting at which it is to be considered.

10.3 If a Councillor who has submitted a Notice of Motion under clause 3.9 wishes to withdraw it after the agenda and business paper for the meeting at which it is to be considered have been sent to Councillors, the Councillor may request the withdrawal of the Motion when it is before the Council.

10.4 In the absence of a Councillor who has placed a Notice of Motion on the agenda for a meeting of the Council:

(a) any other Councillor may, with the leave of the Chairperson, move the Motion at the meeting, or

(b) the Chairperson may defer consideration of the Motion until the next meeting of the Council.

Chairperson's Duties with Respect to Motions

10.5 It is the duty of the Chairperson at a meeting of the Council to receive and put to the meeting any lawful Motion that is brought before the meeting.

10.6 The Chairperson must rule out of order any Motion or amendment to a Motion that is unlawful or the implementation of which would be unlawful.

10.7 Before ruling out of order a Motion or an amendment to a Motion under clause 10.6, the Chairperson is to give the mover an opportunity to clarify or amend the Motion or Amendment.

10.8 Any Motion, Amendment, or other matter that the Chairperson has ruled out of order is taken to have been lost.

Motions Requiring the Expenditure of Funds

10.9 A Motion or an amendment to a Motion which if passed would require the expenditure of funds on works and/or services other than those already provided for in the Council's current adopted operational plan must identify the source of funding for the expenditure that is the subject of the Motion. If the Motion does not identify a funding source, the Council must defer consideration of the matter, pending a report from the Chief Executive Officer on the availability of funds for implementing the Motion if adopted.

Amendments to Motions

10.10 An amendment to a Motion must be moved and seconded before it can be debated.

10.11 An amendment to a Motion must relate to the matter being dealt with in the original Motion before the Council and must not be a direct negative of the original Motion. An amendment to a Motion which does not relate to the matter being dealt with in the original Motion, or which is a direct negative of the original Motion, must be ruled out of order by the Chairperson.

10.12 The mover of an Amendment is to be given the opportunity to explain any uncertainties in the proposed Amendment before a seconder is called for.

10.13 If an Amendment has been lost, a Further Amendment can be moved to the Motion to which the lost amendment was moved, and so on, but no more than one (1) Motion and one (1) proposed Amendment can be before Council at any one time.

10.14 While an Amendment is being considered, debate must only occur in relation to the Amendment and not the original Motion. Debate on the original Motion is to be suspended while the Amendment to the original Motion is being debated.

10.15 If the Amendment is carried, it becomes the Motion and is to be debated. If the Amendment is lost, debate is to resume on the original Motion.

10.16 An Amendment may become the Motion without debate or a vote where it is accepted by the Councillor who moved the original Motion.

10.17 Any variation to a Motion or to an Amendment or for a fresh Motion/ Amendment shall be provided to the Council Secretariat in writing where possible.

10.18 Councillors are asked, where they propose to move an amendment to a staff recommendation, a committee recommendation, a Notice of Motion or any recommendation printed in the business paper, to provide copies of the proposed amendment to the Chief Executive Officer at, or prior to, the start of the meeting, for circulation to relevant staff.

Foreshadowed Motions

10.19 A Councillor may propose a Foreshadowed Motion in relation to the matter the subject of the original Motion before the Council, without a seconder during debate on the original Motion. The Foreshadowed Motion is only to be considered if the original Motion is lost or withdrawn and the Foreshadowed Motion is then moved and seconded. If the original Motion is carried, the Foreshadowed Motion lapses.

10.20 Where an amendment has been moved and seconded, a Councillor may, without a seconder, foreshadow a further amendment that they propose to move after the first amendment has been dealt with. There is no limit to the number of foreshadowed amendments that may be put before the Council at any time. However, no discussion can take place on foreshadowed amendments until the previous amendment has been dealt with and the foreshadowed amendment has been moved and seconded.

10.21 Foreshadowed motions and foreshadowed amendments are to be considered in the order in which they are proposed. However, foreshadowed motions cannot be considered until all foreshadowed amendments have been dealt with.

Limitations on the Number and Duration of Speeches

10.22 A Councillor who, during a debate at a meeting of the Council, moves an original Motion, has the right to speak on each Amendment to the Motion and a right of general reply to all observations that are made during the debate in relation to the Motion, and any Amendment to it at the conclusion of the debate before the Motion (whether amended or not) is finally put.

10.23 No new arguments or material should be introduced during the "right of reply".

10.24 A Councillor must declare whether they intend to speak 'for' or 'against' a Motion. Once a Councillor has declared their intent, the Chairperson may rule them out of order if they speak contrary to their intention.

10.25 A Councillor, other than the mover of an original Motion, has the right to speak once on the Motion and once on each Amendment to it.

10.26 A Councillor must not, without the consent of the Council, speak more than once on a Motion or an Amendment, or for longer than five (5) minutes at any one time. The Council may resolve to extend the allocated time of a Councillor to speak by up to one (1) minute. Time taken to ask and answer questions of staff and other Councillors will not be included in a Councillor's allocated time to speak.

10.27 Despite clause 10.26, the Chairperson may permit a Councillor who claims to have been misrepresented or misunderstood to speak more than once on a Motion or an amendment, and for longer than five (5) minutes on that Motion or Amendment to enable the Councillor to make a statement limited to explaining the misrepresentation or misunderstanding.

10.28 Despite clause 10.26, the Council may resolve to shorten the duration of speeches to expedite the consideration of business at a meeting.

10.29 Despite clauses 10.22 and 10.25, a Councillor may move that a Motion or an amendment be now put:

(a) if the mover of the Motion or amendment has spoken in favour of it and no Councillor expresses an intention to speak against it, or

(b) if at least two (2) Councillors have spoken in favour of the Motion or amendment and at least two (2) Councillors have spoken against it.

10.30 The Chairperson must immediately put to the vote, without debate, a Motion moved under clause 10.29. A seconder is not required for such a Motion.

10.31 If a Motion that the original Motion or an Amendment be now put is passed, the Chairperson must, without further debate, put the original Motion or Amendment to the vote immediately after the mover of the original Motion has exercised their right of reply under clause 10.22.

10.32 If a Motion that the original Motion or an Amendment be now put is lost, the Chairperson must allow the debate on the original Motion or the Amendment to be resumed.

10.33 All Councillors must be heard without interruption and all other Councillors must, unless otherwise permitted under this Code, remain silent while another Councillor is speaking.

10.34 Once the debate on a matter has concluded and a matter has been dealt with, the Chairperson must not allow further debate on the matter.

Procedural Motions

A Procedural Motion is a Motion that refers to the conduct of a meeting.

10.35 Procedural Motions are not subject to the Notice of Motion requirements in clause 3.9.

10.36 For the purposes of this Code, a Procedural Motion requires a seconder.

10.37 For the purposes of this Code, there is no debate allowed on a Procedural Motion.

10.38 A Procedural Motion has precedence over substantive Motions and must be put to the meeting for a decision.

11. VOTING

Voting Entitlements of Councillors

11.1 Each Councillor is entitled to one (1) vote.

Note: Clause 11.1 reflects section 370(1) of the Act.

11.2 The person presiding at a meeting of the Council has, in the event of an equality of votes, a second or casting vote.

Note: Clause 11.2 reflects section 370(2) of the Act.

11.3 Where the Chairperson declines to exercise, or fails to exercise, their second or casting vote, in the event of an equality of votes, the motion being voted upon is lost.

Voting at Council Meetings

11.4 A Councillor who is present at a meeting of the Council but who fails to vote on a Motion put to the meeting is taken to have voted against the Motion.

11.5 If a Councillor who has voted against a Motion put at a Council meeting so requests, the Chief Executive Officer must ensure that the Councillor's dissenting vote is recorded in the Council's minutes.

11.6 The decision of the Chairperson as to the result of a vote is final unless the decision is immediately challenged and not fewer than two (2) Councillors rise and call for a division.

11.7 When a division on a Motion is called, the Chairperson must ensure that the division takes place immediately. The Chief Executive Officer must ensure that the names of those who vote for the Motion and those who vote against it are recorded in the Council's minutes for the meeting.

11.8 When a division on a Motion is called, any Councillor who fails to vote will be recorded as having voted against the Motion in accordance with clause 11.4 of this Code.

11.9 Voting at a meeting, including voting in an election at a meeting, is to be by open means (such as on the voices, by show of hands or by a visible electronic voting system). However, the Council may resolve that the voting in any election by Councillors for Lord Mayor or Deputy Lord Mayor is to be by secret ballot.

11.10 All voting at Council meetings, (including meetings that are closed to the public), must be recorded in the minutes of meetings with the names of Councillors who voted for and against each Motion or Amendment, (including the use of the casting vote), being recorded.

Voting on Planning Decisions

11.11 The Chief Executive Officer must keep a register containing, for each planning decision made at a meeting of the Council or a Council committee (including, but not limited to a Committee of Council), the names of the Councillors who supported the decision and the names of any Councillors who opposed (or are taken to have opposed) the decision.

11.12 For the purpose of maintaining the register, a division is taken to have been called whenever a motion for a planning decision is put at a meeting of the Council or a Council committee.

11.13 Each decision recorded in the register is to be described in the register or identified in a manner that enables the description to be obtained from another publicly available document.

11.14 Clauses 11.11–11.13 apply also to meetings that are closed to the public.

Note: Clauses 11.11–11.14 reflect section 375A of the Act.

Note: The requirements of clause 11.11 may be satisfied by maintaining a register of the minutes of each planning decision.

12. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

12.1 The Council may resolve itself into a committee to consider any matter before the Council.

Note: Clause 12.1 reflects section 373 of the Act.

12.2 All the provisions of this Code relating to meetings of the Council, so far as they are applicable, extend to and govern the proceedings of the Council when in committee of the whole, except the provisions limiting the number and duration of speeches.

Note: Clauses 10.22 and 10.25-34 limit the number and duration of speeches.

12.3 The Chief Executive Officer or, in the absence of the Chief Executive Officer, an employee of the Council designated by the Chief Executive Officer, is responsible for reporting to the Council the proceedings of the committee of the whole. It is not necessary to report the proceedings in full, but any recommendations of the committee must be reported.

12.4 The Council must ensure that a report of the proceedings (including any recommendations of the committee) is recorded in the Council's minutes. However, the Council is not taken to have adopted the report until a motion for adoption has been made and passed.

13. DEALING WITH ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

13.1 The Council or a Committee of Council may, at any time resolve to adopt multiple items in accordance with the recommendation as printed, by way of a single resolution.

13.2 Should a Councillor request to debate an item, they are to request the item be withdrawn for debate.

13.3 The Council or Committee of Council must not resolve to adopt any item of business under clause 13.1 that a Councillor has identified as being one they intend to debate.

13.4 A motion to adopt multiple items of business under clause 13.1 must identify the items of business to be adopted and state that they are to be adopted as recommended in the business paper.

13.5 Councillors must ensure that they declare and manage any conflicts of interest they may have in relation to items of business considered together under clause 13.1 in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Code of Conduct.

14. CLOSURE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS TO THE PUBLIC

Grounds on which Meetings can be Closed to the Public

14.1 The Council or a Committee of Council may close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises the discussion or the receipt of any of the following types of matters:

(a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors),

(b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer,

(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business,

(d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:

(i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or

(ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council, or

(iii) reveal a trade secret,

(e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law,

(f) matters affecting the security of the Council, Councillors, Council staff or Council property,

(g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege,

(h) information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on community land,

(i) alleged contraventions of the Council's Code of Conduct.

Note: Clause 14.1 reflects section 10A(1) and (2) of the Act.

14.2 The Council or a Committee of Council may also close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises a motion to close another part of the meeting to the public.

Note: Clause 14.2 reflects section 10A(3) of the Act.

Matters to be Considered when Closing Meetings to the Public

14.3 A meeting is not to remain closed during the discussion of anything referred to in clause 14.1:

(a) except for so much of the discussion as is necessary to preserve the relevant confidentiality, privilege or security, and

(b) if the matter concerned is a matter other than a personnel matter concerning particular individuals, the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer or a trade secret – unless the Council or committee concerned is satisfied that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

Note: Clause 14.3 reflects section 10B(1) of the Act.

14.4 A meeting is not to be closed during the receipt and consideration of information or advice referred to in clause 14.1(g) unless the advice concerns legal matters that:

(a) are substantial issues relating to a matter in which the Council or committee is involved, and

(b) are clearly identified in the advice, and

(c) are fully discussed in that advice.

Note: Clause 14.4 reflects section 10B(2) of the Act.

14.5 If a meeting is closed during the discussion of a motion to close another part of the meeting to the public (as referred to in clause 14.2), the consideration of the motion must not include any consideration of the matter or information to be discussed in that other part of the meeting other than consideration of whether the matter concerned is a matter referred to in clause 14.1.

Note: Clause 14.5 reflects section 10B(3) of the Act.

14.6 For the purpose of determining whether the discussion of a matter in an open meeting would be contrary to the public interest, it is irrelevant that:

(a) a person may misinterpret or misunderstand the discussion, or

(b) the discussion of the matter may:

(i) cause embarrassment to the Council or committee concerned, or to Councillors or to employees of the Council, or

(ii) cause a loss of confidence in the Council or committee.

Note: Clause 14.6 reflects section 10B(4) of the Act.

14.7 In deciding whether part of a meeting is to be closed to the public, the Council or committee concerned must consider any relevant guidelines issued by the Departmental Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government.

Note: Clause 14.7 reflects section 10B(5) of the Act.

Notice of Likelihood of Closure Not Required in Urgent Cases

14.8 Part of a meeting of the Council, or of a committee of the Council, may be closed to the public while the Council or committee considers a matter that has not been identified in the agenda for the meeting under clause 3.21 as a matter that is likely to be considered when the meeting is closed, but only if:

(a) it becomes apparent during the discussion of a particular matter that the matter is a matter referred to in clause 14.1, and

(b) the Council or committee, after considering any representations made under clause 14.9, resolves that further discussion of the matter:

(i) should not be deferred (because of the urgency of the matter), and

(ii) should take place in a part of the meeting that is closed to the public.

Note: Clause 14.8 reflects section 10C of the Act.

Representations by Members of the Public

14.9 The Council, or a Committee of Council, may allow members of the public to make representations to or at a meeting, before any part of the meeting is closed to the public, as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

Note: Clause 14.9 reflects section 10A(4) of the Act.

14.10 A representation under clause 14.9 is to be made after the motion to close the part of the meeting is moved and seconded.

14.11 Where the matter has been identified in the agenda of the meeting under clause 3.21 as a matter that is likely to be considered when the meeting is closed to the public, in order to make representations under clause 14.9, members of the public must first make an application to the Council in the approved form. Applications must be received by 4pm on the Thursday prior to the day of the meeting at which the matter is to be considered.

14.12 The Chief Executive Officer (or their delegate) may refuse an application made under clause 14.11. The Chief Executive Officer or their delegate must give reasons in writing for a decision to refuse an application.

14.13 No more than five (5) speakers are to be permitted to make representations under clause 14.9.

14.14 If more than the permitted number of speakers apply to make representations under clause 14.9, the Chief Executive Officer or their delegate may request the speakers to nominate from among themselves the persons who are to make representations to the Council. If the speakers are not able to agree on whom to nominate to make representations under clause 14.9, the Chief Executive Officer or their delegate is to determine who will make representations to the Council.

14.15 The Chief Executive Officer (or their delegate) is to determine the order of speakers.

14.16 Where the Council or a committee of the Council proposes to close a meeting or part of a meeting to the public in circumstances where the matter has not been identified in the agenda for the meeting under clause 3.21 as a matter that is likely to be considered when the meeting is closed to the public, the Chairperson is to invite representations from the public under clause 14.9 after the motion to close the part of the meeting is moved and seconded. The Chairperson is to permit no more than five (5) speakers to make representations in such order as determined by the Chairperson.

14.17 In line with Public Forum provisions, as per clause 4.9, each speaker will be allowed three (3) minutes (excluding staff response, if any) to make representations, and this time limit is to be strictly enforced by the Chairperson. Speakers must confine their representations to whether the meeting should be closed to the public. If a speaker digresses to irrelevant matters, the Chairperson is to direct the speaker not to do so. If a speaker fails to observe a direction from the Chairperson, the speaker will not be further heard.

14.18 Specialist advisors may be invited to attend closed meetings. In such instances, the names of these specialists are to be recorded and shown in the minutes of the meeting.

Expulsion of Non-Councillors from Meetings Closed to the Public

14.19 If a meeting or part of a meeting of the Council or a Committee of Council is closed to the public in accordance with section 10A of the Act and this Code, any person who is not a Councillor and who fails to leave the meeting when requested, may be expelled from the meeting as provided by section 10(2)(a) or (b) of the Act.

14.20 If any such person, after being notified of a resolution or direction expelling them from the meeting, fails to leave the place where the meeting is being held, a police officer, or any person authorised for the purpose by the Council or person presiding, may, by using only such force as is necessary, remove the first-mentioned person from that place and, if necessary restrain that person from re-entering that place for the remainder of the meeting.

Obligations of Councillors Attending Meetings by Audio-Visual Link

14.21 Councillors attending a meeting by audio-visual link must ensure that no other person is within sight or hearing of the meeting at any time that the meeting is closed to the public under section 10A of the Act.

Information to be Disclosed in Resolutions Closing Meetings to the Public

14.22 The grounds on which part of a meeting is closed must be stated in the decision to close that part of the meeting and must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. The grounds must specify the following:

(a) the relevant provision of section 10A(2) of the Act,

(b) the matter that is to be discussed during the closed part of the meeting,

(c) the reasons why the part of the meeting is being closed, including (if the matter concerned is a matter other than a personnel matter concerning particular individuals, the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer or a trade secret) an explanation of the way in which discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

Note: Clause 14.22 reflects section 10D of the Act.

Resolutions Passed at Closed Meetings to be made Public

14.23 If the Council passes a resolution during a meeting, or a part of a meeting, that is closed to the public, the Chairperson must make the resolution public as soon as practicable after the meeting, or the relevant part of the meeting, has ended, and the resolution must be recorded in the publicly available minutes of the meeting.

14.24 Resolutions passed during a meeting, or a part of a meeting, that is closed to the public must be made public by the Chairperson, Chief Executive Officer or their delegate under clause 14.23 during a part of the meeting that is webcast.

15. KEEPING ORDER AT MEETINGS

Points of Order

15.1 A Councillor may draw the attention of the Chairperson to an alleged breach of this Code by raising a point of order. A point of order does not require a seconder.

15.2 A point of order cannot be made with respect to adherence to the principles contained in clause 2.1.

15.3 A point of order must be taken immediately it is raised. The Chairperson must suspend the business before the meeting and permit the Councillor raising the point of order to state the provision of this Code they believe has been breached. The Chairperson must then rule on the point of order – either by upholding it or by overruling it.

Questions of Order

15.4 The Chairperson, without the intervention of any other Councillor, may call any Councillor to order whenever, in the opinion of the Chairperson, it is necessary to do so.

15.5 A Councillor who claims that another Councillor has committed an act of disorder, or is out of order, may call the attention of the Chairperson to the matter.

15.6 The Chairperson must rule on a question of order immediately after it is raised but, before doing so, may invite the opinion of the Council.

15.7 The Chairperson's ruling must be obeyed unless a motion dissenting from the ruling is passed.

Motions of Dissent

15.8 A Councillor can, without notice, move to dissent from a ruling of the Chairperson on a point of order or a question of order. If that happens, the Chairperson must suspend the business before the meeting until a decision is made on the motion of dissent.

15.9 If a motion of dissent is passed, the Chairperson must proceed with the suspended business as though the ruling dissented from had not been given. If, as a result of the ruling, any motion or business has been rejected as out of order, the Chairperson must restore the motion or business to the agenda and proceed with it in due course.

15.10 Despite any other provision of this Code, only the mover of a motion of dissent and the Chairperson can speak to the motion before it is put. The mover of the motion does not have a right of general reply.

Acts of Disorder

15.11 A Councillor commits an act of disorder if the Councillor, at a meeting of the Council or a Committee of Council:

(a) contravenes the Act, the Regulation or this Code, or

(b) assaults or threatens to assault another Councillor or person present at the meeting, or

(c) moves or attempts to move a motion or an amendment that has an unlawful purpose or that deals with a matter that is outside the jurisdiction of the Council or the committee, or addresses or attempts to address the Council or the committee on such a motion, amendment or matter, or

(d) insults, makes unfavourable personal remarks about, or imputes improper motives to any other Council official, or alleges a breach of the Council's Code of Conduct, or

(e) uses indecent languages, or

(f) constant interjections whilst another Councillor is addressing the Chair, or

(g) uninvited commenting, shouting or being disruptive, or

(e) says or does anything that is inconsistent with maintaining order at the meeting or is likely to bring the Council or the committee into disrepute.

Note: Clause 15.11 reflects section 182 of the Regulation.

15.12 The Chairperson may require a Councillor:

(a) to apologise without reservation for an act of disorder referred to in clauses 15.11(a), (b), or (e), or

(b) to withdraw a motion or an amendment referred to in clause 15.11(c) and, where appropriate, to apologise without reservation, or

(c) to retract and apologise without reservation for any statement that constitutes an act of disorder referred to in clauses 15.11(d) and (e).

Note: Clause 15.12 reflects section 233 of the Regulation.

How Disorder at a Meeting May be Dealt With

15.13 If disorder occurs at a meeting of the Council, the Chairperson may adjourn the meeting for a period of not more than fifteen (15) minutes and leave the Chair. The Council, on reassembling, must, on a question put from the Chairperson, decide without debate whether the business is to be proceeded with or not. This clause applies to disorder arising from the conduct of members of the public as well as disorder arising from the conduct of Councillors.

Expulsion from Meetings

15.14 All Chairpersons of meetings of the Council and Committees of Council are authorised under this Code to expel any person, including any Councillor, from a Council or committee meeting, for the purposes of section 10(2)(b) of the Act.

15.15 Clause 15.14, does not limit the ability of the Council or a Committee of Council to resolve to expel a person, including a Councillor, from a Council or committee meeting, under section 10(2)(a) of the Act.

15.16 A Councillor may, as provided by section 10(2)(a) or (b) of the Act, be expelled from a meeting of the Council for having failed to comply with a requirement under clause 15.12. The expulsion of a Councillor from the meeting for that reason does not prevent any other action from being taken against the Councillor for the act of disorder concerned.

Note: Clause 15.16 reflects section 233(2) of the Regulation.

15.17 In addition to Clause 15.15, a Councillor who commits an act of disorder may be subject to the provision of the Code of Conduct.

15.18 A member of the public may, as provided by section 10(2)(a) or (b) of the Act, be expelled from a meeting of the Council for engaging in or having engaged in disorderly conduct at the meeting.

15.19 Where a Councillor or a member of the public is expelled from a meeting, the expulsion and the name of the person expelled, if known, are to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

15.20 If a Councillor or a member of the public fails to leave the place where a meeting of the Council is being held immediately after they have been expelled, a police officer, or any person authorised for the purpose by the Council or person presiding, may, by using only such force as is necessary, remove the Councillor or member of the public from that place and, if necessary, restrain the Councillor or member of the public from re-entering that place for the remainder of the meeting.

How Disorder by Councillors Attending Meetings by Audio-Visual Link May be Dealt With

15.21 Where a Councillor is attending a meeting by audio-visual link, the Chairperson or a person authorised by the Chairperson may mute the Councillor's audio link to the meeting for the purposes of enforcing compliance with this Code.

15.22 If a Councillor attending a meeting by audio-visual link is expelled from a meeting for an act of disorder, the Chairperson of the meeting or a person authorised by the Chairperson, may terminate the Councillor's audio-visual link to the meeting.

Use of Mobile Phones and the Unauthorised Recording of Meetings

15.23 Councillors, Council staff and members of the public must ensure that mobile phones are turned to silent during meetings of the Council and Committees of Council.

15.24 A person must not live stream or use an audio recorder, video camera, mobile phone or any other device to make a recording or take photographs of the proceedings of a meeting of the Council or a Committee of Council without the prior authorisation of the Council or the committee.

15.25 Without limiting clause 15.18, a contravention of clause 15.24 or an attempt to contravene that clause, constitutes disorderly conduct for the purposes of clause 15.18. Any person who contravenes or attempts to contravene clause 15.24, may be expelled from the meeting as provided for under section 10(2) of the Act.

15.26 If any such person, after being notified of a resolution or direction expelling them from the meeting, fails to leave the place where the meeting is being held, a police officer, or any person authorised for the purpose by the Council or person presiding, may, by using only such force as is necessary, remove the first-mentioned person from that place and, if necessary, restrain that person from re-entering that place for the remainder of the meeting.

16. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

16.1 All Councillors and, where applicable, all other persons, must declare and manage any conflicts of interest they may have in matters being considered at meetings of the Council and Committees of Council in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct. All declarations of conflicts of interest and how the conflict of interest was managed by the person who made the declaration must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which the declaration was made.

16.2 Councillors attending a meeting by audio-visual link must declare and manage any conflicts of interest they may have in matters being considered at the meeting in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct. Where a Councillor has declared a pecuniary or significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest in a matter being discussed at the meeting, the Councillor's audio-visual link to the meeting must be suspended or terminated and the Councillor must not be in sight or hearing of the meeting at any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed by the Council or committee, or at any time during which the Council or committee is voting on the matter.

17. DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL

Council Decisions

17.1 A decision supported by a majority of the votes at a meeting of the Council at which a quorum is present is a decision of the Council.

Note: Clause 17.1 reflects section 371 of the Act.

17.2 Decisions made by the Council must be accurately recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which the decision is made.

Rescinding or altering Council decisions

17.3 A rescission motion is to be moved by the first signatory to the motion and failing that person being in attendance, the second signatory to move same and so on.

17.4 A resolution passed by the Council may not be altered or rescinded except by a motion to that effect of which notice has been given under clause 3.9.

Note: Clause 17.4 reflects section 372(1) of the Act.

17.5 A Notice of Motion to rescind a resolution must be in writing and must be submitted by 2.00pm on the business day following the Council meeting or Committee of Council meeting.

17.6 If a Notice of Motion to rescind a resolution is given at the meeting at which the resolution is carried, the resolution must not be carried into effect until the motion of rescission has been dealt with.

Note: Clause 17.6 reflects section 372(2) of the Act.

17.7 All rescission motions will be listed on the next available Council Meeting agenda for consideration.

17.8 If a Motion has been lost, a motion having the same effect must not be considered unless notice of it has been duly given in accordance with clause 3.9.

Note: Clause 17.7 reflects section 372(3) of the Act.

17.9 A Notice of Motion to alter or rescind a resolution, and a Notice of Motion which has the same effect as a Motion which has been lost, must be signed by three (3) Councillors if less than three (3) months has elapsed since the resolution was passed, or the motion was lost.

Note: Clause 17.9 reflects section 372(4) of the Act.

17.10 If a motion to alter or rescind a resolution has been lost, or if a motion which has the same effect as a previously lost motion is lost, no similar motion may be brought forward within three (3) months of the meeting at which it was lost. This clause may not be evaded by substituting a motion differently worded, but in principle the same.

Note: Clause 17.10 reflects section 372(5) of the Act.

17.11 The provisions of clauses 17.8-17.10 concerning lost motions do not apply to motions of adjournment.

Note: Clause 17.11 reflects section 372(7) of the Act.

17.12 A Notice of Motion submitted in accordance with clause 17.5 may only be withdrawn under clause 3.10 with the consent of all signatories to the notice of motion.

17.13 A motion to alter or rescind a resolution of the Council may be moved on the report of a Committee of Council and any such report must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the Council.

Note: Clause 17.13 reflects section 372(6) of the Act.

17.14 Subject to clause 17.10, in cases of urgency, a motion to alter or rescind a resolution of the Council may be moved at the same meeting at which the resolution was adopted, where:

(a) a Notice of Motion signed by three Councillors is submitted to the Chairperson, and

(b) a motion to have the motion considered at the meeting is passed, and

(c) the Chairperson rules the business that is the subject of the motion is of great urgency on the grounds that it requires a decision by the Council before the next scheduled ordinary meeting of the Council.

17.15 A motion moved under clause 17.14(b) can be moved without notice. Despite clauses 10.22 and 10.25-10.34, only the mover of a motion referred to in clause 17.14(b) can speak to the motion before it is put.

17.16 A motion of dissent cannot be moved against a ruling by the Chairperson under clause 17.14(c).

Recommitting Resolutions to Correct an Error

17.17 Despite the provisions of this Part, a Councillor may, with the leave of the Chairperson, move to recommit a resolution adopted at the same meeting:

(a) to correct any error, ambiguity or imprecision in the Council's resolution, or

(b) to confirm the voting on the resolution.

17.18 In seeking the leave of the Chairperson to move to recommit a resolution for the purposes of clause 17.17(a), the Councillor is to propose alternative wording for the resolution.

17.19 The Chairperson must not grant leave to recommit a resolution for the purposes of clause 17.17(a), unless they are satisfied that the proposed alternative wording of the resolution would not alter the substance of the resolution previously adopted at the meeting.

17.20 A motion moved under clause 17.17 can be moved without notice. Despite clauses 10.22 and 10.25-34, only the mover of a motion referred to in clause 17.17 can speak to the motion before it is put.

17.21 A motion of dissent cannot be moved against a ruling by the Chairperson under clause 17.17.

17.22 A motion moved under clause 17.17 with the leave of the Chairperson cannot be voted on unless or until it has been seconded.

18. TIME LIMITS ON COUNCIL MEETINGS

18.1 Meetings of the Council and committees of the Council are to conclude no later than 11:00pm.

18.2 If the business of the meeting is unfinished at 11:00pm, the Council or the committee may, by resolution, extend the time of the meeting by one extension to 11:30pm to complete the business of the Council or Committee of Council.

18.3 If the business of the meeting is unfinished at 11:00pm, and the Council does not resolve to extend the meeting, the Chairperson must either:

(a) defer consideration of the remaining items of business on the agenda to the next ordinary meeting of the Council, or

(b) adjourn the meeting to a time, date and place fixed by the Chairperson.

18.4 Clause 18.3 does not limit the ability of the Council or a Committee of Council to resolve to adjourn a meeting at any time. The resolution adjourning the meeting must fix the time, date and place that the meeting is to be adjourned to.

18.5 Where a meeting is adjourned under clause 18.3 or 18.4, the Chief Executive Officer must:

(a) individually notify each Councillor of the time, date and place at which the meeting will reconvene, and

(b) publish the time, date and place at which the meeting will reconvene on the Council's website and in such other manner that the Chief Executive Officer is satisfied is likely to bring notice of the time, date and place of the reconvened meeting to the attention of as many people as possible.

19. AFTER THE MEETING

Minutes of Meetings

19.1 The Council is to keep full and accurate minutes of the proceedings of meetings of the Council.

Note: Clause 19.1 reflects section 375(1) of the Act.

19.2 At a minimum, the Chief Executive Officer must ensure that the following matters are recorded in the Council's minutes:

(a) The names of Councillors attending a Council meeting and whether they attended the meeting in person or by audio-visual link,

(b) details of each motion moved at a Council meeting and of any amendments moved to it,

(c) the names of the mover and seconder of the motion or amendment,

(d) whether the motion or amendment was passed or lost,

(e) such other matters specifically required under this Code,

(f) additional information supplied by a Council officer which has not been included in the report before Council and which could be viewed as material for Council's consideration of the matter,

(g) where required, the names of the Councillors in favour of or opposed to the Motion/ Amendment, and

(h) the names of Councillors who request that their name be recorded as being opposed to a resolution.

(i) Where questions are taken on notice, a statement stipulating "Questions were taken on notice by Council staff for this item" for each item where questions on notice are taken.

19.3 The minutes of a Council meeting must be confirmed at a subsequent meeting of the Council.

Note: Clause 19.3 reflects section 375(2) of the Act.

19.4 Any debate on the confirmation of the minutes is to be confined to whether the minutes are a full and accurate record of the meeting they relate to.

19.5 When the minutes have been confirmed, they are to be signed by the person presiding at the subsequent meeting.

Note: Clause 19.5 reflects section 375(2) of the Act.

19.6 The confirmed minutes of a meeting may be amended to correct typographical or administrative errors after they have been confirmed. Any amendment made under this clause must not alter the substance of any decision made at the meeting.

19.7 The confirmed minutes of a Council meeting must be published on the Council's website. This clause does not prevent the Council from also publishing unconfirmed minutes of its meetings on its website prior to their confirmation.

Note: Section 12 of the Local Government Act confers a right (restricted in the case of closed parts of meetings) to inspect the minutes of a Council meeting. Council has its open minutes electronically displayed during the meetings and on its website on the Friday following the meeting. The community is able to access the minutes in this way, by contacting Council, or by viewing at all libraries.

Access to Correspondence and Reports Laid on the Table at, or Submitted to, a Meeting

19.8 The Council and Committees of Council must, during or at the close of a meeting, or during the business day following the meeting, give reasonable access to any person to inspect correspondence and reports laid on the table at, or submitted to, the meeting.

Note: Clause 19.8 reflects section 11(1) of the Act.

19.9 Clause 19.8 does not apply if the correspondence or reports relate to a matter that was received or discussed or laid on the table at, or submitted to, the meeting when the meeting was closed to the public.

Note: Clause 19.9 reflects section 11(2) of the Act.

19.10 Clause 19.8 does not apply if the Council or the committee resolves at the meeting, when open to the public, that the correspondence or reports are to be treated as confidential because they relate to a matter specified in section 10A(2) of the Act.

Note: Clause 19.10 reflects section 11(3) of the Act.

19.11 Correspondence or reports to which clauses 19.9 and 19.10 apply are to be marked with the relevant provision of section 10A(2) of the Act that applies to the correspondence or report.

Implementation of Decisions of the Council

19.12 The Chief Executive Officer is to implement, without undue delay, lawful decisions of the Council.
Note: Clause 19.12 reflects section 335(b) of the Act.

20. COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Application of this Part

20.1 This part only applies to committees of the Council whose members are all Councillors.

Council Committees whose Members are all Councillors

20.2 The Council may, by resolution, establish such committees as it considers necessary.

20.3 A Committee of Council is to consist of the Lord Mayor and such other Councillors as are elected by the Councillors or appointed by the Council.

20.4 The quorum for a meeting of a Committee of Council is to be:

(a) such number of members as the Council decides, or

(b) if the Council has not decided a number – a majority of the members of the committee.

Functions of Committees

20.5 The Council must specify the functions of each of its committees when the committee is established but may from time to time amend those functions.

Notice of Committee Meetings

20.6 The Chief Executive Officer must send to each Councillor, regardless of whether they are a committee member, at least three (3) days before each meeting of the committee, a notice specifying:

(a) the time, date and place of the meeting, and

(b) the business proposed to be considered at the meeting.

20.7 Notice of less than three (3) days may be given of a committee meeting called in an emergency.

Attendance at Committee Meetings

20.8 A committee member (other than the Lord Mayor) ceases to be a member of a committee if the committee member:

(a) has been absent from three (3) consecutive meetings of the committee without having given reasons acceptable to the committee for the member's absences, or

(b) has been absent from at least half of the meetings of the committee held during the immediately preceding year without having given to the committee acceptable reasons for the member's absences.

20.9 Clause 20.8 does not apply if all of the members of the Council are members of the committee.

Non-Members Entitled to Attend Committee Meetings

20.10 A Councillor who is not a member of a committee of the Council is entitled to attend, and to speak at a meeting of the committee. However, the Councillor is not entitled:

(a) to give notice of business for inclusion in the agenda for the meeting, or

(b) to move or second a motion at the meeting, or

(c) to vote at the meeting.

Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of Council Committees

20.11 The Chairperson of each committee of the Council must be:

(a) the Lord Mayor, or

(b) if the Lord Mayor does not wish to be the Chairperson of a committee, a member of the committee elected by the Council, or

(c) if the Council does not elect such a member, a member of the committee elected by the committee.

20.12 The Council may elect a member of a committee of the Council as Deputy Chairperson of the committee. If the Council does not elect a Deputy Chairperson of such a committee, the committee may elect a Deputy Chairperson.

20.13 If neither the Chairperson nor the Deputy Chairperson of a committee of the Council is able or willing to preside at a meeting of the committee, the committee must elect a member of the committee to be acting Chairperson of the committee.

20.14 The Chairperson is to preside at a meeting of a committee of the Council. If the Chairperson is unable or unwilling to preside, the Deputy Chairperson (if any) is to preside at the meeting, but if neither the Chairperson nor the Deputy Chairperson is able or willing to preside, the acting Chairperson is to preside at the meeting.

Procedure in Committee Meetings

20.15 Subject to any specific requirements of this code, each Committee of Council may regulate its own procedure. The provisions of this code are to be taken to apply to all committees of the Council unless the Council or the committee determines otherwise in accordance with this clause.

20.16 Whenever the voting on a motion put to a meeting of the committee is equal, the Chairperson of the committee is to have a casting vote as well as an original vote unless the Council or the committee determines otherwise in accordance with clause 20.15.

20.17 Voting at a Council committee meeting is to be by open means (such as on the voices, by show of hands or by a visible electronic voting system).

Closure of Committee Meetings to the Public

20.18 The provisions of the Act and Part 14 of this Code apply to the closure of meetings of committees of the Council to the public in the same way they apply to the closure of meetings of the Council to the public.

20.19 If a committee of the Council passes a resolution, or makes a recommendation, during a meeting, or a part of a meeting that is closed to the public, the Chairperson must make the resolution or recommendation public as soon as practicable after the meeting or part of the meeting has ended, and report the resolution or recommendation to the next meeting of the Council. The resolution or recommendation must also be recorded in the publicly available minutes of the meeting.

20.20 Resolutions passed during a meeting, or a part of a meeting that is closed to the public must be made public by the Chairperson under clause 20.19 during a part of the meeting that is webcast.

Disorder in Committee Meetings

20.21 The provisions of the Act and this Code relating to the maintenance of order in Council meetings apply to meetings of committees of the Council in the same way as they apply to meetings of the Council.

Minutes of Council Committee Meetings

20.22 Each committee of the Council is to keep full and accurate minutes of the proceedings of its meetings. At a minimum, a committee must ensure that the following matters are recorded in the committee's minutes:

(a) The names of Councillors attending a meeting and whether they attended the meeting in person or by audio-visual link,

(b) details of each motion moved at a meeting and of any amendments moved to it,

(c) the names of the mover and seconder of the motion or amendment,

(d) whether the motion or amendment was passed or lost, and

(e) such other matters specifically required under this Code.

20.23 All voting at meetings of committees of the Council (including meetings that are closed to the public), must be recorded in the minutes of meetings with the names of Councillors who voted for and against each motion or amendment, (including the use of the casting vote), being recorded.

20.24 The minutes of meetings of each Committee of Council must be confirmed at a subsequent meeting of the committee.

20.25 Any debate on the confirmation of the minutes is to be confined to whether the minutes are a full and accurate record of the meeting they relate to.

20.26 Council has its minutes electronically displayed during the meetings and on its website following the meeting. The public are able to access the minutes online on the Friday following the meeting, by contacting Council directly, or by viewing the minutes at Council's libraries.

20.27 When the minutes have been confirmed, they are to be signed by the person presiding at that subsequent meeting.

20.28 The confirmed minutes of a meeting may be amended to correct typographical or administrative errors after they have been confirmed. Any amendment made under this clause must not alter the substance of any decision made at the meeting.

20.29 The confirmed minutes of a meeting of a Committee of Council must be published on the Council's website. This clause does not prevent the Council from also publishing unconfirmed minutes of meetings of committees of the Council on its website prior to their confirmation.

21. IRREGULARITIES

21.1 Proceedings at a meeting of a Council or a Committee of Council are not invalidated because of:

(a) a vacancy in a civic office, or

(b) a failure to give notice of the meeting to any Councillor or committee member, or

(c) any defect in the election or appointment of a Councillor or committee member, or

(d) a failure of a Councillor or a committee member to declare a conflict of interest, or to refrain from the consideration or discussion of, or vote on, the relevant matter, at a Council or committee meeting in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, or

(e) a failure to comply with this Code.

Note: Clause 21.1 reflects section 374 of the Act.

22. DEFINITIONS

The Act	means the *Local Government Act 1993*
Act of Disorder	means an act of disorder as defined in clause 15.11 of this code
Amendment	in relation to an original motion, means a motion moving an amendment to that motion
Audio Recorder	any device capable of recording speech
Audio-Visual Link	means a facility that enables audio and visual communication between persons at different places
Business Day	means any day except Saturday or Sunday or any other day the whole or part of which is observed as a public holiday throughout New South Wales
Chairperson	in relation to a meeting of the Council – means the person presiding at the meeting as provided by section 369 of the Act and clauses 6.1 and 6.2 of this code, and in relation to a meeting of a committee – means the person presiding at the meeting as provided by clause 20.11 of this code
This Code	means the Council's adopted code of meeting practice
Committee of the Council	means a committee established by the Council in accordance with clause 20.2 of this code (being a committee consisting only of Councillors) or the Council when it has resolved itself into committee of the whole under clause 12.1
Council Official	has the same meaning it has in the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW
Day	means calendar day
Division	means a request by two Councillors under clause 11.6 of this code requiring the recording of the names of the Councillors who voted both for and against a motion
Foreshadowed Amendment	means a proposed amendment foreshadowed by a Councillor under clause 10.20 of this code during debate on the first amendment
Foreshadowed Motion	means a motion foreshadowed by a Councillor under clause 10.19 of this code during debate on an original motion
Open Voting	means voting on the voices or by a show of hands or by a visible electronic voting system or similar means
Planning Decision	means a decision made in the exercise of a function of a Council under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* including any decision relating to a development application, an environmental planning instrument, a development control plan or a development contribution plan under that Act, but not including the making of an order under Division 9.3 of Part 9 of that Act
Performance Improvement Order	means an order issued under section 438A of the Act
Quorum	means the minimum number of Councillors or committee members necessary to conduct a meeting
The Regulation	means the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*
Webcast	a video or audio broadcast of a meeting transmitted across the internet either concurrently with the meeting or at a later time
Year	means the period beginning 1 July and ending the following 30 June
Roles of the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillors & General Manager (Chief Executive Officer)	The *Local Government Act 1993* provides clauses explaining the roles of the Lord Mayor (refer s226), the Deputy Lord Mayor (refer s231), Councillors (refer s232) and the functions of the Chief Executive Officer (refer s335).

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REPORTS TO COUNCIL - FOR COUNCIL DECISION

ITEM NUMBER	13.7
SUBJECT	Request for Gateway Determination - Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Amendment to Parramatta LEP 2023
REFERENCE	F2024/00282 - D09423499
APPLICANT/S	City of Parramatta
OWNERS	City of Parramatta and multiple owners
REPORT OF	Senior Project Officer

CSP THEME: Innovative

WORKSHOP/BRIEFING DATE: 3 JUNE 2024

PURPOSE

To seek Council's approval on the Parramatta Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Planning Proposal for the purposes of requesting a Gateway Determination from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

RECOMMENDATION

(a) That Council approve the recommended pathways for resolving the outstanding 'Orange Matters' arising from the exhibition of the Parramatta Harmonisation Planning Proposal as detailed in Attachment 1.

(b) That Council approve the 'housekeeping' and administrative changes to the PLEP 2023 contained in Attachment 2.

(c) That Council approve the Parramatta Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Planning Proposal at Attachment 3, subject to the clause proposed to make sports ground signage complying development being amended to preclude gambling advertising, for the purpose of seeking a Gateway Determination from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

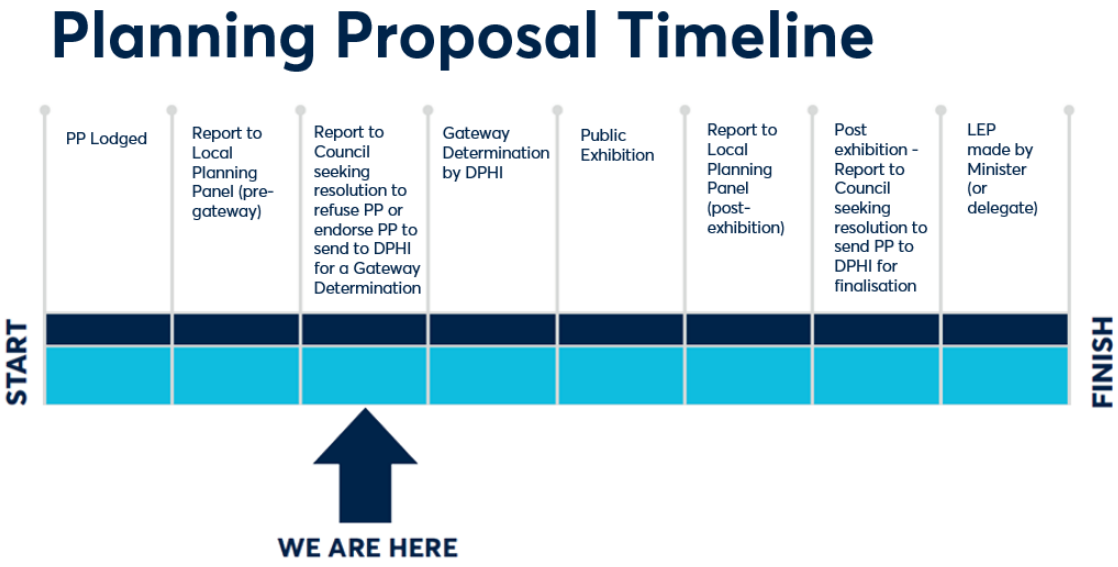
(d) That Council endorse to maintain the prohibition of Places of Public Worship in the R2 Low Density Residential zone and include Places of Public Worship as an Additional Permitted Use on land with an existing Places of Public Worship in the R2 Low Density Residential zone; and update the Planning Proposal at Attachment 4 with the associated amendments prior to forwarding the Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

(e) That Council advises the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure that the CEO will be seeking to exercise her plan-making delegations for this Planning Proposal as authorised by Council on 26 November 2012.

(f) That Council delegate authority to the CEO to correct any minor anomalies of a non-policy and administrative nature that may arise during the amendment process.

(g) That Council note the Local Planning Panel's advice to Council in support of the Planning Proposal (refer to Attachment 5), which is consistent with the Council Officer's recommendation in the report.

PLANNING PROPOSAL TIMELINE



BACKGROUND

1. Following the Council boundary changes in May 2026, the Parramatta Land Use Planning Harmonisation Framework was established to consolidate the five sets of planning instruments applying to the new City of Parramatta.

2. The Harmonisation Planning Proposal (Harmonisation PP) sought to consolidate the five LEPs applying to the LGA. The Harmonisation PP was placed on public exhibition between August and October 2020. Council received 320 submissions from the community including landholders, state authorities, and other stakeholders.

3. At its meeting of 12 July 2021, Council endorsed the final Harmonisation PP and resolved to further investigate fourteen (14) matters raised from the submissions through a separate planning proposal process referred to in the report as 'Decision Pathway 3 – Orange Matters'. These included requests that:

   - were generally consistent with Council's policy framework for the Harmonisation project, but were more significant changes, and if integrated into the Harmonisation Planning Proposal in the immediate post-exhibition period would have triggered re-exhibition of the Harmonisation Planning Proposal at that time; and/or
   - had some merit on preliminary review, but required further investigation to confirm whether they should be progressed.

4. On 2 March 2023, the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) finalised the Harmonisation PP bringing into effect the Parramatta Local Environmental Plan 2023 (PLEP 2023).

5. Considering the commencement of the PLEP 2023 and the finalisation of the broader Parramatta Land Use Planning Harmonisation Framework with the Parramatta DCP 2023 coming into effect in September 2023, a review of the 'Orange Matters' was considered appropriate and timely to inform a new Planning Proposal to address any 'Orange Matters' (i.e. supplementary policy items) with strategic merit and relevance. In addition, Council officers also identified several 'housekeeping' matters intended to improve the operation and technical accuracy of the LEP.

6. The 'Parramatta Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Planning Proposal' (the Planning Proposal) has been prepared to consolidate the 'Orange Matters' recommended to progress and the housekeeping requests.

7. Refer to the Local Planning Panel report in **Attachment 5** for a more detailed 'Background'.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION

Review of 'Orange Matters' - Harmonisation Supplementary Matters

8. Council officers have reviewed the fourteen (14) 'Orange Matters' resolved by Council on 12 July 2021. While fourteen (14) items were resolved, these included forty (40) individual requests (or items) seeking a change to the PLEP 2023. Council officers assessed the relevance and planning merit of these items considering:

    - the extent and nature of the requested change,
    - strategic merit and consistency with existing state and local policy,
    - strategic planning processes that have progressed since Council's resolution on 12 July 2021, and
    - any submitted supporting studies.

9. Following this review, Council officers have recommended each item progress via one of four pathways. **Table 1** includes the four pathways. A detailed assessment of the 40 individual requests resulting from the fourteen (14) 'Orange Matters' and the recommended pathway is included in **Attachment 1**.

Table 1 - Pathways for Orange Matters

	Planning Pathway	Total
1	Items supported, or partially supported, and recommended to progress as a part of the Planning Proposal	**4 items detailed in Paragraph 10**
2	Items that are being considered or are to be considered via separate pathway.	**10 items**
3	Items that have been superseded or resolved by another planning project	**11 items**
4	Items that have not been supported due to lack of strategic merit	**15 items**

10. The items that are considered to have sufficient strategic merit and are progressing into the Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Planning Proposal include:

- Reduction in the extent of the biodiversity map layer on The Kings School to remove the layer from existing buildings given biodiversity values are non-existent or compromised.
- Inclusion of part of 102 Murray Farm Road, Carlingford (North Rocks Fire Brigade) to the Biodiversity Map due to the presence of ecological values.
- Rezoning of land along Terrys Creek Corridor from RE1 Public Recreation to C2 Environmental Conservation due to ecological values of the land.
- Maintaining the prohibition of Places of Public Worship in the R2 Low Density Residential zone but including an Additional Permitted Use to allow for expansion outside of existing use rights. This is further explained below and detailed in **Attachment 4.**

11. The items not progressing as recommended under Planning Pathway 2, 3 and 4 are detailed within the LPP Report in **Attachment 5** and the detailed review of the 'Orange Matters' in **Attachment 1**.

Permissibility of Places of Public Worship in the R2 Low Density Residential zone

12. Council on 12 July 2021 adopted the LPP's advice from 29 June 2021 to re-examine the permissibility of Places of Public Worship (PoPW) in the R2 zone as part of a future review, and adopted the exhibited Harmonisation Planning Proposal that prohibited PoPW in the R2 zone and rezoned existing PoPW from SP1 to R2.

13. Council officers have conducted a detailed review of the permissibility of PoPW in the R2 zone (see **Attachment 4**) that has informed the three (3) options in Table 2. The options were also presented at a Councillor Briefing on 3 June 2024.

14. Council officers recommend 'Option 2' and have worded part (d) of the Report Recommendation accordingly. Option 2 is recommended as this is considered to balance the operational needs of existing PoPW, because expansion beyond existing use rights will be permitted (subject to development consent), whilst prohibiting any new PoPW from being delivered in low-density neighborhoods. See **Attachment 4** for a detailed discussion on the strengths and weaknesses of the options.

Table 2 – Options for the permissibility of PoPW in the R2 zone

Option	Implementation
Option 1: **Maintain Prohibition in R2 zone.**	**No changes to the PLEP 2023 are required.** If Option 1 is the preferred option of Council, the current Recommendation (d) of this Council Report needs to be deleted and replaced with the following: *(d) That Council endorse Option 1 within **Table 2** to maintain the prohibition of Places of Public Worship (PoPW) in the R2 Low Density Residential zone, and the Planning Proposal in **Attachment 3** be updated to remove the proposed Additional Permitted Use (APU) for existing PoPW in the R2 zone (i.e. Option 2) to reflect Option 1 prior to the Planning Proposal being forwarded to the DPHI.*
Option 2: **Maintain Prohibition in R2 zone and add an Additional**	**An Additional Permitted Use in Schedule 1 of the PLEP 2023 will need to be inserted to permit Places of Public Worship on sites with an existing PoPW in the R2 Zone.** If Option 2 is the preferred option of Council, the current Recommendation (d) of this Council Report does not need to be amended.

Permitted Use (APU) for existing PoPW. *Staff recommendation*	
Option 3: **Permit PoPW in R2 zone with supporting LEP and/or DCP controls.**	**The Land Use Table for the R2 Low Density Residential zone within the PLEP 2023 will need to be updated to permit PoPW. Additional design work will be needed to determine principle development standards for PoPW (such as minimum lot size and street frontage) for Part 4 of the PLEP 2023.** **A review of the setbacks and other controls within the PDCP 2023 will need to be reviewed to ensure new PoPW development in the R2 zone deliver suitable building envelopes and manage impacts.** If Option 3 is the preferred option of Council, the current Recommendation (d) of this Council Report needs to be deleted and replaced with the following: *(d) That Council:* • *endorse Option 3 within **Table 2** to permit Places of Public Worship (PoPW) in the R2 Low Density Residential zone with supporting LEP and/or DCP controls; and* • *update the Planning Proposal in **Attachment 3** to remove the request for PoPW to be an Additional Permitted Use for land where there is an existing PoPW in the R2 zone (i.e. Option 2) prior to forwarding the Planning Proposal to DPHI; and* • *progress Option 3 as a stand-alone Planning Proposal with an associated DCP amendment, and not be included in the Parramatta Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Planning Proposal.*

15. At the Councillor Briefing held on 3 June 2024 where Council officers presented the review of PoPW and the three (3) options, support for Option 2 was indicated. Should Council adopt Option 2, the Planning Proposal in **Attachment 3** will need to be updated to include all existing sites of PoPW for the purposes of including an APU.

HOUSEKEEPING REVIEW

16. Council officers have identified several 'housekeeping' matters that are recommended to progress into the Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Planning Proposal. The matters are largely administrative and aim to:

- improve the operation of the LEP through the correction of historic errors, omissions and anomalies;
- clarify the policy intent of clauses to ensure their correct application; and
- address issues arising during the development assessment process.

17. An overview of the Housekeeping amendments can be found in the LPP report in **Attachment 5;** and further detail is contained in **Attachment 2** and in Part 2 of the Planning Proposal in **Attachment 3**.

18. However, in addition to the administrative housekeeping matters, two new clauses are proposed to address policy omissions within the PLEP 2023. These relate to:

    a) The prescription of an apartment dwelling mix in residential flat buildings and shop top housing with 10 or more dwellings; and
    b) Permitting sports advertising signage on RE1 Public Recreation land as exempt development.

19. Details on the justification for the controls have been discussed in a Councillor workshop and are discussed in detail in Attachment 5 and Part 2 of the Planning Proposal document included as **Attachment 3**. A Briefing Note with details of these changes was also loaded to the Councilor Portal on 9 July 2024 to give Councillors more time to consider the issues given the number of different inclusions in the Planning Proposal.

PLANNING PROPOSAL

20. The Planning Proposal in **Attachment 3** details the proposed changes to the PLEP 2023 required to progress the 'orange matters' (i.e. supplementary matters) and housekeeping matters discussed in the previous sections of this report. A detailed explanation and assessment of each amendment contained in the Planning Proposal can be found in Part 2 – Explanation of Provisions of **Attachment 3**.

21. The Planning Proposal has been prepared in accordance with:

    - Sections 3.31 and 3.33 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (the EPA Act); and
    - the NSW DPHI Local Environmental Plan Making Guideline dated August 2023.

22. The proposed amendments are not considered to undermine, contradict, or have an adverse impact on the objectives and actions of both state and local planning policies including the Greater Sydney Region Plan, Central City District Plan, Ministerial Directions and Local Strategic Planning Statement.

PARRAMATTA LOCAL PLANNING PANEL

23. The Local Planning Panel (LPP) considered a report on the draft Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Planning Proposal at its meeting on 16 July 2024 (refer to **Attachment 5**). The LPP advised that Council support Council Officers recommendations (as per resolution (a) to (f) in this Report), and also advised the following:

    (g) In inserting the dwelling mix clause into the LEP, the LPP considers that Council needs to consider:
    - *whether this will just create a more bureaucratic process whereby developers that seek to vary the provision now in the DCP will now still seek to vary it via Clause 4.6 variations and whether the supporting objectives proposed are adequate to maintain Council's policy position;*

- *the adequacy of research undertaken to justify the provision and whether there is likely to be any unintended consequences on housing supply as a result.*

(h) With regard to the proposed provision to enable sports ground advertising as 'exempt' development, the LPP recommends Council also precluding gambling advertising in addition to the other proposed forms of advertising to which the provision will not apply.

(i) In prohibiting Places of Public Worship in the R2 Low Density Zone, Council should ensure all faiths are currently adequately catered for and/or that sufficient opportunities exist for new Places of Public Worship in other zones in the LGA.

24. A Council Officer response to the matters raised by the LPP are included in Table 3.

Table 3 – Council Officer responses to matters raised by the LPP

LPP matter for consideration	Council officer response
Apartment dwelling mix - Reliance on Clause 4.6 and suitability of objectives	As explained within **Attachment 2** and Part 2 of the Planning Proposal in **Attachment 3**, the need to elevate the dwelling mix controls from the PDCP 2023 into the PLEP 2023 is to provide greater statutory weighing during the development assessment process. This is particularly the case for State Significant Development (SSD) applications for Build-to-Rent (BTR) developments where recent approvals have demonstrated minimal consideration for the dwelling mix controls within the PDCP 2023. For example, the SSD for 39-43 Hassall Street, Parramatta was for a BTR development where 49.75% were studio/1-bedroom apartments; 48.2% were 2-bedroom apartments; and only 1.4% were 3-bedroom apartments, which does not provide a balanced dwelling mix. Inserting the controls into the LEP will strengthen the requirement for SSD applications to respond to this control. **Variations under Clause 4.6** As discussed in **Attachment 3**, the current compliance with the PDCP 2023 is low and more difficult to enforce for both DAs and SSDs. This is due to the flexibility of the application of DCP controls and its statutory weighting in the assessment process compared to the controls within the LEP. It is currently 'easier' for applicants to vary a DCP control than it is an LEP control. The inclusion of LEP controls is considered a suitable approach. Council officers acknowledge that moving the controls into the PLEP 2023 could result in applicants lodging a Clause 4.6 variation. However, this should not be a deterrent from including the control in the LEP as it provides more enforcement and provides a statutory policy position that must be addressed in the application. As such, Council

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<tr><td>Apartment dwelling mix
- Adequacy of research to justify provision</td><td>Council officers reviewed the demographic and housing needs of the current and project population of the LGA; and recent development approvals (particularly Build-to-Rent).

Demographic and housing research

In City of Parramatta, the predominant household type is couples with children, which account for 35.5% of all households. Profile ID shows 32.7% of families living in high density development, which is significantly higher than that in Greater Sydney (14.2%). However, the supply of family-friendly dwellings is dropping due to the prevalence of high density residential development with the number of 3-bedroom dwellings dropping from 36.5% of total dwellings in 2011 to 26.8% in 2021.

Development approval research

Council officers have identified from a review of recent developments that most of the high density residential developments, especially BTR, propose a dwelling mix that does not comply with the PDCP 2023. Developments propose a large portion of studio/1-bedroom units and a small portion of 3-bedroom+ units (or even none).

Six recent BTR developments have delivered 1,900 dwellings in the Parramatta CBD. However, as shown in the table below, there is a significant shortfall of 3-bedroom and 4-bedroom units, and an oversupply of studio/1-bedroom units.

<table><tr><td></td><td>Studio/1-bedroom</td><td>2-bedroom</td><td>3-bedroom</td><td>4-bedroom</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>970</td><td>820</td><td>110</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>% of dwellings</td><td>51.05%</td><td>43.15%</td><td>5.7%</td><td>0%</td></tr></table>
This demonstrates the need to ensure new high density developments promote housing diversity and can cater for larger households, with the dwelling mix clause intending to ensure the adequate provision of three or more-bedroom apartments.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Apartment dwelling mix
- Impact on housing supply</td><td>Council officers do not consider that the prescribed dwelling mix in the proposed clause will impact on housing supply. The proposed clause will ensure that the housing delivered responds to the needs of the population and delivers a genuine mix in size to accommodate different households (see above for demographic trends in Parramatta).</td></tr>
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	Council has a compelling performance record for determining rezoning applications and for dwelling completions. Council exceeded the former State Government housing capacity target of 23,660 by 1,800 dwellings within the first two-and-a-half years of the 2021- 2026 period and was on track to permit another 48,000 dwellings (almost 8,000 above the 2026-2036 target). Council expects to meet the State Government completed dwelling housing target for the period 30 June 2024 to 30 June 2029 based on average completion data as well as a number of precinct-scale proposals being considered and has brought forward the programmed 'missing middle' investigations and rezonings of suitable areas to deliver medium density housing proximate to rapid transport and services. In summary, Council has evidence of meeting housing targets and the proposed clause will ensure it accommodates for all households.
Sports advertising signage - Excluding gambling products from signage	Council officers agree with the LPP advice, and therefore recommend amendments to the draft clause to list 'gambling products' under the proposed subclause 2 to ensure that 'gambling signage' is not permissible at sportsgrounds. Council officers will ensure that the supporting regulation document is updated to reflect any further changes.
Permissibility of Places of Public Worship - Ensuring all faiths are accommodated for - Ensuring that opportunities existing in other zones in the LGA.	Council officers agree that all faiths should have access to a PoPW. Option 2 does not limit any faith or group to provide a PoPW in a permissible zone across the LGA. As detailed in **Attachment 4**, the inclusion in the APU schedule of PLEP 2023 will maintain permissibility of PoPW at an existing location within the R2 zone. This will provide an opportunity for the established PoPW to continue to serve the various community groups and expand, subject to DA process. Should the existing PoPW operator in the R2 land decide to sell or demolish the existing PoPW, the recommended Option 2 provides the opportunity for the operator of any faith to establish a new PoPW on that specific parcel of land within the R2 zone. Therefore, the approach is maintaining the operation of existing PoPWs but also presents the opportunity for an alternate PoPW of any faith to occupy the same site in the future if the existing PoPW cease operation. There are no changes proposed to the other zones that permit PoPW under PLEP 2023 i.e. R3, R4 and employment zones. All faiths and groups will continue to have opportunities to establish a new PoPW within 8 other zones

	across the LGA. These areas are shown on a map at Figure 2 of **Attachment 4**. As detailed in **Attachment 4**, these other zones are more compatible for this type of land use and accommodate the operational needs of PoPW to serve the community. For example, adaptive re-use of existing buildings to a PoPW within a business or industrial zone is trending across the LGA and received less community objections in comparison to land within R2 zone. Refer to DA activity detailed in Appendix 1 of **Attachment 4**.

25. For the reasons discussed in the table above Council officers consider that the only issues raised by the Panel that warrants amendment to the Planning Proposal is the reference to gambling in the new clause proposed to make sports ground signage exempt development. This change is reflected in the recommendation of this report.

PLAN MAKING DELEGATIONS

26. On 26 November 2012, Council resolved to accept the delegation for plan making functions, and for these functions be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer.

27. It is recommended that Council request to the DPHI to exercise its plan making delegations for this Planning Proposal. This means that after the Planning Proposal has received a Gateway Determination, complied with any conditions (including any requirements for public exhibition), Council officers can deal directly with the Parliamentary Counsel on the legal drafting and finalisation of the amendment to the LEP facilitated by this Planning Proposal.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL

28. There are no legal implications for Council associated with this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL

29. If Council resolves to approve this report in accordance with the recommendation, there are no unbudgeted financial implications for Council.

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Stakeholder Consultation

30. The following stakeholder consultation has been undertaken in relation to this matter:

Date	Stakeholder	Stakeholder Comment	Council Officer Response	Responsibility
May – July 2024	Council officers have contacted the original submitters who requested Council consider the 'Orange Matters',	None of the submitters have raised objections to the recommended approach.	Officer assessment of issues provided in detail in **Attachment 1**. Further consultation with all affected landowners will occur	Strategic Land Use Planning, CP&D

	to advise them of this project.		during the public exhibition of the Planning Proposal.	
13 June 2024	Heritage Advisory Committee	The Committee noted the proposed updates presented to them at the 13 June 2024 Committee Meeting.	Nil Required	Strategic Land Use Planning, CP&D

Councillor Consultation

31. The following Councillor consultation has been undertaken in relation to this matter:

Date	Councillor	Councillor Comment	Council Officer Response	Responsibility
3 June 2024	Councillor Briefing	Councillors requested information on how it can manage the appropriateness of sportsground signage under the proposed new clause	The proposed clause specifies that signage cannot include product advertising for alcohol, tobacco products, and adult entertainment. Refer to **Attachment 5** Clause 28-31 for detailed response.	City Strategic Planning
		Councillors requested additional analysis of the Heritage status of The Kings School before any changes are proposed to Heritage Map for this site.	Further discussions have been held with The Kings School to allow for this analysis to be prepared	City Strategic
9 July 2024	Briefing Note detailing issues and amendments provided on Councillor Portal	No requests for further information were requested	Nil required	City Strategic Planning

32. The Planning Proposal is proposed to proceed on the project timeline detailed in Part 6 of the Planning Proposal in **Attachment 3**. This timeline is subject to the DPHI issuing of the Gateway and subsequent statutory planning process.

CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS

33. It is recommended that Council adopt the Parramatta Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Planning Proposal in **Attachment 3** and forward this to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for a Gateway Determination.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1	Review and Recommended Pathways for Supplementary (Harmonisation Orange) Matters	35 Pages
2	Summary of Housekeeping Amendments to the Parramatta LEP 2023	10 Pages
3	Planning Proposal - Parramatta Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Planning Proposal	84 Pages
4	Review of the permissibility of Places of Public Worship in the R2 zone	11 Pages
5	Local Planning Panel Report and Advice	11 Pages

REFERENCE MATERIAL

ATTACHMENT 1 – Review and recommended pathways for the Harmonisation 'Orange Matters'

This document outlines Council officers' recommendations and justification to address the list of 'Orange Matters' as resolved by Council on 12 July 2021 in response to submissions received in relation to the public exhibition of the Parramatta Harmonisation Planning Proposal.

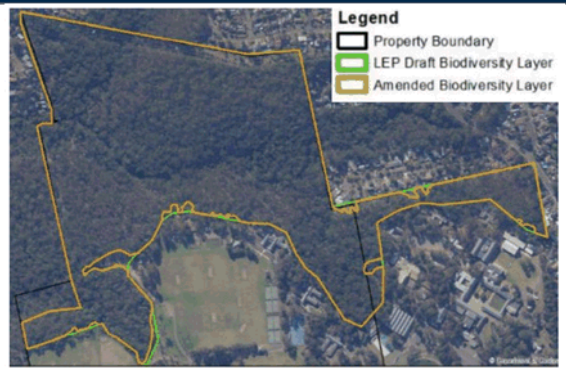
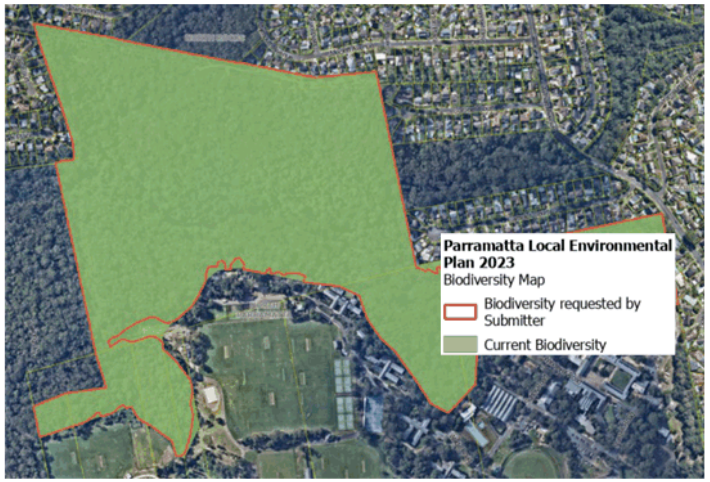
The 'Orange Matters' listed in Table 1 and Table 2 of this document are based on two pathways recommended by Council officers, as follows:

- **Table 1** lists the matters that are supported, or partially supported, and recommended to be progressed through the Parramatta Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Planning Proposal.
- **Table 2** covers matters that:
  - are being considered or are to be considered via a separate planning pathway;
  - have been superseded via another planning process;
  - are not supported due to lack of strategic merit.

Table 1 – 'Orange Matters' to be progressed via the Parramatta Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Planning Proposal

#	Orange Matter – 12 July 2021	Description of Orange Matter	Justification and proposed amendment
1.	**Issue:** ***1.*** *Biodiversity layer - Review requested* *Submission requests review of the Biodiversity layer – mapping of certain sites:* • *The Kings School*	**Subject land:** The Kings School: 87-129 Pennant Hills Road, North Parramatta **Submitter:** Urbis on behalf of The Kings School **Request:** The submitter did not support the Harmonisation Planning Proposal's inclusion of the subject land on the Biodiversity Map given it was not shown on the former The Hills LEP. The submitter requested that Council review the biodiversity mapping to reflect the mapping and data prepared by their consultant (Eco-logoical Australia) to ensure that the mapped area provides the appropriate statutory protection for the biodiversity values on the site.	**Request partially supported and recommended to be progressed via the Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Planning Proposal** As part of the Harmonisation Planning Proposal process, the E2 Environmental Conservation zone (now C2 Environmental Conservation) was consistently applied to all public bushland reserves, and Council also mapped bushland and vegetation with ecological importance on the Biodiversity Map. The Biodiversity Map was based on the ecological significant vegetation identified on the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage's *Native Vegetation of the Sydney Metropolitan Area* mapping. The use of this dataset to inform the Biodiversity Map delivered a consistent approach to mapping environmentally significant land and to ensure development impacts are managed during the development assessment process. The subject land was identified on the Biodiversity Map in the PLEP 2023 as the land has high biodiversity values containing Sydney Turpentine-Ironbark Forest (a critically endangered ecological community), Coastal Enriched Sandstone Forest (both Dry and Moist), Coastal Sandstone Gallery Rainforest, and Coastal Shale-Sandstone Forest. Council officers have reviewed the submission and accompanying Biodiversity Analysis prepared by Eco-Logical Australia which sought to reduce the extent of the site covered by the biodiversity protection layer on the subject site.

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#	Orange Matter – 12 July 2021	Description of Orange Matter	Justification and proposed amendment
		 **Figure 1:** Map adjustments requested by The Kings School **Council response – 12 July 2021** *Council Officers are supportive of a review of the exhibited Biodiversity Map but to avoid delay to the Harmonisation Planning Proposal are recommending this be considered as a separate planning process.* *The applicant has prepared a Biodiversity Analysis for their site and this potential map amendment could be pursued either via the landowner lodging a site-specific Planning Proposal or alternatively via a LEP Housekeeping Amendment process. This could be done in conjunction with the amendment to address the Heritage issue.*	Figure 2 below shows the current extent of the biodiversity layer with the submitter's requested amendments to the layers' boundary. The areas the submitter wishes to remove from the protection layer they consider have reduced ecological values because they included exotic vegetation, were cleared areas, or no vegetation due to existing development on the land.  **Figure 2:** Current and Submitter's requested amendment to the Biodiversity Map layer in PLEP 2023 Council officers have reviewed the request and assessment prepared by the submitter and partially support their request to reduce the extent of the Biodiversity Map over the subject land. Council officers consider it appropriate to remove parts of the subject land that currently contain a building (as requested by the submitter) from the biodiversity layer. Council also considers it appropriate to remove the land within a 5m buffer from the building line from the biodiversity layer to provide sufficient curtilage from the buildings and to exclude overhanging tree canopy to the buildings. The above change is considered suitable because the presence of the buildings has removed and/or undermined the vegetation that originally informed the mapping by the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, and therefore, the land is considered to have compromised biodiversity value and does not warrant inclusion on the map. Requests to remove non-developed areas were not supported as they were considered unnecessary and did not impact on development opportunities for the

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existing buildings, and were considered to undermine the biodiversity values of the land and tree species outlined above.

Figure 3 below shows Council officers' new recommended biodiversity layer compared to the submitter's requested layer.

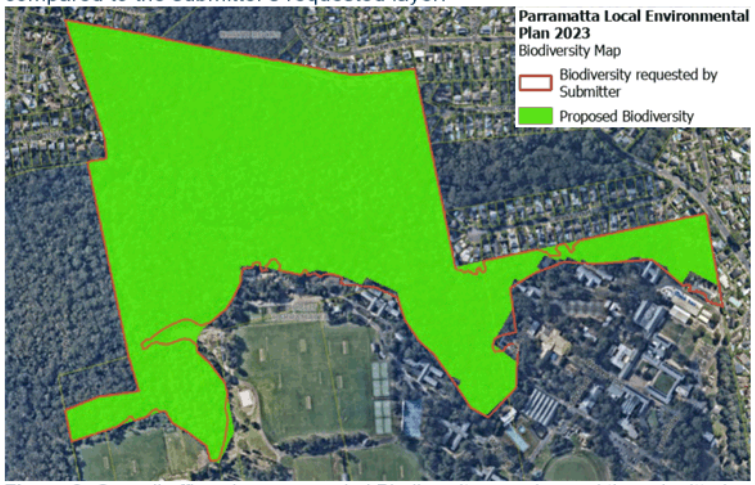


Figure 3: Council officers' recommended Biodiversity mapping and the submitter's requested Biodiversity mapping

Table 1 shows a comparison of the land currently included on the biodiversity layer under the PLEP 2023, the requested extent by the submitter, and Council's recommended extent.

Current extent of biodiversity layer under the PLEP 2023	Requested extent of biodiversity layer by the submitter	Council recommended extent of biodiversity layer
435,403m^2	425,586m^2 (reduced by 9,817m^2, or 2.2%)	425,039m^2 (reduced by 10,364m^2, or 2.4%)

Table 1: Comparison of current, requested, and recommended biodiversity affectation

While Council's proposed changes to the Biodiversity Map deviate from the submitter's original request, the submitter is receiving a greater reduction in land than requested. Council's proposed changes are considered an appropriate balance between protecting the biodiversity values of the site and removing the statutory limitations imposed by the Biodiversity Map for land that has compromised biodiversity values due to existing development.

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			In addition, Council officers also understand that the Office of Environment and Heritage also undertakes periodic updates to the Biodiversity Values Map and Threshold Tool which involves the removal of mapped areas based on new information. Therefore, it is considered reasonable to review and update the Biodiversity Map in light of new information and justification. The removal of certain areas from the Biodiversity Map enables other planning approval pathways to be utilised on those areas (i.e. complying development), as per the submitter's request. However, Council officers note that the subject land is bushfire prone (Figure 4) which will affect the permissibility of complying development regardless of the area's identification on the Biodiversity Map.  **Figure 4:** Bushfire prone land within The King School boundary (source: Urbis' submission) **Amendment needed to the PLEP 2023** Amend the Biodiversity Map as per the below:

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#	Orange Matter – 12 July 2021	Description of Orange Matter	Justification and proposed amendment
			Current  **Figure 5a:** Current Biodiversity Map for The Kings School, North Parramatta **Proposed**  **Figure 5b:** Proposed amendment to the Biodiversity Map for The Kings School, North Parramatta
2.	**Issue:** ***9.*** *Office of Environment, Energy and Science which forms part of the Department of Planning Industry and Environment has suggested numerous amendments to the exhibited Draft Harmonisation Planning Proposal*	**Subject land:** 102 Murray Farm Road, Carlingford - North Rocks Fire Brigade **Submitter:** Office of Environment, Energy and Science **Request:** The submitter did not support the Harmonisation Planning Proposal's change of zone from RU3 Forestry to SP1 Special Activities. The northern and western boundaries of the land adjoin bushland which was proposed to be zoned E2 Environmental Conservation (now C2 Environmental Conservation). The submitter recommended a split rezoning where the southern vegetated half is rezoned E2, and the site with the emergency services facilities is zoned SP1 Special Activities.	**Request partially supported and recommended to be progressed via the Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Planning Proposal** Council officers reviewed the submitter's request for a split zoning across the subject land. The proposed split zoning of C2 Environmental Conservation on the southern vegetated portion of the site, and SP1 Infrastructure on the northern portion of the site with the emergency services is not supported. The current SP1 Infrastructure zoning was applied under the Harmonisation Planning Proposal to reflect the use of the land for emergency services infrastructure. Rezoning part of the land to C2 Environmental Conservation would restrict future expansion of the facilities and is not considered appropriate. Council officers recommend that the southern vegetated portion of the site be added to the biodiversity layer. The biodiversity layer does not exclude development, however, adds additional considerations during the assessment process to ensure the protection of the significant vegetation. This is considered suitable to respond to the characteristics of the bushland. **Amendment needed to the PLEP 2023** Amend the Biodiversity Map as per the below: **Current** **Proposed**

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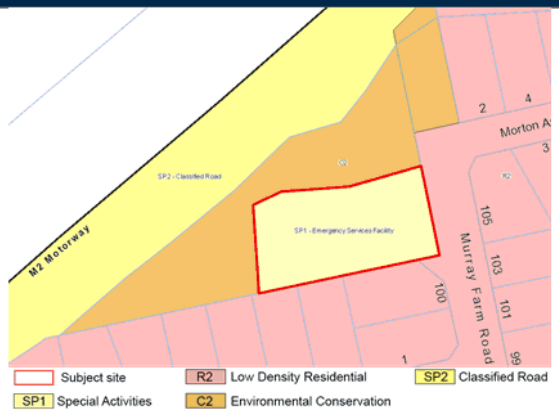
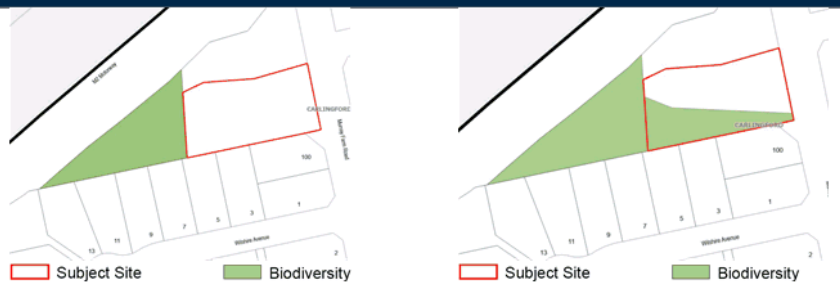
#	Orange Matter – 12 July 2021	Description of Orange Matter	Justification and proposed amendment
		 **Figure 6:** Land Use Zoning of subject land shown as SP1 Special Activities  **Figure 7:** Vegetated area of the subject land sought by applicant to be rezoned to C2 Environmental Conservation **Council response – 12 July 2021** *Site specific rezonings are outside the scope of the LEP Harmonisation PP. The numerous rezoning requests detailed in this submission will be considered as part of a future Housekeeping LEP Amendment as this is the most appropriate mechanism for dealing with rezoning requests from public agencies.*	 **Figure 8:** Proposed amendment to the Biodiversity Map for 102 Murray Farm Road, Carlingford

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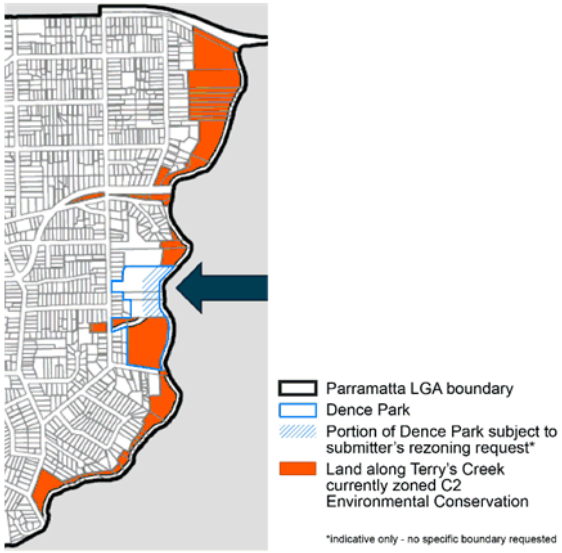
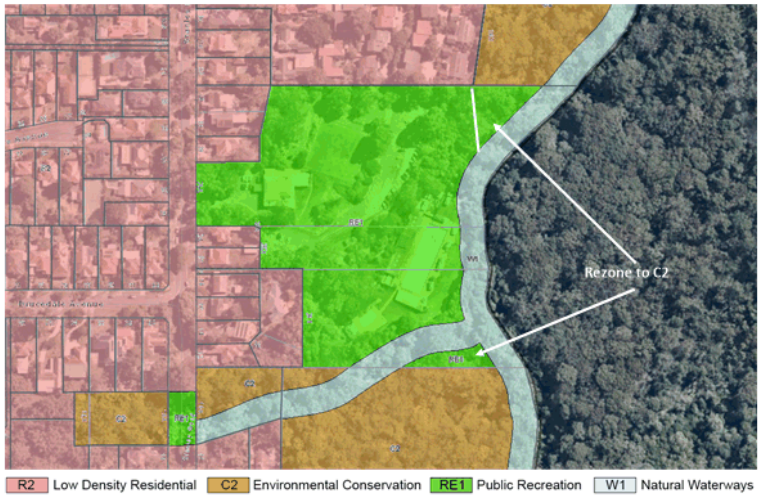
#	Orange Matter – 12 July 2021	Description of Orange Matter	Justification and proposed amendment
		The other rezoning requests included in the submission from the Office of Environment, Energy and Science are addressed in row 3 of Table 1 (below) and rows 20, 35, and 36 of Table 2.	
3.	**Issue:** ***9.*** *Office of Environment, Energy and Science which forms part of the Department of Planning Industry and Environment has suggested numerous amendments to the exhibited Draft Harmonisation Planning Proposal*	**Subject land:** Dence Park and East of Epping Olympic Pool (Epping Aquatic Centre) **Submitter:** Office of Environment, Energy and Science **Request:** The submitter recommends rezoning remnant vegetation within Dence Park from RE1 Public Recreation to C2 Environmental Conservation. As part of this, the submitter did not provide a set boundary for rezoning, however flags a gap in the riparian corridor along Terry's Creek (see Figure 9 below).  **Figure 9:** Dence Park and vegetation east of the Epping Aquatic Centre along Terry's Creek (source: DPIE EES submission, edited by Council officers for clarity) **Council response – 12 July 2021**	**Request supported and recommended to be progressed via the Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Planning Proposal** The RE1 Public Recreation zone is reflective of the current and future land use of the subject site (i.e. the Epping Aquatic Centre). Therefore, it is not suitable to rezone the whole site to C2 Environmental Conservation. However, Council officers support rezoning pockets of land to the south and north-east corner from RE1 Public Recreation to C2 Environment Conservation that is outside of the Epping Aquatic Centre consistent with the wider Terry Creek corridor. The two areas that are proposed to be rezoned from RE1 to C2 are identified in the Figure below. This will assist in delivering a continuous riparian corridor, and does not conflict with the current development application DA/764/2023 for the alterations and additions to the Epping Aquatic Centre.  **Figure 10:** Land Zoning Map showing Dence Park and vegetation east of the Epping Aquatic Centre **Amendment needed to the PLEP 2023:**

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		Site specific rezonings are outside the scope of the LEP Harmonisation PP. The numerous rezoning requests detailed in this submission will be considered as part of a future Housekeeping LEP Amendment as this is the most appropriate mechanism for dealing with rezoning requests from public agencies. The other rezoning requests included in the submission from the Office of Environment, Energy and Science are addressed in row 2 of Table 1 (above) and rows 20, 35, and 36 of Table 2.	Amend the Land Zoning Map as per the below: **Current** **Proposed**  **Figure 11:** Proposed amendment to the Land Zoning Map for Dence Park and vegetation east of Epping Aquatic Centre
4.	**Issue:** ***14.*** *Places of Public Worship in the R2 Low Density Zone Review*	**Subject land:** R2 zoned land **Submitter:** Five places of public worship and one industry body provided submissions to the proposed prohibition. The LPP recommended to Council that a review be done to re-examine the approach to permitting Places of Public Worship in the R2 Residential Low-Density zone. Council resolved on 12 July 2021 to do the review. **Request:** The Harmonisation Planning Proposal included: • Prohibition of Places of Public Worship in R2 zone land; and • Rezone existing Places of Public Worship from SP1 Special Activities to R2 Low Density Residential and permit existing Places of Public Worship under "existing-use rights". Council received six submissions on Places of Public Worship, which objected to: • rezoning sites from SP1 Zone to R2 (and requested no change to zoning),	**Request supported and recommended to be progressed via the Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Planning Proposal** Council officers have undertaken a review of the permissibility of Places of Public Worship (PoPW) in the R2 Low Density Residential. The relevant background, an assessment of the objectives of the R2 Low Density zone, options to proceed, and Council officers' recommendation has been prepared and provided in a separate attachment (see **Attachment 4**). Whilst the options are discussed in **Attachment 4,** Council officers recommend Option 2 which is to maintain the prohibition in the R2 Low Density Residential Zone and add an Additional Permitted Use (APU) for existing PoPW, and therefore recommended to be included in the Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Planning Proposal.

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		• prohibition in R2 Zone, and • relying on existing use rights. **Council response – 12 July 2021** *Re-examine the approach to permissibility of Places of Public Worship (PoPW) as a matter for future investigation i.e. separate planning pathway outside of the Harmonisation LEP.*	

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1.	**Issue:** ***3.*** *Schedule 5 – Environmental Heritage – items that have been demolished.*	**Subject land:** 134-142 Parramatta Rd, 26-38 Good Street and 59-61 Cowper Street, Granville. **Submitter:** PDS Group on behalf of landowners **Request:** The subject land contains Heritage Item I184 – The Barn at 138 Parramatta Road, Granville within the PLEP 2023 (note at the time of submission this was I157 within the former PLEP 2011). Submitter requests that Council: • Remove the heritage listing at 138 Parramatta Road from Schedule 5 of the LEP and the Heritage Map. The subject site was subject to a Site-Specific Planning Proposal (PP_2015_PARRA_007_00) and the heritage item has been approved for demolition as part of an approved development DA/655/2019. **Council response – 12 July 2021** *Consistent approach required across whole of LGA and implemented through a Housekeeping PP.* *Investigation as part of Housekeeping PP.*	**Request to be considered via separate strategic planning process.** Development approval was granted under DA/655/2019 to demolish Heritage Item I184 - The Barn that is on the subject land. At the time of preparing this report, the heritage item is in situ and has not yet been demolished despite other works commencing on the subject land. Council officers consider it best practice to delist an item after it has been demolished. This conservative approach ensures the item is protected until it is no longer in situ, and will ensure the item remains listed in the event development is not actioned as per the current approval. Council officers recommend the delisting occur following the demolition of the heritage item and can occur as part of a future housekeeping process.
2.	**Issue:** ***1.*** *Environmental Heritage listings – review requested.* *Submissions request review of Heritage listings and descriptions for specific sites:* • *38-50 South Street Rydalmere (Truganini House),* • *The Kings School, and*	**Subject land:** 38-50 South Street, Rydalmere (Truganini House) **Submitter:** Urbis on behalf of AMP Capital **Request:** The subject land contains Heritage Item I694 Truganini House and grounds within the PLEP 2023. (note at the time of submission this was I591 within the former PLEP 2011). Submitter requests that Council: • Amend the identified heritage curtilage of Heritage Item I694 on the Heritage Map. • Amend the name of the Heritage Item from 'Truganini House and Grounds' to 'Truganini House'.	**Request being considered via separate strategic planning process.** On the 14 March 2024, the landowner lodged a Site-Specific Planning Proposal (SSPP) with the City of Parramatta requesting their matter be progressed via the SSPP instead of Council's led 'Orange Matter' review process. At the time of lodgement, Council staff advised the landowner that Council was progressing with its review of the Orange Matters with a workplan to report the outcome of the review to the LPP and Council mid-year. Despite Council's project timeline, the landowner decided to continue to progress with a SSPP. The lodged SSPP by the landowner is currently being assessed via a separate strategic planning process outside of the Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Planning Proposal by Council's Major Projects and Precinct team.

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	• *Schools Infrastructure NSW.*	These changes are to limit the heritage listing specifically to Truganini House, the immediate landscaped areas surrounding the house at the west and south, 0.5m from eaves of the house to the east at the north including the awning, the brick drain, and the low height sandstone retaining wall. **Council response – 12 July 2021** *It is recommended that the applicant provide their analysis of the relevant constraints for their site and submit it to Council either as part of a Site-Specific Planning Proposal or to allow Council to include it in a future LEP Housekeeping Amendment process.* *Investigation as part of Housekeeping PP.*	
3.		**Subject land:** 87-129 Pennant Hills Road, North Parramatta **Submitter:** Urbis on behalf of The Kings School **Request:** Submitter requests that Council amend heritage item I292 Gowan Brae Group within the PLEP 2023 (note at the time of the submission this was Item 176 within the former Parramatta (former The Hills) LEP 2012). It was requested that Council review and amend the heritage listing of The Kings School to accurately reflect the heritage items on site. The submitter stated that the current mapping is inclusive of the expanded school grounds and the extent of the heritage mapping does not reflect the heritage significance of the site. As part of their submission to the Harmonisation Planning Proposal, the submitter provided a supporting heritage analysis to support their request.	**Request to be considered via separate strategic planning process.** Council staff have reviewed the submission and heritage analysis prepared by Urbis dated 5 November 2020. The current heritage curtilage that applies to the entire school landholding at 87-129 Pennant Hills Road, North Parramatta (Lot 1, DP 59169; Lots A and B, DP 329288; Lot A, DP 321595; Lot 2, DP 235857; Lot 1, DP 64765; Lot 1, DP 57491; Lot 1, DP 581960; Lot 10, DP 812772) is reflective of a 'Type 1 (Lot Boundary) Curtilage' as defined by the Office of Environment and Heritage in its 'Heritage Curtilages' policy. Type 1 is the most common type of heritage curtilage and is used to protect heritage assets, ancillary structures, context and settings, and the relationship between assets on the landholding; and offers the greatest protection to heritage items. The submitter is seeking a 'Type 2: Reduced Heritage Curtilage' where the curtilage is less than the lot boundary of the property. Council officers consider it a reasonable request to review the 'Type 1' curtilage, however, the proposed reduction under a 'Type 2' cannot be supported in its current form as part of the Harmonisation 'Orange Matters' review. Additional information is needed to justify the requested reduction in heritage curtilage and how the 'Type 2' curtilage would protect all heritage values of one the LGA's largest heritage estates. For Council officers to assess a reduction in the heritage curtilage from a 'Type 1: (Lot Boundary) Curtilage', which provides the greatest protection, to a 'Type 2: Reduced Heritage Curtilage', the following additional information needs to be

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		 Subject site Submitter's proposed heritage mapping (Urbis) **Figure 12:** Requested Heritage Mapping for The Kings School (source: Urbis) **Council response – 12 July 2021** *Council Officers do not consider that the change is a minor matter as it is essential that the replacement heritage listing and map properly show the curtilage of the item and that relevant stakeholder including the Heritage Office be given the opportunity to comment on whether the amended controls still provide suitable protections for the Heritage items on site.*	submitted to demonstrate how both European heritage and potential Aboriginal heritage are both being protected. ***Holistic approach to heritage assessment*** In Council officers' opinion, the study provided has not adequately or clearly demonstrated how the proposed changes to the heritage curtilage would be suitable, and appropriate, in preserving and protecting the heritage values of the significant historical buildings, architectural features, and environmental setting. An updated assessment is needed that adopts a holistic approach that not only considers the individual buildings, but also demonstrates how the relationship between the former individual estates and buildings will be maintained. The school site, buildings, and former estates were amalgamated post 1950 to form the current school grounds which include the following: • Gowan Brae House • Former Stables • Gate House • Cedar Plantings • Boundary Fence to Cumberland Highway • Former Aviary • Former Hayshed Former Rotunda • Fountain • King's School Chapel • Grave of Sir James Burns & Family • Horseshoe bridge/dam • The Cedars homestead. A holistic assessment of the heritage curtilage with consideration to the setting and context of the above 13 individual items and former estates is needed to determine adequate 'buffers' around each item, and to preserve the views and connections between items. In addition, the study should also consider its relation to the surrounding educational precincts in immediate vicinity such the Tara School and the Burnside homes. The Kings School is one of the largest heritage estates within the City of Parramatta and a holistic review is needed to ensure appropriate protection. As a comparison, Parramatta Park and the institutional precinct also contain a larger heritage curtilage that was informed by a holistic consideration of the buildings, views, and their setting. A similar approach is needed to ensure adequate protection and set an appropriate precedent for any heritage curtilage reviews. ***Updated statement of significance and description*** The heritage assessment must provide an updated statement of significance and description for the 13 individual items. Council officers consider the current listing descriptions to be broad and generic with no relevant details to describe the separate structures.

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		The applicant has prepared a Heritage Assessment, and this potential map amendment could be pursued either via the landowner lodging a site-specific Planning Proposal or alternatively via a LEP Housekeeping Amendment process.	It is also noted that some of the buildings and elements may also warrant State Heritage listing (pending on detailed heritage assessment). This demonstrates the need for an updated statement of significance, and a further review to determine the specific areas that should be designated as a local or state heritage listing. It is recommended the submitter consult the following resource from NSW Environment and Heritage: Assessing heritage significance | NSW Environment and Heritage. ***Preparation of a Heritage Asset Action Plan*** As outlined above, the current adoption of a 'Type 1 (Lot Boundary) Curtilage' provides the greatest heritage protection out of the four types of curtilages identified by Heritage NSW. A 'Type 2: Reduced Heritage Curtilage', where the curtilage is less than the lot boundary of the property, could be considered should sufficient justification be demonstrated via the requested information above and if a Heritage Asset Action Plan (HAAP) is prepared. A HAAP is a succinct document that contains targeted objectives and outcomes to ensure the suitable management and conservation of heritage assets and settings when planning for future uses and development. A HAAP provides the direction and principles to inform a conservation management plan. A HAAP is considered suitable to demonstrate how the relationship between the 13 individual heritage assets will be maintained and conserved should a reduced curtilage be introduced on the site, and provides strategic direction to inform any future development assessment process. It is noted that several development proposals have been submitted for the school, and it is evident the school is still growing. For this reason, it is considered appropriate to consider a Heritage Asset Action Plan particularly if the curtilage is proposed to be reduced. ***Consideration of Aboriginal history and cultural history and issues*** The current heritage listing under Heritage Item – I292 (Gowan Brae Group) relates solely to European heritage and the history of the various estates that form The Kings School grounds. Whilst the current listing does not account for any archaeological or aboriginal heritage values, the whole school site is listed as High Sensitivity on the Aboriginal Sensitivity Map included in Part 7 of the Parramatta DCP 2023. This map was informed by the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS), and the 'high sensitivity' classification triggers the need to investigate the land for aboriginal significant sites as protected under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*. By default, the current heritage listing (albeit for European heritage values) across the whole school site indirectly protects any potential aboriginal or archaeological significance that may be present. It would be premature to reduce

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			the heritage curtilage without an investigation to determine if there are any aboriginal sites/places.
			
			The submitted heritage assessment by Urbis is absent of consideration of aboriginal cultural heritage values and archaeological values stating this was out of scope. In light of the above, the following additional information is requested to assist Council in determining an appropriate heritage curtilage:
			
			• A due diligence assessment undertaken in accordance with the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) publication 'Due Diligence Code of Practice for the protection of Aboriginal objects in NSW' and Part 7.8 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage of PDCP 2023 to:
			  ○ determine whether Aboriginal objects, values are or likely to be present in the area; and
			  ○ to determine any potential impact of the reduced curtilage on the identified place, object and/or cultural heritage values.
			• An Aboriginal Cultural Heritage assessment report (ACHR) prepared in line with the Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW. This includes an outline of the process of investigation, consultation with local communities, and findings (including archaeological assessments) that would also be submitted to Office of Environment and Heritage.
			• An Aboriginal Archaeology Report to form part of an appendix to the ACHR. An Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit may be required to undertake test excavations to determine the nature and extent of any archaeological deposits. For further guidance, it is necessary to consider the requirements of the Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW | NSW Environment and Heritage.
			
			If the above assessment identifies Aboriginal sites/places, a Management Plan in accordance with Heritage NSW's Declared Aboriginal Places: Guidelines for Developing Management Plans guidelines would be required.
			
			Council has the obligation to make sure that any place of archaeological and aboriginal significance is protected under Clause 5.10 of the PLEP 2023. At a councillor briefing on Monday 3 June 2024, Council identified the need to ensure any review of the curtilage also takes into consideration aboriginal and cultural heritage on the site, rather than just the curtilage for historical buildings. Therefore, the above is considered necessary to determine the reduction of the heritage curtilage.
			
			Conclusion

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			An updated heritage study is requested to enable Council staff to assess the merit of the proposal and to determine the extent of the curtilages in order continue to protect the heritage assets. This includes addressing the above limitations to provide the following: • A **holistic heritage assessment** that includes an updated statement of significance and description of the 13 assets that contribute to the group listing. • An **Heritage Asset Action Plan** would help in the asset protection and future master planning requirements. • An **Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report** to investigate the 'high sensitivity' identified by AHIMS to determine if there are any Aboriginal heritage places. This includes the preparation of an **Aboriginal Archaeology Report**. Subject to the outcome of this investigation, the preparation of a *Management Plan for Aboriginal Places* may be required. The above information can be provided to Council as part of a Site-Specific Planning Proposal or as a stand-alone report which Council can assess and consider as part of a future housekeeping or other amendment process to the PLEP 2023.
4.		**Subject land:** School sites owned by Schools Infrastructure NSW within the City of Parramatta. **Submitter:** Schools Infrastructure NSW **Request:** The submitter noted that often only a portion of a school site and/or development contains elements or fabric of heritage significance, and requests that Council only map the elements with heritage significance within the LEP. The submitter stated that more specific heritage listings will ensure essential alterations and additions to non-significant school elements can be carried out as exempt or complying development under the Education and Child Care SEPP. **Council response – 12 July 2021** *The intention of the Harmonisation Process was to consolidate the various instruments that apply and making changes to listed items is not consistent with the scope of this project. Including the proposal at this point in time would also require re-exhibition of the plan which would delay finalisation of the Harmonisation Planning Proposal.*	**Request to be considered via separate strategic planning process.** As per Council's response from 12 July 2021, the submitter is requested to provide a detailed heritage assessment report prepared by a suitably qualified specialist for the subject land. The heritage assessment report is to include the submitter's proposed heritage curtilage for each individual site/school, along with a justification for the change and how it maintains the integrity of the listed heritage item. This can be provided to Council as part of a Site-Specific Planning Proposal or as a stand-alone report which Council can assess and consider as part of a future housekeeping amendment or other appropriate process.

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		It is recommended that the applicant provide a heritage assessment of what they consider to be the appropriate heritage curtilage for the item on their site and submit it to council either as part of a site-specific Planning Proposal or to allow Council to include it in a future LEP Housekeeping Amendment process.	
5.	**Issue:** ***2.** Biodiversity layer - Review requested* *Submissions request review of the Biodiversity layer – mapping of certain sites:* • *361-365 North Rocks Road, North Rocks,* • *Schools Infrastructure NSW.*	**Subject land:** 361-365 North Rocks Road, North Rocks **Submitter:** Mecone on behalf of EG North Rocks Road, North Rocks (former site of Royal Institution for Deaf and Blind Children) **Request:** Submitter opposed the site's proposed biodiversity mapping. Questions the validity of introducing biodiversity land and whether this has been undertaken as part of a ground or aerial assessment. Supporting ecological advice accompanied this submission. **Council response – 12 July 2021** *Policy review and investigation as part of Housekeeping PP.*	**Request superseded via separate strategic planning process.** Since the submission to Council, the landowner has sought other changes to the land via a separate planning pathway, which the site is currently subject to. A Site-Specific Planning Proposal (SSPP) was lodged for the subject land in June 2021 to review land use and density only. The SSPP did not seek to remove or alter the site's inclusion on the PLEP 2023 Biodiversity Map, which does not impact the redevelopment scheme proposed via the SSPP. Therefore, a review of the Biodiversity Map for 361-365 North Rocks Road, North Rocks is not required.
6.		**Subject land:** Carlingford Public School (5 Rickard Street, Carlingford) **Submitter:** Schools Infrastructure NSW **Request:** Submitter notes that the north-east corner of Carlingford Public School was proposed to be included on the PLEP 2023 Biodiversity Map. Submitter supports the proposal to create a consolidated map that identifies environmentally sensitive land, but requests further clarification be provided regarding the specific biodiversity values present on Carlingford Public School. The submitter also requests that biodiversity layers that apply to school sites only apply to those parts of the site that are environmentally sensitive, and not to parts of the site where there are existing buildings. States that these areas should not be considered environmentally sensitive land.	**Request to be considered via separate strategic planning process.** As part of the Harmonisation Planning Proposal process, Council mapped bushland and vegetation with ecological importance on the Biodiversity Map. The Biodiversity Map was based on the ecological significant vegetation identified on the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage's *Native Vegetation of the Sydney Metropolitan Area* mapping. The use of this dataset to inform the Biodiversity Map delivered a consistent approach to mapping environmentally significant land and to ensure development impacts are managed during the development assessment process. As a result of the above approach, the north-east corner of 5 Rickard Street, Carlingford (Carlingford Public School) was added to the Biodiversity Map to protect its Blue Gum High Forest vegetation classification. Whilst identification on the Biodiversity Map excludes the land from exempt or complying development, it is noted that this does not explicitly prohibit development; rather, it triggers the need to provide environmental protection/management measures as part of the DA process. As per the response from 12 July 2021, for Council officers to consider a review of the extent of the site on the Biodiversity Map, the submitter was requested to

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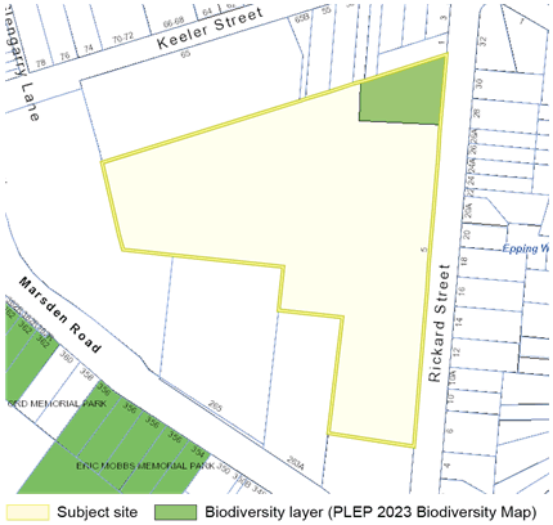
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		This will ensure that alterations and additions to school elements can be carried out efficiently as exempt or complying development under the Education and Child Care SEPP.  **Figure 13**: Biodiversity mapping of Carlingford Public School (5 Rickard Street, Carlingford). **Council response – 12 July 2021** *It is recommended that the applicant provide their analysis of the relevant constraints for their site and submit it to Council either as part of a site-specific Planning Proposal or to allow Council to include it in a future LEP Housekeeping Amendment process.* *Investigation as part of Housekeeping PP*	provide an analysis of the relevant constraints for the land at Carlingford Public School identified in the submission by a suitably qualified specialist, and the limitations the current Biodiversity mapping imposes. From a review of an aerial map, the part of the site on the map does not include any existing buildings . At the time of writing this report, no further analysis has been received from the submitter. Any Schools Infrastructure NSW site seeking to have its biodiversity mapping reviewed, should be specifically identified with an analysis provided to Council for consideration on the suitability of reducing the affectation on parts of the sites where there are existing buildings. It is noted that Council considers this a reasonable request (as per Council's response to the request and analysis provided by The Kings School). However, the submitter has not submitted a list of school sites where the mapping extends over buildings, therefore, Council officers cannot make this assessment. This analysis can be provided to Council as part of a Site-Specific Planning Proposal or as a stand-alone report which Council can assess and consider as part of a future housekeeping amendment or other appropriate process.
7.		**Subject land:** Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School **Submitter:** Schools Infrastructure NSW	**Request to be considered via separate strategic planning process.** Riparian Lands on the Natural Resources Map were applied to waterways that were on privately-owned land, and land that was not zoned for RE1 Public

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		Request: Submitter noted that the eastern boundary of Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School shown as Riparian Corridor (known as Darling Mills Creek) will be identified as "Riparian Land and Waterways" on the Natural Resources Map.  **Figure 14**: Riparian corridor mapping of Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School. Submitter supports the proposal to create a consolidated map that identifies environmentally sensitive land, but requests further clarification be provided regarding the specific riparian values present on the Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School. The submitter also requests that biodiversity listings and maps that apply to school sites only apply to those parts of the site that are environmentally sensitive, and not to parts of the site where there are existing buildings and therefore not environmentally sensitive land. This will ensure that alterations and additions to school elements can be carried out efficiently as exempt or	Recreation or C2 Environmental Conservation. The riparian lands layer was applied instead of zoning the land W1 Natural Waterways or W2 Recreational Waterways zone as this would have otherwise significantly restricted the capability and use of the land. Widths were variable and generally measured from the centreline of the watercourse. The width of the riparian land extent, including any land zoned W1 or W2, depended on the level or order a stream had under the Strahler Stream Order Classification System. The higher the order of a stream, the wider the riparian land extent. In the case of Darling Creek at Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School, the width of the riparian land and waterways control was about 30m (or 15m from the creek's centreline). The 30m extent applied partly to Northmead Creative as well as to houses on the other side of Darling Mills Creek in Speers Road. As per the response from 12 July 2021, for Council officers to consider the removal of Darling Mills Creek from the Natural Resources Map, the submitter is requested to provide an analysis of the relevant constraints for the land at Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School by a suitably qualified specialist, and the limitations the current Natural Resources Map mapping imposes. As per above, any other Schools Infrastructure NSW site to have its biodiversity mapping or riparian lands reviewed also needs to be provided to Council for consideration on the suitability of reducing the affectation on parts of the sites where there are existing buildings. This analysis can be provided to Council as part of a Site-Specific Planning Proposal or as a stand-alone report which Council can assess and consider as part of a future housekeeping amendment or other appropriate process. All the requests made by Schools Infrastructure NSW regarding heritage, biodiversity, and riparian lands mapping could be presented concurrently to Council to consider the suitability of adjusting the mapping for any of the land owned by the submitter.

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		complying development under the Education and Child Care SEPP. **Council response – 12 July 2021** *It is recommended that the applicant provide their analysis of the relevant constraints for their site and submit it to Council either as part of a site-specific Planning Proposal or to allow Council to include it in a future LEP Housekeeping Amendment process.* *Investigation as part of Housekeeping PP*	
8.	**Issue:** ***5.*** *725 Blaxland Road – Request to review land reservation and acquisition.*	**Subject land:** 725 Blaxland Road, Epping – Bowling Club **Submitter:** Landowner **Request:** Request from landowner to acquire or remove the subject land from the Land Reservation Acquisition Map and rezone the land from RE1 Public Recreation to another land use zone. A policy review is required to determine where acquisition is needed and whether funding is available.  **Figure 15:** Land Reservation Acquisition layer on Epping Bowling Club **Council response – 12 July 2021** *Precinct-based PP matter - This will be addressed as part of a strategic assessment of future open space provision in Epping and presented to Council for consideration as part of the Epping Precinct work.*	**Request being considered via separate strategic planning process.** The subject land is identified in the *City of Parramatta (Outside CBD) Contributions Plan 2021* for acquisition and embellishment of the subject land. This acquisition and works are listed as a medium priority with a 5-10 years timeframe (see item O30a and O30b in the plan); and may be delivered by a voluntary planning agreement. Council officers are currently discussing options with the landowner to address this matter as part of a separate negotiation process.

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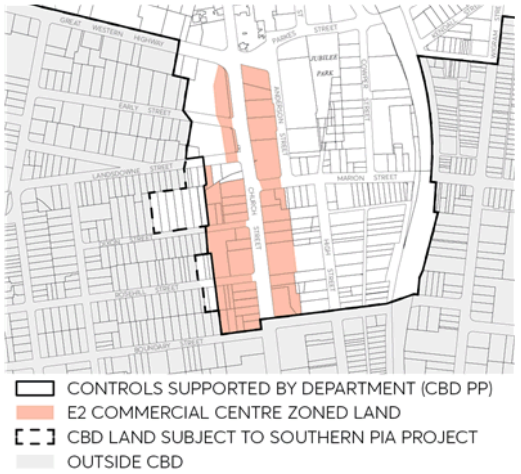
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9.	**Issue:** ***6.*** *CBD Precinct-Submissions object to various LEP control provisions that were being proposed as part of the CBD Planning Proposal.*	**Subject land:** High Street, Parramatta (Auto Alley Precinct) **Submitter:** Landowner **Request:** Submitter objected to the LEP control provisions that were being proposed as part of the CBD Planning Proposal and requested the following: • Rezone Church Street Auto Alley from E3 Productivity Support (formerly B5) to E2 Commercial Centre (formerly B3) • 10:1 FSR and 60m building height control for both sides of Church Street from Great Western Highway to M4 motorway **Council response – 12 July 2021** *Precinct-based PP matter - Policy matters relating to the Parramatta CBD Precinct are being addressed via the CBD Planning Proposal.* *Most land fronting Church Street is within the CBD Planning Proposal boundary and is proposed to be zoned B3 with an FSR of 10:1 and building heights of 72m and 100m. Land to the east of Church Street is within the CBD Planning Proposal. This land is proposed to be zoned B4 with varying building height and FSR controls to reflect the transition in scale, solar access and heritage matters, as resolved by Council on 25 November 2019.*	**Request superseded via separate strategic planning process.** As part of the finalisation of the Parramatta CBD Planning Proposal (CBD PP), the Department of Planning Infrastructure and Environment finalised changes to the planning controls for the land fronting Church Street from Great Western Highway to the M4 Motorway. The land was zoned E2 Commercial Centre, and a FSR of 10:1 and HOB of 72m and 100m was introduced. The Figure below shows the land that was rezoned to E2 via the CBD PP:  **Figure 16:** Auto Alley precinct 2024 It is also noted that some land west of Auto Alley will be investigated as part of the Southern Planning Investigation Area as endorsed at the Council Meeting of 20 November 2023 (refer to Item 13.8).
10.		**Subject land:** 23-27 Harold Street, Parramatta **Submitter:** Knight Frank **Request:** Submitter sought an uplift due to the site's proximity to the City Centre (in relation to the proposed uplift as part of the CBD Planning Proposal) and was concerned that the Harmonisation process would undermine uplift outcomes.	**Request superseded via separate strategic planning process.** The submitter's SSPP (RR-2023-37) was recently subject to a Rezoning Review and the Panel decided on 3/5/2024 that the planning proposal should be submitted for a Gateway Determination subject to 53 Sorrell Street being removed from the proposal and the HOB increasing to 40m and FSR to 3.6:1. Additionally, the subject site is part of the North-East Planning Investigation Area, wherein Council officers have proposed a 60m maximum height of building and 3.6:1 floor space ratio for the subject land. The matter was endorsed by the

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		This submitter also provided a submission to the original North-East Planning Investigation Area exhibition and lodged a Site-Specific Planning Proposal (SSPP). The submitter reiterated the suitability of an uplift in planning controls (in relation to the SSPP for the site) due to the site's proximity to the City Centre, walkability to/from the light rail, and R4 High Density Residential zoning. **Council response – 12 July 2021** *Precinct-based PP matter - Investigation Area will be dealt with as part of that continuation of CBD Planning Review process.*	Local Planning Panel on 16 April 2024, and Council at its meeting on 27 May 2024 (refer to Item 13.9) for endorsement of the Planning Proposal (PP) to be forwarded for a Gateway Determination. Therefore, the submitter's request has been superseded via both the proponent initiated SSPP (which is currently under assessment by DPHI), as well as the Council initiated PP which has been endorsed by Council to be forwarded to DPHI for Gateway Determination.
11.	**Issue:** ***8.*** *Various sites in CBD Planning Investigation Areas - Submissions were lodged requesting a review of controls in 3 of the Planning Investigation Areas currently identified as part of the CBD planning policy review process.*	**Subject land:** Fennell Street, Parramatta. **Submitter:** Landowner from Fennell Street, Parramatta **Request:** Submitter requests to increase the building height from 11m to 24m for residential properties along Fennell Street, Parramatta. **Council response – 12 July 2021** *Precinct-based PP matter - Investigation Area will be dealt with as part of that continuation of CBD Planning Review process.*	**Request to be considered via separate strategic planning process.** On 20 November 2023 (refer to Item 13.8), Council resolved matters relating to the Parramatta CBD Planning Framework, including a work program for North-East PIA, Southern PIA, and Northern PIA. The subject area is located within the North-East PIA and is subject to a separate planning review which is ongoing. As part of the North-East PIA, Council officers have proposed a 40m maximum height of building and 3:1 floor space ratio for the subject land. The matter was endorsed by the Local Planning Panel on 16 April 2024, and Council at its meeting on 27 May 2024 (refer to Item 13.9) for endorsement of the Planning Proposal to be forwarded for a Gateway Determination. The submission has been forwarded to the relevant project team and can be considered as part of the broader strategic planning investigation for the North-East PIA.
12.		**Subject land:** 29-31 Dixon Street, Parramatta. **Submitter:** Knight Frank on behalf of landowners **Request:** Submitter requested to increase the planning controls for the subject land. The existing planning controls for the site are R4, 11m height, and 0.8:1 FSR. Submitter stated that, while the site is outside of the Parramatta CBD boundary, it is part of the West Auto Alley Precinct which indicated the site has potential for uplift. It also adjoins Church Street which the Parramatta CBD Planning Proposal was proposing to increase the FSR control from 2:1 to 10:1, and the height from 2m to 100m.	**Request to be considered via separate strategic planning process.** On 20 November 2023, Council resolved matters relating to the Parramatta CBD Planning Framework, including a work program for North East PIA, Southern PIA, and Northern PIA. The subject area is located within the Southern PIA and will be subject to a separate planning review which is scheduled to commence as part of Phase 2 - early 2024. The submission has been forwarded to the relevant project team and will be considered as part of the broader strategic planning investigation for the Southern PIA.

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		Council response – 12 July 2021 *Precinct-based PP matter - Investigation Area will be dealt with as part of that continuation of CBD Planning Review process.*	
13.	**Issue:** ***10.*** *Car parking rates*	**Subject land:** N/A – LGA wide **Submitter:** Transport for NSW **Request:** TfNSW recommended Council consider setting maximum car parking rates (including visitor parking) for development located close to public transport and services. **Council response –12 July 2021** *As part of the Harmonisation Planning Proposal, it was noted by Council that controls for car parking rates will be reviewed as part of the preparation of the consolidated Parramatta DCP.* *DCP Review Matter*	**Request superseded via separate strategic planning process** As part of the preparation and finalisation of the Parramatta DCP 2023 (i.e. the Harmonisation DCP), Council also received a similar submission from TfNSW requesting that Council consider setting maximum parking rates for precincts within the LGA that have a high level of public and active transport. The car parking rate in the PDCP 2023 was informed by the Land Use Planning Harmonisation Discussion Paper recommendations, and was consistent with the TfNSW Guide to Traffic Generating Developments. It is noted that it retained the precinct specific car parking rates, some of which utilise maximum parking rates (for example, the Parramatta CBD and Epping CBD). While not a maximum car parking rate, the PDCP 2023 car parking rates for development near transport nodes (including business premises, residential flat buildings, multi-dwelling housing, and the residential component of mixed-use development) respond to TfNSW's request to reduce parking close to public transport. For these developments, the DCP requires a 25% reduction in car parking for sites within 800m of a train station or light rail stop, or 400m from a transitway bus stop. The Parramatta DCP 2023 came into effect on 18 September 2023. Although Council officers have recently considered this matter as part of the new DCP, council officers can consider the request for maximum parking rates further as part of future Integrated Transport Study for the LGA.
14.	**Issue:** ***13.*** *Dual Occupancy Prohibition Mapping in Winston Hills area*	**Subject land:** 1 and 3 Simpson Street; 1, 2, 2A, 3-6 and 8 Lois Street; 5A, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, and 82 Naomi Street South, Winston Hills **Submitters:** Residents of Winston Hills – Lois, Simpson and Naomi Street South **Request:** As part of the exhibition of the Harmonisation process, Council exhibited the Harmonisation Planning Proposal including the supporting Dual Occupancy Constraints Analysis. The Planning Proposal did not involve the expansion of dual occupancy prohibition in Winston Hills.	**Request superseded via separate strategic planning process** Council officers proposed to expand dual occupancy prohibition to Louis, Simpson and Naomi Street South via a Site-Specific Planning Proposal (SSPP) submitted to the then Department of Planning and Environment (Department) on 2 November 2021. On 13 December 2021, the Department issued a Gateway Determination that the SSPP should not proceed. Council requested a review of the Gateway Determination, leading to a review of the SSPP by the NSW Independent Planning Commission (IPC). On 5 May 2022, Council officers received written notice from the Department stating that no amendments would be made to the Gateway Determination received in December 2021, in line with the recommendations made by the IPC. Therefore, no changes were made to the Dual Occupancy Prohibition Map in the PLEP

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		In response, Council received two submissions and one petition from 11 properties in Simpson, Lois and Naomi Street seeking prohibition of dual occupancy development at the Site, with concerns raised regarding the potential worsening traffic and parking conditions. **Council response – 12 July 2021** *Prepare a Planning Proposal prohibiting dual occupancy development on Lois, Simpson and Naomi Street South, Winston Hills as per Council resolution on 12 July 2021.*	2023 as the SSPP was not supported. Dual occupancy continues to be permitted on the subject land. In addition, in December 2023/January 2024, the Department exhibited the *Explanation of Intended Effect: Changes to create low and mid-rise housing.* The proposed reforms sought to expand the permissibility of dual occupancy development to all R2 Low Density zoned land, including land identified in the PLEP 2023 Dual Occupancy Prohibition Map. On 1 July 2024, Stage 1 of the low and mid-rise housing reforms were implemented with an amendment to SEPP (Housing) 2021 coming into effect to permit dual occupancy development and semi-detached dwellings on R2 zoned land across NSW. In light of the policy direction from the State Government regarding housing delivery, it is unlikely the subject land would be prohibited for dual occupancy via another SSPP.
15.	**Issue:** ***11.*** *Setback controls for residential development*	**Subject land:** N/A – land where dual occupancy is permitted **Submitter:** Landowner from North Rocks Road, North Rocks. **Request:** Submission recommends 1.5m side setback for first and second floor dual occupancy development. **Council response – 12 July 2021** *As part of the Harmonisation Planning Proposal, it was noted by Council that setback controls for residential development will be reviewed as part of the preparation of the consolidated Parramatta DCP.*	**Request superseded via separate strategic planning process** As part of the preparation and finalisation of the Parramatta DCP 2023 (i.e. the Harmonisation DCP), setback controls for dual occupancy development were amended following detailed urban design analysis to respond to the different site configurations and context of low-density neighbourhoods within the new City of Parramatta. As part of this, a minimum setback of 1.5m for all levels was considered appropriate for dual occupancies within the Parramatta context. This is considered an improved design response as it would allow for adequate separation with neighbouring buildings, landscaping within side setbacks, reduction of the development's bulk, and improved access to direct sunlight. Therefore, this orange matter has been resolved via the Harmonisation DCP process. As part of State Government's exhibition of the low and mid rise housing reforms in December/ January 2024, non-refusal standards for dual occupancies were included such as maximum building height and floor space ratio, and minimum site area and lot width. It was intended that these would supersede the relevant controls within PLEP 2023 and PDCP 2023. On 1 July 2024, Stage 1 of the low and mid-rise housing reforms were implemented with an amendment to SEPP (Housing) 2021 coming into effect to permit dual occupancy development and semi-detached dwellings on R2 zoned land across NSW. The non-refusal standards outlined above were not introduced

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			as part of Stage 1 of the housing reforms, however, may be introduced as part of Stage 2 scheduled for later in 2024. It is therefore unknown at this point in time if dual occupancies with side setbacks of 1.5m will be part of the state government's housing reforms.
16.	**Issue:** ***7.*** *Clause 6.12 - ground floor uses in B1 and B2 Zones.*	**Subject land:** E1 Local Centre zoned land (formerly B1 Neighbourhood Centre and B2 Local Centre) **Submitter:** Unknown **Request:** Investigate significance of issues - Consider excluding tourist and visitor accommodation and car parks at ground floor. **Council response – 12 July 2021** *Policy review and investigation.* *This will be dealt with as part of Actions A6 in the LSPS which involves a review of the B1 and B2 Neighbourhood zones*	**Request superseded via separate strategic planning process** The Employment Zones Reform process administered by the State Government superseded the review triggered via Action A6 within the Parramatta LSPS. The Employment Zones Reform reviewed land uses within the former B1 and B2 zones when it prepared the E1 Local Centre zone currently within the PLEP 2023. This process retained some tourist and visitor accommodation uses and car parks within the zone. In addition, the PLEP 2023 contains Clause 6.12 'Ground floor development in Zone E1' which has the objective to encourage the presence of movement of people by ensuring active uses are provided at street level in the E1 zone. This clause assists in promoting non-residential uses on the ground floor within the E1 zone, and refinements are further sought to require the consent authority to be satisfied the ground floor uses interact with the public domain (see Housekeeping amendment in **Attachment 2**). For developments where carparking is demonstrated to be required at ground floor due to site constraints/configuration, it is recommended that DCP controls for sleeving to require activation and mitigate amenity issues be explored to further support the use of active uses on ground floors in developments, and to support the implementation of Clause 6.12 in the PLEP 2023.
17.	**Issue:** ***4.*** *Epping Precinct -* *Submissions object to various LEP control provisions that are currently being reviewed as part of a separate Planning Proposal for the Epping Precinct.*	**Subject land:** Rose Street Precinct, Epping **Submitter:** Multiple landowners from Essex Street, Brigg Road, Rose Street, Blaxland Road, High Street, Epping. **Request:** Submitters requested to rezone land within Rose Street Precinct from R2 to R4 to match the development on Maida Road with Brigg Road, which is part of the Epping Planning Review. **Council response – 12 July 2021** *This area has been the subject of a Council resolution requiring a flood analysis to be completed before any rezoning can be progressed.* *Precinct based PP matter.*	**Request superseded via separate strategic planning process** On 5 December 2022 (refer to Item 13.2), Council resolved not to proceed with the consideration of planning control amendments for the Rose Street Precinct, including the preparation of a drainage analysis. Council officers determined that an increase in density for the precinct would be inconsistent with Council's LSPS and LHS which seek to retain the local character of existing low density residential areas. As part of this, Council wrote to landowners in the Rose Street Precinct advising them of Council's decision and no further action is needed.

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18.		**Subject land:** Rosebank Avenue, Epping **Submitter:** Landowner Forest Grove, Epping **Request:** The submitter objected to the proposed planning controls for Rosebank Avenue, specifically the increase in height from 8.5m to 11m. The submitter objected to the proposed FSR of 0.8:1 for the south end of Rosebank Avenue. The submitter also opposes the removal of the southern end of the Rosebank Avenue HCA, stating that it needs to be retained to manage interface areas. **Council response – 12 July 2021** *A Planning Proposal for the Rosebank Avenue is being progressed separately to the Harmonised LEP.*	**Request superseded via separate strategic planning process** The planning controls for Rosebank Avenue were resolved as part of a Site-Specific Planning Proposal (SSPP) for 1-7 and 2-8 Rosebank Avenue. This was finalised by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure on 30 July 2021. Changes associated with this SSPP are as follows: • Removal of the subject sites from the Rosebank Avenue HCA. • Rezoning from R2 Low Density Residential to R4 High Density Residential. • Increase of maximum height of building from 8.5m to 11m (up to 3 storeys). • Introduction of 0.8:1 floor space ratio. To ensure an appropriate interface to the Rosebank Avenue HCA, DCP controls were carried over from Hornsby DCP 2013 into the finalised Parramatta DCP 2023 as Section 8.1.1.3.8 – Rosebank Avenue, Epping Precinct. Planning for the Rosebank Avenue area has been completed and no further action needed.
19.	**Issue:** ***12.*** *Dual Occupancy permissibility based on bushfire prone land*	**Subject land:** Bushfire prone land **Submitter:** NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) **Request:** The RFS noted that the Dual Occupancy constraints analysis that informed the draft Dual Occupancy Prohibition Map (part of the Harmonisation Planning Proposal package) appears to have been completed without the benefit of bushfire prone land analysis which is now available to Council. As part of their submission, NSW RFS recommended that Council investigate and expand the dual occupancy prohibition to land directly abutting bushfire prone areas, which include: • Terrys Creek • Hunts Creek • Darling Mills Creek and Rifle Range Creek • Northmead Gully and Toongabbie Creek • Galaringi and Cox Park • Rapanea Community Forest • Vineyard Creek **Council response – 12 July 2021**	**Request to be considered via separate strategic planning process.** As part of the finalisation of PLEP 2023 in March 2023, the then Department of Planning and Environment (the Department) did not support the expansion of the Dual Occupancy Prohibition Map due to concerns with housing delivery. In December 2023, the Department exhibited the *Explanation of Intended Effect: Changes to create low and mid-rise housing*. The reforms as exhibited in December 2023 proposed to expand the permissibility of dual occupancy development to all R2 Low Density Residential zoned land including, - land currently included on the PLEP 2023 Dual Occupancy Prohibition Map, and - land effected by environmental hazards (such as bushfire). In response to this December 2023 draft policy direction from the State Government, Council officers at this time a Planning Proposal to prohibit dual occupancy development across bushfire prone land was unlikely to be supported. However, on 1 July 2024, Stage 1 of the low and mid-rise housing reforms were implemented with an amendment to SEPP (Housing) 2021 coming into effect to permit dual occupancy development and semi-detached dwellings on R2 zoned land across NSW excluding bushfire prone land (and on land with other site characteristics as per Clause 141B of the SEPP (Housing) 2021)). In addition, the 'Policy exclusions factsheet' explains that bushfire prone land (which includes vegetation categories 1, 2 and 3, as well as the buffer zone) are

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		This matter be addressed via a future housekeeping review and investigate whether the permissibility of dual occupancy should be further reviewed based on more recently available bushfire prone land mapping.	excluded from the policy changes to reduce the risks associated with increased density in bushfire-prone areas. Furthermore, Council staff reviewed the bushfire prone land within the City of Parramatta and dual occupancy permissibility under the PLEP 2023. There are a total of 425 parcels (shown in red in Figure 17) where dual occupancy development is prohibited under the PLEP 2023. These sites will remain prohibited under the Stage 1 reforms due to their bushfire affection. The green and blue sites within Figure 17 are bushfire affected sites within the City of Parramatta that currently permit dual occupancy development under the PLEP 2023. As dual occupancy is already permitted on this bushfire prone land, the Stage 1 reforms do not have any affect to permissibility. The Stage 1 reforms expand dual occupancy permissibility across R2 land that does not have existing permissibility under an Environmental Planning Instrument such as an LEP. As the dual occupancy land use is already permitted under the PLEP 2023 on the green and blue bushfire affect sites, the restriction on dual occupancy permissibility to exclude bushfire affect sites (via Clause 141B of the SEPP (Housing) 2021) does not apply. As the PLEP 2023 already permitted dual occupancy on these bushfire prone land sites, the development assessment process will manage bushfire risk under the *Rural Fires Act 1997*, Infrastructure SEPP, and other relevant planning controls when assessing the suitability of proposed development.

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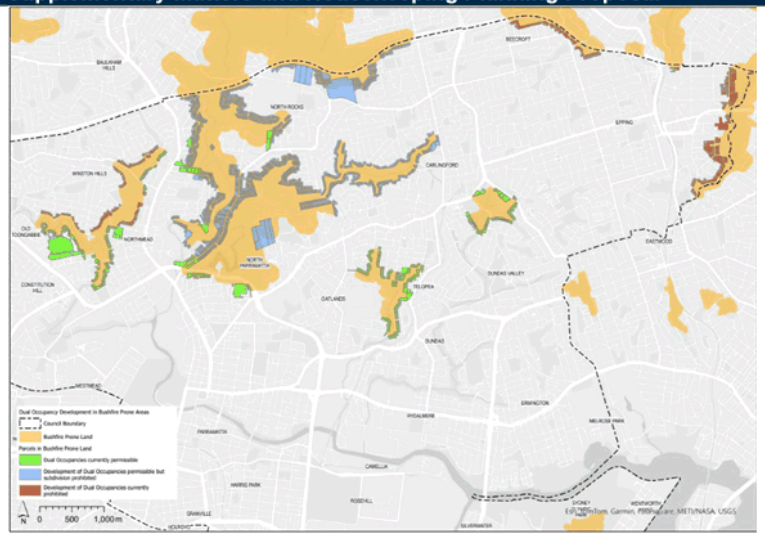
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			 **Figure 17:** Permissibility of dual occupancy development on bushfire prone land within the City of Parramatta Therefore, in light of this recent policy direction and precedent set by the Stage 1 reforms to the SEPP (Housing) 2021 implemented on 1 July 2024 to exclude dual occupancy development from bushfire prone land, Council officers recommend the permissibility of dual occupancy on the green and blue sites shown in Figure 17 be reviewed as part of a future housekeeping amendment. In addition, Council officers will also undertake a review of the bushfire prone land database available on NSW Planning Portal Spatial Viewer to ensure Council's database is up-to-date given the NSW Planning Portal data will be used to inform permissibility of dual occupancy under the SEPP (Housing) 2021.
20.	**Issue:** ***9.*** *Office of Environment, Energy and Science which forms part of the Department of Planning Industry and Environment has*	**Subject land:** Endangered ecological communities within public reserves **Submitter:** Office of Environment, Energy and Science **Request:** The submitter requests that endangered ecological communities (EECs) within the following public reserves be mapped as E2 Environmental Conservation (now C2 Environmental Conservation):	**Request not supported due to lack of strategic merit** The existing RE1 Public Recreation zone of the public reserves listed within the submitters request reflects the primary recreation purposes of the specified reserves. As land zoned RE1 Public Recreation are owned by Council, the identified endangered ecological communities are adequately managed in alignment with Council's Community and Crown Land Plan of Management 2023.

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	suggested numerous amendments to the exhibited Draft Harmonisation Planning Proposal **Council response – 12 July 2021** *Requested amendment will be considered as part of a future LEP Housekeeping amendment*	• **Blue Gum High Forest:** Mobbs Lane Reserve, Fred Spurway Park, Boronia Park, Charles Fraser Park, Barayly Park, and Allan Cunningham Reserve. • **Sydney Turpentine-Ironbark Forest:** George Gollan Reserve, Burnside Gollan Reserve, Winton Avenue Reserve, Don Moore Reserve, Kilpack Park, Upjohn Park, and Boronia Park. • **River-flat Eucalypt Forest and Cumberland Plain Woodland:** Palestine Park. The submitter also requests that bushland at the rear of The Kings School be considered for E2 Environmental Conservation (now C2 Environmental Conservation) due to the threatened flora records.	Additionally, Council is permitted to undertake a range of development as 'exempt' or 'without consent' under *State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021* regardless of the LEP land zoning. Therefore, the current zoning and management of the specified reserves is adequate in protecting the relevant endangered ecological communities, and a rezoning to C2 Environmental Conservation is not necessary. The Kings School land recognised to form part of an important bushland corridor between Council public reserves, and has been included on the Biodiversity Map to reflect this, which triggers Clause 6.3 (Biodiversity) consistent with the adjoining C2 zone objectives. This protection via the Biodiversity mapping is considered adequate. It is also noted as per Item 1 in Table 1 above, that the Biodiversity mapping is being adjusted following assessment of analysis provided by The Kings School and will be removed from existing buildings.
21.		**Subject land:** Land zoned E2 Environmental Conservation (now C2 Environmental Conservation) **Submitter:** Office of Environment, Energy and Science **Request:** Submitter recommends the protection, maintenance and rehabilitation of waters is included as a zone objective for land zoned C2 Environmental Conservation.	**Request not supported due to lack of strategic merit** The objectives for the C2 Environmental Conservation zone under PLEP 2023 adequately capture the intent of the requested change. This includes the protection, maintenance, and restoration of waters of high ecological, scientific, cultural or aesthetic values. Therefore, no changes are required to address the submitter's request.
22.		**Subject land:** All land with residential, business, industrial, and recreation zones. **Submitter:** Office of Environment, Energy and Science **Request:** Submitter recommended the following objective *to protect and enhance tree canopy, existing vegetation and other natural features* is included for all residential, business, industrial and recreation zones.	**Request not supported due to lack of strategic merit** It is acknowledged that objectives that to refer to tree canopy, existing vegetation and natural features is not present in all residential, business, industrial and recreation zones under PLEP 2023. However, the current objectives within each zone are considered to capture the intent of the requested change to protect the amenity of neighbourhoods and the natural environment (including tree canopy and vegetation). For example, the E3, E4, E5, and MU1 zones include the following objective: *To minimise adverse effects on natural environment.* A future review of zone objectives within PLEP 2023 could be undertaken following finalisation of Council's canopy plan.
23.		**Subject land:** All land zoned RE1 **Submitter:** Office of Environment, Energy and Science **Request:** The Hornsby LEP 2013 included an objective to protect and maintain areas of bushland that have ecological value. However, the Harmonisation Planning	**Request not supported due to lack of strategic merit** The current wording of the RE1 Public Recreation zone objectives are considered to be inclusive of natural assets along waterways and riparian land: • *To conserve, enhance and promote the natural assets and cultural heritage significance of parks and open spaces in the zone.*

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		Proposal states this objective is not considered necessary as public bushland is proposed to be rezoned from RE1 to E2. The submitter recommended that a zone objective is included to conserve and enhance natural assets along waterways and riparian land in the RE1 zone, and requests Council consider the RE1 zone objectives included in the Ku-ring-gai and Campbelltown LEPs.	• *To protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes.* Therefore, the requested change is adequately captured in the existing objectives and an additional objective is not required for the RE1 zone under PLEP 2023.
24.		**Subject land:** All land zoned E3 Productivity Support (previously B7 Business Park) and E4 General Industrial (previously IN1 General Industrial) **Submitter:** Office of Environment, Energy and Science **Request:** Submitter supported having objective to minimise adverse effects on the natural environment as an objective for the E3 Productivity Support and E4 General Industrial zone.	**Request superseded by separate strategic planning process.** The objective to minimise adverse effects on the natural environment was carried over into the finalised PLEP 2023 for the E3 Productivity Support and E4 General Industrial zones. Therefore, no changes are required to address the submitter's request.
25.		**Subject land:** All land zoned E3 Productivity Support (previously B5 Business Development) **Submitter:** Office of Environment, Energy and Science **Request:** Submitter questioned whether it is appropriate to have an objective in the LEP to encourage a range of tourism, recreation, and entertainment uses in proximity to the Parramatta River could inhibit the potential to protect and enhance the riparian corridor along the Parramatta River.	**Request superseded by separate strategic planning process.** The referenced objective has been amended as part of the Department's finalisation of PLEP 2023: *To encourage a range of tourism, recreation, function and entertainment uses near major community infrastructure ~~in proximity to the Rosehill Racecourse, the Parramatta River and the Western Sydney University~~.* This amended objective, in addition to the objective to *minimise adverse effects on the natural environment*, is not considered to inhibit the potential to protect/enhance the riparian corridor along Parramatta River. This is considered to address the submitters request.
26.		**Subject land:** All land mapped as Riparian Land and Waterways **Submitter:** Office of Environment, Energy and Science **Request:** The submitter recommends to include minimum riparian corridor widths for land identified as "Riparian Land and Waterways" on the Natural Resources Map. Additionally recommends that the Land Application Map is amended to show the waterways in blue colour to be more obvious.	**Request not supported due to lack of strategic merit.** The format, symbology, and labelling of mapping (including the PLEP 2023 Land Application Map and Natural Resources Map Map) is consistent with the NSW Government *Standard Technical Requirements for Spatial Datasets and Maps*. As all LEP mapping is guided by these state government requirements, a graphical amendment for the identification of waterways in the PLEP 2023 Land Application Map is not required.

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			Similarly, the recommendation to amend the Natural Resources Map to indicate minimum riparian corridor widths is not in alignment with the state government's standard technical requirements
27.		**Subject clause:** Clause 6.6 – Foreshore area **Submitter:** Office of Environment, Energy and Science **Request:** The submitter requests amendments to Clause 6.6, including the objectives of the clause, to ensure that development consent is not granted unless the development will not cause environmental harm to riparian land and connectivity and remnant native vegetation.	**Request not supported due to lack of strategic merit.** The current wording of the subclauses (1)(b), (3)(c) and (f) within Clause 6.6 Foreshore area of PLEP 2023 adequately protects waterways and its adjoining land. *(1) The objective of this clause is to protect the Parramatta River and its tributaries by ensuring development in the foreshore area—* *(b) will not affect the significance and amenity of the area, and* *(3) Development consent must not be granted under subclause (2) unless the consent authority is satisfied of the following—* *(c) the development will not cause environmental harm, for example—* *(i) pollution or siltation of the waterway, or* *(ii) an adverse effect on surrounding uses, marine habitat, wetland areas, fauna and flora habitats, or* *(iii) an adverse effect on drainage patterns,* *(f) historic, scientific, cultural, social, archaeological, architectural, natural or aesthetic significance of the land on which the development will be carried out, and of surrounding land, will be maintained.* This is inclusive of riparian land, riparian connectivity, and remnant native vegetation. Therefore, the requested change is sufficiently captured in the existing wording of Clause 6.6. Foreshore area, and further amendments are not required.
28.		**Subject clause:** Clause 6.4 – Protection of riparian land and waterways **Submitter:** Office of Environment, Energy and Science **Request:** The submitter requests amendments to Clause 6.4 including the objectives (subclause (1)), and requirements for the consent authority before determining a development application (subclause (3) and (4)) to explicitly refer to protecting and improving natural flow regimes and ecological values of waterways.	**Request not supported due to lack of strategic merit.** The referred subclauses within Clause 6.4 Riparian land and waterways of PLEP 2023 make reference to the protection and maintenance *natural water flows in waterways* and *aquatic and riparian species, habitats and ecosystems of the waterway*. This is considered to be inclusive of natural flow regimes and ecological values of waterways. Similarly, subclause (3)(vi) explicitly refers to the *future rehabilitation of the waterways and riparian areas*. Therefore, the requested change is sufficiently captured in the existing wording of Clause 6.4 Riparian land and waterways, and further amendments are not required.

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		The submitter requests an additional subclause to ensure that development consent is not granted unless the development is consistent with the objectives of this clause.	
29.		**Subject clause:** Clause 6.3 – Biodiversity **Submitter:** Office of Environment, Energy and Science **Request:** Submitter requests amendments to Clause 6.3 including the objectives (subclause (1)) and requirements for the consent authority before determining a development application (subclause (3) and (4)) to explicitly refer to measures to *protect, improve and enhance ecological communities and threatened species*. Requests an additional subclause to ensure that development consent is not granted unless the development is consistent with the objectives of this clause.	**Request not supported due to lack of strategic merit.** The referred subclauses within Clause 6.3 Biodiversity of PLEP 2023 make reference to *adverse environmental impact* (including impacts on ecological communities and threatened species). This includes the consideration of *the potential to fragment, disturb or diminish the biodiversity structure, function and composition of land* when deciding whether to grant development consent. Therefore, the requested change is sufficiently captured in the existing wording of Clause 6.3 Biodiversity, and further amendments are not required.
30.		**Subject clause:** Clause 6.2 – Earthworks **Submitter:** Office of Environment, Energy and Science **Request:** Submitter requests amendments to Clause 6.2 to specifically require the consent authority to consider the impact of proposed earthworks/excavation on biodiversity values, the health of existing trees, remnant native vegetation, and riparian land.	**Request not supported due to lack of strategic merit.** Land with elements of biodiversity values, riparian land and waterways are sufficiently protected as environmentally sensitive areas through identification on the PLEP 2023 Natural Resources Map and Biodiversity Map. In those instances, relevant provisions in Clause 6.3 Biodiversity, 6.4 Riparian land and waterways, and 6.8 Landslide risk would be applicable during the DA process. These clauses ensure that appropriate environmental management measures are undertaken to protect environmentally sensitive areas. Similarly, Clause 6.2(3)(g) requires consideration of the *proximity to, and potential adverse impacts on, a waterway, drinking water catchment or environmentally sensitive area* when assessing proposed development. As such, it is not necessary to amend Clause 6.2 Earthworks or Clause 4.1 Minimum subdivision lot size to fulfill this purpose.
31.		**Subject clause:** Clause 4.1 – Minimum subdivision lot size **Submitter:** Office of Environment, Energy and Science **Request:** Submitter supports the inclusion of Objective (1)(d) in draft Clause 4.1, with suggested amendments. The submitter recommends an additional objective 1(e) to *allow development to be sited to protect and/or enhance natural features including remnant vegetation, waterways and riparian land*.	
32.		**Subject clause:** Clause 3.3 – Environmentally sensitive areas excluded	**Request not supported due to lack of strategic merit.** As part of the Harmonisation Planning Proposal, all bushlands and waterways on public land were rezoned to C2 Environmental Conservation and W1 Natural

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		Submitter: Office of Environment, Energy and Science **Request:** Submitter supports the proposal to include land identified on the LEP Biodiversity Map as an 'environmentally sensitive area'. Submitter recommends that Council add waterways and riparian land, and land in the C2 Environmental Conservation and W1 Natural Waterways zones to the list of environmentally sensitive areas. It is noted that exempt and complying development within riparian lands will adversely affect its values and functions. Submitter recommends Council consider inclusion of wording within Clause 3.3 that is similar to the Penrith and Kiama LEPs.	Waterways, respectively. Bushlands in privately owned land were identified in the PLEP 2023 Biodiversity Map, and natural creek corridors on private land were added to the PLEP 2023 Riparian Lands and Waterways Map. This was to ensure impacts of development are appropriately considered and managed. As all land within the C2 and W1 zones are council owned, all proposed development would be in alignment with the zone objectives to prevent development that would have an adverse effect on the high ecological, scientific, cultural or aesthetic values of the land (including riparian land). Additionally, Council and other public authorities are permitted to undertake a range of development as 'exempt' or 'complying' on public reserves or other land under their control via the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021* regardless of the LEP land zone. Therefore, the exclusion of C2 and W1 zones under Clause 3.3 Environmentally sensitive areas would not result in additional protection than that already afforded by the zone objectives.
33.		**Subject clause:** Clause 2.8 – Temporary use of land **Submitter:** Office of Environment, Energy and Science **Request:** Submitter recommends amendments to Clause 2.8 (3)(c) Temporary use of land to make specific reference to biodiversity values, remnant vegetation, waterways and riparian land.	**Request not supported due to lack of strategic merit.** Clause 2.8(3)(c) of PLEP 2023 makes reference to *environmental attributes or features of the land* (including biodiversity values, remnant vegetation, waterways and riparian land). As such, the submitter's requested changes are considered to be adequately captured in the existing wording of Clause 2.8 Temporary Use of land of PLEP 2023.
34.		**Subject clause:** Clause 1.2 – Aims of Plan **Submitter:** Office of Environment, Energy and Science **Request:** Submitter recommended that the Aims of Clause 1.2 specifically protect and improve biodiversity in the LGA and that Council consider certain Aims included within other gazetted LEPs (including the Kuring-gai, Ashfield and Hornsby LEP).	**Request not supported due to lack of strategic merit.** Clause 1.2(2)(c) to (h) of PLEP 2023 makes reference to the protection and enhancement of the natural environment (including biodiversity): *(2) The particular aims of this Plan are as follows—* *(c) to identify, conserve and promote the City of Parramatta's natural and cultural heritage,* *(d) to protect and enhance the natural environment, including urban tree canopy cover and areas of remnant bushland,* *(e) to ensure development occurs in a way that protects, conserves and enhances natural resources, including waterways, riparian land, surface and groundwater quality and flows and dependent ecosystems,* *(f) to encourage ecologically sustainable development,* *(g) to minimise risk to the community in areas subject to environmental hazards, particularly flooding and bushfire, by restricting development in sensitive areas,*

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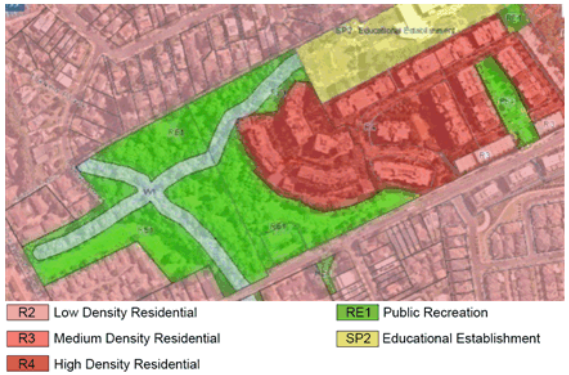
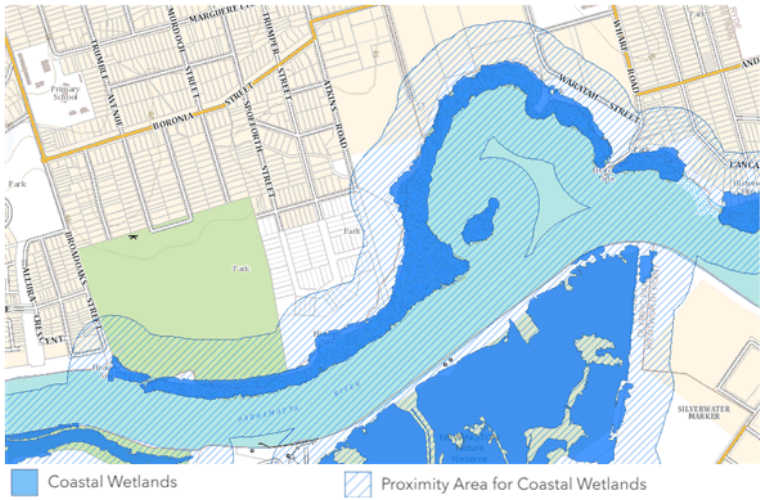
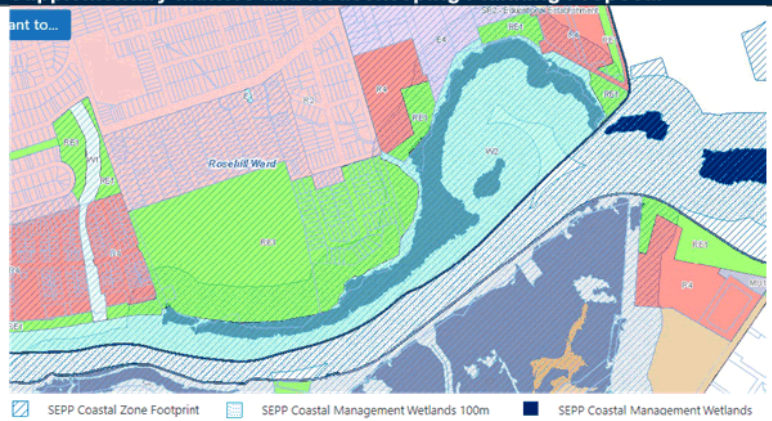
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			(h) to improve public access along waterways if the access does not adversely impact the natural value of the waterways. As such, the submitter's requested changes are considered to be adequately captured in the existing wording of Clause 1.2 Aims of Plan of PLEP 2023.
35.		**Subject land:** Mobbs Lane Reserve, Epping **Submitter:** Office of Environment, Energy and Science **Request:** Submitter notes that 27-29 Seven Street, 5-20 Epping Park Drive and 1 Ferntree Place, Epping have been rezoned R1 General Residential to R4 High Density Residential. Comments that the north-western and western boundaries of these sites adjoin Mobbs Lane Reserve, which is identified on the draft Biodiversity Map and contains remnant vegetation. Submitter recommends that this land be rezoned from RE1 to C2 Environmental Conservation.  **Figure 20:** Zoning map of Mobbs Lane Reserve	**Request not supported due to lack of strategic merit.** As part of the finalisation of PLEP 2023, 27-29 Seven Street, 5-20 Epping Park Drive and 1 Ferntree Place, Epping was rezoned from R1 General Residential to R4 High Density Residential. This was due to the existing residential flat buildings that were present in the area, consistent with development expected in R4 zoning. The submitter's request to rezone the RE1 Public Recreation land that adjoining Mobbs Lane Reserve to C2 Environmental Conservation is not considered necessary, as the RE1 and W1 zoning has been retained to reflect its primary recreation function. Additionally, the identification of the remnant vegetation on the Biodiversity Map is considered adequate to protect biodiversity values.
36.		**Subject clause:** Riparian land along Parramatta River and Duck River **Submitter:** Office of Environment, Energy and Science **Request:** Submitter requests to rezone riparian land along Parramatta River, Duck River, and saltwater wetlands which are identified as Priority Fauna Habitats in	**Request not supported due to lack of strategic merit.** Riparian land along Parramatta River and Duck River are currently zoned W2 Recreational Waterways to reflect its primary transport and recreational function. Where further environmental protection is required (i.e. priority fauna habitats), these lands are identified in the Coastal Wetlands and Littoral Rainforest Area

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		the *Rapid Fauna Habitat Assessment of the Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority Area* (DECC 2008) to C2 Environmental Conservation.	Map under the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021*:  **Figure 21:** Riparian land along the Parramatta River and land protected under SEPP Resilience and Hazards 2021 Similarly, these lands are protected through identification in the Foreshore Building Line Map PLEP 2023 and the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021* Rocky Foreshores and Significant Seagrasses Map:

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			 **Figure 22:** *State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021* Rocky Foreshores and Significant Seagrasses Map As such, the saltwater wetlands and riparian land along Parramatta River and Duck River are considered to be sufficiently protected under the existing provisions within PLEP 2023 and relevant SEPPs. Therefore, a rezoning to C2 Environmental Conservation is not required.

ATTACHMENT 2 – Summary of Housekeeping Amendments to the Parramatta LEP 2023

This document summarises the housekeeping matters proposed to be included as part of the **Parramatta Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Planning Proposal.**

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No.	Nature of Change	Explanation
1.	**Administrative heritage matter – changes to name and extent of heritage listing** **Affected sites:** • Heritage Item I151 - 64 Hughes Avenue, Ermington • Heritage Item 1541 – 153 George Street, Parramatta • Heritage Item I25 – 262 Marsden Road, Carlingford	Amendments to Schedule 5 - Environmental Heritage of the PLEP 2023 are needed to correct the name of three (3) items to accurately reflect their heritage significance and/or direction provided by previous Council resolutions. Additionally, Heritage Item - I541 requires the removal of 153A George Street from the Heritage Map in the PLEP 2023 as the Heritage Item – I541 is contained wholly on 153 George Street (as per the address in Schedule 5). 153A George Street does not contain any heritage significance and is not required to be identified on the Heritage Map as part of Heritage Item – I541. These changes will ensure the technical accuracy of Schedule 5 and the Heritage Map.
2.	**Administrative heritage matter – delisting of heritage item** **Affected sites:** • Heritage Item I221 – 1-3 Ada Street, Harris Park • Heritage Item I169 – 3 A'Beckett Street, Granville • Heritage Item I55 – 25 Station Street, Dundas • Heritage Item I332 – 7 Galloway Street, North Parramatta	Amendments to Schedule 5 - Environmental Heritage and the Heritage Map in the PLEP 2023 are needed to remove items that have been incorrectly mapped, demolished, and/or redeveloped following development approval. These changes will ensure the technical accuracy of Schedule 5 and the Heritage Map, and ensure the listings accurately reflect the heritage items within the City.
3.	**Amendments to the Land Reservation Acquisition map for** 88 Church Street, Parramatta.	The land at 88 Church Street (Figure 1) needs to be removed from the Land Reservation Acquisition Map as the reservation is no longer required. The land has been dedicated to

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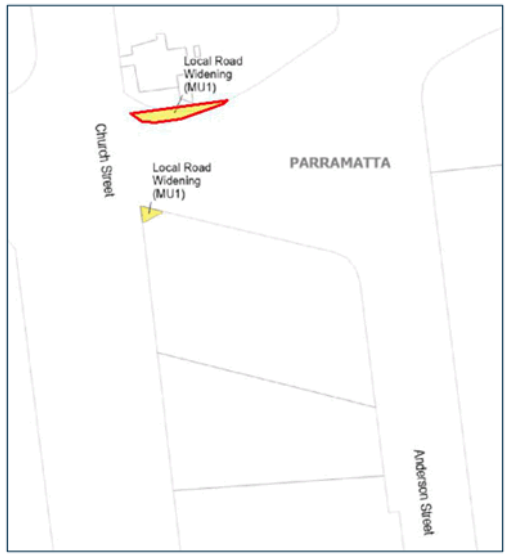
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		Council as part of a mixed-used development scheme that delivered the road widening intended to improve traffic movements.  **Figure 1**:Site shown at 88 Church Street, Parramatta to be removed from LRA outlined in red
4.	**Amendments to the Land Reservation Acquisition map and Zoning map for** thirteen (13) lots along Epping Road between Blaxland Road and Essex Street.	Thirteen (13) lots along Epping Road between Blaxland Road and Essex Street were identified on the LRA Map to deliver an additional west-bound lane to assist with traffic movements. The additional lane was delivered in 2018, and the thirteen lots have been acquired by TfNSW. As such, these lots can be removed from the LRA map and rezoned to SP2 Classified Road to reflect the infrastructure land use.

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		 **Figure 2:** Sites along Epping Road to be removed from LRA Map and rezoned to SP2
5.	**Minor non-policy amendments to** Clause 3.3 Environmentally sensitive areas and Clause 6.3 Biodiversity.	An amendment is needed to rationalise inconsistent wording between the LEP clauses and the labels of the associated mapping (i.e 'Biodiversity Map' is correct; not "land identified as 'Biodiversity' on the Natural Resources Map"). The map layers and names changed during the finalisation of the PLEP 2023, however, the change in names were not updated in the related clauses. This update will assist in navigation of the PLEP 2023 and ensure technical accuracy.
6.	**Minor non-policy amendments to** Clause 4.1C Minimum subdivision lot size for dual occupancy and manor houses.	An amendment is needed to remove the word 'subdivision' from the clause title to ensure the clause correctly identifies the provisions within the clause. The intent of Clause 4.1C is to prescribe a minimum lot size requirement for dual occupancy and manor houses. The title of this clause implies that the clause prescribes a minimum lot size for subdivision. However, none of the provisions within the clause relate to subdivision and therefore can have the word subdivision removed.
7.	**Minor non-policy amendments to** Clause 5.1 Relevant Acquisition Authority and Clause 5.1A Development on land intended to be acquired for public purposes.	Amendments are recommended to fix inconsistent wording between references within the clause and the Land Reservation Acquisition map. This will assist in navigation of the PLEP 2023, and ensure technical accuracy
8.	**Minor non-policy amendments to** Clause 6.20 Height of Buildings for certain land in Telopea Precinct; and Clause 6.21 Floor Space Ratio for certain land in Telopea Precinct.	Changes are required to remove reference to map line colour features (e.g. "land shown edged light blue") within the clauses that were included to identify where the clauses apply. At finalisation of the PLEP 2023, the digital maps were unable to display the map line colour features. As the clauses also identify the land using labels (e.g. "Area A"), the land is adequately identified on the height and FSR maps. Therefore, the map colour features in the clauses are not necessary and can be removed.

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9.	**Minor non-policy amendments to** Clause 7.17 Car Parking – General.	This clause provides parking rates for specific land uses for parts of the Parramatta City Centre. The current wording of this clause means any development for retail premises over 2,000m2 would not currently be subject to the parking requirements within the LEP, and has a merit-based assessment. Council officers consider it appropriate to amend this clause to ensure that all retail development (including buildings with more than 2,000m2 of retail gross floor area) be subject to the parking requirements.
10.	**Minor non-policy amendments to** Clause 7.25 High Performing Building Design.	This clause provides energy and water targets for different land uses for parts of the Parramatta City Centre. This includes buildings used for the purposes of hotel or motel accommodation or serviced apartments. The use of the words 'per room' in subclause (4)(c) makes it unclear as to whether the targets apply per bedroom or per unit of a hotel, motel, or serviced apartment. An amendment is required to clarify that the clause is to apply per 'hotel or motel room' or 'serviced apartment' to ensure the policy intent is delivered during the development process.
11.	**Clause refinements to** Schedule 1 Additional permitted uses 10A Use of land at Melrose Park South and update to Additional Permitted Uses map.	It is recommended that the existing Additional Permitted Use that applies to Melrose Park South in 10A of Schedule 1 be updated to also allow 'food and drink premises' on R4 High Density zoned land at Melrose Park North. This additional permitted use will allow other land uses that meet the day to day needs of residents and support liveability within the community.
12.	**Clause refinements to** Clause 6.12 Ground Floor development in Zone E1; Clause 7.10 Active Frontages; and Clause 8.4 Active Frontages in Zone E1.	The three clauses have the objective of providing non-residential uses that attract pedestrian traffic and interaction between the public domain and the ground floor at street level in E1 zones and parts of the Parramatta City Centre. Additional wording is proposed to assist in ensuring active uses are provided on the ground floor due to the difficulty in defining explicitly what land uses constitute an 'active use' or deliver 'active frontages'.
13.	**Inclusion of new provisions to PLEP 2023** – 'Dwelling mix in residential flat buildings and shop top housing' *Presented at Councillor Briefing on 3 June 2024*	An additional clause is proposed to prescribe a dwelling mix for residential flat buildings and shop top housing that have at least 10 dwellings. The PDCP 2023 currently contains dwelling mix controls. However, due to the flexibility of the application of the controls within the PDCP 2023, and its statutory weighting in the assessment process compared to the PLEP 2023, recent developments have delivered limited 3-bedroom dwellings. This impacts on Council's housing supply and the ability to provide housing for all households. Therefore, it is recommended controls be added into the LEP to provide greater statutory weighting and ensure developments are providing a dwelling mix for the current and future population.

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14.	**Inclusion of new provisions to PLEP 2023** – 'Signage on sportsground in public recreation zones' *Presented at Councillor Briefing on 3 June 2024*	An additional clause is proposed to introduce provisions for advertising signage at public sporting facilities in public recreation zones. This is due to the absence of controls in both the LEP and relevant SEPPs. Due to the scale and nature of the signage, it is considered appropriate to introduce sportsground sponsorship advertising (with appropriate size, impact, and locational criteria) as exempt development within PLEP 2023. Currently a DA is required for this type of signage which Council officers consider onerous for the scale of development. At the Councillor Briefing on 3 June 2024, Council requested information on how Council can manage the appropriateness of sportsground signage under the proposed new clause. The proposed clause requires that any sports advertising signage to go through the exempt development pathway must not contain product advertising for alcohol, tobacco products, and adult entertainment. This is to prevent any adverse social impacts on the community from inappropriate signage. In addition, the draft clause is intended to work in conjunction with a draft 'Advertising Signs on Council's Sportsgrounds, Parks and Reserves' regulation document that is currently being developed by Council's Parks and Open Space and Recreation Facilities Teams. The document contains the information applicants need to provide to council (including materials, layout, fixture specifications, graphics/design and content, and evidence of sponsorship agreement) with their application to ensure that hirers who operate a leased Council facility install appropriate signage. The proposed clause and draft policy provide a transparent framework for the regulation of this type of signage within the City and eliminates the requirement for this type of signage to be delivered via the DA process.
15.	**Amendments to HOB map** that applies to Part of 431-435 Church Street and 17 Villiers Street, North Parramatta	An amendment to the Height of Buildings Map is needed to allocate a 0-metre height limit in the location of the proposed civic space to assist with the delivery of the future civic space in the Draft Church Street North Precinct DCP Amendment (see Figure 3). This change will not impact on the achievement of the FSR control to come in under the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Church Street North Precinct) 2023* which takes effect from 1 July 2024.

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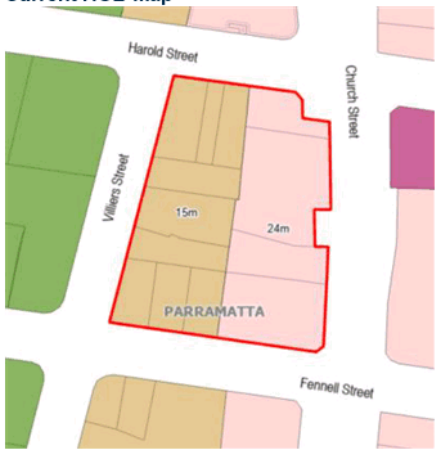
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		Current HOB Map  **Proposed HOB Map**  **Figure 3:** Amendments to HOB map that applies to Part of 431-435 Church Street and 17 Villiers Street, North Parramatta
16.	**Repeal of Intensive Urban Development (IUD) Area Map**	The State Government on 1 October 2023 via *SEPP (Housing and Productivity Contributions) 2023* repealed clauses within the PLEP 2023 that referred to the Intensive Urban Development (IUD) Area Map. However, the IUD Area Map was not repealed and the State Government has advised councils they can repeal it via a housekeeping process. The IUD Area map can be repealed given no current clauses refer to the map, and any development applications lodged prior to 1 October 2023 can rely on the repealed PLEP 2023 and maps.
17.	**Administrative changes to Zoning Map** for 288 Marsden Road.	The land at 288 Marsden Road, Carlingford has a partial SP2 Classified Road zoning that is proposed to be rezoned to R2 Low Density Residential to reflect the primary residential use of the lot. As seen in Figure 4, this is a minor administrative change to correct an anomaly.

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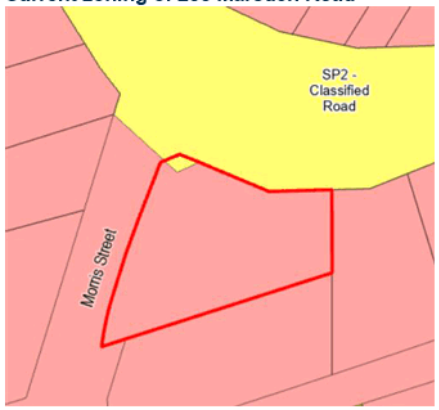
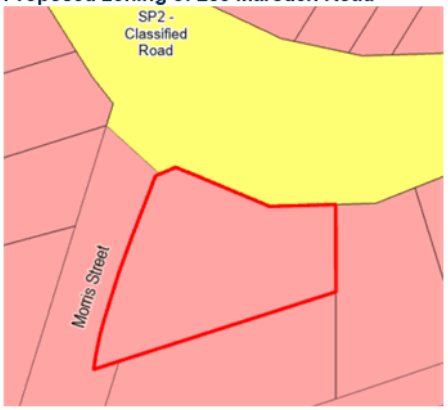
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		Current zoning of 288 Marsden Road  **Proposed zoning of 288 Marsden Road**  **Figure 4:** Zoning Map for 288 Marsden Road.
18.	**Administrative changes to Zoning Map for** 17B Short Street, Wentworthville.	Land at 17B Short Street (see Figure 5) forms part of a stormwater channel that is zoned W1 Natural Waterways. The land is currently zoned R4 High Density Residential and does not reflect its use. It is recommended this land be rezoned to W1 Natural Waterways to reflect its function and adjacent zoning.

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		Current zoning of 17B Short Street  **Proposed zoning of 17B Short Street**  **Figure 5:** Land to be rezoned to W1 Natural Waterway
19.	**Administrative changes to Zoning Map for** 2A Crimea Street, Parramatta.	The land at 2A Crimea Street (see Figure 6) is used as a water main and stormwater channel. The current R2 Low Density Residential zoning does not reflect use, and its relationship to the adjoining Ollie Webb Reserve and Clay Cliff Creek. The following is recommended: • Rezone the northern portion of this land from R2 Low Density Residential to RE1 Public Recreation, in alignment with Ollie Webb reserve. • Rezone the concrete channel from R2 Low Density Residential to W1 Natural Waterways, in alignment with Clay Cliff Creek. • Retain R2 zoning south of the proposed W1 zoned land, as this is disconnected from the wider reserve.

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		Current zoning of 2A Crimea Street  **Proposed zoning of 2A Crimea Street**  **Figure 6:** Land to be rezoned to RE1 Public Recreation and W1 Natural Waterway
20.	**Administrative changes to Zoning Map** for specific Public Reserves across the LGA.	To inform the preparation of a new consolidated Community and Crown Land Plan of Management 2023, Council officers undertook an audit of Council's parks and reserves. As part of this process, zoning anomalies were identified where parks and reserves were reflecting the adjoining land use. The audit identified 41 sites of community and crown land that contribute to the public reserve network which are not zoned for their purpose and long-term use. Council adopted the Community and Crown Land Plan of Management 2023 that requires public reserves to be zoned for their intended purpose and characteristics (e.g. public recreation). Therefore, it is appropriate to rezone the 41 sites from their current residential and employment zones to RE1 Public Recreation, W1 Natural Waterways, W2 Recreational Waterways, and C2 Environmental Conservation to ensure that Council's public reserves are appropriately zoned and protected.

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21.	**Changes to the following maps for Melrose Park North:** • Height of Building • Land zoning • Land Reservation Acquisition • Design Excellence	The approval of the Melrose Park North Infrastructure DA (DA/1100/2021) requires minor amendments to the LEP mapping as the proposed street network has been reconfigured. The current LEP maps for Melrose Park North reflect the Melrose Park Master Plan in Parramatta DCP 2023 (prepared as part of the relevant planning proposal). DA/1100/2021 partially modified the Masterplan's street network by straightening a proposed east-west street in relation to Wharf Road, and closing another prosed east-west street at Wharf Road. The realigned street network also resulted in a reconfigured subdivision layout. Consequently, the approved street network and subdivision layout for "Area 1" of Melrose Park North is now inconsistent with the existing LEP maps. The LEP mapping amendments would not alter the intent of the controls (such as open space and permissible gross floor area), but ensure the mapping is reflective of the existing development consent (DA/1100/2021).

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1.	City of Parramatta Council	Report to Local Planning Panel (16/7/24)

INTRODUCTION

This Planning Proposal explains the intended effect of, and justification for, the proposed amendment to *Parramatta Local Environmental Plan 2023* (PLEP 2023). The proposed changes address supplementary matters that arose from the *Harmonisation Planning Proposal* (i.e. consolidated Parramatta Local Environmental Plan 2023 (PLEP 2023)) and housekeeping items identified since the finalisation of the PLEP 2023 intended to improve the overall operation and accuracy of LEP. This is further discussed in Section 1.1 below.

This Planning Proposal was endorsed by Council at their meeting of [TO BE INSERTED] and has been prepared in accordance with Section 3.31 and 3.33 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the EP&A Act) and the Local Environment Plan Making Guideline (August 2023) by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI).

1.1. Background

Supplementary Matters arising from Parramatta Land Use Planning Harmonisation Framework

Following the Council boundary changes in May 2016, the City of Parramatta inherited parts of the former council areas of Auburn, Holroyd, Hornsby, Parramatta, and The Hills. This resulted in different planning controls applying to different parts of the new City of Parramatta Local Government Area (LGA).

The *Parramatta Land Use Planning Harmonisation Framework* was established to consolidate or 'harmonise' the multiple Local Environmental Plans, Development Control Plans, and Development Contribution Plans that applied to the new City of Parramatta. As per Figure 1, the harmonisation framework is complete with consolidated plans now in force.

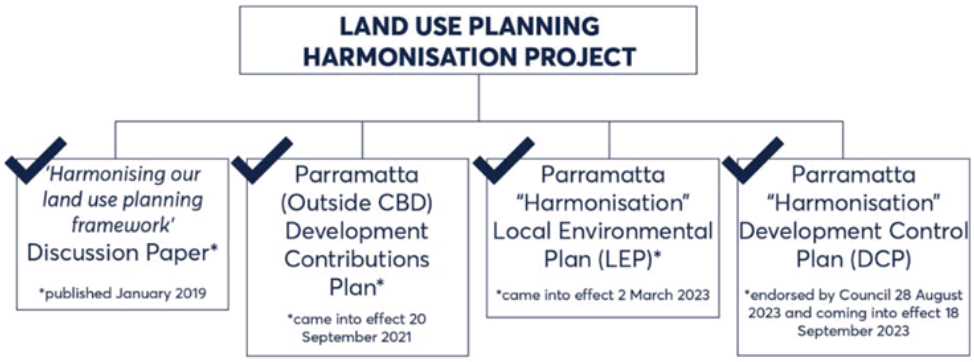


Figure 1: Parramatta Land Use Planning Harmonisation Framework project

The Harmonisation Planning Proposal (Harmonisation PP) sought to consolidate the five LEPs applying to the LGA. During the preparation of the Harmonisation PP, as per the conditions of the Gateway Determination, Council held a public exhibition between August and October 2020. During the exhibition period, Council received 320 submissions from the community including landholders, state authorities, and other stakeholders.

Council at its meeting of 12 July 2021 considered a report on the outcome of the public exhibition and resolved to finalise the Harmonisation PP. In addition, Council also resolved to further

investigate twelve (12) requests from submitters that sought a further review of controls for certain land and/or a further review of policy matters that:

- were generally consistent with Council's policy framework, but were more significant changes and if integrated into the Harmonisation PP in the immediate post-exhibition period would have triggered re-exhibition of the Harmonisation PP at that time; and/or
- had some merit on preliminary review, but required further investigation to confirm whether they should be progressed; and/or
- were inconsistent with Council strategy in their current form, however, could be evolved following further investigation into a proposed amendment, which could be supported in the future.

These requests were referred to in the Council Report dated 12 July 2021 as '*Decision Pathway 3 – Orange Matters*', and were recommended to be investigated as part of an alternate planning process separate to the Harmonisation PP to not delay the finalisation of the consolidated LEP (refer **to Appendix 1**).

In addition to the twelve (12) 'Orange Matters' recommended by staff for further review, Council requested two additional issues be added for further investigation. This increased the total number of 'Orange Matters' from twelve (12) to fourteen (14). A combined list of 'Orange Matters', as endorsed by Council 12 July 2021 are detailed in **Appendix 1**.

On 2 March 2023, the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) finalised the Harmonisation PP bringing into effect the Parramatta Local Environmental Plan 2023 (PLEP 2023).

Considering the commencement of PLEP 2023 and the finalisation of the broader Parramatta Land Use Planning Harmonisation Framework with the Parramatta DCP 2023 coming into effect in September 2023, it is appropriate and timely to report on the outcome of the Council officer's review of the 'Orange Matters'.

Housekeeping Review

It is standard planning practice in NSW for councils to make minor changes, correct anomalies, clarify clauses, and other administrative changes to ensure the policy intent of provisions is clear within an LEP. In order to limit the number of amendments to an LEP, it is accepted practice to group the proposed amendments together in what is commonly known as 'housekeeping amendment'.

Due to the prioritisation and timing of the Parramatta Land Use Planning Harmonisation Framework, Council officers had not prepared a Housekeeping Planning Proposal since September 2018. The Harmonisation PP was not prepared as a comprehensive review of all planning controls or as a housekeeping exercise - the intended outcome was to consolidate the former LEPs. During this period and to date, Council staff have identified housekeeping requests that need to be considered to improve the accuracy of the LEP as part of the next round of housekeeping following the finalisation of the PLEP 2023.

Therefore, Council officers have considered that it is timely and most effective to undertake both an audit of housekeeping requests and a review of the 'Orange Matters' to inform the preparation of a combined Parramatta Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Planning Proposal to amend the PLEP 2023.

Affected Land

The Planning Proposal is collectively referred to as the 'Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Planning Proposal' and applies to various sites and precincts within the Parramatta Local Government Area, as described in **Part 2 – Explanation of Provisions**.

1.2. The Proposal

The combined Parramatta Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Planning Proposal (the Planning Proposal) has been prepared to consolidate:

- the **four (4) supplementary items** from the review of 'orange matters' from the Harmonisation Planning Proposal, and
- the **69 housekeeping items** to the Parramatta LEP 2023 which consists of administrative changes to the LEP instrument and mapping.

As this Planning Proposal includes 73 items, these have been grouped below as follows:

- **Reduction in the extent of the Biodiversity Map** on The Kings School to remove the biodiversity layer from existing buildings given biodiversity values are non-existent or compromised.
- **Inclusion on the Biodiversity Map** for part of 102 Murray Farm Road, Carlingford (North Rocks Fire Brigade site) due to ecological values
- **Rezoning of land from RE1 Public Recreation to C2 Environmental Conservation** along Terrys Creek Corridor due to presence of ecological values.
- **Inclusion of an Additional Permitted Use (APU) for existing Places of Public Worship** in the R2 Low Density Residential zone to permit expansion beyond existing use rights in Schedule 1 Additional permitted uses and on the Additional Permitted Uses map.
- **Inclusion of an APU for Melrose Park North** to permit food and drink premises in R4 High Density Residential zoned land in Schedule 1 Additional permitted uses and on the Additional Permitted Uses map.
- **Administrative changes to the description of three (3) Heritage Items** in Schedule 5 – Environmental Heritage to accurately reflect heritage significance and item.
- **Administrative changes to remove or amend six (6) Heritage Items** in Schedule 5 – Environmental Heritage and Heritage Map as the items have been incorrectly mapped, demolished, and/or redeveloped.
- **Removal of fourteen (14) lots from the Land Reservation Acquisition Map** and rezoning of thirteen (13) lots to SP2 Infrastructure as the land has been acquired by the relevant acquisition authority for infrastructure.
- **Minor non-policy amendments to nine (9) LEP clauses** to correct anomalies and improve technical accuracy, including clause refinements to four (4) LEP clauses to deliver and clarify policy intent.
- **Inclusion of two (2) new LEP clauses** to address current policy deficiencies regarding dwelling mix provisions for Residential Flat Buildings and Shop Top Housing; and advertising signage on sportsgrounds in RE1 zones.
- **Amendments to the Height of Buildings map** that applies to Part of 431-435 Church Street and 17 Villiers Street, North Parramatta to support implementation of Church Street North DCP.
- **Administrative changes to the Zoning Map for three (3) sites** to address anomalies and ensure appropriate zoning to reflect long term use of land.
- **Administrative changes to Zoning Map for forty-one (41) public reserves** across the City to rezone to RE1 Public Recreation, W1 Natural Waterways, W2 Recreational Waterways, and C2 Environmental Conservation to ensure the land is zoned for their purpose and long-term use.

- **Repeal of Intensive Urban Development (IUD) map** following repeal of LEP clauses that relate to IUD Map by State Government on 1 October 2023 via *SEPP (Housing and Productivity Contributions) 2023*.
- **Amendments to following maps for Melrose Park North** to reflect the approved DA/1100/2021:
    - Height of Building
    - Land zoning
    - Land Reservation Acquisition
    - Design Excellence

A detailed explanation and assessment of each amendment contained in this Planning Proposal can be found in Part 2 – Explanation of Provisions.

PART 1 – OBJECTIVES AND INTENDED OUTCOMES

The objective of this Planning Proposal is to address supplementary matters resulting from the finalisation of the Parramatta Harmonisation Planning Proposal (i.e. consolidated Parramatta LEP 2023) and address housekeeping amendments intended to address anomalies, clarify policy, and ensure technical accuracy of the planning instrument. policy clarification. The intended outcomes of this Planning Proposal are:

Intended Outcomes

1. To finalise specific supplementary matters (referred to as 'Orange Matters') remaining from the Parramatta Harmonisation Planning Proposal.
2. To clarify the policy intent of clauses and ensure consistency in their application.
3. To address constraints or limitations imposed by the absence of certain clauses.
4. To correct anomalies, omissions, and inconsistencies in the written instrument and maps.
5. To implement recommendations of Council adopted plans (e.g. Community and Crown Land Plan of Management 2023).

PART 2 – EXPLANATION OF PROVISIONS

This Planning Proposal seeks to amend *Parramatta LEP 2023* (*PLEP 2023*) in relation to a number of anomalies and outstanding supplementary matters that have been identified since the exhibition of the Harmonisation Planning Proposal. This is comprised of:

- **Four (4) supplementary matters** from the review of 'orange matters' from the Harmonisation Planning Proposal, and
- **Sixty-nine (69) housekeeping items** to the Parramatta LEP 2023 which consists of administrative changes to the LEP instrument and mapping.

In order to achieve the desired objectives the following amendments to the *PLEP 2023* would need to be made:

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<tr><td>1.</td><td>87-129 Pennant Hills Road, North Parramatta

(Lot 1, DP 59169; Lots A and B, DP 329288; Lot A, DP 321595; Lot 2, DP 235857; Lot 1, DP 64765; Lot 1, DP 57491; Lot 1, DP 581960; Lot 10, DP 812772)</td><td>
Amend the Biodiversity Map to reduce the extent of the affectation on 87-129 Pennant Hills Road, North Parramatta

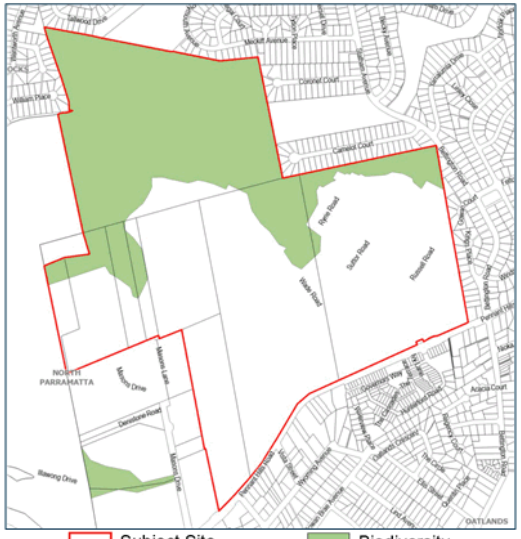
Part of the subject land is identified on the Biodiversity Map in the PLEP 2023. The inclusion of part of the site on Biodiversity Map was due to the presence of high biodiversity values (critically endangered Sydney Turpentine-Ironbark Forest both Dry and Moist Coastal Enriched Sandstone Forest, Coastal Sandstone Gallery Rainforest, and Coastal Shale-Sandstone Forest).

When the Biodiversity Map was prepared as part of the consolidated Parramatta LEP 2023 (i.e. the Harmonisation Planning Proposal), the biodiversity mapping was informed by the ecological significant vegetation identified on the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage's Native Vegetation of the Sydney Metropolitan Area mapping. The use of this dataset to inform the Biodiversity Map delivered a consistent approach to mapping environmentally significant land and to ensure development impacts are managed during the development assessment process.

Following a closer review of the extent of the biodiversity layer across the subject land, it was identified that the biodiversity layer extends across parts of the sites that currently contain a building and/or other development. As the buildings have removed and/or undermined the vegetation that originally informed the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage mapping and subsequent Biodiversity Map it is considered appropriate to remove the biodiversity layer from these parts of the site. Council also considers it appropriate to remove the land within a 5m buffer from the building line from the Biodiversity Map to provide sufficient curtilage from the buildings and to exclude overhanging tree canopy to the buildings. Table 1 includes the current amount of land on the biodiversity map and the resulting amount proposed under this Planning Proposal.

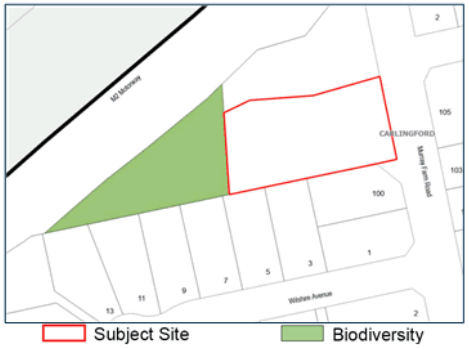
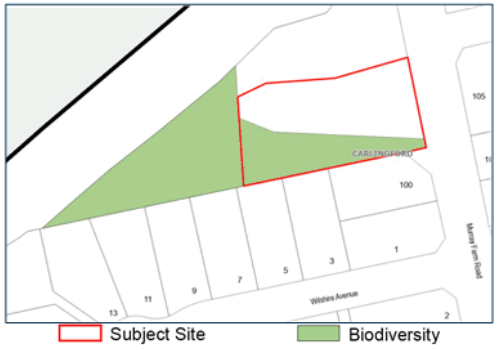
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Table 1: Comparison of current and proposed biodiversity affectation

Council's proposed changes are considered an appropriate balance between protecting the biodiversity values of the site and removing the statutory limitations imposed by the Biodiversity Map for land that has compromised biodiversity values due to existing development.
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		In addition, Council officers also understand that the Office of Environment and Heritage also undertakes periodic updates to the *Biodiversity Values Map and Threshold Tool* which involves the removal of mapping based on new information. Therefore, it is considered reasonable to review and update the Biodiversity Map in light of new information and justification. The subject land is identified on the Biodiversity Map in the PLEP 2023 due to its very high biodiversity values (critically endangered Sydney Turpentine-Ironbark Forest), and high biodiversity values (both Dry and Moist Coastal Enriched Sandstone Forest, Coastal Sandstone Gallery Rainforest, and Coastal Shale-Sandstone Forest). It is considered appropriate to amend the Biodiversity Map to exclude parts of the subject land that contain existing development as the presence of buildings has removed and/or undermined the vegetation that originally informed the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage mapping. Council also considers it appropriate to remove the land within a 5m buffer from the building line from the Biodiversity Map to provide sufficient curtilage from the buildings and to exclude overhanging tree canopy to the buildings. **Proposed map amendment** Amend the Biodiversity Map for the subject site in line with the below: **Current**  Subject Site Biodiversity **Proposed**  Subject Site Biodiversity
2.	102 Murray	***Amend the Biodiversity Map to include part of 102 Murray Farm Road, Carlingford on the Biodiversity Map***The southern portion of

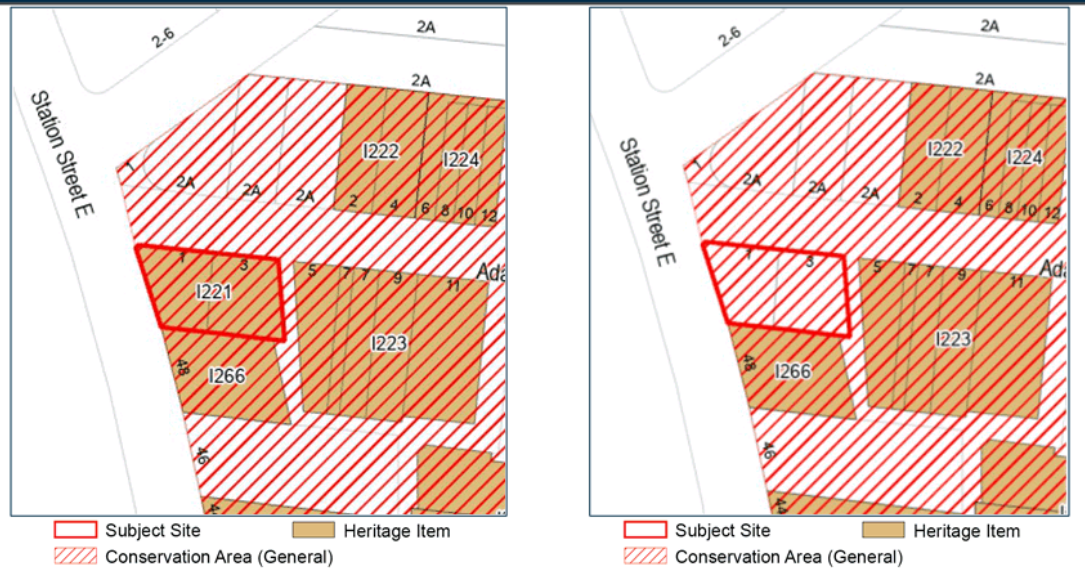
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(Lot 25, DP 848644)</td><td>the subject land (which comprises of Coastal Enriched Sandstone Dry Forest) is recommended be added to the Biodiversity Map to increase the level of assessment required during the DA process should the vegetation be disturbed as part of a future redevelopment. This is considered suitable to respond to the characteristics of the bushland, and ensure the protection of the site's significant native vegetation.

Proposed map amendment
Amend the Biodiversity Map for the subject site in line with the below:
Current

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Proposed

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<tr><td>3.</td><td>1-3 Ada Street, Harris Park (Lots A and B, DP 382156)</td><td>Amend the Heritage Schedule and Map – remove Heritage Item I221

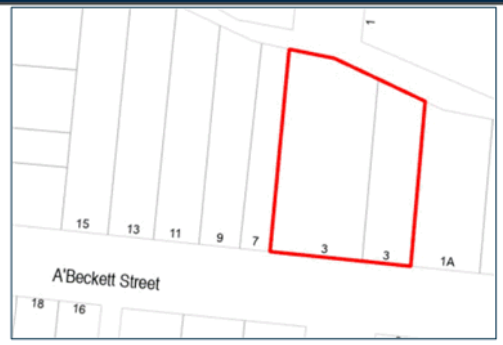
The property at 1-3 Ada Street, Harris Park (Lot A and Lot B, DP 382156) is listed as Heritage Item I221 – 'Single storey residence' within Schedule 5 of the PLEP 2023. The building associated with Heritage Item I221 was demolished in 2020 with approval under DA/487/2018. Therefore, the heritage listing of the site is no longer valid or required and can be removed to ensure accuracy of the schedule and map. It is noted that the site will still be subject to the Heritage Conservation Area that applies across the site.

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<tr><td>4.</td><td>3 A'Beckett Street, Granville (Lots 4A and 5A, DP 101963)</td><td>Amend the Heritage Schedule and Map – remove Heritage Item I169

In 2012, Local Heritage Item I169 – 'T.C. Barker and Son Pottery' at 3 A'Beckett Street, Granville was demolished without approval and was issued a fine to address the matter. While Council did not approve the demolition of the item via the development assessment process, the item is no longer in situ. As such, the listing of the site in Schedule 5 of the PLEP 2023 and the site's location on the Heritage Map is no longer valid or required and can be removed to ensure accuracy of the schedule and map.

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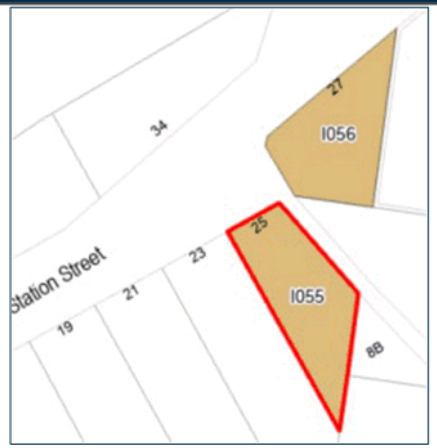
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5.	25 Station Street, Dundas (Lot 1, DP 215527)	***Amend the Heritage Schedule and Map – remove Heritage Item I55*** In 2020, the landowner demolished Local Heritage Item I55 – Single storey residence at 25 Station Street, Dundas (Lot 1, DP 215527) with development approval (DA/899/2016). Therefore, the listing of the site in the PLEP 2023 Heritage Map and Schedule is no longer valid or required and can be removed to ensure accuracy of the schedule and map.

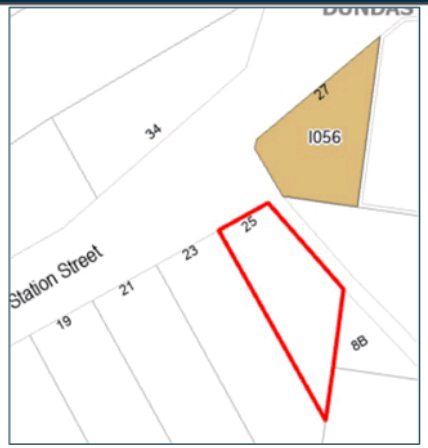
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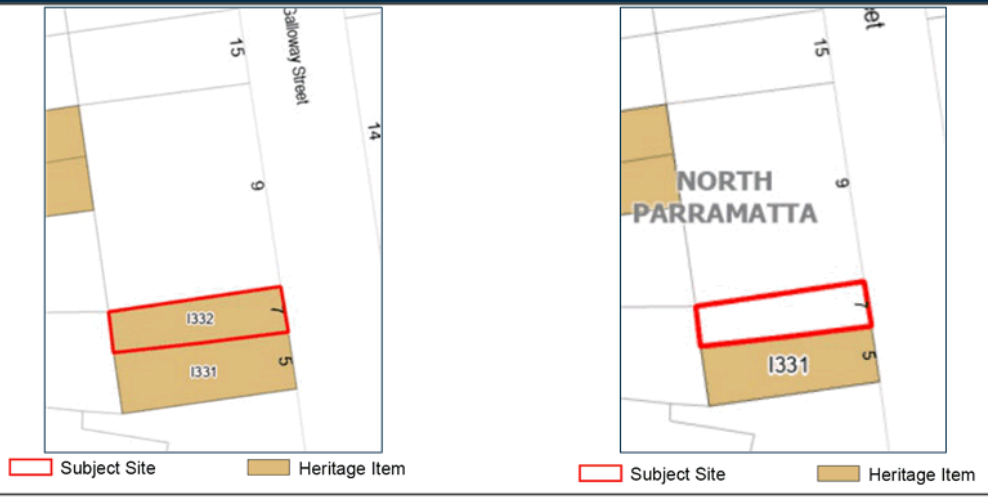
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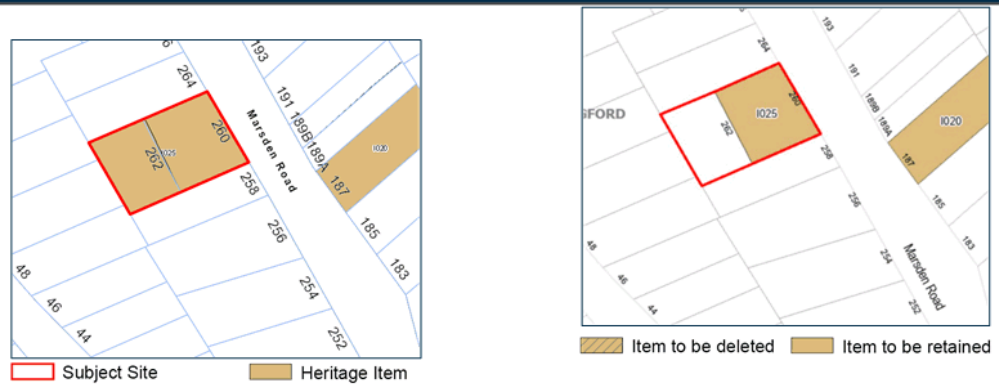

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<tr><td>6.</td><td>7 Galloway Street, North Parramatta (Lot 1, DP 1277626)</td><td>Amend the Heritage Schedule and Map – remove Heritage Item I332
In 2018, Local Heritage Item I332 – ‘Single storey residence’ at 7 Galloway Street, North Parramatta (Lot 1, DP 1277626) was demolished with development approval (DA/371/2018). Therefore, the listing of the site in the PLEP 2023 Heritage Map and Schedule is no longer valid or required and can be removed to ensure accuracy of the schedule and map.
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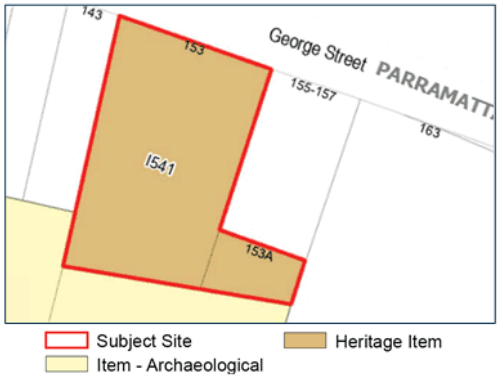
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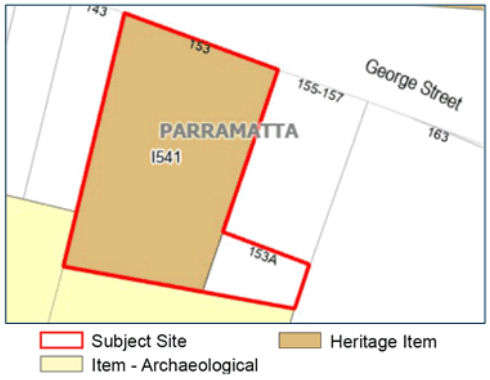
In 2006, the subject site was subdivided into two parcels (DA/169/2006). The two parcels are 262 Marsden Street and 260 Marsden Street (Lots 51 and 52, DP 1256234). This subdivision was supported by a Statement of Heritage Impact prepared by Comber Consultants in February 2006, which detailed the lack of heritage significance of the rear yard and ability of the site to support additional dwellings without compromising the heritage significance of the Local Heritage Item I25 – 'Brick house' at the front.

As a result of this subdivision, the heritage item is now wholly located on 260 Marsden Road, however 262 Marsden Road remains incorrectly identified in the PLEP 2023 Heritage Map and Heritage Schedule. It was also identified that the property description within Schedule 5 was incorrect for the item. In light of the above, the heritage schedule and map needs to be updated to remove 262 Marsden Road from the listing to ensure accuracy of the schedule and map.

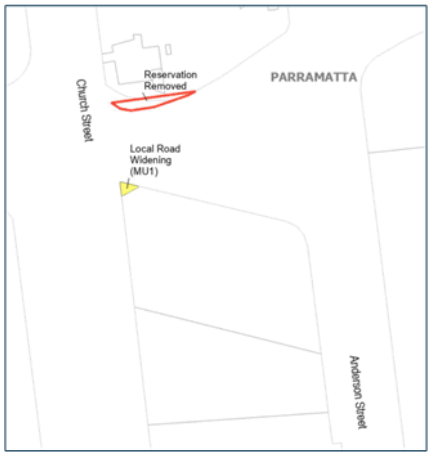
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<tr><td>8.</td><td>64 Hughes Avenue, Ermington (Lot 1, DP 128574)</td><td>Amend the Heritage Schedule – amend Heritage Item I64
On 11 February 2019, Council resolved to prepare a comprehensive report on the cultural significance of the heritage item on 64 Hughes Avenue, Ermington. The review determined that the Bulla Cream Dairy factory building is of little heritage significance and could be suitable for redevelopment. However, the main house, billiards room in outbuilding, grounds, gardens, and three canary island date palms were considered to have high heritage significance and should be retained8/07/2024 and conserved.
On 11 Jube 2019, Council resolved to amend the name of I164 from Bulla Cream Dairy to Willowmere – house, billiards room, grounds, gardens and three mature Canary Island date palm (Phoenix Canarenis) in line with the findings of the heritage review. See Item 15.3 Minutes of Council Meeting – 11 June 2019 and therefore the item name can be amended to ensure accuracy of the schedule
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<tr><td>9.</td><td>153 George Street (Lot 30, DP 1285977) and 153A</td><td>Amend the Heritage Schedule and Map – amend Heritage Item I541
During the preparation of the Parramatta DCP 2023, inconsistencies in the PLEP 2023 heritage mapping and the name for the Local Heritage Item I541 – ‘Tara, also known as Ellengowan’ at 153 and 153A George Street were identified by the Heritage Advisory Committee.</td></tr>
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<tr><td></td><td>George Street (Lot 2, DP 1257603)</td><td>153A George Street, Parramatta is incorrectly mapped on the Heritage Map as part of Heritage Item I541. The two storey Georgian house that the listing is attributed to is located solely at 153 George Street, Parramatta and therefore 153A George Street should be removed from the Heritage Map. Additionally, the name of the Heritage Item needs to be updated from Tara, also known as Ellengowan to Tara, also known as Ellangowan and the property description must be updated to Lot 30, DP 1285977. It was also identified that the property description within Schedule 5 was incorrect for the item. Therefore, amendments are needed to the schedule and map to ensure accuracy of the PLEP 2023.
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<tr><td>10</td><td>88 Church Street, Parramatta (SP 95239)</td><td>Amend the Land Reservation Acquisition Map to remove 88 Church Street, Parramatta
Land on the south-western corner of 88 Church Street, Parramatta (SP 95239) is identified on the Land Reservation Acquisition (LRA) Map for local road widening, which was intended to improve traffic circulation at the corner of Parkes Street and Church Street, Parramatta. The land was dedicated to Council as part of a mixed-use development scheme that delivered the road widening to improve sight lines for oncoming vehicles and convenience for turning traffic.
Therefore, the LRA annotation at 88 Church Street is no longer required and can be removed to improve the technical accuracy of the LRA Map.</td></tr>
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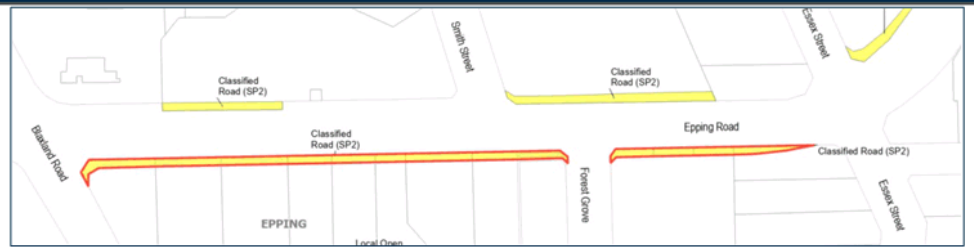

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<tr><td>11.</td><td>13 lots along Epping Road, Epping between Blaxland Road and Essex Street

(Lot 11 DP 1204058; Lot 5, DP 1204059; Lots 9 and 10, DP</td><td colspan="2">Amend the Land Reservation Acquisition Map to remove land along Epping Road, Epping

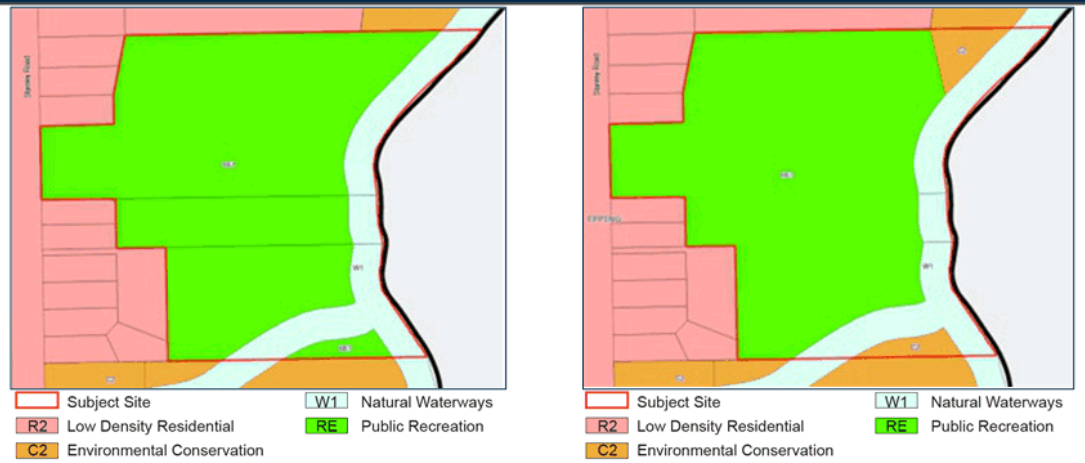
13 lots along the south side of Epping Road between Blaxland Road and Essex Street are currently identified as ‘Classified Road SP2’ on the PLEP 2023 Land Reservation Acquisition (LRA) Map, with Transport for NSW as the relevant acquisition authority. This was to deliver an additional west-bound lane to assist in improving traffic movements through the Epping Strategic Centre. The additional lane was delivered via Epping Road Widening Project that was completed in July 2018 by Roads and Martine Services (now known as Transport for NSW).

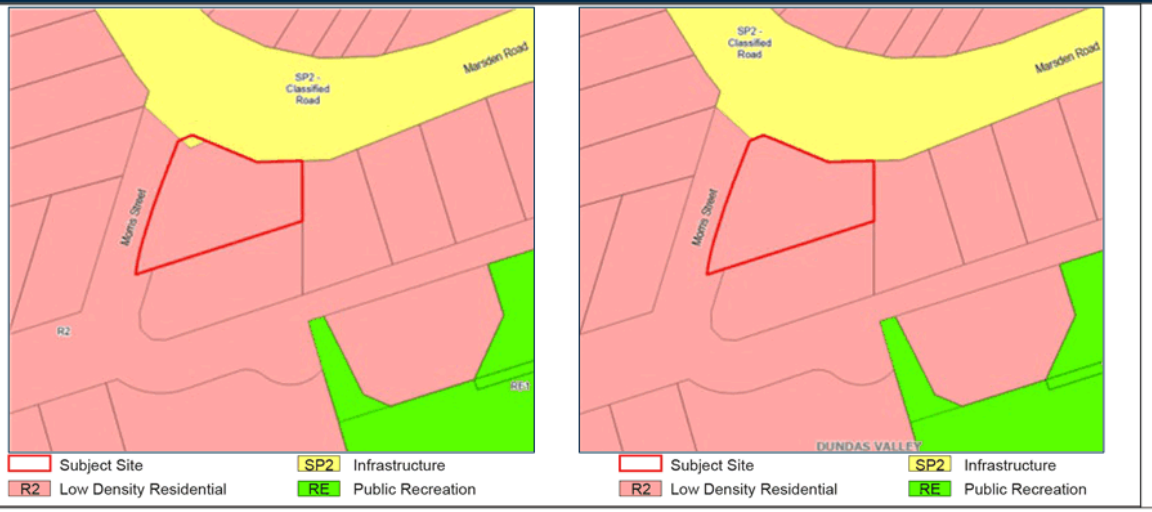
The delivery of the additional lane means that the land’s inclusion on the LRA map is no longer required and can be removed to improve the technical accuracy of the LRA Map.

Proposed map amendment
Amend the Land Reservation Acquisition Map for the subject site in line with the below:
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	1204060; Lots 13 and 14, DP 1204061; Lot 16, DP 1204062; Lot 20, DP 10385; Lot 6, DP 1204059; Lot 19, DP 1204063; Lot 3 and 4, DP 1204064; and Lot 20, DP 1204063)	 Subject Site Reservation **Proposed**  Reservation Reservation removed
12.		***Amend the Land Zoning Map – rezone from R4 High Density Residential or R2 Low Density Residential to SP2 Classified Road*** In line with Item 11 above, the identified parcels that are no longer required to be included on the LRA Map are required to be appropriately rezoned from R4 High Density Residential or R2 Low Density Residential to SP2 Classified Road, in line with the zoning of Epping Road. This zoning change will ensure the sites are zoned for their intended long term use, and will improve the technical accuracy of the Land Zoning Map. **Proposed map amendment**: Amend the Land Zoning Map for the subject site in line with the below: **Current**

#	Subject land or relevant clause	Nature of Change
		 **Proposed** 
13.	Part of Dence Park (Lot 1, DP 1083761 and Lot 1, DP 441025)	***Amend the Land Zoning Map – rezone from RE1 Public Recreation to C2 Environmental Conservation*** It is proposed to rezone two areas within Dence Park, Epping (part of Lot 1, DP 1083761 and part of Lot 1, DP 441025) from RE1 Public Recreation to C2 Environmental Conservation. The zoning change will ensure the environmental significant of the land is recognised and protected, and will assist with delivering a consistent riparian corridor in alignment with the existing wider Terry Creek corridor. This zoning change will ensure the sites are zoned for their intended long term use, and will improve the technical accuracy of the Land Zoning Map. **Proposed map amendment**: Amend the Land Zoning Map for the subject site in line with the below: **Current** **Proposed**

#	Subject land or relevant clause	Nature of Change
		
14.	228 Marsden Road, Carlingford (Lot 1, DP 1284636)	***Amend the Land Zoning Map – rezone from SP2 Infrastructure to R2 Low Density Residential*** In 2021, part of Morris Street, Carlingford was closed and subdivided to create 2R Morris Street (Lot 10, DP 1273153). This was then privately acquired and consolidated with 228 Marsden Street in 2022. However, the partial SP2 Infrastructure zoning of the previous 2R Morris Street currently remains at the northern end of the site, resulting in a split zoning of SP2 Infrastructure and R2 Low Density Residential. The rezoning is required to resolve a zoning anomaly resulting from this subdivision and subsequent consolidation. As the land is now privately owned and forms part of the residential lot at 228 Marsden Street, it is appropriate to apply to R2 Low Density Residential zoning across the whole site. This zoning change will ensure the site is zoned for its intended long term use and will improve the technical accuracy of the Land Zoning Map. **Proposed map amendment** — Amend the Land Zoning Map for the subject site in line with the below: **Current** **Proposed**

#	Subject land or relevant clause	Nature of Change
		
15.	17B Short Street, Wentworthville (Lot 2, DP 547478)	***Amend the Land Zoning Map – rezone from R4 High Density Residential to W1 Natural Waterway*** On 27 August 2019, Council received a request from Sydney Water to rezone several sites currently used as water and/or sewerage infrastructure. This rezoning request is to align the site zoning with the permanence of the infrastructure, and to provide clarity to the current and intended use of the land. As part of this, it was identified that the R4 High Density Residential zoning of 17B Short Street, Wentworthville does not appropriately reflect the lands function as a stormwater channel. It is proposed to rezone the land from R4 High Density Residential to W1 Natural Waterway to ensure the site is zoned for its intended long term use. This will improve the technical accuracy of the Land Zoning Map. **Proposed map amendment**: Amend the Land Zoning Map for the subject site in line with the below: **Current** **Proposed**

#	Subject land or relevant clause	Nature of Change
		
16.	2A Crimea Street, Parramatta (Lot 1, DP 745112)	***Amend the Land Zoning Map – partially rezone from R2 Low Density Residential to RE1 Public Recreation and W1 Natural Waterways*** In line with Item 15 above, it was identified that the R2 Low Density Residential zoning of 2A Crimea Street, Parramatta does not appropriately reflect its function as a water main and stormwater channel. Similarly, the current zoning of the site does not reflect its relationship to the adjoining Ollie Webb Reserve and Clay Cliff Creek. It is proposed to rezone part of the land from R2 Low Density Residential to part RE1 Public Recreation and part W1 Natural Waterway to ensure the site is zoned for its intended long term use. This will improve the technical accuracy of the Land Zoning Map. **Proposed map amendment** — Amend the Land Zoning Map for the subject site in line with the below: **Current** **Proposed**

#	Subject land or relevant clause	Nature of Change
		 
17.	Part of 431 Church Street (Lot 1 and B, DP 998949), 435 Church Street (Lot 1, DP 631527) and 17 Villiers Street (Lot 9, DP 73283)	***Amend the Height of Building Map – reduce height from part 15m and 24m to 0m*** As part of proposed new special area controls in the Draft Church Street North Precinct DCP Amendment, a part of the block on the western side of Church Street between Harold Street and Fennell Street has been identified as a location for a future civic space due to its proximity to the Parramatta Light Rail stop (see Figure 2). The affected sites are also predominately in either Council or State Government ownership and may be delivered alongside community floorspace.

#	Subject land or relevant clause	Nature of Change

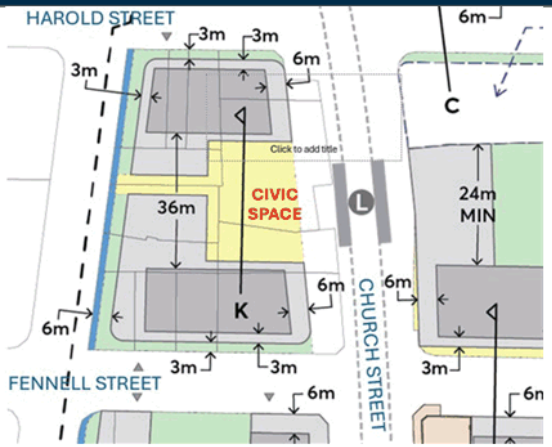


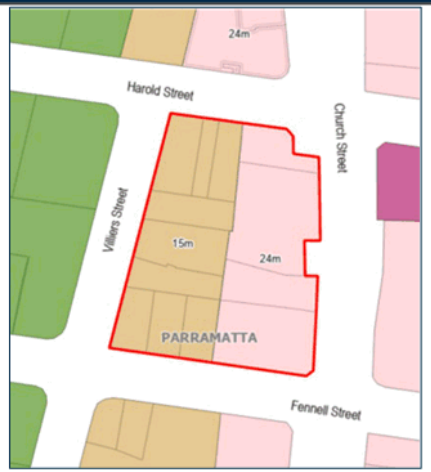
Figure 2: Excerpt from the Church Street North DCP showing planned civic space

The *Parramatta Community Infrastructure Strategy 2020* identifies the need for 1,500m^2 of multi-purpose community space in this locality and notes an open space deficit proportionate to the anticipated population growth for this area. This civic space does not hinder the achievement of the forthcoming FSR control on either landholding as per *State Environmental Planning Policy (Church Street North Precinct) 2023* which takes effect from 1 July 2024.

To assist with the delivery of this civic space, a 0m height limit is required to be applied via the PLEP 2023 Height of Buildings Map.

Transport for NSW (TfNSW), owner of the State Government land holding, has been informed of this proposal as part of the notification process for the Draft Church Street North Precinct DCP amendment exhibition period. As at the timing of writing this planning proposal, no response had been received from TfNSW in relation to the civic space proposal. TfNSW will also be consulted as part of the Housekeeping amendment, consistent with the statutory framework.

Proposed map amendment	Amend the Height of Building Map for the subject site in line with the below:
	Current **Proposed**

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<tr><td>18.</td><td>Melrose Park North</td><td>Amend the street network for part of Melrose Park North for the Land Zoning Map, Land Reservation Acquisition Map, Design Excellence Map, and Height of Building Map

The approval of the Melrose Park North Infrastructure DA (DA/1100/2021) requires minor amendments to the LEP mapping as the proposed street network has been reconfigured.

The current LEP maps for Melrose Park North reflect the Melrose Park Master Plan in Parramatta DCP 2023 (prepared as part of the planning proposal). DA/1100/2021 partially modified the Masterplan's street network by straightening a proposed east-west street in relation to Wharf Road, and closing another prosed east-west street at Wharf Road. The realigned street network also resulted in a reconfigured subdivision layout. Consequently, the approved street network and subdivision layout for "Area 1" of Melrose Park North is now inconsistent with the existing LEP maps.

The LEP mapping amendments would not alter the intent of the controls (such as open space and permissible gross floor area), but ensure the mapping is reflective of the existing development consent (DA/1100/2021) and improve the technical accuracy of the PLEP 2023.

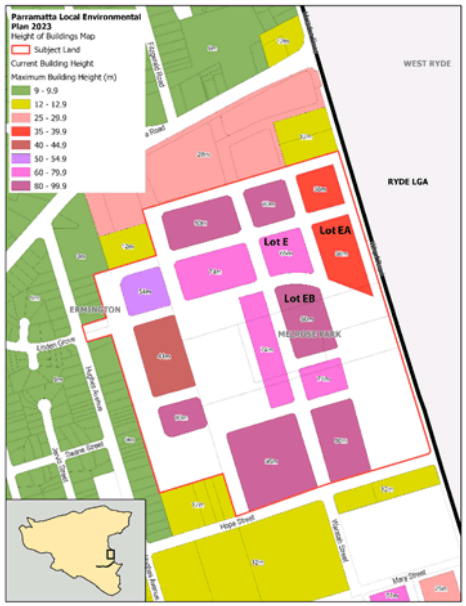
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1. Height of Building Map

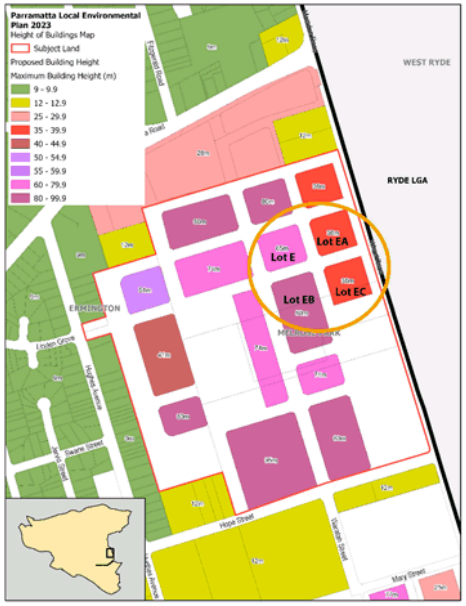
The proposed Height of Building map applies a 36m height limit to the new lot EC created by the realignment of road EWR-4. Lots EB (36m HoB control), EA (50m HoB control) and E (65m HoB control) have also been</td></tr></table></td></tr>
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		reconfigured. The total development yield has not changed.

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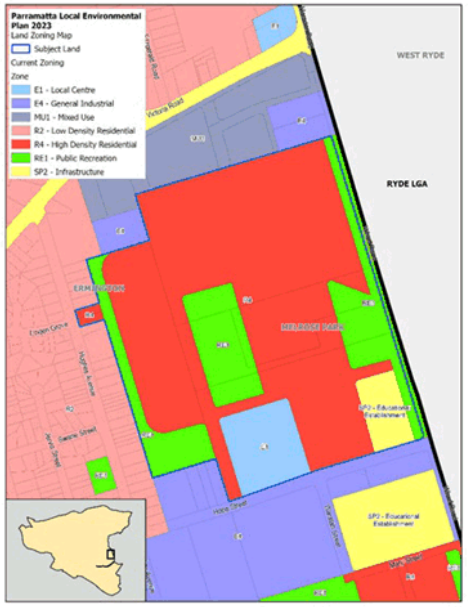
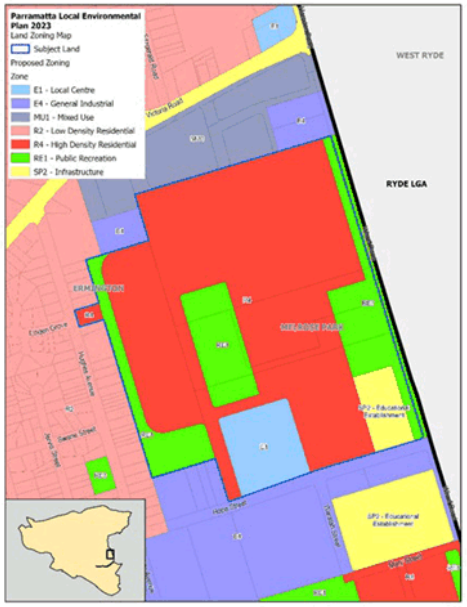
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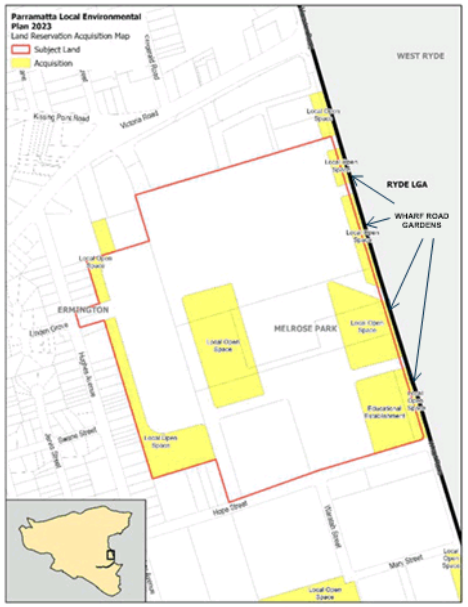
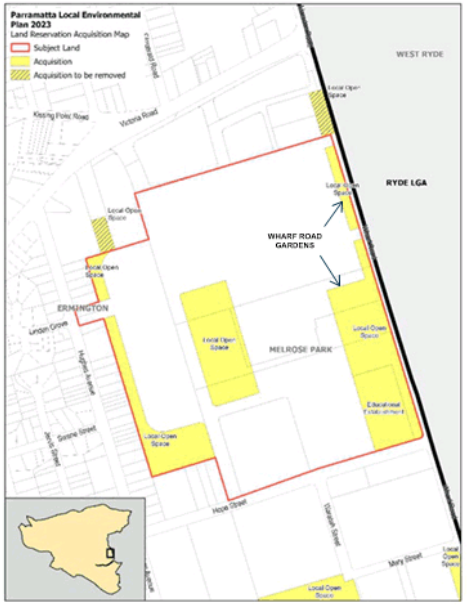


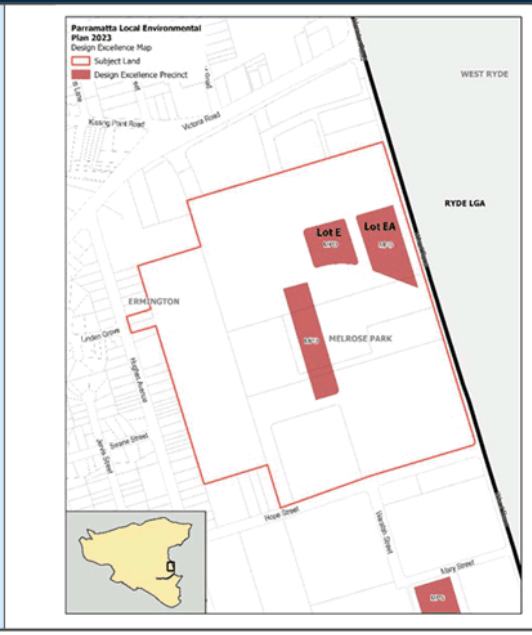
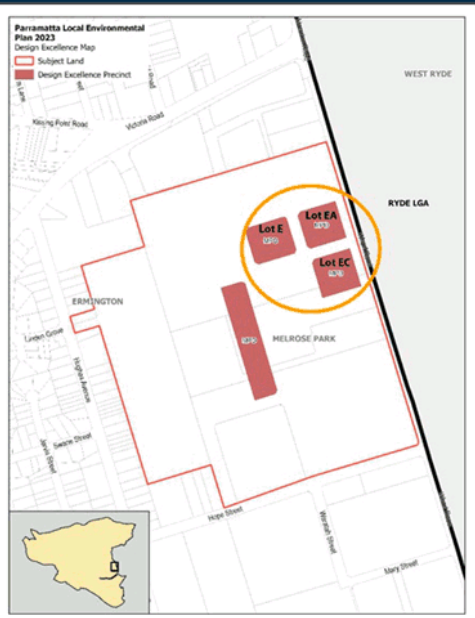
2. Land Zoning Map

The proposed Land Zoning map reconfigures the RE1 land and R4 land to accommodate the straightened street EWR-4. The quantum of developable (R4 zoned) land does not change.

Current **Proposed**

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		  **3. Land Reservation Acquisition Map** The proposed Land Reservation Acquisition map reconfigures affected land to reflect the realignment of EWR-4 and removal of the street between the school and the playing field. Additionally, the Local Open Space (Wharf Road Gardens) has slightly increased in size due to the closure of EWR-3. Land has also been removed from "Area 2" and "Area 3" as those controls have yet to come into effect. **Current** **Proposed**

#	Subject land or relevant clause	Nature of Change
		  **4. Design Excellence Map** The proposed Design Excellence Map reconfigures affected land to reflect the realignment of EWR-4 and newly created lot EC. The existing Design Excellence mapping applies to what was a trapezium shaped lot EA. DA/1100/2021 split lot EA into two rectangular lots – lot EA and (the new) lot EC. The proposed Design Excellence mapping applies to Lot EA and Lot EC to maintain the intent of the original controls. **Current** **Proposed**

#	Subject land or relevant clause	Nature of Change
		 
19.	PLEP – Intensive Urban Development Area Map	***Delete the Intensive Urban Development Area Map*** On 1 October 2023, the*State Environmental Planning Policy Amendment (Housing and Productivity Contributions) 2023*was finalised by the State Government. As part of this, former Clauses 6.14, 7.27 and 8.11 of PLEP 2023 which referred to the Intensive Urban Development (IUD) Area Map were repealed however the IUD Area Map was retained. The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure advised this was retained to assist in transitional arrangements and councils were to repeal the map as part of future LEP amendments. As such, the map can be repealed given no current clauses refer to the map, and any development applications lodged prior to 1 October 2023 can rely on the repealed PLEP 2023 and maps. This change will improve the technical accuracy of the PLEP 2023 by removing a redundant map layer. **Proposed amendment**: Delete the Intensive Urban Development Area Map

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<tr><td>20.</td><td>PLEP – Clause 3.3 Environmentally sensitive areas and 6.3 Biodiversity</td><td>
Correct references to the Biodiversity Map within Clause 3.3(2) and 6.3(2)

As part of the finalisation of the PLEP 2023 mapping, the Biodiversity layer was separated to the Biodiversity Map to address overlapping features with the Riparian Land and Waterways layer (which was retained as part of the Natural Resources Map). The respective LEP clauses were not subsequently updated to reflect the change in maps.

An amendment is needed to rationalise inconsistent wording between the clauses and the labels of the associated mapping (i.e 'Biodiversity Map' is correct; not "land identified as 'Biodiversity' on the Natural Resources Map'). The map layers and names changed during the finalisation of the PLEP 2023, however, the change in names were not updated in the related clauses. To ensure consistency between the plan and the Biodiversity Map, updates to the wording of Clause 3.3(2)(ja), 6.3(2), and the Dictionary are required. This update will assist in navigation of the PLEP 2023 and ensure technical accuracy

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<tr><td></td><td>Amend Clauses 3.3(2) and 6.3(2) as follows:

3.3 Environmentally sensitive areas

(2) For the purpose of this clause –

environmentally sensitive area for exempt or complying development means any of the following –

(ja) land identified ~~as "Biodiversity"~~ on the ~~Natural Resources~~ Biodiversity Map.

6.3 Biodiversity

(2) This clause applies to land identified ~~as "Biodiversity"~~ on the ~~Natural Resources~~ Biodiversity Map.

Insert the following definition into the Dictionary section of PLEP 2023:</td></tr>
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<tr><td>21.</td><td>PLEP – Clause 4.1C Minimum subdivision lot size for dual occupancy</td><td>
Amend the title of Clause 4.1C to omit 'subdivision'

The intent of Clause 4.1C is to prescribe a minimum lot size requirement for dual occupancy and manor houses. The title of this clause implies that the clause prescribes a minimum lot size for subdivision of dual occupancies and manor houses, whilst none of the provisions within the clause relate to subdivision.

To rectify this anomaly, Council officers recommend to remove the word 'subdivision' from the title. This change will improve the technical accuracy of the PLEP 2023.

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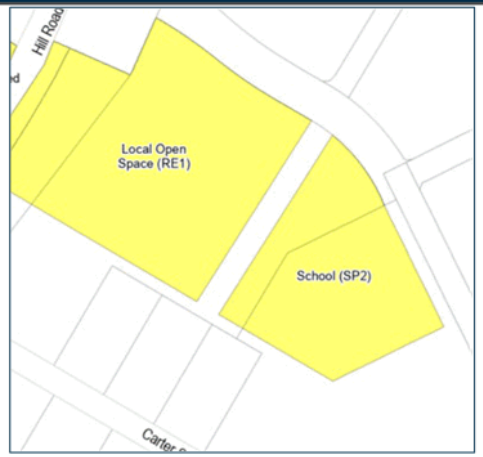
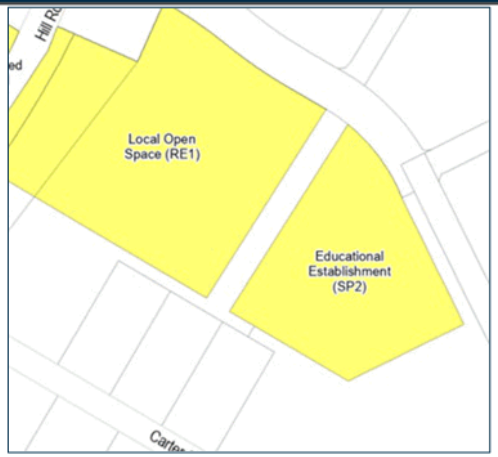
4.1C Minimum ~~subdivision~~ lot size for dual occupancy and manor houses</td></tr>
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<tr><td>22.</td><td>PLEP – Clause 5.1 Relevant Acquisition</td><td>
Amend Clause 5.1(2) and the Land Reservation Acquisition Map

Council officers have reviewed this clause and associated mapping and identified label references that need to be updated within the clause and within the Land Reservation Acquisition Map. To rationalise inconsistent wording between the references in the clause and the
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<tr><td></td><td>Authority & Land Reservation Acquisition Map</td><td>
Land Reservation Acquisition map, the following words must be updated:

'local road' needs to be updated to 'local road widening', and
'school' needs to be updated to 'educational establishment'.

This subsequently needs to be amended on the Land Reservation Acquisition Map to improve consistencies between the map and the clause. These changes will improve the technical accuracy of the PLEP 2023.
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Amend the table in Clause 5.1(2) as follows:
5.1 Relevant Acquisition Authority
(2) The authority of the State that will be the relevant authority to acquire land, if the land is required to be acquired under the owner-initiated acquisition provisions, is the authority of the State specified below in relation to the land shown on the Land Reservation Acquisition Map (or, if an authority of the State is not specified in relation to land required to be so acquired, the authority designated or determined under those provisions).
<table>
<tr><th>Type of land shown on Map</th><th>Authority of the State</th></tr>
<tr><td>Zone RE1 Public Recreation and marked "Local open space"</td><td>Council</td></tr>
<tr><td>Zone RE1 Public Recreation and marked "Regional open space"</td><td>The corporation constituted under Section 2.5 of the Act</td></tr>
<tr><td>Zone SP2 Infrastructure and marked "Classified road"</td><td>Transport for NSW</td></tr>
<tr><td>Zone C1 National Parks and Nature Reserves and marked "National Park"</td><td>Minister administering the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</td></tr>
<tr><td>Zone SP2 Infrastructure and marked "Local road widening"</td><td>Council</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Zone SP2 Infrastructure and marked "~~School~~ Educational establishment"</td><td>Department of Education</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Proposed map amendment</td><td>Update the LRA Map labelling within the Carter Street precinct in line with the below:
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23.	PLEP – Clause 5.1A Development on land intended to be acquired for public purposes	***Amend the table in Clause 5.1A(3) to include LRAs marked "Regional cycleway"*** Council officers have reviewed this clause and have identified LRAs marked "Regional cycleway" in the E2 Commercial Centre or MU1 Mixed Use zone that need to be included within the clause. This change will improve the technical accuracy of the PLEP 2023 and the Land Reservation Acquisition Map. To rationalise inconsistent wording between the land listed in the clause and the Land Reservation Acquisition Map, E2 or MU1 zoned land marked "Regional cycleway" are required to be identified in the table in Clause 5.1A(3).

Proposed amendment	Amend the table in Clause 5.1A(3) as follows:

Land	**Development**
Zone R4 High Density Residential and marked "Classified road"	Roads
Zone E1 Local Centre, Zone E2 Commercial Centre, Zone E3 Productivity Support, Zone MU1 Mixed Use of Zone R2 Low Density Residential and marked "Local road widening"	Roads
Zone SP2 Infrastructure and marked "Classified road"	Roads
Zone SP2 Infrastructure and marked "Public transport"	Roads
Zone RE1 Public Recreation and marked "Local open space"	Recreation areas
Zone RE1 Public Recreation and marked "Regional open space"	Recreation areas
Zone C2 Environmental Conservation and marked "Local environmental conservation"	Environmental facilities
Zone E2 Commercial Centre or MU1 Mixed Use and marked	Regional

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		"Regional cycleway" cycleways
24.	PLEP – Clause 6.12 Ground floor development in Zone E1, 7.10 Active Frontages, and 8.4 Active street frontages in Zone E1	***Clarify "active uses" in Clause 6.12, 7.10 and 8.4*** Clauses 6.12, 7.10, and 8.4 have the objective of delivering ground floor activation within the respective precincts and/or zones where the clauses apply. The clauses are to provide non-residential uses that would attract pedestrian traffic and interaction between the public domain and the ground floor at street level. Additional wording is proposed to assist in ensuring active uses are provided on the ground floor due to the difficulty in defining explicitly what land uses constitute an 'active use' or deliver 'active frontages'. For example, requiring non-residential or commercial uses on the ground floor could result in carparks or hotel and motel accommodation which strictly comply with the requirement for non-residential or commercial uses but do not deliver the intended 'active uses' along the ground floor. As such, additional wording is proposed to assist in the development assessment process for both the relevant planning authority and the applicant. These changes will assist in delivering on the policy intent of the clauses during the development assessment process. **Proposed amendment** Amend Clauses 6.12(2), 7.10(3), and 8.4(3) as follows: **6.12 Ground floor development in Zone E1** (2) Development consent must not be granted to the erection of a building, or a change of use of a building, on land in Zone E1 Local Centre unless the consent authority is satisfied the part of the ground floor of the building that faces a street – (a) will not be used for the purposes of residential accommodation or serviced apartments, and (b) will provide for uses and building design elements that encourage interaction between the inside of the building and the external public areas adjoining the building. **7.10 Active frontages** (3) Development consent must not be granted to the erection of a building, or the change of use of a building, on the land unless the consent authority is satisfied the building will have an active frontage for the part of the ground floor of the building facing the street, river or a public space and the ground floor- (a) will not be used for the purposes of residential accommodation or serviced apartments, and (b) will provide for uses and building design elements that encourage interaction between the inside of the building and the external public areas adjoining the building. **8.4 Active street frontages in Zone E1** (3) Development consent must not be granted to the erection of a building, or a change of use of a building, on the land unless the consent authority is satisfied the building will have an active street frontage and the ground floor – (a) will not be used for the purposes of residential accommodation or serviced apartments, and (b) will provide for uses and building design elements that encourage interaction between the inside of the building and the external public areas adjoining the building.
25.	PLEP – Clause 6.20 Height of buildings for	***Amend Clause 6.20(1) to (2) to omit references to mapping colour*** Clause 6.20 of PLEP 2023 refers to "land shown edged light blue" and "land shown edged heavy blue" on the Height of Buildings map. Under the previous tiled PDF maps, these areas (respectively labelled as "Area A" and "Area B") were additionally differentiated by light or

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As the clause uses both colour references and labels to identify the applicable areas, it is considered appropriate to delete the colour references from the clause and rely on the “Area A” and “Area B” labelling instead given the mapping limitations. As the labels are unique identifiers on the HOB map for PLEP 2023, differentiating by colour is not required. These changes will remove unnecessary wording from the clauses and improve their interpretation when referring to the Height of Building map.

Proposed amendment
Amend Clauses 6.20(1) and (2) as follows:

6.20 Height of buildings for certain land in Telopea Precinct

(1) The following maximum height applies to a building on land ~~shown edged light blue and~~ identified as “Area A” on the Height of Buildings Map if development involving the erection of the building includes the provision of a footpath or road, at least 8m wide, between Benaud Place and Evans Road, Telopea –

(2) The height of a building on land ~~showed edged heavy blue and~~ identified as “Area B” on the Height of Buildings Map may exceed the maximum height shown for the land on the Height of Buildings Map by 5m if the consent authority is satisfied the ground floor of the building will be used for one or more of the following purposes –</td></tr>
<tr><td>26.</td><td>PLEP – Clause 6.21 Floor Space Ratio for certain land</td><td>Amend Clause 6.21(1) to(3) to omit references to mapping colour

Clause 6.21 of PLEP 2023 refers to “land shown edged light blue”, “land shown edged heavy blue”, and “land shown edged heavy pink” on the FSR map. Under the previous tiled PDF maps, these areas (respectively labelled as “Area A”, “Area B”, and “Area C”) were additionally differentiated by light or heavy blue edging and heavy pink edging. However, this graphical variation is not reflected on the PLEP 2023 maps via the digital EPI viewer.

As the clause uses both colour references and labels to identify the applicable areas, it is considered appropriate to delete the colour references from the clause and rely on the “Area A”, “Area B”, and “Area C” labelling instead given the mapping limitations. As the labels are unique identifiers on the FSR map for PLEP 2023, differentiating by colour is not required. These changes will remove unnecessary wording from the clauses and improve their interpretation when referring to the FSR map.

Proposed amendment
Amend Clauses 6.21 as follows

6.21 Floor space ratio for certain land in Telopea Precinct

(1) The following maximum floor space ratio applies to a building on land ~~shown edged light blue and identified~~ as “Area A” on the Floor Space Ratio Map if development involving the erection of the building includes the provision of a footpath or road, at least 8m wide, between Benaud Place and Evans Road, Telopea –

(2) The floor space ratio for a building on land ~~shown edged heavy blue and~~ identified as “Area B” on the Floor Space Ratio Map may exceed the floor space ratio shown for the land on the Floor Space Ratio Map if the consent authority is satisfied the additional floor space will be used for community facilities.

(3) The maximum floor space ratio for a building on land ~~shown edged heavy pink and~~ identified as “Area C” on the Floor Space Ratio Map is 2:1 if the site area is at least 2,000m^2.</td></tr>
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27.	PLEP – Part 6 Additional local provisions	***Insert new provisions as Clause 6.24 Mix of dwelling sizes in residential flat buildings and shop top housing*** Council officers have identified the need for an additional clause prescribing dwelling mix within residential flat buildings and shop top housing with at least 10 dwellings across the LGA. The additional clause is required to ensure a range of dwelling sizes are delivered in new high-density developments. According to the ABS, in City of Parramatta, the predominant household type is couples with children, which account for 35.5% of all households. In total, 44.5% of households have at least one child. In addition, 32.7% of families are living in high density development, which is significantly higher than that in Greater Sydney (14.2%). Therefore, high density developments must cater for larger households, such as families with children, through ensuring the adequate provision of three or more bedroom apartments. The clause will assist in accommodating for the diverse household compositions within the LGA and help promote a dwelling supply that can respond to the changing needs of the population. The need for the clause has been triggered by recent development outcomes resulting from both Development Applications and State Significant Development (SSD) (particularly for Build-To-Rent (BTR)). Currently in the context of the City of Parramatta, dwelling mix controls are contained within the PDCP 2023 and include percentage ranges across one-, two-, and three-bedroom dwellings. The control as it stands in the PDCP 2023 gives unfitting flexibility in the dwelling mix requirements, and has less statutory weight in the assessment process compared to the PLEP 2023. As a result, council officers have identified that recent DAs and SSDs have proposed a dwelling mix that does not comply with the PDCP 2023 requirements. For example, the SSD for 39-43 Hassall Street, Parramatta was for a BTR development where 49.75% were studio/1-bedroom apartments; 48.2% were 2-bedroom apartments; and only 1.4% were 3-bedroom apartments, which does not provide a balanced dwelling mix. Development trends indicate that the current drafting and flexibility inadvertently embedded in the PDCP 2023 controls allows applicants to deliver a dwelling mix that maximise dwelling yield (and subsequently sales) by delivering predominantly one- and two-bedroom apartments versus delivering a dwelling mix to cater for all household types. This is particularly evident with BTR developments delivered via the SSDs process which have demonstrated low compliance with the PDCP 2023 and deliver a high number of one bedroom/studio apartments. The low compliance with the PDCP 2023 requirement has led to a significant loss of 3-bedroom units in high density developments in the LGA. This is problematic as housing market and demographic studies indicate that the current dwelling mix in high density developments does not reflect the household composition in the City of Parramatta LGA. There are limited 3-bedroom units (also considered as family-sized units) available to support the needs of families with children, which is the predominant household type in the LGA.

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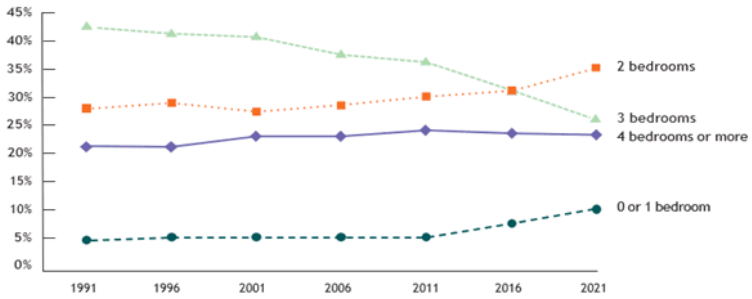


Figure 3: Number of bedrooms per dwelling in Parramatta LGA 1991-2021 (Source: ABS Census)

In order to ensure a suitable dwelling mix for the current and future population of the City of Parramatta, dwelling mix controls need to be elevated from the PDCP 2023 into the PLEP 2023 to increase adherence as part of the development assessment process. Adding the dwelling mix requirements in PLEP 2023 will help safeguard housing diversity in the LGA more efficiently. The additional clause will also affirm Council's role in providing a diversity of housing sizes to meet community needs into the future as per the Local Strategic Planning Statement 2036, as well as ensuring access to quality and affordable housing that accommodates the needs of all household types as per the Draft Social Sustainability Strategy 2024-2033.

It is noted that other LEPs within the Greater Sydney Region (including Canada Bay LEP 2013, Inner West LEP 2022, The Hills LEP 2019) contain dwelling mix controls providing statutory precedence for this policy being elevated from council DCPs.

Proposed amendment	Insert the following in Part 6 Additional local provisions:

6.24 Mix of dwelling sizes in residential flat buildings and shop top housing

(1) The objectives of this clause are to promote residential development across the Parramatta Local Government Area that provides for –

(a) Delivery of a mix of dwelling sizes to promote housing diversity with the City of Parramatta.

(b) Encourage developments that can accommodate diverse household types and the changing needs of households within the City of Parramatta.

(2) This clause applies to development for the following purposes that results in at least 10 dwellings –

(a) residential flat buildings, and

(b) shop top housing.

(3) Development consent must not be granted under this clause unless the consent authority is satisfied that –

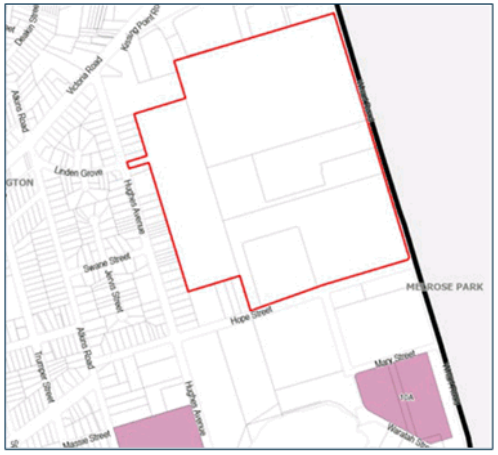
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		(a) at least 15% of dwellings, rounded to the nearest whole number of dwellings, in the development to be 3 or more bedrooms (b) no more than 75% of dwellings, rounded down to the nearest whole number of dwellings, in the development to be 2 bedrooms, and (c) at least 10% of dwellings, rounded up to the nearest whole number of dwellings, in the development to have 1 bedroom/studio.
28.	PLEP – Clause 7.17 Car parking – General	***Amend Clause 7.17(2) to omit reference to buildings with a GFA <2,000m2*** This clause provides parking rates for specific land uses for parts of the Parramatta City Centre. The existing wording of the table in subclause 7.17(2) applies the maximum number of car parking spaces for the development of retail premises with a total gross floor area of 2,000m2 or less. This means that any development for retail premises over 2,000m2 would not currently be subject to the parking requirement and requires the preparation of a Parking and Access Report as a merit-based assessment to determine parking requirements. Council officers have identified that it is necessary to revoke the 2,000m2 limit and amend the clause to ensure that parking requirements are clearly applicable regardless of gross floor area. Further, in reviewing this clause, Council officers have also considered the recent changes by City of Sydney to Clause 7.7 whereby a similar amendment has been made to remove the maximum limit of 2,000m2 for retail development. This change will remove any ambiguity around parking rates for development for retail premises over 2,000m2 and ensure consistency in parking rates that are applied. This will improve the interpretation and application of the clause during the development assessment process. **Proposed amendment** Amend the table in Clause 7.17(2) as follows: **7.17 Car Parking – General** (2) The maximum number of car parking spaces, including existing car parking spaces, for development to which this clause applies is the number calculated for the land use in accordance with the following table— Retail premises ~~For a building with no more than 2,000m2 of gross floor area used for retail premises –~~ a) If the building has a floor space ratio of no more than 3.5:1 – 1 space for every 90m2 of gross floor area, or b) otherwise – as calculated using the car parking formula
29.	PLEP – Clause 7.25 High performing building design	***Amend Clause 7.25(4)(c)(i) to (ii) to clarify 'room' in the context of hotel, motel, and serviced apartments*** The use of the words 'per room' in Clause 7.25 of PLEP 2023 makes it unclear as to whether the requirement applies per bedroom or per unit of a hotel, motel, or serviced apartment. To ensure that the clause is correctly applied to certain types of development, minor changes are proposed to replace the word 'room' with 'hotel or motel room or serviced apartment'. For example, this means that for the purpose of applying this subclause, a hotel room with 3 bedrooms is classified as a single hotel room. This change will remove any ambiguity around calculating energy targets for developments and ensure consistency of application during

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7.25 High performing building design
(c) the part of a building used for the purposes of hotel or motel accommodation or serviced apartments is capable of achieving the following—
(i) a maximum energy target of 5,220kg CO2e per hotel or motel room or serviced apartment each year,
(ii) a maximum water target of 76.1kL per hotel or motel room or serviced apartment each year.</td></tr></table></td></tr>
<tr><td>30.</td><td>Existing Places of Public Worship</td><td>Amend the Additional Permitted Use Schedule and Map to include Places of Public Worship
Council recommends to permit places of public worship (PoPW) as an Additional Permitted Use for existing PoPW in the R2 Low Density Residential zone. This allows the expansion and/or redevelopment of existing sites beyond the limitations of existing use rights and ensures that any new PoPW is developed in other residential or employment zones, which are considered to be more suitable to the increased traffic and noise likely to be generated by the land use.
The proposed change will only apply to existing PoPW that are currently operating on land zoned R2 and require amendments to identify specific land in the APU schedule and APU Map. Refer to Attachment 4 – Review of the Permissibility of Places of Public Worship in the R3 Low Density Residential zone.
<table><tr><td>Proposed amendment</td><td>Insert the following clause into Schedule 1 Additional permitted uses
25 Use of certain R2 Low Density Residential zones land for the purposes of Places of Public Worship
(1) This clause applies to land identified as "21" on the Additional Permitted Uses Map.
(2) Development for the purposes of Places of Public Worship is permitted with development consent</td></tr><tr><td>Proposed map amendment</td><td>Refer to Attachment 4 – Review of the permissibility of Places of Public Worship in the R2 Low Density Residential zone to the 16 July 2024 Local Planning Panel report for the indicative location of Places of Public Worship within City of Parramatta.
[TO BE INSERTED FOLLOWING COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON 12 AUGUST 2024].</td></tr></table></td></tr>
<tr><td>31.</td><td>R4 zoned land in Melrose Park North</td><td>Amend Schedule 1 and the Additional Permitted Uses Map to allow food and drink premises in R4 zoned land in Melrose Park North
In June 2022, the Melrose Park North Planning Proposal was finalised by the then Department of Planning and Environment. This planning proposal sought to enable the transition from industrial land to a mixed use urban renewal (in line with its identification as a Growth Precinct in the LHS and ELS and Proposed Local Centre under the LSPS). As a result, parts of Melrose Park North were rezoned from IN1 General Industrial to R4 High Density Residential, E1 Local Centre, SP2 Educational Establishment, and RE1 Public Recreation.
Under PLEP 2023, the R4 zoning permits limited uses needed to support urban living. This excludes food and drink premises, which are</td></tr>
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To ensure that development in the R4 zoned land in Melrose Park North foster liveable, sustainable and productive communities, it is recommended to align the additional permitted uses in Melrose Park North with Melrose Park South for R4 zoned land.

Proposed amendment
Amend Section 10A of Schedule 1 Additional permitted use as follows:
10A Use of land at Melrose Park ~~South~~(1) This clause applies to land identified as "10A" on the Additional Permitted Uses Map.
(2) Development for the purposes of food and drink premises is permitted with development consent.

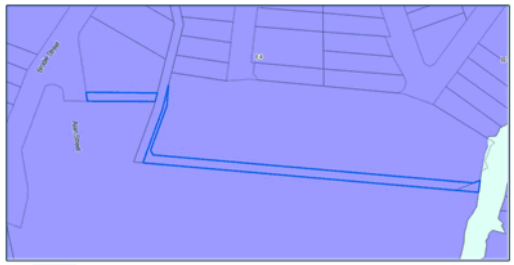
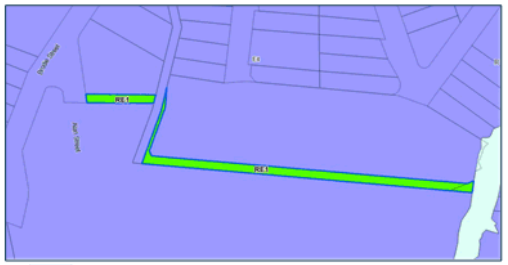
Proposed map amendment
Amend the Additional Permitted Uses Map for the subject site in line with the below:
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<tr><td>32.</td><td>PLEP – Schedule 2 Exempt Development</td><td>Introduce advertising signage for public sportsgrounds in RE1 Public Recreation zoned land in Schedule 2 Exempt Development

Under PLEP 2023, signage for sportsground sponsorship advertising for land in the RE1 Public Recreation zone is not permitted. However, Clause 3.8 ofState Environmental Planning Policy (Industry and Employment) 2021prohibits advertisements (other than building identification signs) on land zoned as open space (i.e. RE1 Public Recreation or C2 Environmental Conservation), with the exception</td></tr>
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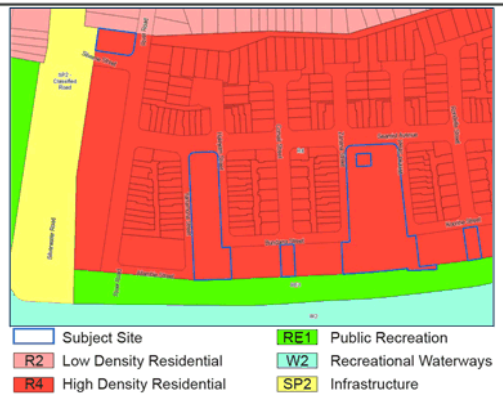
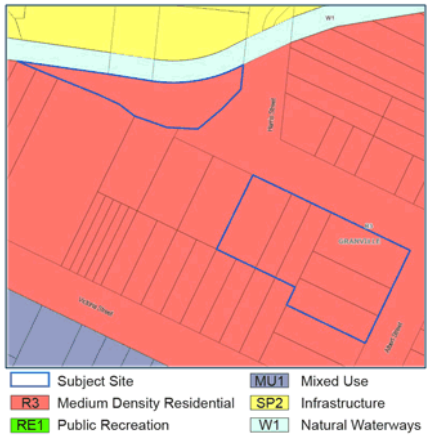
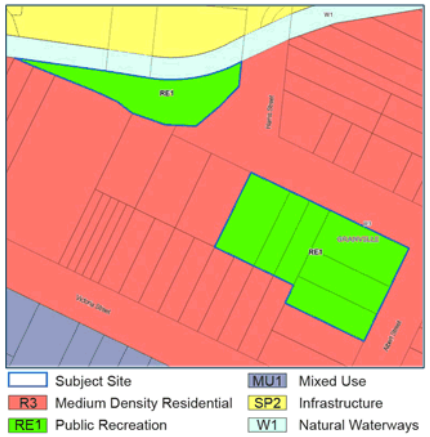
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		of:*advertisement at a public sporting facility situated on land zoned public recreation under an environmental planning instrument, being an advertisement that provides information about the sponsors of the teams or organisations using the sporting facility or about the products of these sponsors.* Therefore, the Industry and Employment SEPP permits signage for sportsground sponsorship advertising for RE1 Public Recreation zoned land within the City regardless of its permissibility in PLEP 2023. As the Codes SEPP does not include development controls for such sponsorship advertising, applicants must seek consent via a Development Application. The absence of development controls for sponsorship advertising within PLEP 2023 results in Development Applications relying on interim guidelines in DPE's*Transport Corridor Outdoor Advertising and Signage Guidelines: Assessing evelopment pplications under SEPP 64*(page 8).Due to the scale and nature of the signage, it is considered appropriate to introduce sportsground sponsorship advertising (with appropriate size, content, and locational criteria) as exempt development within PLEP 2023. This provides a transparent framework for the regulation of this types of signage within the City and eliminates the requirement for such development to be delivered via the DA process. It is noted that other Council's within Greater Sydney (Holroyd LEP 2013, Campbelltown LEP 2015) also have similar clauses to exempt this form of development and provide clear guidance to both applicants and council. Sufficient requirements are included within the proposed clause to ensure signage approved via the exempt development pathway limit social impacts on communities by stating the advertising cannot be for alcohol, tobacco products, and adult entertainment. **Proposed amendment** Insert the following provisions into PLEP 2023 'Schedule 2 Exempt Development': **Advertisements – signs on field fencing and amenity facilities at sports fields in Zone RE1** (1) Must only provide information about sponsors of teams or organisations using the sporting facility. (2) Must not contain direct product advertising for the following – a. alcohol, b. tobacco products, c. adult entertainment, being entertainment including nudity indecent acts, or sexual activity. (3) Must not obstruct any gates, access points or openings. (4) Must face the playing area and must not be visible from outside of the site on which it is displayed. (5) If affixed to permitter fencing of the playing area: a. must not extend beyond the top or bottom of the fencing, and b. have a maximum length of 6m, and c. have a maximum height of 1m. (6) Must not obstruct the sight line of vehicular traffic. (7) Must be removable signs or fixings and must not be painted directly onto fencing or amenity facilities. (8) Must not cover more than 25% of the field facing surface area of any amenity facilities. (9) Must not be illuminated. (10) Must be installed in accordance with the following: a. AS/NZS 1170 2002, Structure design actions, Part 0: General principles,

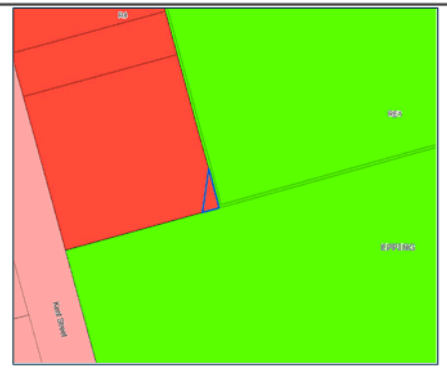
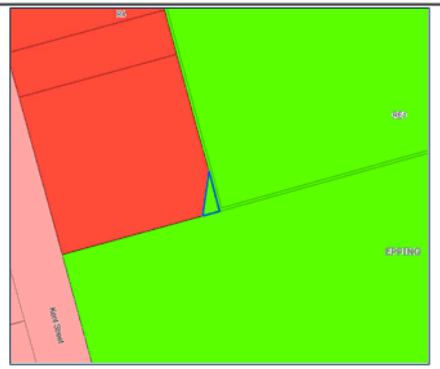
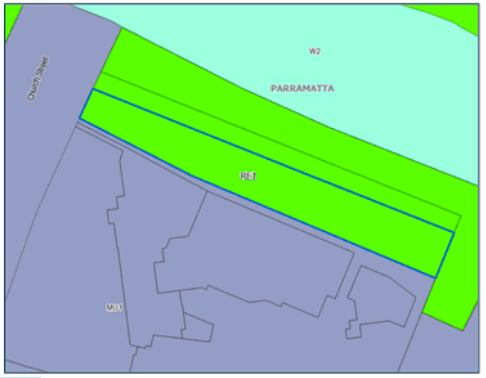
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			b. AS/NZ 1170.2 2011, Structural design actions, Part 2: Wind actions

Rezoning of 41 public reserves from current residential or employment uses to appropriate recreational or waterway use			
Council manages approximately 835ha of Community and Crown land that comprises a network of around 375 parks and reserves throughout the City. Council officers have identified 41 sites that are not zoned to reflect their current principal intended use/s as public reserves. Some of these include R2 Low Density Residential, R4 High Density Residential, E4 General Industrial, MU1 Mixed Use, and E1 Local Centre. These parcels were identified as part of the preparation of Council's Community and Crown Land Plan of Management 2023, which included an audit of Council's parks and reserves and identified zoning anomalies, which reflected the adjoining land use instead of the public purpose. Council recently adopted the Community and Crown Land Plan of Management 2023 (Plan of Management) which applies to all our parks and reserves, and provides a framework to ensure a consistent and transparent approach to guide the management and use of public land. The Plan of Management includes specific actions to ensure that relevant Environmental Planning Instrument (EPI) (in this case the PLEP 2023) zones public reserves for the intended purpose and characteristics (e.g. public recreation) and that all land dedicated for open space under Voluntary Planning Agreements are appropriately zoned. Therefore, it is appropriate to rezone the 41 sites to either RE1 Public Recreation, W1 Natural Waterways, W2 Recreational Waterways, or C2 Environmental Conservation to ensure that Council's public reserves are appropriately zoned and protected and deliver on the requirements of the Plan of Management. Furthermore, in addition to 'community land' (which public reserves are classified as) needing to be managed by an adopted plan of management under Section 36 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council under Schedule 7 Clause 6 of the *Local Government Act 1993* is required to ensure that 'community land' is reserved, zoned or otherwise designated for use under an Environmental Planning Instrument as open space. This further supports the rezoning of the 41 sites to ensure Council is meeting its legal requirements. The below 41 sites are proposed to be rezoned:		
33.	Adderton Road Reserve, Telopea (Lot 1, DP 128244)	**Proposed map amendment**	Amend the subject site's zoning from R2 Low Density Residential to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current** **Proposed**

			 
34.	Alan Street Reserve, Rydalmere (Lots 1 and 3, DP 1126501 and Lot 11, DP 1212303)	**Proposed map amendment**	Amend the subject site's zoning from E4 General Industrial to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current**  **Proposed** 
35.	Ae2 Park, Ermington (Lot 312, DP 1187812)	**Proposed map amendment**	Amend the subject site's zoning from R4 High Density Residential to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current** **Proposed**

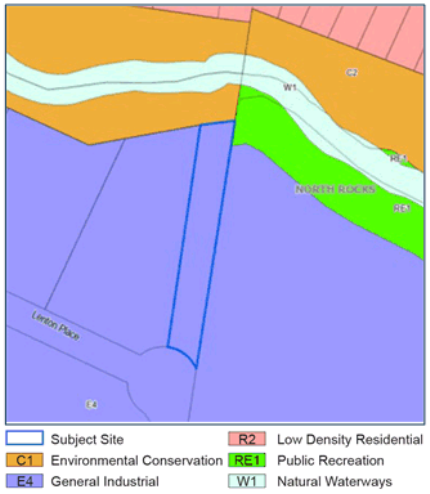
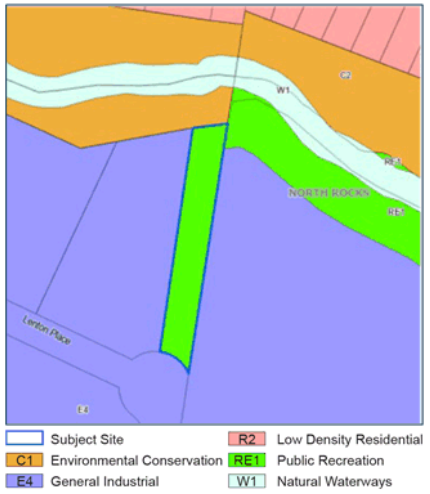
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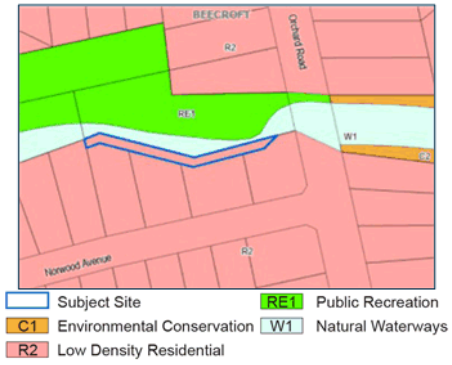
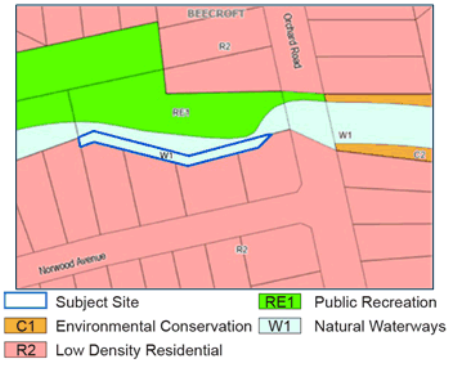
36.	Halvorsen Park, Ermington (Lot 310, DP 1187812)		 
37.	Navy Park, Ermington (Lot 309, DP 1187812)		
38.	River Park, Ermington (Lots 313 and 314, DP 1187812)		
39.	Albert Street Reserve, Granville (Lot 1, DP 997315; Lot 1, DP 76437; Lot 1, DP 76113; Lot 10, DP 72942; Lots Y and X, DP 412709)	**Proposed map amendment**	Amend the subject site's zoning from R2 Low Density Residential to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current** **Proposed**  
40.	Prince Street Reserve, Harris Park (Lot 7033, DP 93890)		
41.	Boronia Park, Epping (Lot B,	**Proposed map**	Amend the subject site's zoning from R4 High Density Residential to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current** **Proposed**

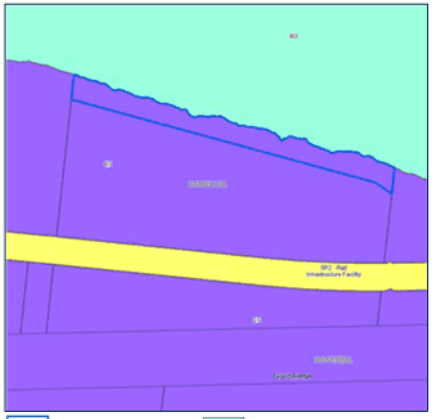
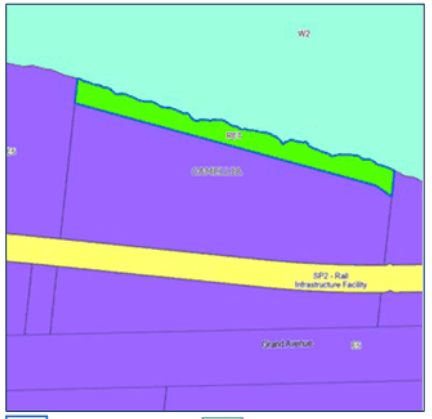
	DP 160976)	**amendment**	 
42.	Church Street Reserve, Parramatta (Lot 203, DP 1237698)	**Proposed map amendment**	Amend the subject site's zoning from MU1 Mixed Use to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current**  **Proposed** 
43.	Cowper Street Reserve,	**Proposed map**	Amend the subject site's zoning from MU1 Mixed Use to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current** **Proposed**

	Granville (Lot 50, DP 1284122)	**amendment**	 
44.	Dan Mahoney Reserve, North Parramatta (Part of Lot 7052, DP 1050528)	**Proposed map amendment**	Amend the subject site's zoning from R3 Medium Density Residential to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current**  **Proposed** 

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45.	Darling Mills Creek Reserve, North Rocks (Lot 91, DP 851951)	**Proposed map amendment**	Amend the subject site's zoning from R2 Low Density Residential to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current**  **Proposed** 
46.	Darling Mills Creek Reserve, North Rocks (Lot 5, DP 263454)	**Proposed map amendment**	Amend the subject site's zoning from E4 General Industrial to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current**  **Proposed** 

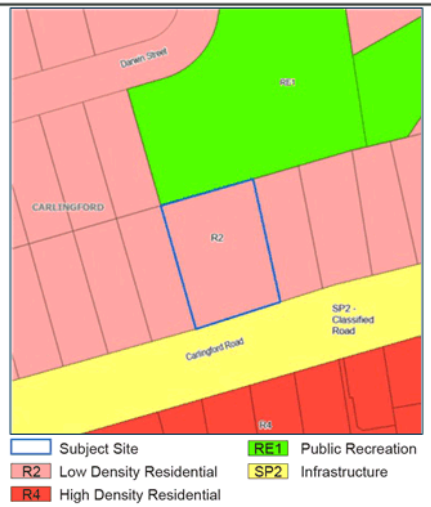
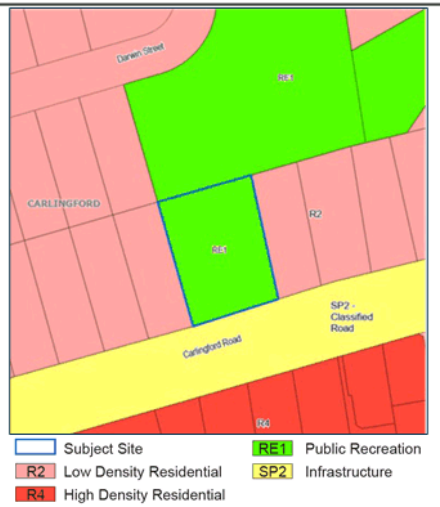
47.	Dixon Park, Parramatta (Lot 21, DP 1346)	**Proposed map amendment**	Amend the subject site's zoning from R4 High Density Residential to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current**  **Proposed** 
48.	Finch Reserve, Beecroft (Lot 5, DP 234158)	**Proposed map amendment**	Amend the subject site's zoning from R2 Low Density Residential to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current**  **Proposed** 

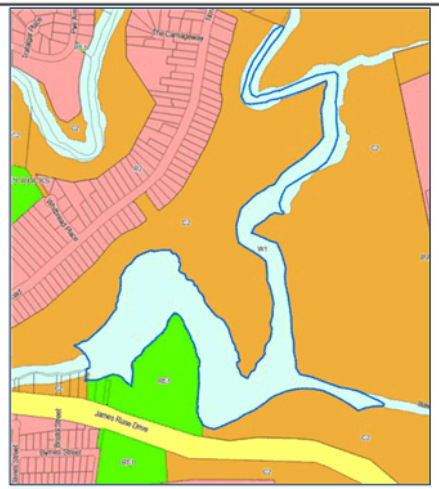
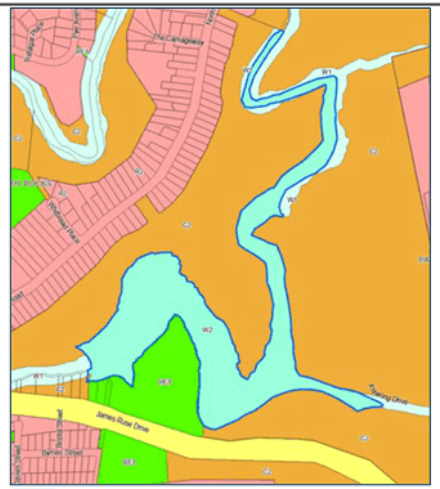
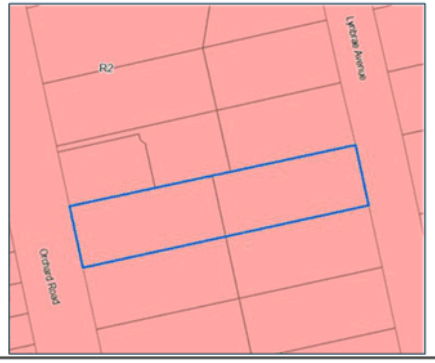
49.	Grand Avenue Reserve, Camelia (Lot 2, DP 628186)	**Proposed map amendment**	Amend the subject site's zoning from E5 Heavy Industrial to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current**  Subject Site · W2 Recreational Waterways · E5 Heavy Industrial · SP2 Infrastructure · RE1 Public Recreation **Proposed**  Subject Site · W2 Recreational Waterways · E5 Heavy Industrial · SP2 Infrastructure · RE1 Public Recreation
50.	Hazlewood Rose Park, Carlingford (Lot 50, DP 1217719)	**Proposed map amendment**	Amend the subject site's zoning from R2 Low Density Residential to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current**  R2 · Lyndelle Place **Proposed**  R2 · Lyndelle Place

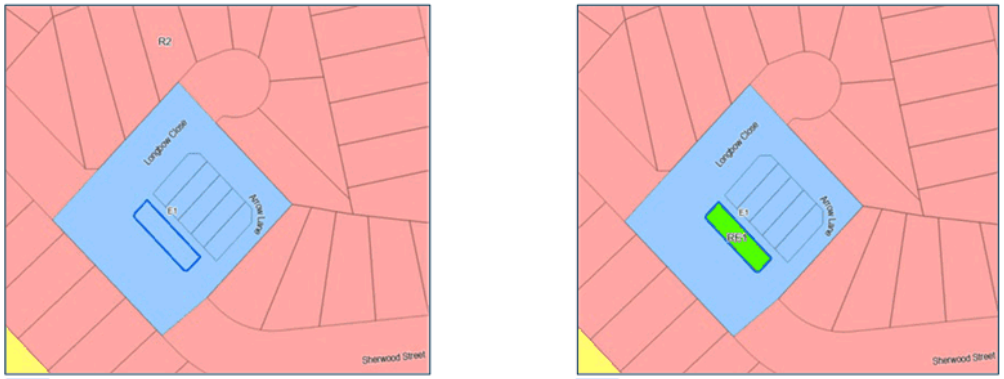
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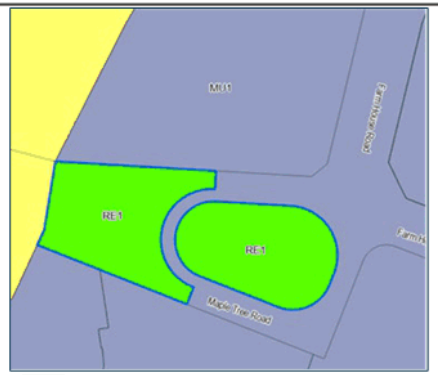
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51.	Holker Street Reserve, Silverwater (Lot 397, DP 752058)	**Proposed map amendment**	Amend the subject site's zoning from E4 General Industrial to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current**  **Proposed**  Subject Site W1 Natural Waterways E4 General Industrial RE1 Public Recreation Subject Site W1 Natural Waterways E4 General Industrial RE1 Public Recreation
52.	Inala Place Reserve, Carlingford (Lot 2, DP 1215904)	**Proposed map amendment**	Amend the subject site's zoning from R2 Low Density Residential to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current**  **Proposed** 

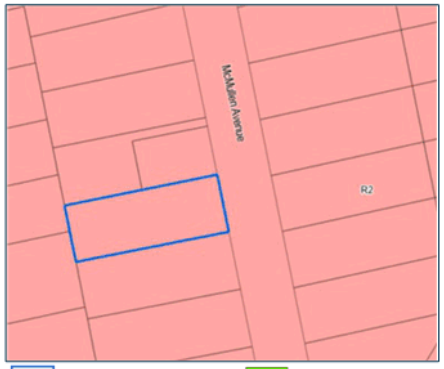
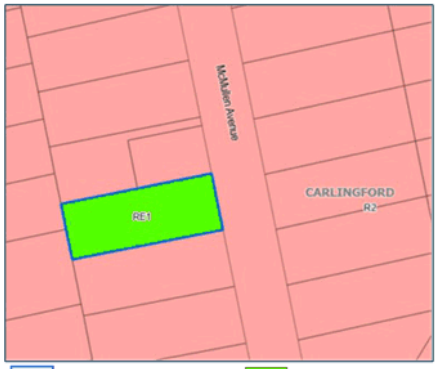
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53.	Jubilee Park, Parramatta (Lot 3, DP 529663 and Lot 62, DP 633712)	**Proposed map amendment**	Amend the subject site's zoning from MU1 Mixed Use to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current** **Proposed**  Subject Site RE1 Public Recreation MU1 Mixed Use Subject Site RE1 Public Recreation MU1 Mixed Use
54.	Kilpack Park Carlingford (Lot 9, DP 216437)	**Proposed map amendment**	Amend the subject site's zoning from R2 Low Density Residential to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current** **Proposed**

			 
55.	Lake Parramatta, North Parramatta (Lot 7304, DP 1148769)	**Proposed map amendment**	Amend the subject site's zoning from W1 Natural Waterways to W2 Recreational Waterways: **Current** **Proposed**

			 
56.	Lynbrae Avenue Reserve, Beecroft (Lot 19 and 30, DP 31270)	**Proposed map amendment**	Amend the subject site's zoning from R2 Low Density Residential to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current**  **Proposed** 

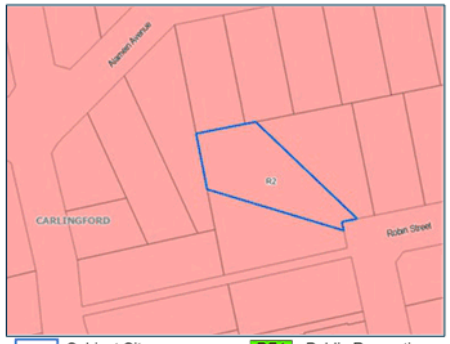
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57.	Maid Marion Reserve, Northmead (Lot 27, DP 218355)	**Proposed map amendment**	Amend the subject site's zoning from E1 Local Centre to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current** **Proposed**  Subject Site R2 Low Density Residential E1 Local Centre RE1 Public Recreation Subject Site R2 Low Density Residential E1 Local Centre RE1 Public Recreation
58.	Maple Tree Road Reserve, Westmead (Lot 6, DP 1227281)	**Proposed map amendment**	Amend the subject site's zoning from MU1 Mixed Use to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current** **Proposed**

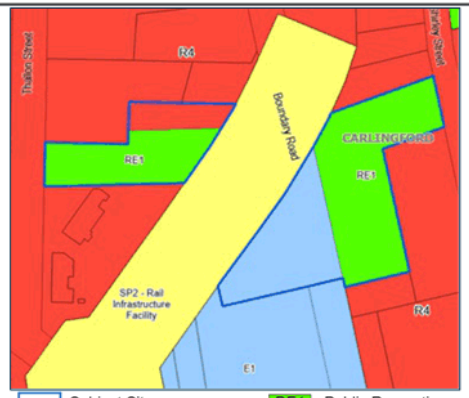
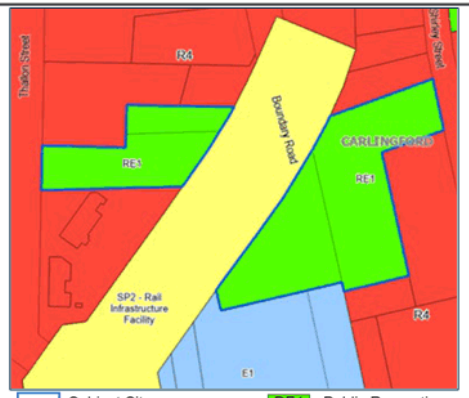
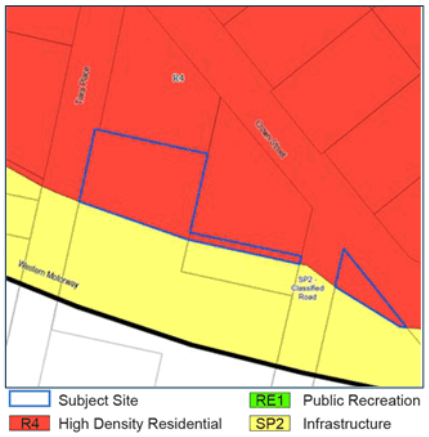
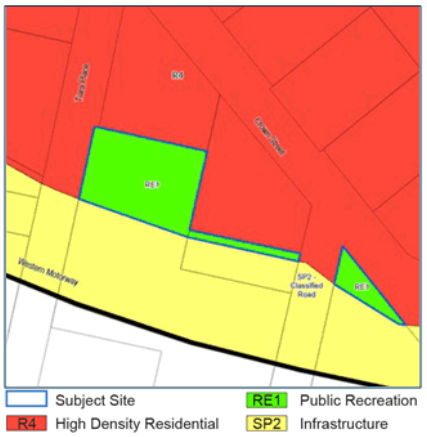
			 
59.	Maria Lock Park, North Parramatta (Lot 7038, DP 1123939)	**Proposed map amendment**	Amend the subject site's zoning from E1 Local Centre to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current**  **Proposed** 
60.	McMullen Avenue Reserve,	**Proposed map**	Amend the subject site's zoning from R2 Low Density Residential to RE1 Public Recreation:

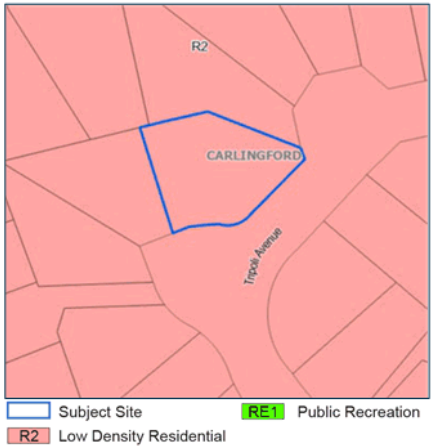
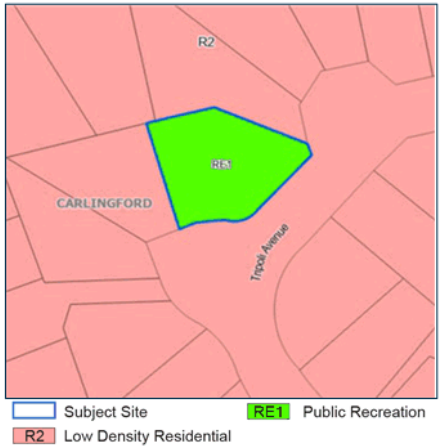
	Carlingford (Lot 40, DP 26990)	**amendment**	**Current**  **Proposed** 
61.	Model Farms Siding Reserve, Winston Hills (Lot 7014, DP 1058971)	**Proposed map amendment**	Amend the subject site's zoning from R2 Low Density Residential to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current**  **Proposed** 
62.	Oakes Road Reserve, Winston	**Proposed map**	Amend the subject site's zoning from R2 Low Density Residential to RE1 Public Recreation:

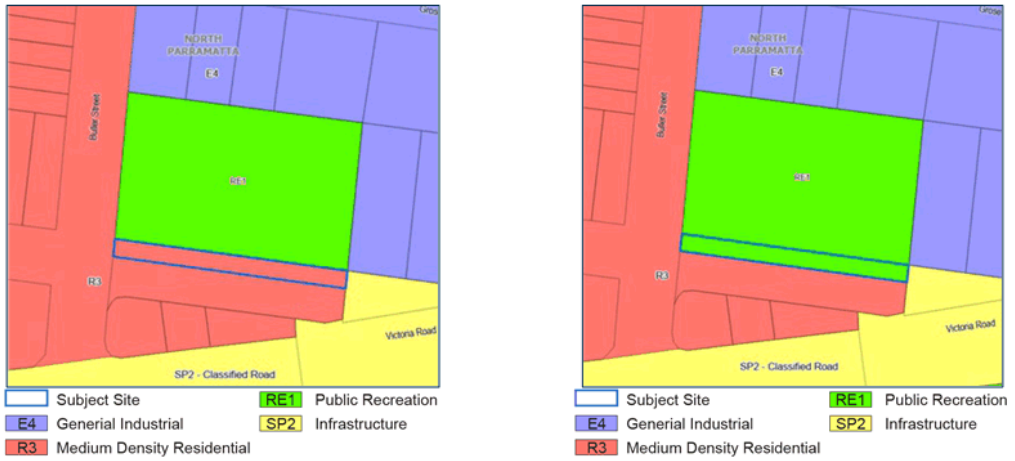
	Hills (Lot 4, DP 1138907)	**amendment**	**Current**  **Proposed** 
63.	Putt Putt Park, Melrose Park (Lot 30, DP 1304564)	**Proposed map amendment**	Amend the subject site's zoning from MU1 Mixed Use to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current**  **Proposed** 

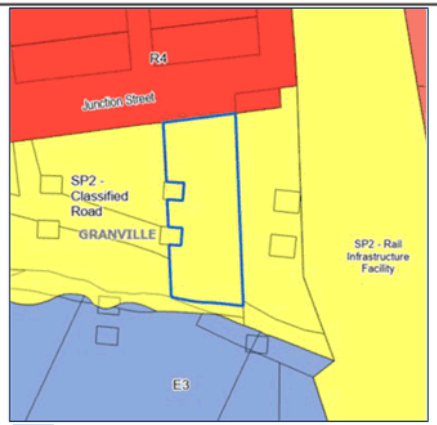
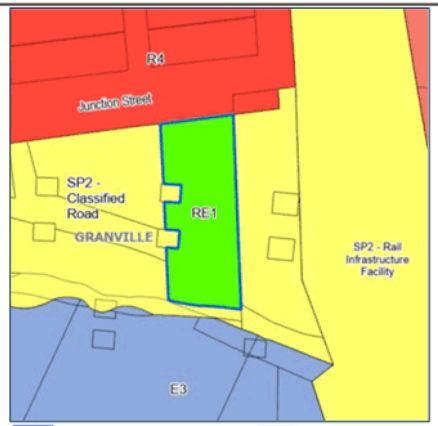
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64.	Railway Street Reserve, Granville (Lots 20-22, DP 801968; Lot 102, DP 883680; Lot 19, 801968)	**Proposed map amendment**	Amend the subject site's zoning from R4 High Density Residential to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current**  **Proposed** 
65.	Robin Street Park, Carlingford (Lot 36, DP 29440)	**Proposed map amendment**	Amend the subject site's zoning from R2 Low Density Residential to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current**  **Proposed** 
66.	Shirley Street Reserve, Carlingford (part	**Proposed map**	Amend the subject site's zoning from E1 Local Centre and R4 High Density Residential to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current** **Proposed**

	of Lot 10, DP 1255614)	**amendment**	 
67.	Thallon Street Reserve, Carlingford (part of Lot 2, DP 1240443)		
68.	Tiara Place Reserve, Granville (Lots 12, 13 and 14, DP 801968)	**Proposed map amendment**	Amend the subject site's zoning from R4 High Density Residential to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current**  **Proposed** 

69.	Tripoli Avenue Reserve, Carlingford (Lot 34, DP 263807)	**Proposed map amendment**	Amend the subject site's zoning from R4 High Density Residential to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current**  **Proposed** 
70.	Tynan Park, Ermington (Lot 48, DP 31538)	**Proposed map amendment**	Amend the subject site's zoning from R2 Low Density Residential to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current**  **Proposed** 

			Subject Site RE1 Public Recreation R2 Low Density Residential Subject Site RE1 Public Recreation R2 Low Density Residential
71.	Walter Lawry Memorial Park, North Parramatta (Lot 983, DP 823996)	**Proposed map amendment**	Amend the subject site's zoning from R3 Medium Density Residential to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current** **Proposed** 
72.	Warawara Reserve, Granville (Lot 53, DP 825637)	**Proposed map amendment**	Amend the subject site's zoning from SP2 Infrastructure to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current** **Proposed**

			 
73.	West Epping Park, Epping (part of Lot 100, DP 834523)	**Proposed map amendment**	Amend the subject site's zoning from R2 Low Density Residential to RE1 Public Recreation: **Current**  **Proposed** 

PART 3 – JUSTIFICATION OF STRATEGIC AND SITE-SPECIFIC MERIT

This part describes the reasons for the proposed outcomes and development standards in the Planning Proposal.

3.1 Section A - Need for the Planning Proposal

This section establishes the need for a Planning Proposal in achieving the key outcome and objectives. The set questions address the strategic origins of the proposal and whether amending the LEP is the best mechanism to achieve the aims on the proposal.

3.1.1 Is the Planning Proposal a result of an endorsed local strategic planning statement, strategic study or report?

The Planning Proposal is not a direct result of a single strategic study or report. The Planning Proposal addresses supplementary matters that arose from the public exhibition of the Harmonisation Planning Proposal (i.e. consolidated Parramatta Local Environmental Plan 2023 (PLEP 2023)) and also addresses housekeeping items intended to improve the accuracy and application of the PLEP 2023.

The Harmonisation Planning Proposal was a deliverable of the Land Use Planning Harmonisation Framework intended to provide a consolidated set of planning instruments following the council boundary changes in May 2016. This Planning Proposal captures supplementary matters that arose from the Land Use Planning Harmonisation Framework. The completion of the Land Use Planning Harmonisation Framework is a priority within the Parramatta Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS). Therefore, this Planning Proposal is in alignment with the priorities and actions of the LSPS.

3.1.2 Is the Planning Proposal the best means of achieving the objectives or intended outcomes, or is there a better way?

Yes. The Planning Proposal is the most effective way of achieving the intended outcomes.

The Planning Proposal includes matters that relate to statutory issues under Part 3 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. In this regard, the planning proposal is the only mechanism for achieving the objectives or intended outcomes relating to the properties and provisions covered by the planning proposal. The amendments proposed are minor and/or mostly administrative and will not have an adverse impact on the objectives and actions contained in the strategies outlined in Section 3.2.

A Planning Proposal will provide certainty for Council, landowners, the local community and developers to understand the proposed changes in a transparent way.

3.2 Section B – Relationship to strategic planning framework

This section assesses the relevance of the Planning Proposal to the directions outlined in key strategic planning policy documents. Questions in this section consider state and local government plans including the NSW Government's Plan for Growing Sydney and subregional strategy, State Environmental Planning Policies, local strategic and community plans and applicable Ministerial Directions.

3.2.1 Will the Planning Proposal give effect to the objectives and actions of the applicable regional, or district plan or strategy (including any exhibited draft plans or strategies)?

A Metropolis of Three Cities

In March 2018, the NSW Government released the *Greater Sydney Region Plan: A Metropolis of Three Cities* ("the GSRP") a 20 year plan which outlines a three-city vision for metropolitan Sydney to the year 2036.

The GSRP is structured under four themes:

- Infrastructure and Collaboration,
- Liveability,
- Productivity and
- Sustainability.

Within these themes are 10 directions that each contain Potential Indicators and, generally, a suite of objective/s supported by a Strategy or Strategies.

While there are some minor policy changes proposed within this Planning Proposal, the majority of the amendments proposed are 'housekeeping' and are considered minor and/or administrative. These administrative changes are clarifying existing policy or aligning policy with previous planning decisions (e.g. removing a heritage listing from Schedule 5 following its approved demolition via the DA process).

As such, the proposed amendments are not considered to undermine, contradict, or have an adverse impact on the objectives and actions contained in the GSRP and have not been explicitly discussed below. However, the objectives relevant to the more substantive policy changes within this Planning Proposal have been included and discussed.

Infrastructure and Collaboration

An assessment of the Planning Proposal's consistency with the GSRP's applicable Infrastructure and Collaboration objectives is provided in Table 3a below *(see above for explanation of inclusions)*.

Table 3a – Consistency of Planning Proposal with relevant GSRP Actions – Infrastructure and Collaboration

Direction	Relevant Objective	Comment
A city supported by infrastructure	**O2:** Infrastructure aligns with forecast growth – growth infrastructure compact **O4:** Infrastructure use is optimised	**Land Reservation Acquisition amendments** Whilst an administrative change, the Planning Proposal aligns with this objective by updating the Land Reservation Acquisition (LRA) maps within the PLEP 2023 to remove sites that have already been delivered for public infrastructure (i.e. Epping Road Widening between Blaxland Road and Essex Street, and expansion at 88 Church Street, Parramatta). This change ensures the LRA maps are reflective of the current acquisitions required to deliver infrastructure for the community.

Liveability

An assessment of the Planning Proposal's consistency with the GSRP's applicable Liveability objectives is provided in Table 3b below *(see above for explanation of inclusions)*.

Table 3b – Consistency of Planning Proposal with relevant GSRP Actions – Liveability

Direction	Relevant Objective	Comment
Housing the city	**O10**: Greater housing supply **O11:** Housing is more diverse and affordable	**Dwelling Mix in PLEP 2023** Council has identified the need to elevate the dwelling mix objectives and controls from the Parramatta DCP 2023 into the Parramatta LEP 2023. This is due to the controls within the PDCP 2023 inadvertently resulting in high density residential development not delivering a genuine mix of dwelling sizes to serve the community of Parramatta due to the flexibility and range of the controls per dwelling size, and as it holds less statutory weighting compared to controls within the PLEP 2023. New dwelling mix controls are proposed for residential flat buildings and shop top housing with at least 10 dwellings across the Parramatta Local Government Area (LGA). The clause will assist in accommodating for the diverse household compositions within the LGA and help promote a dwelling supply that can respond to the changing needs of the population. Adding the dwelling mix requirements in PLEP 2023 will help safeguard housing diversity in the LGA more efficiently. The clause will also affirm Council's role in providing a diversity of housing sizes to meet community needs into the future as per the Local Strategic Planning Statement 2036, as well as ensuring access to quality and affordable housing that accommodates the needs of all household types as per the Draft Social Sustainability Strategy 2024-2033. This supports the delivery of the Liveability direction and objectives.
A city of great places	**O12:** Great places that bring people together	**Active Uses in PLEP 2023** The Planning Proposal includes improvements to LEP Clause 6.12 Ground Floor development in zone E1, Clause 8.4 Active Street Frontages, and Clause 7.10 Active Frontages. The proposed changes are intended to encourage the appropriate types of ground floor uses that will encourage the movement of people within these areas. The Planning Proposal also includes changes to the APU for Melrose Park North to enable the development of food and drink premises on R4 zoned land. Changes to Melrose Park North align with the current provisions of Melrose Park South for R4 High Density Residential. Additionally, existing Places of Public Worship are proposed to be added as an APU to enable expansions that support operational needs beyond existing use rights. These changes align with the liveability direction and objectives.
	O13: Environmental heritage is identified, conserved and enhanced	**Heritage Matters** The Planning Proposal contains several heritage administrative changes to specific heritage items identified in PLEP 2023. In some instances, changes include amendments to heritage boundaries to reflect approved Development Applications and updates to name of heritage items to reflect heritage findings. These changes are ensuring the heritage listings in Schedule 5 and the maps are up to date.

Productivity

The proposed changes under the Planning Proposal have nil impact on the GSRP's applicable Productivity objectives. Therefore, no objectives have been commented on

below. As explained above, the majority of the amendments proposed are 'housekeeping' and are considered minor and/or administrative. As such, the proposed amendments are not considered to undermine, contradict, or have an adverse impact on the objectives and actions contained in the GSRP and have not been explicitly discussed in relation to Productivity objectives.

Sustainability

An assessment of the Planning Proposal's consistency with the GSRP's applicable Sustainability objectives is provided in Table 3c below *(see above for explanation of inclusions)*.

Table 3c – Consistency of Planning Proposal with relevant GSRP Actions – Sustainability

Sustainability Direction	Relevant Objective	Comment
A city in its landscape	**O25**: The coast and waterways are protected and healthier	The Planning Proposal includes rezonings of 17B Short Street, Wentworthville (**Item 15**) and part of 2A Crimea Street, Parramatta (**Item 16**) to W1 Natural Waterways. This assists in the prevention of development that would have an adverse impact on the natural values of those sites' waterways, as well as the ongoing protection and management of these sites via Council's Community and Crown Land Plan of Management. Additionally, the Planning Proposal seeks to rezone part of Lake Parramatta from W1 Natural Waterways to W2 Recreational Waterways. This is considered appropriate as the W2 zone reflects the primarily recreational function of Lake Parramatta. As such, the planning proposal is consistent with this direction.
	O27: Biodiversity is protected, urban bushland and remnant vegetation is enhanced	The Planning Proposal includes amendments to include the vegetated parts of 3 Morton Avenue, Carlingford (also known as North Rocks Fire Brigade) on the Biodiversity Map of PLEP 2023. The Planning Proposal includes a reduction to the extent of the Biodiversity mapping at The Kings School). Council reduced areas identified on the Biodiversity Map that included existing development on the southern portion of the site, and therefore had nil or compromised biodiversity values. Intact areas of biodiversity were retained. The changes are considered a suitable adjustment to the biodiversity layer. As such, the planning proposal is consistent with this direction.
	O31: Public open space is accessible, protected and enhanced	***Rezoning of specific land*** The Planning Proposal includes changes to the zoning of remanent vegetation along Terry' s Creek and Dence Park from RE1 Public Recreation to E2 Environment Conservation. This will ensure appropriate management of the lands and also deliver a continuous corridor along Terry's Creek. ***Rezoning of Public Reserves*** Council recently adopted the *Community and Crown Land Plan of Management 2023* (Plan of Management) which applies to all parks and reserves. It provides a framework to ensure a consistent and transparent approach to guide the management and use of public land. The Plan of Management includes specific actions to ensure that relevant Environmental Planning Instrument (EPI) (in this case the PLEP 2023) zones public reserves for the intended purpose and characteristics (e.g. public recreation) and that all land dedicated for open space under Voluntary Planning Agreements are appropriately zoned. The Planning Proposal includes amendments to various public reserves across the LGA to be rezoned from the existing zone to either RE1 Public Recreation, W1 Natural Waterway, or W2 Recreational Waterway to ensure that Council's public reserves

		and appropriately zoned and protected and deliver on the requirements of the Plan of Management. As such, the planning proposal is consistent with this direction.

Implementation

An assessment of the Planning Proposal's consistency with the GSRP's applicable Implementation objectives is provided in Table 3d below *(see above for explanation of inclusions)*.

Table 3d – Consistency of Planning Proposal with relevant GSRP Actions – Implementation

Direction	Relevant Objective	Comment
Implementation	**O39**: A collaborative approach to city planning	This planning proposal aims to promote orderly development that aligns with local, district and regional planning frameworks. The planning proposal will ensure a collaborative approach to city planning is achieved through consultation with relevant state agencies and the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure. Additionally, the planning proposal will be placed on public exhibition for community consultation and feedback. The planning proposal supports the objectives of Parramatta's Community Engagement Strategy. This strategy is consistent with the Greater Sydney Region Plan and outlines a collaborative approach with the community throughout planning, design, development and management. As such, the planning proposal is consistent with this direction.

Central City District Plan

In March 2018, the NSW Government released *Central City District Plan* which outlines a 20 year plan for the Central City District which comprises The Hills, Blacktown, Cumberland and Parramatta local government areas.

Taking its lead from the GSRP, the *Central City District Plan* ("CCDP") is also structured under four themes relating to Infrastructure and Collaboration, Liveability, Productivity and Sustainability. Within these themes are Planning Priorities that are each supported by corresponding Actions.

While there are some minor policy changes proposed within this Planning Proposal, the majority of the amendments proposed are 'housekeeping' and are considered minor and/or administrative. These administrative changes are clarifying existing policy or aligning policy with previous planning decisions (e.g. removing a heritage listing from Schedule 5 following its approved demolition via the DA process).

As such, the proposed amendments are not considered to undermine, contradict, or have an adverse impact on the objectives and actions contained in the CCDP and have not been explicitly discussed below. However, the Planning Priorities and Actions relevant to the more substantive policy changes within this Planning Proposal have been included and discussed.

Infrastructure and Collaboration

An assessment of the Planning Proposal's consistency with the CCDP's applicable Infrastructure and Collaboration Priorities and Actions is provided in Table 4a below *(see above for explanation of inclusions)*.

Table 4a – Consistency of Planning Proposal with relevant CCDP Actions – Infrastructure and Collaboration

Infrastructure and Collaboration Direction	Planning Priority/Action	Comment
A city supported by infrastructure **O1:** Infrastructure supports the three cities **O2:** Infrastructure aligns with forecast growth – growth infrastructure compact **O3:** Infrastructure adapts to meet future need **O4:** Infrastructure use is optimised	**PP C1: Planning for a city supported by infrastructure** • **A1:** Prioritise infrastructure investments to support the vision of *A metropolis* • **A2:** Sequence growth across the three cities to promote north-south and east-west connections • **A3**: Align forecast growth with infrastructure • **A4:** Sequence infrastructure provision using a place based approach • **A5**: Consider the adaptability of infrastructure and its potential shared use when preparing infrastructure strategies and plans • **A6**: Maximise the utility of existing infrastructure assets and consider strategies to influence behaviour changes to reduce the demand for new infrastructure, supporting the development of adaptive and flexible regulations to allow decentralised utilities	Refer to the response against the GSRP above, O2 and O4 in Table 3a.
O5: Benefits of growth realized by collaboration of governments, community and business	**PP C2: Working through collaboration** • **A7:** Identify prioritise and delivery collaboration areas	Refer to the response against the GSRP above, O39 in Table 3d.

Liveability

An assessment of the Planning Proposal's consistency with the CCDP's applicable Liveability Priorities and Actions is provided in Table 4b below *(see above for explanation of inclusions)*.

Table 4b – Consistency of Planning Proposal with relevant CCDP Actions – Liveability

Liveability Direction	Planning Priority/Action	Comment
Housing the city **O10**: Greater housing supply **O11:** Housing is more diverse and affordable	**PP C5: Providing housing supply, choice and affordability, with access to jobs, services and public transport**	Refer to the response against the GSRP above, O10 and O11 in Table 3b.
A city of great places **O12:** Great places that bring people together **O13:** Environmental heritage is identified, conserved and enhanced	**PP C6: Creating and renewing great places and local centres, and respecting the District's heritage** • **A18**: Using a place-based and collaborative approach throughout planning, design, development and management deliver great places by (a-e) • **A19**: Identify, conserve and enhance environmental heritage by (a-c) • **A20**: Use place-based planning to support the role of centres as a focus for connected neighbourhoods • **A22**: Use flexible and innovative approaches to revitalise high streets in decline.	Refer to the response against the GSRP above, O13 in Table 3b.

Productivity

The proposed changes under the Planning Proposal have nil impact on the CCDP's applicable Productivity objectives. Therefore, no objectives have been commented on below. As explained above, the majority of the amendments proposed are 'housekeeping' and are considered minor and/or administrative. As such, the proposed amendments are not considered to undermine, contradict, or have an adverse impact on the objectives and actions contained in the CCDP and have not been explicitly discussed in relation to Productivity objectives.

Sustainability

An assessment of the Planning Proposal's consistency with the CCDP's applicable Productivity Priorities and Actions is provided in Table 4d below *(see above for explanation of inclusions)*.

Table 4c – Consistency of Planning Proposal with relevant CCDP Actions – Sustainability

Sustainability Direction	Planning Priority/Action	Comment
A city in its landscape **O25**: The coast and waterways are protected and healthier	**PP C13: Protecting and improving the health and enjoyment of the District's Waterways** • **A60**: Protect environmentally sensitive areas of waterways • **A61**: Enhance sustainability and liveability by improving and managing access to waterways and foreshores for recreation, tourism, cultural events and water based transport • **A62**: Improve the health of catchments and waterways through a risk based approach to managing the cumulative impacts of development including coordinated monitoring of outcomes • **A63**: Work towards reinstating more natural conditions in highly modified urban waterways	Refer to the response against the GSRP above, O27 and O31 in Table 3c.
O27: Biodiversity is protected, urban bushland and remnant vegetation is enhanced	**PP C15: Protecting and enhancing bushland, biodiversity and scenic and cultural landscapes** • **A65:** Protect and enhance biodiversity by (a-c) [abridged]	Refer to the response against the GSRP above, O27 and O31 in Table 3c.
O31: Public open space is accessible, protected and enhanced	**PP C17: Delivering high quality open space** • **A71**: Maximise the use of existing open space and protect, enhance and expand public open space by (a-g) [abridged]	Refer to the response against the GSRP above, O31 in Table 3c.

3.2.2 Will the Planning Proposal give effect to a council's endorsed local strategic planning statement, or another endorsed local strategy or strategic plan?

The following local strategic planning documents are relevant to the Planning Proposal.

Community Strategic Plan 2018-2036 (City of Parramatta)

Parramatta 2038 is a long term Community Strategic Plan for the City of Parramatta and it links to the long-term future of Sydney. The plan formalises several big and transformational ideas for the City and the region. The changes sought in the planning proposal are minor and mostly administrative in nature and will not undermine the initiatives within this plan.

Parramatta Local Strategic Planning Statement City Plan 2036

The Parramatta Local Strategic Planning Statement City Plan 2036 (LSPS) came into effect on 31 March 2020, becoming the primary strategic planning document for guiding and monitoring Council's long-term vision for land use and infrastructure provision within the LGA. The LSPS outlines considerations for housing, economic growth, heritage protection, and local character whist ensuring sustainable growth within Parramatta and its role as Greater Sydney's Central City.

The progression of this Planning Proposal is consistent with the priorities described within the LSPS with particular focus on the following:

LSPS Planning Priority	Planning Proposal mechanism
Planning priority 1 – Expand Parramatta's economic role as the Central City of Greater Sydney	Item 24: Clarification of ground floor active uses within the E1 zone. Item 31: Application of food and drink premises as an additional permitted use for R4 High Density Residential zoned land within Melrose Park North.
Planning priority 6 – Provide for community infrastructure and recreation opportunities Planning priority 14 – Protect and enhance our trees and green infrastructure to improve liveability and ecological health	Item 32: Introduction of advertising signage for public sportsgrounds in the RE1 Public Recreation zone as exempt development. Items 33 to 73: Rezoning of public reserves and waterways to RE1 Public Recreation and W1 Natural Waterway.
Planning priority 4 – Focus housing and employment growth in the GPOP and Strategic Centres; as well as stage housing release consistent with the Parramatta Local Housing Strategy (when endorsed) Planning priority 7 – Provide for a diversity of housing types and sizes to meet community needs into the future	Item 27: Introduction of mix of dwelling sizes for residential flat buildings and shop top housing.

Parramatta Local Housing Strategy 2020

The City of Parramatta has prepared its Local Housing Strategy (LHS), which was approved by Council on 13 July 2020 to support and inform the LSPS. Key objectives of the LHS include the following:

- Housing delivery that complements the economic significance of the City;
- Housing affordability and place-based outcomes that meet the needs of residents;
- Additional housing is sequenced with existing transport and capacity improvements;
- Community infrastructure is adequately funded and delivered with new housing; and
- Local mechanisms improve built form environmental performance and reduce urban heat impacts.

The planning proposal is consistent with the key objectives of the LHS, by supporting diverse dwelling mixes within residential flat buildings and shop top housing. This ensures that 3-bedroom apartments will be delivered across the LGA. A copy of the LHS approved by the Secretary, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on 29 July 2021 can be accessed via: *https://www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/local-housing-strategy*

3.2.3 Is the Planning Proposal consistent with any other applicable State and regional studies or strategies?

Not applicable - the Planning Proposal does not have any relationship to state and regional studies or strategies.

3.2.4 Is the Planning Proposal consistent with the applicable State Environmental Planning Policies?

The following State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs) are of relevance to the site (refer to Table 5 below).

Table 5 – Consistency of Planning Proposal with relevant SEPPs

SEPP	Consistency	Comment
SEPP (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008	✓	Consistent. The planning proposal does not contain any provisions that contradict or would hinder the application of the SEPP. May apply to future development.
SEPP (Housing) 2021	N/A	The planning proposal does not contain provisions that would affect the application of this SEPP.
SEPP (Resilience and Hazards) 2021	N/A	The planning proposal does not contain provisions that would affect the application of this SEPP.
SEPP (Industry and Employment) 2021	✓	Consistent. The planning proposal seeks to introduce advertising signage at public sporting facilities that are zoned RE1 Public Recreation as exempt development, in line with Clause 3.8 of the SEPP. This ensures that an appropriate size and locational criteria is provided within PLEP 2023. The planning proposal does not contain any provisions that contradict or would hinder the application of the SEPP.
SEPP (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021	✓	Consistent. The planning proposal does not contain any provisions that contradict or would hinder the application of the SEPP.
SEPP (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021	✓	Consistent. The planning proposal seeks to apply the C2 Environmental Conservation zone to Dence Park and vegetation east of Epping Aquatic Centre. This ensures a continuous riparian corridor along Terry's Creek. The proposal also seeks to amend the Biodiversity Map for two sites: 1. Identify bushland and vegetation with ecological value at the southern portion of 102 Murray Farm Road, Carlingford (North Rocks Fire Brigade) on the Biodiversity Map. 2. Amend the biodiversity layer for 87-129 Pennant Hills Road, North Parramatta (The Kings School) to remove areas that have existing development. Due to the nil or compromised biodiversity values of the identified areas, the reduction in the biodiversity layer is considered a suitable adjustment. This will enhance the recognition and protection of biodiversity values within these sites and ensure a consistent approach is taken to managing development impacts.
SEPP (Planning Systems) 2021	✓	Consistent. The planning proposal does not contain any provisions that contradict or would hinder the application of the SEPP.
SEPP (Precincts – Central River City) 2021	✓	Consistent. The planning proposal does not contain any provisions that contradict or would hinder the application of the SEPP.
SEPP (Sustainable Buildings) 2022	✓	Consistent. The planning proposal does not contain any provisions that contradict or would hinder the application of the SEPP. Detailed compliance with the SEPP will be demonstrated at the Development Application stage.

3.2.5 Is the Planning Proposal consistent with applicable Ministerial Directions (s.9.1 directions)

In accordance with Clause 9.1 of the *EP&A Act 1979* the Minister issues directions for the relevant planning authorities to follow when preparing Planning Proposals for new LEPs. The directions are listed under nine focus areas:

1. Planning Systems and Planning Systems – Place Based
2. Design and Place (This Focus Area was blank when the Directions were made)
3. Biodiversity and Conservation
4. Resilience and Hazards
5. Transport and Infrastructure
6. Housing
7. Industry and Employment
8. Resources and Energy
9. Primary production

The following directions are considered relevant to the subject Planning Proposal.

Table 6 – Consistency of Planning Proposal with relevant Section 9.1 Directions

Relevant Direction	Comment	Compliance
1. **Planning Systems and Planning Systems – Place Based**		
Direction 1.1 – Implementation of Regional Plans The objective of this direction is to give legal effect to the vision, land use strategy, goals, directions and actions contained in Regional Plans.	The Planning Proposal applies to land within Sydney's Central City. The Planning Proposal is consistent with the goals, directions and actions contained in the Greater Sydney Region Plan as discussed in Section 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 of this Planning Proposal, respectively.	Yes
Direction 1.3 – Approval and Referral Requirements The objective of this direction is to ensure that LEP provisions encourage the efficient and appropriate assessment of development.	The Planning Proposal does not introduce any provisions that require any additional concurrence, consultation or referral. The proposal will maintain the existing provisions contained within relevant instruments and is consistent with this direction.	Yes
Direction 1.4 – Site Specific Provisions The objective of this direction is to discourage unnecessarily restrictive site specific planning controls.	The Planning Proposal seeks to amend Clause 10A of Schedule 1 of the PLEP 2023 to extend the existing 'food and drink premises' Additional Permitted Use (APU) for R4 High Density Residential zoned land in the Melrose Park South to Melrose Park North (**Item 31**). This is to mirror the existing APU and ensure the APU applies across the Melrose Park Precinct. This provision is to ensure the daily needs of residents are met within the R4 High Density zone and contribute to liveability. No additional development standards or requirements other than those already contained in PLEP 2023 are proposed and expand the application of an existing site specific provision. As such, the planning proposal is consistent with this direction.	Yes
2. **Design and Place**		
This Focus Area was blank at the time the Directions were made.	The Direction was blank when made.	Yes.

Relevant Direction	Comment	Compliance
3. **Biodiversity and Conservation**		
Direction 3.1 – Conservation Zones The objective of this direction is to protect and conserve environmentally sensitive areas.	Application to this direction are the following items: • **Item 1:** Amendments to the Biodiversity Map to remove areas with existing development within The Kings School site. These areas had nil or compromised biodiversity values. Intact areas of biodiversity were retained. The changes are considered a suitable adjustment to the biodiversity layer. • **Item 2:** Inclusion of significant vegetation located at the southern portion of the North Rocks Fire Brigade site on the Biodiversity Map. • **Item 13:** Rezoning of Dence Park and vegetation east of Epping Aquatic Centre from RE1 Public Recreation to C2 Environmental Conservation. The Planning Proposal is consistent with this direction, in that it seeks to facilitate the protection and conservation of environmentally sensitive areas.	Yes
Direction 3.2 – Heritage Conservation The objective of this direction is to protect and conserve environmentally sensitive areas.	Application to this direction are the following items: • **Item 3:** Remove listing of 1-3 Ada Street, Harris Park (I221) given the no heritage value remaining on the property. • **Item 4:** Remove listing of 3 A'Beckett Street, Granville (I169) given the no heritage value remaining on the property. • **Item 5:** Remove the listing of 25 Station Street, Dundas (I55) given the no heritage value remaining on the property. • **Item 6:** Remove the listing of 7 Galloway Street, North Parramatta (I332) given the no heritage value remaining on the property. • **Item 7:** Amend the address and property description of I25 to reflect true extent of listing. • **Item 8:** Amend the item name of I64 to reflect true heritage attributes of the listing. • **Item 9:** Amend the item name and property description of I541 to reflect true heritage attributes of the listing. The property changes are generally of minor significance, seek to conserve items of heritage significance, delist sites where the heritage item has been removed, accurately identify heritage items, and reflect the existing uses.	Yes
Direction 3.5 – Recreation Vehicle Areas The objective of this direction is to protect sensitive land or land with significant conservation values from adverse impacts from recreation vehicles.	The Planning Proposal is consistent with this direction, in that it: is not proposing to enable land to be developed for the purpose of a recreation vehicle area.	Yes
4. **Resilience and Hazards**		
Direction 4.1 – Flooding The objectives of this direction are to:	This planning proposal maintains the current planning provisions with respect to the management of flood prone land. Any potential impacts as a result of development on the site, such as stormwater runoff,	Yes

Relevant Direction	Comment	Compliance
(a) Ensure that development of flood prone land is consistent with the NSW Government's Flood Prone Land Policy and the principles of the Floodplain Development Manual 2005, and (b) Ensure that the provisions of an LEP that apply to flood prone land are commensurate with flood behaviour and includes consideration of the potential flood impacts both on and off the subject land.	will be considered and addressed appropriately at DA stage. This will also include any design detail required to ensure compliance with Council's water management controls within the Parramatta DCP 2023. The proposed changes are of minor significance and are consistent with this direction.	
Direction 4.3 Planning for Bushfire Protection The objectives of this direction are to: (a) Protect life, property and the environment from bush fire hazards, by discouraging the establishment of incompatible land uses in bush fire prone areas, and (b) Encourage sound management of bush fire prone areas.	The planning proposal maintains the current planning provisions with respect to permitted densities and land uses within bushfire prone land. As the planning proposal does not seek to introduce incompatible land uses or deliver additionally housing within bushfire prone area, the planning proposal is consistent with this direction.	Yes
Direction 4.4 – Remediation of Contaminated Land The objective of this direction is to reduce the risk of harm to human health and the environment by ensuring that contamination and remediation are considered by Planning Proposal authorities.	The land is not within an investigation area within the meaning of the *Contaminated Land Management Act 1997* and has not been subject to development as described in Table 1 of the contaminated land planning guidelines. As such, the planning proposal is consistent with this direction.	Yes
Direction 4.5 - Acid Sulfate Soils The objective of this direction is to avoid significant adverse environmental impacts from the use of land that has a probability of containing acid sulfate soils.	The planning proposal maintains the current planning provisions with respect to the management of acid sulfate soils. The proposed changes are of minor significance, does not propose an intensification of land uses, and are consistent with this direction.	Yes
5. **Transport and Infrastructure**		
Direction 5.1 – Integrating Land Use and Transport The objective of this direction is to ensure that development reduces dependence on cars, increases the choice of available transport and improves access to housing, jobs and services by walking, cycling and public transport.	The Planning Proposal does not change residential land uses near transport nodes, impact on transport connectivity, or promote car usage. The proposed amendments are of administrative nature and do not undermine the intent of this direction.	Yes
Direction 5.2 – Reserving Land for Public Purposes The objectives of this direction are to facilitate the provision pf public services and facilities by reserving land for public purposes and facilitate the removal of reservations	The Planning Proposal will amend the Land Reservation Acquisition (LRA) Map for road widenings within the Epping Strategic Centre and Parramatta City Centre. It proposes to remove the reserved local road widening at 88 Church Street, Parramatta and classified road widenings along Epping Road (between Blaxland Road and Essex	Yes

Relevant Direction	Comment	Compliance
where the land is no longer required for acquisition.	Street), as these have been delivered and do not require identification on the LRA Map. As such, the Planning Proposal is consistent with this direction.	
6. **Housing**		
Direction 6.1 – Residential Zones The objectives of this direction are to encourage a variety and choice of housing types, make efficient use of existing infrastructure and services and minimise the impact of residential development.	The proposed inclusion of dwelling mix rates for residential flat buildings and shop top housing ensures that suitable dwelling mixes are delivered across the LGA – this includes 3-bedroom units (considered suitable family-sized units) to support the needs of families and children, which is the predominant household type in the LGA. This is consistent with this direction, in that it: • supports residential development in an existing urban area that will be fully serviced by existing infrastructure, and • does not reduce the permissible residential density of land. As such, the Planning Proposal is consistent with this direction.	Yes
7. **Industry and Employment**		
Direction 7.1 – Business and Industrial Zones The objectives of this direction are to: (a) Encourage employment growth in suitable locations, (b) Protect employment land in business and industrial zones; and (c) Support the viability of identified centres.	The proposed changes are generally of minor significance, do not propose changes to employment lands or undermine any existing controls design to encourage employment growth, and reflects existing uses thereby maintaining the viability of the City of Parramatta. Applicable to this direction are: • **Item 24:** Clarification of "active uses" for ground floor development in Zone E1. • **Item 31:** Introduce food and drink premises in R4 zoned land in Melrose Park North as an additional permitted use. • **Items 33 to 73**: which seeks to rezone a number of public reserves from their current business or industrial zonings (MU1 Mixed Use, E4 General Industrial, E5 Heavy Industrial, or E1 Local Centre) to RE1 Public Recreation. These changes reflect the existing use and/or intended development outcomes of the land, does not reduce employment land in the business and industrial zones, and supports the viability of Melrose Park. As such, the Planning Proposal is consistent with this direction.	Yes

3.3 Section C – Environmental, social and economic impact

This section considers the potential environmental, social and economic impacts which may result from the Planning Proposal.

3.3.1 Is there any likelihood that critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats, will be adversely affected as a result of the proposal?

The proposed amendments are mostly minor and/or administrative and will have no significant impacts on critical habitats, threatened species, populations, ecological communities or their habitats.

Biodiversity management

The planning proposal makes updates to the Biodiversity Map within the PLEP 2023 for two sites within the City. The extent of the application of the Biodiversity Map for the land at 87-129 Pennant Hills Road, North Parramatta (The Kings School) is proposed to be adjusted to remove the affectation from where there are existing buildings and do not contain vegetation of biodiversity value. In addition, part of the land at 102 Murray Farm Road, Carlingford (North Rocks Fire Brigade) is being added to the Biodiversity Map to require further environmental protection measures. Both changes will improve the accuracy of the PLEP 2023 Biodiversity Map and ensure suitable protection for lands that contain significant vegetation with biodiversity values.

In addition, Council officers also understand that the Office of Environment and Heritage also undertakes periodic updates to the *Biodiversity Values Map and Threshold Tool* which involves the removal of mapping based on new information. Therefore, it is considered reasonable to review and update the Biodiversity Map in light of new information and justification.

Environmental conservation

This Planning Proposal also seeks to rezone 41 parcels identified as community land by the *Community and Crown Land Plan of Management* 2023 from residential, commercial, or industrial zones to suitable environmental or waterway zones. This update ensures that all public reserves are zoned to reflect their principal intended use and will improve the accuracy of the PLEP 2023 Land Use Zoning Map.

Heritage management

This Planning Proposal removed items from Schedule 5 of the PLEP 2023 and the Heritage Map. These changes are strictly administrative to remove items that have been demolition as part of development approvals; and seeks to update the names of heritage items to ensure they are more accurate. These changes to not have a fundamental impact on heritage values in the LGA and are design to improve the accuracy of the schedule and mapping.

3.3.2 Are there any other likely environmental effects as a result of the Planning Proposal and how are they proposed to be managed?

There are not potential environmental effects as a result of this Planning Proposal. The Planning Proposal makes minor changes and on certain sites increases the protection of environmental values via a rezoning to C2 Environmental Conservation or by including the land on the Biodiversity map. Any impacts on environmental values will be addressed as part of any future development applications.

3.3.3 Has the Planning Proposal adequately addressed any social and economic effects?

The planning proposal addresses the following social effects:

Social

Apartment dwelling mix

The Planning Proposal seeks to introduce a new clause relating to apartment dwelling mix within residential flat buildings and shop top housing. The new clause elevates dwelling mix requirements from the PDCP 2023 to the PLEP 2023 to increase adherence and statutory weighting of this policy during the assessment process.

The absence of this control in the PLEP 2023 has resulted in recent residential developments providing limited 3-bedroom (i.e. family sized apartments) and resulting development outcomes not delivering an appropriate dwelling mix to meet the needs of the City. The new clause will help ensure that the City meets housing directions in the Parramatta LSPS 2036 and the Draft Social Sustainability Strategy 2024-2033, and ensure housing is provided for all household types.

Places of Public Worship

The Planning Proposal also seeks to include Places of Public Worship (PoPW) as an Additional Permitted Use on R2 zoned sites with an existing PoPW. The R2 Low Density Residential zone in the PLEP 2023 does not currently permit PoPW in order to preserve the low-density residential environment of this zone. However, existing PoPW that are zoned R2 currently function under existing use rights which limits their ability to expand within their landholdings. The Planning Proposal seeks to permit PoPW on these sites to allow them to grow and alter their structures as needed to support their communities.

Economic

There are not economic impacts from the Planning Proposal.

3.4 Section D – State and Commonwealth Interests

3.4.1 Is there adequate public infrastructure for the Planning Proposal?

The planning proposal will not place additional demands on public infrastructure. The properties affected by the planning proposal have or are located in close proximity to public infrastructure including sewage, water supply, power and telecommunication services. The Planning Proposal contains minor changes of low impact and do not increasing development or housing, and therefore do not impact on infrastructure demand.

3.4.2 What are the views of State and Commonwealth public authorities consulted in accordance with the gateway determination?

Consultation with the State and Commonwealth public authorities will be undertaken once the gateway determination has been issued.

PART 4 – MAPS

This section contains existing and proposed controls for mapping and site-specific provisions of this Planning Proposal in accordance with the DPE's *Local Environmental Pan Making Guideline 2023*.

4.1 Mapping

This planning proposal seeks to amend the following:

- Amend the Land Zoning Map to rectify zoning anomalies across 53 sites within the LGA.
    - 13 parcels along Epping Road (refer to **Item 12**).
    - Part of 2 parcels within Dence Park, Epping (refer to **Item 13**).
    - 3 other zoning anomalies (refer to **Items 14 to 16**).
    - 41 sites within public reserves (refer to **Items 33 to 73**).
- Amend the Heritage Map to remove or amend 7 local heritage items across the LGA. Refer to **Items 3 to 9**.
- Amend the Additional Permitted Uses Map to include land zoned R4 High Density Residential within the Melrose Park North Precinct. Refer to **Item 31**.
- Amend the Land Reservation Acquisition Map to remove 88 Church Street, Parramatta and 13 lots along Epping Road, Epping between Blaxland Road and Essex Street. Additionally, update inconsistent wording. Refer to **Items 10 and 11**, respectively.
- Amend the Biodiversity Map to remove part of 87-129 Pennant Hills Road and include part of 102 Murray Farm Road, Carlingford, North Parramatta. Refer to **Item 1 and 2**, respectively.
- Amend the Height of Building Map to include a 0m maximum building height for planned civic space within North Parramatta. Refer to **Item 17**.
- Delete the Intensive Urban Development Area Map. Refer to **Item 19**.
- Amend the street network for part of Melrose Park North within the Land Zoning Map, Design Excellence Map, Height of Building Map, and Land Reservation Acquisition Map. Refer to **Item 18**.
- Include [TO BE INSERTED FOLLOWING COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON 12 AUGUST 2024] sites with an existing Place of Public Worship within the R2 Low Density Residential zone on the Additional Permitted Uses Map [TO BE INSERTED FOLLOWING COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON 12 AUGUST 2024]. Refer to **Item 30**.

A copy of the proposed changes to these maps are outlined in Part 2.

PART 5 – COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The Planning Proposal is to be publicly available for community consultation. Given that elements of the Planning Proposal are in response to specific submissions received during the exhibition of Harmonisation Planning Proposal, Council officers have notified these specific submitters to keep them informed of the progress of the outcome of the review of the orange matters process which is ahead of the formal exhibition period (community consultation).

Public exhibition is likely to include:

- newspaper advertisement;
- display on the Council's website; and
- written notification to adjoining landowners.

The gateway determination will specify the level of public consultation that must be undertaken in relation to the Planning Proposal including those with government agencies.

Consistent with sections 3.34(4) and 3.34(8) of the *EP&A Act 1979*, where community consultation is required, an instrument cannot be made unless the community has been given an opportunity to make submissions and the submissions have been considered.

PART 6 – PROJECT TIMELINE

Once the Planning Proposal has been referred to the Minister for review of the Gateway Determination and received a Gateway determination, the anticipated project timeline will be further refined, including at each major milestone throughout the Planning Proposal's process.

Table 7 below outlines the anticipated timeframe for the completion of the Planning Proposal.

Table 7 – Anticipated timeframe to Planning Proposal process

MILESTONE	ANTICIPATED TIMEFRAME
Report to LPP on the assessment of the PP	July 2024
Report to Council on the assessment of the PP	August 2024
Referral to Minister for review of Gateway determination	September 2024
Date of issue of the Gateway determination	October to November 2024
Commencement and completion dates for public exhibition period	December to January 2025
Commencement and completion dates for government agency notification	December to January 2025
Consideration of submissions	February 2025
Consideration of Planning Proposal post exhibition and associated reports to LPP and Council	March/ April 2025
Submission to the Department to finalise the LEP	April/May 2025
Notification of instrument	May 2025

a. Appendix 1 – Council resolution of 12 July 2021 – Decision Pathway 3 – Orange Matters

Council on 12 July 2021 (refer to Item 17.3) resolved to investigate fourteen (14) matters as part of 'Decision Pathway 3 – Orange Matters' as part of an alternate planning process (i.e. a Housekeeping Planning Proposal) separate to the Harmonisation Planning Proposal. A copy of the fourteen (14) matters, including specific matters identified to be part of a housekeeping planning proposal, are included below in Table 3.

Table 3 – Changes that have merit for further investigation (via Decision Pathway 3 - Orange)

Issue		Details	Proposed Grouping
1.	Environmental Heritage listings – review requested	Submissions request review of Heritage listings and descriptions for specific sites: 38-50 South Street Rydalmere (Truganini House), The Kings School and Schools Infrastructure NSW.	**Policy review and investigation as part of Housekeeping PP.**
2.	Biodiversity layer - Review requested	Submissions request review of the Biodiversity layer – mapping of certain sites: 361-365 North Rocks Road, North Rocks, The Kings School and Schools Infrastructure NSW.	**Policy review and investigation as part of Housekeeping PP.**
3.	Schedule 5 – Environmental Heritage – items that have been demolished.	Submission requests to remove specific item that has been demolished as part of approved development. Consistent approach required across whole of LGA and implemented through a Housekeeping PP.	**Housekeeping PP**
4.	Epping Precinct	Submissions object to various LEP control provisions that are currently being reviewed as part of a separate Planning Proposal for the Epping Precinct.	**Precinct-based PP matter**
5.	725 Blaxland Road – Land reservation and acquisition.	Request from landowner to acquire or remove from LRA Map and rezone site from RE1. Policy review to determine where acquisition is needed and whether funding is available.	**Precinct-based PP matter** This will be addressed as part of a strategic assessment of future open space provision in Epping and presented to Council for consideration as part of the Epping Precinct work.
6.	CBD Precinct	Submissions object to various LEP control provisions that are currently being proposed as part of the CBD Planning Proposal.	**Precinct-based PP matter** Policy matters relating to the Parramatta CBD Precinct are being addressed via the CBD Planning Proposal.
7.	Clause 6.13 - ground floor uses in B1 and B2 Zones.	Investigate significance of issues - Consider excluding tourist and visitor accommodation and car parks at ground floor.	**Policy review and investigation** This will be dealt with as part of Actions A6 in the LSPS which involves a review of the B1 and B2 Neighbourhood zones
8.	Various sites in CBD Planning Investigation Areas	Submissions were lodged requesting a review of controls in 3 of the Planning Investigation Areas currently identified as part of the CBD planning policy review process.	**Precinct-based PP matter** Investigation Area will be dealt with as part of that continuation of CBD Planning Review process.

Issue		Details	Proposed Grouping
9.	Office of Environment Energy and Science which forms part of the Department of Planning Industry and Environment has suggested numerous amendments to the exhibited Draft Harmonisation Planning Proposal	For details of the numerous requests refer to CER Appendix B Row 8 but suggested amendments include • Changes to the zoning treatment of river and riparian zone areas, wetlands and vegetation corridors and pockets and site specific rezonings; • Changes to objectives of the plan and objectives of various zones; • Introducing further environmental protections in clauses related to Temporary use of land and Exempt and Complying Development, Minimum lot size and Earthworks	A**ddressed as part of future LEP Housekeeping amendment process.**
10.	Car parking rates.	TfNSW recommends Council consider setting maximum car parking rates for development located close to public transport.	**DCP Review Matter** This will be dealt with as part of addressing Actions A15 and A23 in Council's LSPS and is also being addressed across Council's various Precinct projects.
11.	Setback controls for residential development.	Submission recommends 1.5m side setback for first and second floor residential buildings.	**DCP Review Matter** A harmonisation DCP will be prepared by Council that will address various development controls.
12.	Dual Occupancy permissibility based on bushfire prone land	The NSW Rural Fire Service and DPIE noted that the Dual Occupancy constraints analysis seems to have been completed without the benefit of bushfire prone land analysis which is now available to Council.	**Addressed as part of future LEP Housekeeping amendment process.**
Additional matters included following Council Resolution of 12 July 2021:			
13.	Dual Occupancy Prohibition Mapping in Winston Hills area	Prepare Planning Proposal seeking to include certain land in the Winston Hills area for inclusion in the Dual Occupancy Prohibition Map.	Separate Planning Proposal to be prepared and submitted to DPIE for Gateway Request by end of 2021.
14	Places of Public Worship Review.	Re-examine the approach to permitting Places of Public Worship in the R2 Low Density Residential Zone noting: Submissions objected to proposed change to Places of Public Worship – Zoning changed from primarily SP2 to R2 and prohibition of Places of Public Worship within R2 zones which has the impact of these Places of Public Worship operating under existing use rights provisions: • Opposed to rezoning sites from current zoning to R2: submissions requested no change to zoning. • Opposed to prohibition in R2: submissions requested no prohibition of Places of Public Worship in this zone, Submission requested that if rezoning proceeds, then existing sites be identified on the Additional Permitted Uses Map.	**Policy review and investigation as part of Housekeeping PP.**

ATTACHMENT 4 – Review of the permissibility of Places of Public Worship in the R2 Low Density Residential zone

1. Introduction

Council officers have conducted a review of the permissibility of Places of Public Worship (PoPW) in the R2 Low Density Residential Zone. This review responds to Council's resolution from 12 July 2021 (Item 17.3(a)(viii)) that adopted the Local Planning Panels (LPP) advice from 29 June 2021 to re-examine the permissibility of Places of Public Worship (PoPW) in the R2 zone following the adoption of the exhibited Harmonisation Planning Proposal that prohibited PoPW in the R2 zone and rezoned existing PoPW from SP1 to R2.

The review addresses the following:

- Relevant background including the historic permissibility of PoPW prior to the finalisation of the Harmonisation Planning Proposal and historic development activity relating to PoPW.
- State Government direction on PoPW permissibility (including relevant Practice Notes).
- The objectives of the R2 zone and the compatibility of PoPW in the R2 zone, and where PoPW are permitted in other zones.
- The number of existing PoPW operating under existing use rights in the R2 zone.

Three options for the permissibility of PoPW in the R2 zone have been prepared for Council's consideration to guide the development and management of this land use in the future, along with Council officers recommendation.

2. Background

2.1. Historic permissibility of PoPW

The permissibility of PoPW within the current City of Parramatta LGA has evolved since the formation of the new City of Parramatta in May 2016 when parts of the former Hills, Hornsby, Holroyd and Auburn Council arras were merged with the Parramatta LGA.

Table 1 below includes a concise summary of the changes in permissibility prior to the Harmonisation Planning Proposal being finalised and bringing into effect the consolidated Parramatta LEP 2023 (PLEP 2023) which applied across the new City of Parramatta boundary.

Table 1 - Summary of policy approach to PoPW between May 2016 to date

Timeframe	Explanation
May 2016 ***Previous permissibility of PoPW at the time of council boundary changes***	The permissibility of PoPW varied across the new City of Parramatta LGA following the council boundary changes in May 2016, Four of the five LEPs (Auburn, Hornsby, The Hills, Holroyd LEPs) permitted PoPW (such as churches) in the zone. The former Parramatta LEP 2011 (PLEP 2011) prohibited PoPW in the R2 zone, and existing PoPW in the PLEP 2011 were zoned SP1 Special Activities. The PLEP 2011 prohibited PoPW in the R2 because applications in the LGA tended to be for larger premises (over 250 seats) which served a broader catchment than the immediate neighbourhood. The PoPW also tended to propose longer hours of operation across more days of the week than traditional places of public worship, increasing the potential for traffic and amenity impacts. In addition, community concerns of amenity impacts on residential areas from noise, traffic, and parking congestion were also influential in the policy

Timeframe	Explanation
	approach. As such, new PoPW were not considered compatible with the character and amenity of the R2 zone.
November 2019 ***Proposed PoPW permissibility under the Harmonisation Planning Proposal***	In the draft Harmonisation Planning Proposal (Harmonisation PP) reported to Council seeking approval to forward the proposal for a Gateway Determination, Council officers recommended to: • Prohibit PoPW in the R2 zone (consistent with the approach in the PLEP 2011) • Rezone existing PoPW within the inherited council areas from R2 to SP1. In November 2019, Council did not support Council officers' recommendation and resolved to: • Prohibit PoPW in the R2 zone (consistent with the approach in the PLEP 2011) • Rezone existing PoPW zoned SP1 to R2.
August – October 2020 ***Exhibited PoPW permissibility under the Harmonisation Planning Proposal***	Council exhibited the Harmonisation PP with the following draft controls: • Prohibit PoPW in the R2 zone (consistent with the approach in the PLEP 2011) • Rezone existing PoPW zoned SP1 to R2. During the public exhibition of the planning proposal and Council received six (6) submissions opposing the rezoning and prohibition in the R2 zone due to impacts on the ongoing viability and expansion of PoPW and the need to rely upon existing use rights for continued operation. This would restrict any minor expansion on the existing site. A submitter recommended an Additional Permitted Use (APU) be applied to enable use beyond the limitations of existing use rights.
29 June 2021 ***LPP advice: post exhibition consideration of PoPW permissibility***	The Local Planning Panel (LPP) made recommendations for Council to re-examine the permissibility of PoPW in the R2 zone as part of a future review in response to the outcome of the exhibition process.
21 July 2021 ***Council resolution: post exhibition consideration of PoPW permissibility***	Council resolved to support the draft controls as resolved by Council in November 2019 and reexamine the policy approach to PoPW as part of a future review. The PP was sent off to the Department with controls that prohibited PoPW in the R2 zone and rezoned existing PoPW from SP1 to R2.
3 March 2023 ***Current permissibility in the PLEP 2023***	The Harmonisation PP was finalised and brought into effect the consolidated PLEP 2023 which adopted the approach contained within the exhibited version of the Harmonisation PP which was to prohibit PoPW in the R2 zone and existing PoPW were zoned from SP1 to R2.

2.2. Development activity relating to PoPW

The permissibility of PoPW within the former and current City of Parramatta boundary has varied over the last two decades. Council officers have reviewed development applications relating to PoPW in this timeframe to understand development trends as permissibility changed.

Over the last 20 years, a total of 37 applications[1] that relate to PoPW have been assessed by Council (see **Appendix 1** for detail). Based on the development activity in **Appendix 1**, the following conclusions can be made:

1. **The frequency of DAs for a new PoPW on land within the R2 zone was low when PoPW were a permitted land use** within parts of the new City of Parramatta between 2016 to 2023.
    - This could indicate R2 zoned land is not favourable for PoPW operators looking to establish a new PoPW.
2. **DAs for alterations and additions; expansions; extensions; and ancillary structures to an existing PoPW were frequent** on SP1 zoned PoPW sites between 2011 to 2023; and R2 zoned PoPW sites between 2016 to 2023 when PoPW were permitted in the R2 zone within parts of the new City of Parramatta between 2016 to 2023.
    - This indicates existing PoPW have the need to renew existing facilities and/or expand within their sites to cater for the evolving needs of their communities.
3. **DAs for a new PoPW were common within business or industrial zones** – i.e. business park, light industry, mixed use, and local centre zones (former B7, IN1, B4, B2) – where an application for a 'change of use' was lodged to convert an existing building into a PoPW between 2016 and 2023.
    - This could indicate land within these zones are more favourable than residential zones for the development of new PoPW.
        - In addition, PoPW in these zones can better manage the community concerns raised in **Appendix 1** relating to noise and amenity due to the other type of employment land uses permitted in these zones that also generated similar impacts.
4. Whilst the prohibition of PoPW within the R2 zone delivered via the PLEP 2023 has only been in force since March 2023, **the low DA activity since the prohibition could indicate the restrictiveness of relying on existing use rights for existing PoPW zoned R2**. DAs were for minor alterations only; and a Pre-DA did not progress to a lodged DA.

The above development trends and insight into the type and nature of development relating to PoPW has been used to inform the preparation of options relating to the permissibility of PoPW in the R2 zone. This is discussed below within 'Options'.

2.3. State Government direction on PoPW permissibility

As a result of the Employment Zones Reform 2023, DPHI made changes to the permissibility of places of public worship and produced a guidance document 'Allowing places of public worship in employment zones' that outlined the changes to permissibility for a place of public worship.

The changes included mandating the use of a PoPW in the following employment zones:

- E1 Local Centre
- E2 Commercial Centre
- E3 Productivity Support
- MU1 Mixed Use

[1] *Note: The development application data collected has been compiled from an extraction of DAs lodged as a 'Community Facility' within Council's Pathway System. 'Places of Public Worship' are lodged as a 'Community Facility' in the absence of a development category titled 'Place of Public Worship' in Pathway. Therefore, Council officers extracted 'Community Facility' DAs for the specified time periods and searched for any applications with the term 'Place of Public Worship' within the description. As such, the DAs presented in Appendix 1 may have omissions due to the way applications are categorised and described in Council's system (e.g. if the description did not include the term 'place of public worship' it would not have been identified in the search). In addition, due to the Council boundary changes, the data presented for 2000 to 2016 excludes DAs from the former Hills, Hornsby, Auburn, and Holroyd, and only includes the City of Parramatta subject to the PLEP 2011.*

As part of this process, the Department also provided direction for Council's when considering the introduction of PoPWs into the land-use table for a zone where a PoPW is not a mandated use. It states that councils should consider:

- the strategic intent of the zone,
- local circumstances,
- community needs, and
- future plans for the area.

2.4. Objectives of the R2 Zone and the compatibility of PoPW

Council officers recognise that PoPW contribute to the social and cultural needs of the City's diverse communities. A desktop study using spatial data indicates there are fifty-two (52) PoPW as identified in **Figure 1**.

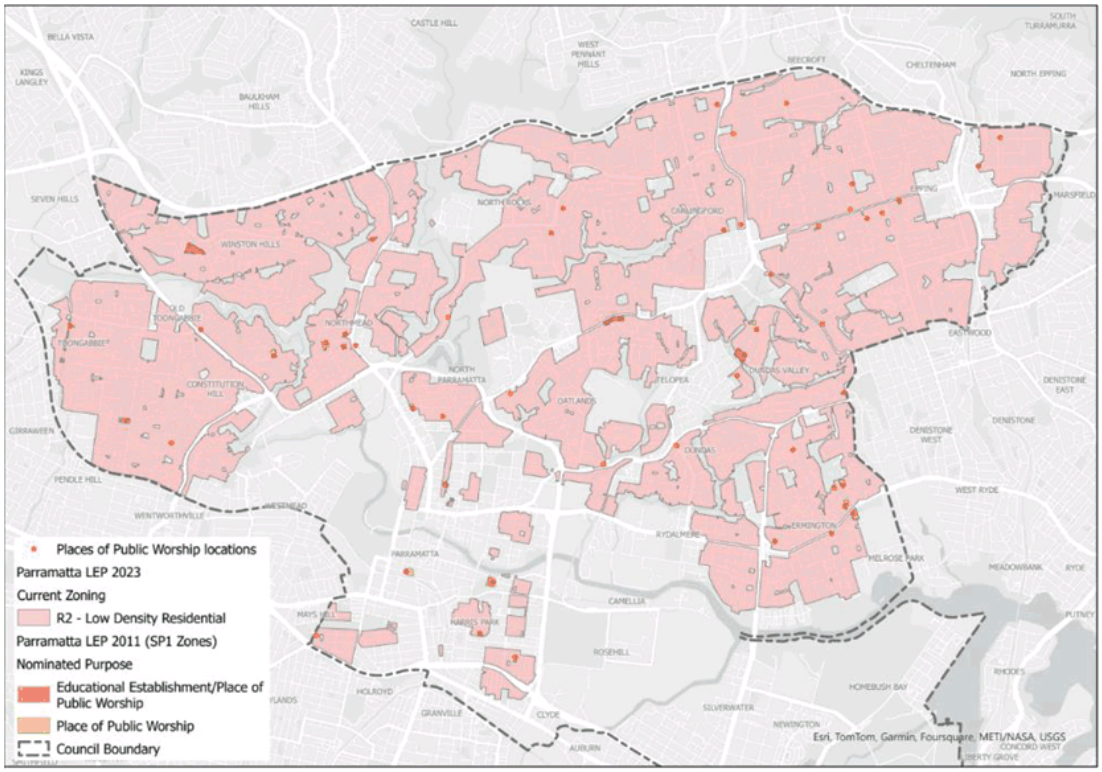


Figure 1: Indicative location of Places of Public Worship within City of Parramatta

Thirty-three (33) were previously zoned SP1 under the PLEP 2011, and the remaining nineteen (19) were inherited from the former Council areas where PoPW were permissible in the R2 zone[2].

These PoPWs were historically approved within the R2 zone under different LEPs and currently continue to operate under existing use rights given PoPWs are prohibited under the land-use table in the PLEP 2023.

PoPW are not a mandated use within the R2 Low Density Residential zone. As such, councils can determine the suitability of their inclusion in response to the characteristics of their LGA. As discussed above under

[2] *Note: The exact location and property descriptions of the existing PoPW will be confirmed subject to what Option Council resolves to progress with (see Section 3).*

'Background', council is to consider the strategic intent of the zone, local circumstances, community needs, and future plans for the area.

Under the provisions of the PLEP 2023, the objectives and strategic intent of the R2 zone are to:

1. *To provide for the housing needs of the community within a low-density residential environment.*
2. *To enable other land uses that provide facilities or services to meet the day to day needs of residents.*
3. *To maintain the low density residential character of the area.*
4. *To ensure non-residential land uses are carried out in a way that minimises impacts on the amenity of a low density residential environment.*
5. *To provide a range of community facilities that serve the needs of people who live in, work in and visit the area.*
6. *To protect and enhance tree canopy, existing vegetation and other natural features.*

While PoPW can be classed as 'other land uses' that provide facilities or services to meet the need of residents (in alignment with Objective 2 above), often their building scale, hours of operation, and ancillary noise and traffic implications are incompatible with the low-density resident environment, character, and amenity referenced in Objective 1, 3, and 4.

Council has the obligation under Objective 4 to ensure that any non-residential land uses (such as a PoPW) minimises impacts on the amenity of low-density neighbourhoods. In addition, it is noted that a PoPW is excluded from the definition of 'community facility' within the Standard Instrument, and therefore is not considered to be in alignment with Objective 5.

2.5. Current permissibility of PoPW in the City of Parramatta

As discussed above, the standard instrument mandates the use of PoPW in specific residential zones and employment zones. The R2 zone is one of the few land use zones where permissibility is subject to Council's discretion.

While PoPW are not permitted in the R2 zone, **Figure 2** shows the other residential and employment zones where PoPW are permissible across the LGA under Parramatta LEP 2023. These zones are considered more suitable to accommodate for the scale and operational needs of PoPWs as they permit other uses with similar impacts. In addition, Part 4.4 of Parramatta DCP 2023 contains development controls to ensure PoPW are appropriately delivered in these zones where they are currently permissible.

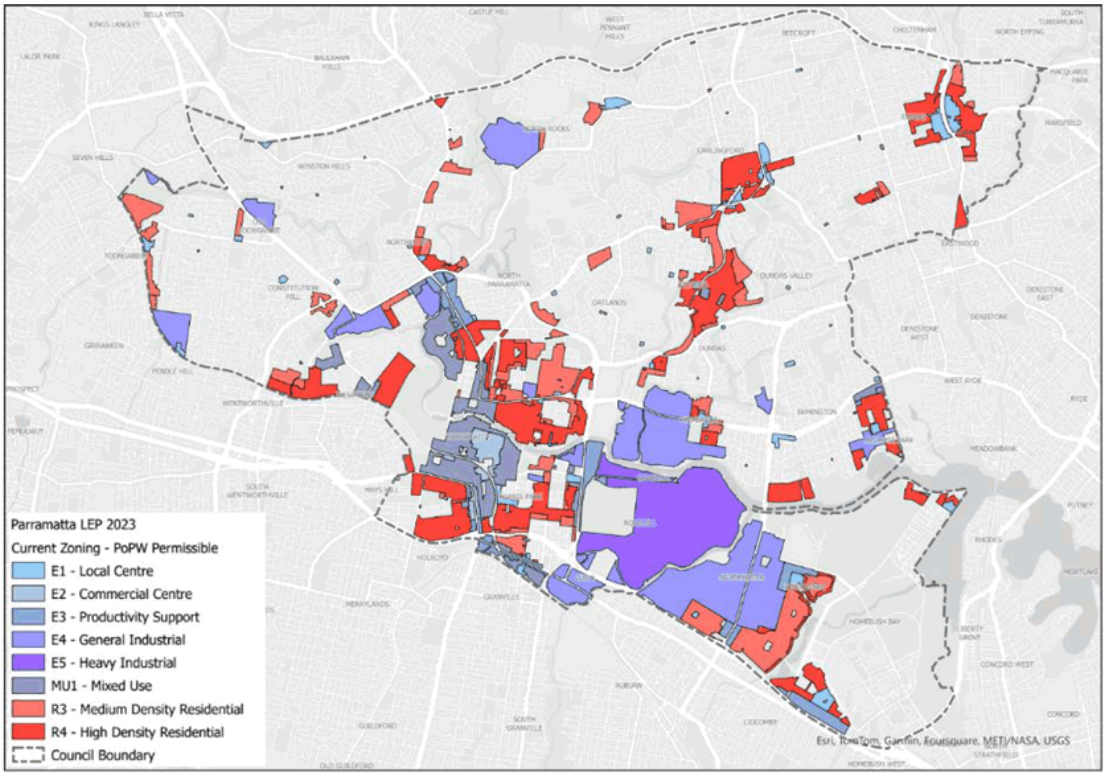


Figure 2: Land that currently permit Places of Public Worship in the City of Parramatta

3. Options for the permissibility of PoPW in the R2 Low Density zone

Council officers have prepared three (3) options regarding the permissibility of PoPW in the R2 zone. An assessment of each option is included in **Table 2** with consideration to the background, previous development activity relating to PoPW, existing permissibility in other zones, and the objectives of the R2 zone.

It is noted that DPHI Practice Note 11-002 contains information that sets out how the SP1 zone should be used. This includes information that SP1 Special Activities zone is "intended for land uses or sites with special characteristics that cannot be accommodated in other zones". As places of public worship are mandated permissible in other zones (e.g. R3, R4, E1, E2, etc), the use of the SP1 zone to preserve places of public worship within the R2 zone is, arguably, inconsistent with this Practice Note. Therefore, officers have not included an option to zone PoPW as SP1 Special Activities.

Table 2 - Assessment and summary of options for PoPW

Option 1: Maintain Prohibition in R2 Low Density Residential Zone	
Strengths	• Operation of existing PoPW continues under existing use rights. • Redevelopment of existing PoPW sites will occur in line with R2 objectives and permitted uses (i.e. uses compatible with surrounding area) should PoPW cease operation in the future. • Minimises anticipated traffic and amenity impacts to result from proposed State Government Low- and Mid-Rise Housing Reforms which seek to introduce 'medium density' types of land uses in R2 zoned land within 800m around transport hubs and town centres (including terraces, town houses and manor houses). If PoPW were also permitted in the R2 zone, the cumulative impact from these land uses that are

	not aligned to the R2 objectives and are not mandated uses for the R2 zone under the Standard Instrument, would increase demand on local roads, on-street parking, and amenity. • Will result in any new PoPW within other residential and employment zones that can more suitability manage traffic, noise and amenity impacts. • Overall aligns with the R2 objectives above in ensuring non-residential does not impact on the low-density resident environment, character, and amenity. • As per Point 1 in Section 2.2, DA lodgement for new PoPW within the R2 zone was low even when PoPW were permitted in inherited R2 areas from the boundary changes in May 2016, indicating that R2 zoned land has not been preferable for the establishment of new PoPW.
Weaknesses	• Restricts opportunity for expansion of PoPW on the existing site as it would not allow alterations and additions outside of what permitted via existing use rights. • Should the existing PoPW be required to be demolished for any reason, the landowner cannot 'rebuild' a new PoPW and the PoPW land use would be terminated.
Implementation	• No action needed.
Option 2: Maintain Prohibition in R2 Low Density Residential Zone and add an Additional Permitted Use (APU) for existing PoPW ***Staff recommendation***	
Strengths	• Prohibits new PoPW within low-scale neighbourhoods. • Allows existing PoPW to carry out alterations and additions to expand on their existing sites (subject to a development application) and provide greater flexibility than existing use rights. As concluded from recent DA data (see Section 2.2), alterations and additions were the prevalent type of development activity for PoPW when they were permissible in the R2 zone and SP1 zone. Therefore, Option 2 is aligned with industry demand and needs. • PoPW already integrated into the R2 urban fabric, and surrounding communities have generally adapted to this existing non-residential land use within their neighbourhoods. Therefore, this option is less imposing than permitting use in R2 zone. • Under this option, the proposed APU enables existing PoPW to lawfully demolish and rebuild a PoPW in the R2 zone without being limited to the existing use rights that are tied to Option 1. • Minimises anticipated traffic and amenity impacts to result from proposed State Government Low- and Mid-Rise Housing Reforms which seek to introduce 'medium density' types of land uses in R2 zoned land within 800m around transport hubs and town centres (including terraces, town houses and manor houses). If PoPW were also permitted in the R2 zone, the cumulative impact from these land uses that are not aligned to the R2 objectives and are not mandated uses for the R2 zone under the Standard Instrument, would increase demand on local roads, on-street parking, and amenity. • Consistent with Direction 2 from the Standard Instrument LEP 2006 to allow uses for particular land within a particular zone to be set out in Schedule 1 Additional Permitted Uses.
Weaknesses	• An APU will retain PoPW as a permissible land use under the PLEP 2023 in perpetuity even if the existing PoPW is demolished. Option 1 alternatively would enable the PoPW to continue to operate under existing use rights, and should it be demolished, a new PoPW cannot be constructed - any new development would

	then be required to align with the R2 uses within the Land Use Table in the PLEP 2023. The APU enables expansion beyond existing use rights to respond to community needs; however, would 'cement' the PoPW land use even if the existing PoPW is demolished on the R2 zoned site compared to Option 1 which would require it to default back to an R2 land use if the PoPW was demolished.
Implementation	• Include in Parramatta Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Planning Proposal - Add to APU Map and Schedule 1 of PLEP 2023.
Option 3: Permit PoPW in R2 Low Density Residential Zone with supporting LEP and/or DCP controls.	
Strengths	• Allow for existing PoPWs to expand within and beyond their sites. • Allow new PoPWs to be developed across the largest residential zone within the LGA and therefore closer to communities. • Built form controls (such as minimum lot size and street frontage) within the LEP would control where in the R2 zone new PoPW are permitted, with DCP controls to guide building envelopes and manage impacts.
Weaknesses	• Introduces a land use that conflicts with R2 objectives of ensuring non-residential land uses does not impact on the low-density resident environment, character, and amenity. • Based on the review of the community submissions to DAs in the R2 zones, this option is likely to result in additional objections from local residents due to amenity and character impacts (see Section 2.2 and Appendix 1). • Exacerbates anticipated traffic and amenity impacts to result from the exhibited State Government Low- and Mid-Rise Housing Reforms. The reforms propose to introduce 'medium density' types of land uses in R2 zoned land within 800m around transport hubs and town centres (including terraces, town houses and manor houses). If PoPW were also permitted in the R2 zone, the cumulative impact from these land uses that are not aligned to the R2 objectives and are not mandated uses for the R2 zone under the Standard Instrument, will increase demand on local roads, on-street parking, and amenity.
Implementation	• Progress as a standalone SSPP with an associated DCP amendment – not include in Parramatta Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Planning Proposal.

3.1. Officer Recommendation

Council officers recommend the following option:

- **Option 2: Maintain prohibition in R2 Low Density Residential Zone and add an Additional Permitted Use (APU) for existing PoPW.**

As explained above, Council officers consider that Option 2 balances the ongoing function and operation of existing PoPW by allowing the expansion and/or redevelopment on existing sites (beyond the limitations of existing use rights), while ensuring any new PoPWs are developed in the other residential and employment zones more suitable to the increased traffic and noise likely to be generated by the land use. This option also responds to development application trends which were predominantly for alterations and additions to existing PoPW when they were a permitted land use.

Appendix 1

Table 3- Summary development activity relating to PoPW

Timeframe	Instrument & Permissibility	Development activity summary & community concerns
2001-2011 *Pre-Standard LEP Instrument*	**Parramatta LEP 2001** PoPW were permitted in the R2 zone equivalent zone - Residential 2(a) PoPW also permitted in: - Zone 2B Residential - Zone 2C Residential - Zone 2D residential - Zone 3B Neighbourhood - Zone 3A Centre Business - Zone 4 Employment Zone - Zone 5 Special Uses - Zone 10 Mixed Use	**Development summary** • One (1) DA for alterations and additions to an existing PoPW to build amenities block and car park in Residential 2(a) zone. **Community concerns** • Car parking.
2011-May 2016 *Implementation of PLEP 2011 (i.e. Standard Instrument) and Council boundary changes*	**Parramatta LEP 2011** PoPW prohibited in R2 zone but existing PoPW zoned SP1 Special Activities. PoPW also permitted in following residential and employment zones: • R1 General Residential • R3 Medium Density Residential • R4 High Density Residential • B1 Neighbourhood Centre • B2 Local Centre • B4 Mixed Use • B5 Business development • B6 Enterprise Corridor • IN1 General Industrial • IN2 Light Industrial • IN3 Heavy Industrial	**Development summary** • Nine (9) DAs largely for alterations and additions; minor works such as shade structures; and/or changes to operational needs at an existing PoPW. ○ DAs were on sites zoned SP1, and one site zoned R2 (i.e. former Residential 2(a)) that used existing use rights. • No DAs for a new PoPW. **Community concerns** • Parking, noise, compatibility with local character. Note. *Development data excludes data information prior to May 2016 for the Council areas that were inherited as a result of the Council Amalgamations (Hornsby, The Hills, Holroyd and Auburn). This means there may have been additional DA information for inherited land that is now within CoP boundary area however, these have not been accounted for within this part of the analysis.*
May 2016 to March 2023 *Council boundary changes and application of five LEPs and introduction of consolidated PLEP 2023*	**Parramatta LEP 2011** PoPW prohibited in R2 zone but existing PoPW zoned SP1 Special Activities. See list in row above of permitted zones for PoPW under PLEP 2011. **Auburn LEP 2010** PoPW permitted in: • R2 Low Density Residential • R3 Medium Density Residential • R4 High Density Residential • B1 Neighbourhood Centre • B2 Local Centre • B4 Mixed Use • B5 Business development • B6 Enterprise Corridor	**Development summary** • **Twenty (23)** DAs determined during this timeframe. • **One (1)** DA for the construction of a new PoPW on R3 zoned land in Silverwater • **Five (5)** DAs for a change of existing use within an existing building to a PoPW with business or industrial zones – i.e. business park, light industry, mixed use, and local centre zones (former B7, IN1, B4, B2). • Remaining DAs related to redevelopment and/or expansion of existing PoPW including: ○ The demolition and replacement of PoPW (i.e. 'knock down/rebuild').

Timeframe	Instrument & Permissibility	Development activity summary & community concerns
	• RE1 Public Recreation • RE2 Private Recreation • SP1 Special Activities • SP2 Infrastructure **Hornsby LEP 2013** PoPW permitted in: • R2 Low Density Residential • R3 Medium Density Residential • R4 High Density Residential • B1 Neighbourhood Centre • B2 Local Centre • B4 Mixed Use • B5 Business Development • B6 Enterprise Development • IN1 General Industrial • IN2 Light Industrial • IN4 Working Waterfront **The Hills LEP 2012** PoPW permitted in: • R1 General Residential • R2 Low Density Residential • R3 Medium Density Residential • R4 High Density Residential • B1 Neighbourhood Centre • B2 Local Centre • B4 Mixed Use • B5 Business Development • B6 Enterprise Development • B7 Business Park **Holroyd LEP 2013** PoPW permitted in: • R2 Low Density Residential • R3 Medium Density Residential • R4 High Density Residential • B1 Neighbourhood Centre • B4 Mixed Use • B5 Business Development • B6 Enterprise Development • IN2 Light Industrial	○ The expansion for additional halls, administration buildings, ancillary spaces to serve as teaching and/or community uses. • DAs were for sites that were zoned SP1 within the former Parramatta LGA however for the other Council areas, the DAs were for R2 zoned land which permitted PoPW within their LEPs at the time. **Community concerns** • Parking / impact on street parking, noise, amenity, lighting, signage, materials, and suitability to streetscape. • However, it is noted that not many DAs received submissions, therefore, the above issues are identified to a few DAs not the total 23.
March 2023 to date *Application of PLEP 2023*	**Parramatta LEP 2023** PoPW prohibited in R2 zone and all existing PoPW rezoned R2. PoPW permitted in: • R3 Medium Density Residential • R4 High Density Residential • E1 Local Centre • E2 Commercial Centre • E3 Productivity Support • E4 General Industrial • E5 Heavy Industrial • MU1 Mixed Use	**Development summary** • Four (4) DAs for alterations and additions or minor works given limited to existing use rights. • One (1) DA under assessment for ancillary additions to an existing PoPW in an R3 zone (which permits the use). • One (1) Pre-DA for redevelopment an existing PoPW in an R2 zone. It was advised that development can only occur under existing use rights. The formal lodgement of a DA has not progressed. **Community concerns** • Nil

Timeframe	Instrument & Permissibility	Development activity summary & community concerns
***Disclaimer:** *The intent of the review of development activity is to understand the quantity and types of developments that related to PoPW across the Parramatta LGA. The review and options presented throughout this document are limited to the information available to Council officers (including development database and properties identified as PoPW), which includes:* • *Council's pathway database from **2000** to **June 2024** and for DAs that are grouped as 'community facilities'. The applications were then filtered to analyse relevant DA information that inform the review of PoPW. This means that there may be additional information that has not been captured due to restricted access to information.* • *Information for former Parramatta Council area within Council boundary between **2000** to **May 2016**, prior to Council's boundary changes.* • *Development data for period between **May 2016** to **June 2024** which takes into account development activity for land within new City of Parramatta boundary that resulted from Council amalgamations.* *The development data excludes data information for periods **prior to May 2016** from Council areas that were inherited because of the Council Amalgamations (Hornsby, The Hills, Holroyd and Auburn). This means there may have been additional DA information for inherited land that is now within CoP boundary area however, these have not been accounted for within this analysis.*		

PLANNING PROPOSAL

ITEM NUMBER	5.1
SUBJECT	Request for Gateway - Harmonisation 'Orange Matters' and Housekeeping Amendment to the PLEP 2023
REFERENCE	F2023/02782 -
APPLICANT/S	City of Parramatta Council
OWNERS	City of Parramatta Council and multiple landowners
REPORT OF	Senior Project Officer

PURPOSE

To seek the Local Planning Panel's advice on the Parramatta Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Planning Proposal for the purposes of requesting a Gateway Determination from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Parramatta Local Planning Panel (LPP) consider the following Council officer recommendation in its advice to Council:

(a) That Council approve the recommended pathways for resolving the outstanding 'Orange Matters' arising from the exhibition of the Parramatta Harmonisation Planning Proposal as detailed in Attachment 1.

(b) That Council approve the 'housekeeping' and administrative changes to the PLEP 2023 contained in Attachment 2.

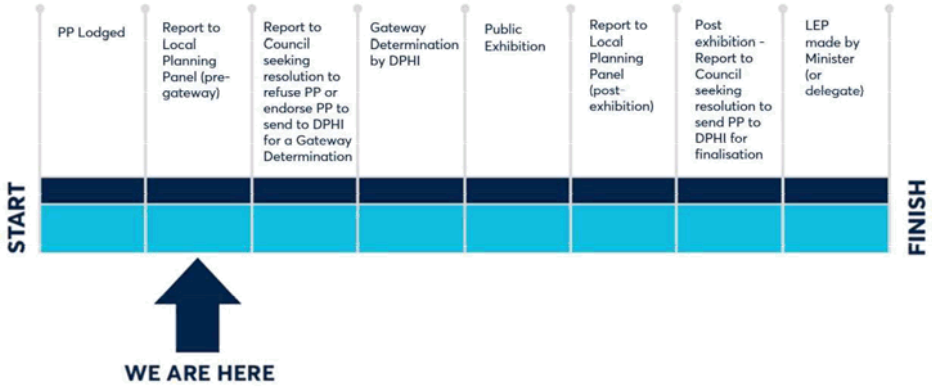
(c) That Council approve the Parramatta Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Planning Proposal at Attachment 3 for the purpose of seeking a Gateway Determination from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

(d) That Council endorse to maintain the prohibition of Places of Public Worship in the R2 Low Density zone and include Places of Public Worship as an Additional Permitted Use on land with an existing Places of Public Worship in the R2 Low Density zone; and update the Planning Proposal at Attachment 3 with the associated amendments prior to forwarding the Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

(e) That Council advise the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure that the CEO will be seeking to exercise its plan-making delegations for this Planning Proposal, as authorised by Council on 26 November 2012.

(f) That Council delegates authority to the CEO to correct any minor anomalies of a non-policy and administrative nature that arise during the plan-making process.

PLANNING PROPOSAL TIMELINE



BACKGROUND

Orange Matters arising from Parramatta Land Use Planning Harmonisation Framework

1. Following the Council boundary changes in May 2016, the City of Parramatta inherited parts of the former council areas of Auburn, Holroyd, Hornsby, Parramatta, and The Hills. This resulted in different planning controls applying to different parts of the new City of Parramatta Local Government Area (LGA).

2. The Parramatta Land Use Planning Harmonisation Framework was established to consolidate or 'harmonise' the multiple Local Environmental Plans, Development Control Plans, and Development Contribution Plans that applied to the new City of Parramatta. As per **Figure 1**, the harmonisation framework is complete with consolidated plans now in force.

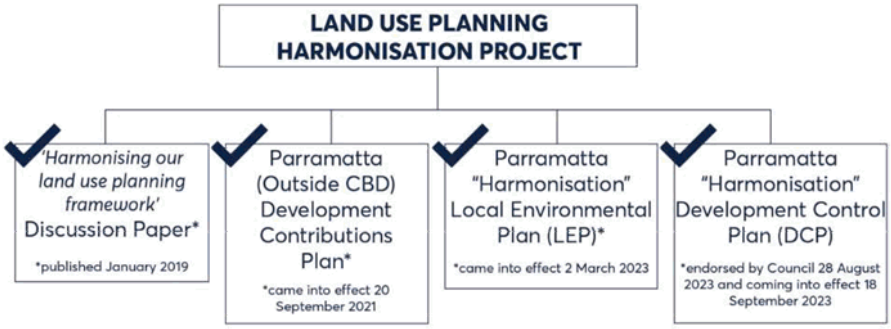


Figure 1 – Parramatta Land Use Planning Harmonisation Framework project

3. The Harmonisation Planning Proposal (Harmonisation PP) sought to consolidate the five LEPs applying to the LGA. During the preparation of the Harmonisation PP, as per the conditions of the Gateway Determination, Council held a public exhibition between August and October 2020. During the exhibition period,

Council received 320 submissions from the community including landholders, state authorities, and other stakeholders.

4. Council at its meeting of 12 July 2021 considered a report on the outcome of the public exhibition and resolved to finalise the Harmonisation PP. In addition, Council also resolved to further investigate twelve (12) requests from submitters that sought a further review of controls for certain land and/or a further review of policy matters that:

   - were generally consistent with Council's policy framework, but were more significant changes and if integrated into the Harmonisation PP in the immediate post-exhibition period would have triggered re-exhibition of the Harmonisation PP at that time; and/or
   - had some merit on preliminary review, but required further investigation to confirm whether they should be progressed; and/or
   - were inconsistent with Council strategy in their current form, however, could be evolved following further investigation into a proposed amendment, which could be supported in the future.

5. These requests were referred to in the Council Report dated 12 July 2021 as 'Decision Pathway 3 – Orange Matters' and were recommended to be investigated as part of an alternate planning process separate to the Harmonisation PP to not delay the finalisation of the consolidated LEP.

6. In addition to the twelve (12) 'Orange Matters' recommended by staff for further review, Council requested two additional issues be added for further investigation. This increased the total number of 'Orange Matters' from twelve (12) to fourteen (14). A combined list of 'Orange Matters', as endorsed by Council on 12 July 2021, are detailed in **Attachment 1** to this report.

7. On 2 March 2023, the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) finalised the Harmonisation PP bringing into effect the Parramatta Local Environmental Plan 2023 (PLEP 2023).

8. Considering the commencement of the PLEP 2023 and the finalisation of the broader Parramatta Land Use Planning Harmonisation Framework with the Parramatta DCP 2023 coming into effect in September 2023, it is appropriate and timely to report on the outcome of the Council officer's review of the 'Orange Matters'.

Housekeeping Review

9. It is standard planning practice in NSW for councils to make minor changes, correct anomalies, clarify clauses, and other administrative changes to ensure the policy intent of provisions is clear within an LEP. In order to limit the number of amendments to an LEP, it is accepted practice to group the proposed amendments together in what is commonly known as a 'housekeeping amendment'.

10. Due to the prioritisation and timing of the Parramatta Land Use Planning Harmonisation Framework, there has been no need to utilise this mechanism because the plan was subject of a comprehensive review.,As a result of this

process and following its finalisation Council staff have identified housekeeping requests that need to be considered to improve the accuracy of the LEP.

11. Council officers consider that it is timely, and most resource effective, to undertake both an audit of housekeeping requests and a review of the 'Orange Matters' in order to prepare a combined Parramatta Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Planning Proposal to amend the PLEP 2023.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION

Review of 'Orange Matters' - Harmonisation Supplementary Matters

12. Council officers have reviewed the fourteen (14) 'Orange Matters' resolved by Council on 12 July 2021. While fourteen (14) items were resolved, these included forty (40) individual requests (or items) seeking a change to the PLEP 2023. Council officers assessed the relevance and planning merit of these items considering:

- the extent and nature of the requested change,
- strategic merit and consistency with existing state and local policy,
- strategic planning processes that have progressed since Council's resolution on 12 July 2021, and
- any submitted supporting studies.

13. Following this review, Council officers have recommended each item progress via one of four pathways. **Table 1** includes the four pathways, the number of items to progress via each pathway, and the rationale. A detailed assessment of the 40 individual requests resulting from the fourteen (14) 'Orange Matters' and the recommended pathway is included in **Attachment 1**.

Table 1 – Pathways to progress and finalise 'Orange Matters'.

Pathway	Rationale	No of matters
Items supported, or partially supported, and recommended to progress as a part of the Planning Proposal	• Assessment considers that the requested change has sufficient strategic merit. The items to progress in the Planning Proposal include the: o Reduction in the extent of the biodiversity map layer on The Kings School to remove the layer from existing buildings given biodiversity values are non-existent or compromised. o Inclusion of part of 102 Murray Farm Road, Carlingford (North Rocks Fire Brigade) to the Biodiversity Map due to the presence of ecological values. o Rezoning of land along Terrys Creek Corridor from RE1 Public Recreation to C2 Environmental Conservation due to ecological values of the land. o Maintaining the prohibition of Places of Public Worship in the R2 Low Density zone but including an Additional Permitted Use to allow for expansion outside of existing use rights.	4

Items that are being considered or are to be considered via separate pathway	• Landowners have lodged their own Site-Specific Planning Proposal (SSPP) to progress items. This includes the following site: o 38-50 South Street, Rydalmere (Truganini House). • Council officers are requesting additional information to support their request within an SSPP or for council to consider as part of a future housekeeping. This relates to the following items: o The reduction of the extent of the heritage layer at 87-129 Pennant Hills Road, North Parramatta (The Kings School site). o The reduction of the extent of the heritage layer on any School Infrastructure NSW site; o The reduction of the extent of the biodiversity layer at Carlingford Public School, and any sites owned by Schools Infrastructure NSW within the City. o The review and reduction of the Riparian Land and Water layer at the Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School owned by School Infrastructure NSW. • Items to be considered as part of a separate planning project (i.e. Planning Investigation Area). This relates to the following: o Planning controls at 28-31 Dixon Street, Parramatta as part of the Southern PIA. o Planning controls at High Street, Parramatta as part of the Southern PIA. o Planning controls at Fennell Street, Parramatta as part of the North-East PIA. • Items to be progressed as part of a future housekeeping amendment to allow for DA approvals to be implemented: o Delisting of Heritage Item I184 – The Barn at 138 Parramatta Road, Granville after its approved demolition occurs. • Items subject to future State Government policy direction specifically the Low and Mid Rise Housing Reforms. This relates to the following: o Land where dual occupancy development is currently permitted under PLEP 2023 on bushfire prone sites.	10
Items that have been superseded or resolved by another planning project	• Relate to a finalised planning project (i.e. Parramatta CBD Planning Proposal, Epping Planning Proposals). • Relate to a State Government process – i.e. Employment Zone Reforms. • Relate to a DCP matter that was captured as part of Harmonisation DCP (i.e. preparation of consolidated Parramatta DCP 2023) process.	11

Items that have not been supported due to lack of strategic merit.	• Conflicts with previous decision made by State Government housing policy and reforms. • Unnecessary adjustments to zone and clause objectives and/or zonings suggested by state government department (not-DPHI).	15

HOUSEKEEPING REVIEW

14. Housekeeping items considered to have strategic merit are recommended to progress into the combined Parramatta Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Planning Proposal. The housekeeping amendments include:

    - Administrative heritage matters including changes to the name of existing Heritage Items; and delisting Heritage Items that have been demolished or incorrectly mapped.
    - Removal of land from the Land Reservation Acquisition Map as the land has been acquired and the reservation is no longer required.
    - Minor non-policy amendments to specific LEP clauses to improve accuracy.
    - Clause refinements to deliver policy intent.
    - Inclusion of new clauses to address deficiencies in existing provisions.
    - Administrative zoning changes to reflect permanent land use (including rezoning of public reserves to RE1 Public Recreation, W1 Natural Waterways, W2 Recreational Waterways, and C2 Environmental Conservation).
    - Administrative map amendments to implement policy from Development Applications and/or other planning process (i.e. SEPPs).

15. A more detailed summary of the nature of the housekeeping requests are provided at **Attachment 2**, and Part 2 – Explanation of Provisions in the Planning Proposal in **Attachment 3** provides a detailed explanation of the amendments sought to the PLEP 2023.

PLANNING PROPOSAL

16. The Planning Proposal in **Attachment 3** details the proposed changes to the PLEP 2023 required to progress the 'orange matters' (i.e. supplementary matters) and housekeeping items outlined above in Paragraph 13 and 14. The Planning Proposal has been prepared in accordance with:

    - Sections 3.31 and 3.33 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (the EPA Act); and
    - the NSW DPHI Local Environmental Plan Making Guideline dated August 2023.

17. The proposed amendments are not considered to undermine, contradict, or have an adverse impact on the objectives and actions of both state and local planning policies including the Greater Sydney Region Plan, Central City District Plan, Ministerial Directions and Local Strategic Planning Statement.

Social impacts

Permissibility of Places of Public Worship in the R2 Low Density Residential zone

18. Council on 12 July 2021 adopted the LPP's advice from 29 June 2021 to re-examine the permissibility of Places of Public Worship (PoPW) in the R2 zone as part of a future review, and adopted the exhibited Harmonisation Planning Proposal that prohibited PoPW in the R2 zone and rezoned existing PoPW from SP1 to R2 (see **Attachment 4** for more background to this resolution).

19. Council officers have conducted a review (see **Attachment 4**) that addresses the following:

    - Relevant background including the historic permissibility of PoPW prior to the finalisation of the Harmonisation Planning Proposal and historic development activity relating to PoPW.
    - State Government direction on PoPW permissibility (including relevant Practice Notes).
    - The objectives of the R2 zone and the compatibility of PoPW in the R2 zone, and where PoPW are permitted in other zones.
    - The number of existing PoPW operating under existing use rights in the R2 zone.

20. Three (3) options were prepared with consideration to the following key points:

    - PoPW are not a mandated use under the Standard Instrument within the R2 zone, and therefore councils can decide their permissibility.
    - The limitations of existing use rights in allowing existing established PoPW to expand to serve communities.
    - The objectives of the R2 Low Density Residential zone and the necessity to ensure any non-residential uses are complementary to the low-density character of the zone.
    - The need to ensure new PoPW are permissible in zones that can manage the amenity, noise, and traffic generally associated with this land use such as employment lands and residential zones with higher density.

21. The three (3) options available to Council in relation to the permissibility of PoPW in the R2 Low Density Residential zone are included in **Table 2**. Council officers recommend 'Option 2' and have worded part (d) of the Report Recommendation accordingly. Option 2 is recommended as this is considered to balance the operational needs of existing PoPW, because expansion beyond existing use rights will be permitted (subject to development consent), whilst prohibiting any new PoPW from being delivered in low-density neighborhoods.

22. If Council resolves another option (i.e. Option 1 or 3), suggested wording for part (d) of the Council Report recommendation is included in **Table 2.** See **Attachment 4** for a detailed discussion on the strengths and weaknesses of the options.

Table 2 – Options for PoPW in the R2 zone

Option	Implementation
Option 1: **Maintain Prohibition in R2 zone.**	**No changes to the PLEP 2023 are required.** If Option 1 is the preferred option of Council, the current Recommendation (d) of this Council Report needs to be deleted and replaced with the following: *(d) That Council endorse Option 1 within **Table 2** to maintain the prohibition of Places of Public Worship (PoPW) in the R2 Low Density zone, and the Planning Proposal in **Attachment 3** be updated to remove the proposed Additional Permitted Use (APU) for existing PoPW in the R2 zone (i.e. Option 2) to reflect Option 1 prior to the Planning Proposal being forwarded to the DPHI.*
Option 2: **Maintain Prohibition in R2 zone and add an Additional Permitted Use (APU) for existing PoPW.** *Staff recommendation*	**An Additional Permitted Use in Schedule 1 of the PLEP 2023 will need to be inserted to permit Places of Public Worship on sites with an existing PoPW in the R2 Zone.** If Option 2 is the preferred option of Council, the current Recommendation (d) of this Council Report does not need to be amended. This recommendation reads: *(d) That Council endorse Option 2 within **Table 2** to maintain the prohibition of Places of Public Worship (PoPW) in the R2 Low Density zone and include PoPW as an Additional Permitted Use (APU) on land with an existing PoPW in the R2 Low Density zone; and update the Planning Proposal at **Attachment 3** with the associated amendments prior to forwarding the Planning Proposal to DPHI.*
Option 3: **Permit PoPW in R2 zone with supporting LEP and/or DCP controls.**	**The Land Use Table for the R2 Low Density Residential zone within the PLEP 2023 will need to be updated to permit PoPW. Additional design work will be needed to determine principle development standards for PoPW (such as minimum lot size and street frontage) for Part 4 of the PLEP 2023.** **A review of the setbacks and other controls within the PDCP 2023 will need to be reviewed to ensure new PoPW development in the R2 zone deliver suitable building envelopes and manage impacts.** If Option 3 is the preferred option of Council, the current Recommendation (d) of this Council Report needs to be deleted and replaced with the following: *(d) That Council:* • *endorse Option 3 within **Table 2** to permit Places of Public Worship (PoPW) in the R2 Low Density zone with supporting LEP and/or DCP controls; and* • *update the Planning Proposal in **Attachment 3** to remove the request for PoPW to be an Additional Permitted Use for land where there is an existing PoPW in the R2 zone (i.e. Option 2) prior to forwarding the Planning Proposal to DPHI; and* • *progress Option 3 as a stand-alone Planning Proposal with an associated DCP amendment, and not be included in the Parramatta Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Planning Proposal.*

23. A Councillor Briefing was held on 3 June 2024 where Council officers presented the review of PoPW and the three (3) options. Support for Option 2 was indicated, however will be subject to a decision at the 12 August 2024 Council Meeting.

24. It is recommended that the LPP advise Council to resolve to proceed with "Option 2". Should Council adopt Option 2, the Planning Proposal in **Attachment 3** will need to be updated to include all existing sites of PoPW for the purposes of including an APU.

Apartment dwelling mix

25. The Planning Proposal seeks to introduce a new clause relating to apartment dwelling mix within residential flat buildings and shop top housing. The new clause elevates dwelling mix requirements from the PDCP 2023 to the PLEP 2023 to increase adherence and statutory weighting of this policy during the assessment process.

26. The absence of this control in the PLEP 2023 has resulted in recent residential developments providing limited 3-bedroom (i.e. family sized apartments) and resulting development outcomes not delivering an appropriate dwelling mix to meet the needs of the City. The new clause will help ensure that the City meets housing directions in the Parramatta LSPS 2036 and the Social Sustainability Strategy 2024-2033, and ensure housing is provided for all household types.

27. Further detail is provided in **Attachment 2** and a copy of the proposed controls is described in Part 2 of the Planning Proposal provided at **Attachment 3**.

Sports advertising signage on RE1 Public Recreation land

28. The Planning Proposal seeks to include a new clause for sporting related advertising signage on land zoned RE1 Public Recreation. This is due to the absence of controls in both the LEP and relevant SEPPs. Due to the scale and nature of the signage, it is considered appropriate to introduce sportsground sponsorship advertising (with appropriate size, impact, and locational criteria) as exempt development within PLEP 2023.

29. At a Councillor Briefing on 3 June 2024, Council questioned how the suitability of signage could be moderated by Council if it is delivered via exempt development. The proposed clause requires that any sporting related advertising signage to go through the exempt development pathway must not contain product advertising for alcohol, tobacco products, and adult entertainment. This is to prevent any adverse social impacts on the community from inappropriate signage.

30. Additionally, the LEP controls are intended to work in conjunction with a proposed draft 'Advertising Signs on Council's Sportsgrounds, Parks and Reserves' regulation document that is currently being developed by Council's Parks and Open Space and Recreation Facilities Teams. This draft document will include further guidance regarding the content of signage (including requirements for signage to not include content associated with gambling, politics (related to electioneering), or content of an offensive/discriminatory nature).

31. While the document is in draft form and yet to be finalised, it proposes to require an application to be lodged as part of an approval process prior to the intended start date for the display of signage. The application would require details of the signage (including graphics and design, and evidence of sponsorship agreement), with the intention of this process being to provide Council with the opportunity to review signage before it is displayed. This will help ensure that hirers who book a Council sportsground, park or reserve install appropriate signage.

32. Further detail is provided in **Attachment 2** and a copy of the proposed controls is described in Part 2 of the Planning Proposal provided at **Attachment 3**.

Environmental Management

33. The Planning Proposal seeks to change the extent of the Biodiversity Map for two sites:

- 87-129 Pennant Hills Road, North Parramatta (The Kings School) – it is proposed to remove the Biodiversity layer from areas where there are existing buildings given any previous vegetation that held biodiversity values has been removed.
- 102 Murray Farm Road, Carlingford (North Rocks Fire Brigade) – it is proposed to add part of the land to the Biodiversity Map in recognition of the significance of the vegetation on this portion of the site and ensure appropriate management during any future development.

34. The changes are considered necessary adjustments to improve the accuracy of the Biodiversity Map in the PLEP 2023 and correctly reflect the biodiversity values present on these sites.

35. The Planning Proposal also seeks to rezone 41 council owned land parcels identified as community land by the Community and Crown Land Plan of Management 2023 from residential, commercial, or industrial zones to public recreation or the suitable environmental and/or waterway zones. This update ensures that all public reserves are zoned to reflect their principal intended use and support their ongoing management.

PLAN MAKING DELEGATIONS

36. Plan making delegations were announced by the then Minister for Planning and Infrastructure in October 2012 allowing councils to make LEPs of local significance. On 26 November 2012, Council resolved to accept the delegation for plan making functions, and for these functions be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer.

37. It is recommended that Council request to the DPHI to exercise its plan making delegations for this Planning Proposal. This means that after the Planning Proposal has received a Gateway Determination, complied with any conditions (including any requirements for public exhibition), Council officers can deal directly with the Parliamentary Counsel on the legal drafting and finalisation of the amendment to the LEP facilitated by this Planning Proposal.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL

38. If Council resolves to approve this report in accordance with the recommendation, there are no unaccounted financial implications for Council's budget.

CONSULTATION

39. **Table 3** includes the consultation that has been undertaken in relation to this matter:

Table 3 – Consultation to date

Date	Consultation	Comment	Response	Responsibility
3 June 2024	A Councillor Briefing was held on the outcome of the Parramatta Harmonisation Planning Proposal 'Orange Matters' review, and the 'housekeeping' items identified to improve the accuracy of the PLEP 2023.	It was requested that information be provided on how Council can manage the appropriateness of sportsground signage under the proposed new clause to allow sports advertising signage on public reserves as exempt development.	The proposed clause specifies that signage cannot include product advertising for alcohol, tobacco products, and adult entertainment. *See paragraph 28-32.*	City Strategic Planning
		It was requested that a further review of the heritage curtilage mapped on The Kings School site consider the broader historical significance of the site, as a site of a historic school, aboriginal history, and cultural history issues, rather than just the curtilage for historical buildings on the site.	Officers are requesting that the submitter take these matters into consideration as part of any further review and request of the heritage curtilage. Refer to **Attachment 1**.	City Strategic Planning
13 June 2024	Heritage Advisory Committee were briefed at a Committee Meeting on the outcome of review of heritage-related for both the 'Orange Matters' and the proposed housekeeping amendments.	The Committee noted the proposed updates to the PLEP 2023.	N/A - Officers are progressing with the proposed heritage related matters.	City Strategic Planning

CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS

40. It is recommended that Council adopt the Parramatta Harmonisation and Supplementary Housekeeping Planning Proposal in **Attachment 3** and forward this to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for a Gateway Determination.

41. Should Council adopt Option 2 for Places of Public Worship, Council officers will update the Planning Proposal to include a list of all existing lawful PoPW in the R2 zone to have an Additional Permitted Use for PoPW and include these sites on the APU Map prior to the Planning Proposal being forwarded for a Gateway Determination.

42. Following receipt of Gateway, Council officers will respond to the conditions and progress with the public exhibition of the Planning Proposal.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1	Review and recommended pathways for the Harmonisation 'Orange Matters'	35 Pages
2	Summary of Housekeeping Amendments to the Parramatta LEP 2023	10 Pages
3	Parramatta Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Planning Proposal	84 Pages
4	Review of the permissibility of Places of Public Worship in the R2 Low Density Residential zone	11 Pages

REFERENCE MATERIAL

A copy of the attachments to the Local Planning Panel Report are available within this link: Local Planning Panel Report

ATTACHMENTS

1. Review and recommended pathways for the Harmonisation 'Orange Matters' (*Refer to Page 18 – 52*)
2. Summary of Housekeeping Amendments to the Parramatta LEP 2023 (*Refer to Page 53 –62*)
3. Parramatta Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Planning Proposal (*Refer to Page 63 –144*)
4. Review of the permissibility of Places of Public Worship in the R2 Low Density Residential zone (*Refer to Page 145–157*)

CITY OF PARRAMATTA

MINUTES

Parramatta Local Planning Panel
Tuesday, 16 July 2024
3.30pm

Level 3, PHIVE
Parramatta Square, Parramatta

City of Parramatta – Local Planning Panel – 16 July 2024

5.1 **SUBJECT** Request for Gateway - Harmonisation 'Orange Matters' and Housekeeping Amendment to the PLEP 2023

APPLICANT/S City of Parramatta Council

OWNERS City of Parramatta Council and multiple landowners

REPORT OF Senior Project Officer

PANEL ADVICE

That the Parramatta Local Planning Panel (LPP) advised the following:

(a) That Council approve the recommended pathways for resolving the outstanding 'Orange Matters' arising from the exhibition of the Parramatta Harmonisation Planning Proposal as detailed in Attachment 1.

(b) That Council approve the 'housekeeping' and administrative changes to the PLEP 2023 contained in Attachment 2.

(c) That Council approve the Parramatta Harmonisation Supplementary Matters and Housekeeping Planning Proposal at Attachment 3 for the purpose of seeking a Gateway Determination from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

(d) That Council endorse to maintain the prohibition of Places of Public Worship in the R2 Low Density zone and include Places of Public Worship as an Additional Permitted Use on land with an existing Places of Public Worship in the R2 Low Density zone; and update the Planning Proposal at Attachment 3 with the associated amendments prior to forwarding the Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

(e) That Council advise the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure that the CEO will be seeking to exercise its plan-making delegations for this Planning Proposal, as authorised by Council on 26 November 2012.

(f) That Council delegates authority to the CEO to correct any minor anomalies of a non-policy and administrative nature that arise during the plan-making process.

(g) In inserting the dwelling mix clause into the LEP, the LPP considers that Council needs to consider:
- whether this will just create a more bureaucratic process whereby developers that seek to vary the provision now in the DCP will now still seek to vary it via Clause 4.6 variations and whether the supporting objectives proposed are adequate to maintain Council's policy position;

- the adequacy of research undertaken to justify the provision and whether there is likely to be any unintended consequences on housing supply as a result.

(h) With regard to the proposed provision to enable sports ground advertising as 'exempt' development, the LPP recommends Council also precluding gambling advertising in addition to the other proposed forms of advertising to which the provision will not apply.

(i) In prohibiting Places of Public Worship in the R2 Low Density Zone, Council should ensure all faiths are currently adequately catered for and/or that sufficient opportunities exist for new Places of Public Worship in other zones in the LGA.

VOTING
Unanimous

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - FOR COUNCIL DECISION

ITEM NUMBER 13.8
SUBJECT Preparation of the Epping Town Centre Master Plan (Scope)
REFERENCE F2024/00282 - D09496350
REPORT OF Team Leader City Projects

CSP THEME: Accessible, Green, Thriving and Welcoming

WORKSHOP/BRIEFING DATE: N/A

PURPOSE:

To seek Council's endorsement of the high-level scope for the preparation of a Master Plan for the Epping Town Centre.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the high-level scope detailed in this report for the preparation of a master plan for the Epping Town Centre.

BACKGROUND

1. At its Meeting on 13 May 2024, Council resolved:

    a. *That Council note the draft DPOP 2024/25 identifies a project to review the Epping Town Centre laneways.*

    b. *That Council note the Epping Town Centre has undergone significant change since the introduction of new planning controls by the NSW Government in 2014.*

    c. *That the CEO develop a high-level scope for the preparation of a master plan for the Epping Town Centre that considers the following:*

        i. Laneways, access, and circulation within the precinct, including between Beecroft Road and Rawson Street and consideration of broader connections to public open space and amenity.

        ii. Opportunities to address common issues, such as traffic and accessibility and the interplay with built form and public domain interfaces.

        iii. The potential future role of Council's Rawson Street car park site in achieving Council's objectives and requirements for Epping, such as the provision of affordable housing, commercial uses, community facilities and/or public car parking, and how this sits within the broader town centre context.

    iv. That Officers investigate the potential for the Masterplan to inform a review of the existing planning controls with a view to the scope including costs and programming of the planning controls.

d. *That the high-level scope, including cost and timeframe, be provided to Council for its consideration by the end of August 2024.*

2. Council has existing strategic priorities for the Epping Town Centre, including:

   a. ***Parramatta LSPS 2036*** – which identifies Epping as one of the two strategic centres in Parramatta LGA and sets priorities and actions for the precinct.
   b. ***Parramatta DCP 2023*** – which defines a vision for Epping Town Centre and establishes a set of design controls that guide all developments to align with this vision.
   c. ***Community Infrastructure Strategy 2020*** - identifies Epping as one of the 12 high growth areas and focusses on Epping's growing population and recommends social infrastructure for the growing precinct.

3. In 2017-18, Council undertook the Epping Planning Review project which addressed community concerns raised about the new planning controls for the Epping Town Centre, implemented by the Department of Planning and Environment in March 2014. These concerns included traffic congestion, reduced commercial space, high-density development near heritage areas, and a lack of open space and community facilities. The Epping Planning Review also identified incompatibility between the height and FSR controls in the LEP.

4. In 2021, Council supported a Council-led planning proposal to facilitate an increased quantum of commercial floor space in Epping. However, the then Department of Planning & Infrastructure did not support the proposal due to traffic impacts from increased floor space.

PROPOSED EPPING TOWN CENTRE MASTER PLAN

5. A Master Plan for Epping Town Centre will seek to improve pedestrian connections and respond to traffic conditions, create vibrant and accessible laneways, and improve access to public open space and amenity.

6. The proposed boundaries for the Epping Town Centre Master Plan are nominated as the 'Master Plan Extent'- refer to Figure 1 below. Recommendations in the Master Plan report will be limited to this area, which is characterised by several large landholdings in single ownership and older buildings which have not been developed to their maximum potential. The urban fabric and public domain are degraded in quality and in need of renewal. These characteristics mean that the area is most suitable for impactful master plan initiatives to guide future development.



Figure 1: Master Plan Extent

7. Key components/ deliverables of the Master P lan will include:
    a. Community consultation
    b. Epping Town Centre Master Plan
    c. Epping Town Centre Desktop Transport Review
    d. Urban Design principles for the potential future role of Council's Rawson Street car park site in achieving Council's objectives and requirements for Epping
    e. Review of planning controls and recommendations for any future amendments to the planning framework.

8. This Master plan will clearly define a vision for the Epping Town Centre, along with clear mechanisms to achieve that vision. The Master Plan will also ensure strong integration with the planning controls. This will effectively guide future development, including principles for the Rawson Street car park, focused on achieving Council's desired outcomes.

9. The expected benefits of this Master Plan include achieving:
    a. A cohesive Epping Town Centre
    b. Improved pedestrian connections
    c. Urban design principles for the Rawson Street car park site

10. This Master Plan will draw insights from the previous studies of Epping Town Centre, to ensure that the new plan builds upon the knowledge gained from those studies.

11. The proposed process will engage with the Epping community to understand their aspirations for the town centre. This community input will inform the development of the Master plan's vision and urban design principles.

12. The following indicative program lists the main tasks identified in the scope for the master plan.

High Level Scope - Main Tasks	Indicative Completion
Preparation - Seek technical advice amongst relevant Council officers - Develop a community consultation strategy to incorporate consultation at an early stage of the master planning process.	September 2024
Precinct Analysis - Undertake comprehensive analysis of planning controls and policies, previous master plans and supporting reports and undertake detailed precinct analysis. - Summarise into a precinct analysis study with supporting drawings and images to inform the vision for the precinct.	September – October 2024
Community Engagement Round 1 - Conduct preliminary consultation with the community and Epping Ward Councillors to inform the vision and urban design principles for the Epping Town Centre.	November/December 2024
Vision and Urban Design Principles - Based on the precinct analysis and community and Epping Ward Councillors feedback, develop a draft vision for the precinct, including urban design principles. - Summarise into key urban design principles with supporting drawings and images to engage with the community and inform the master plan.	November 2024 - January 2025
Community Engagement Round 2 - Conduct a second round of consultation with the community and Epping Ward Councillors to test the draft vision and urban design principles for the Epping Town Centre and request feedback.	March 2025
Epping Town Centre Desktop Transport Review - Analysis of existing transport studies. - Consider various transport scenarios in concert with the master plan.	September 2024 – March 2025
Rawson Street Car Park Site - Detailed site analysis and review of planning controls. - Develop urban design principles to establish public domain, connections and interfaces within and around the site. - Embed these principles within the master plan to guide interim adjoining development and inform a future detailed master plan for the site.	February - March 2025
Draft Epping Town Centre Master Plan - Develop the draft master plan including all necessary imagery and diagrams to demonstrate desired future built form and public domain outcomes - Through built form testing, identify any LEP controls which are misaligned (height/FSR), and develop recommendations to calibrate these controls in a potential future stage. - Identify objectives and controls to guide interim development and inform potential future DCP amendments.	February - May 2025
Draft Master Plan Exhibition and Consultation - Consider any changes to the draft Master Plan following exhibition and further community consultation. - Note: Councillors will be briefed prior to seeking Council's endorsement to place the draft Master Plan on exhibition.	June 2025
Final Master Plan for Council Endorsement	August 2025

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Stakeholder Consultation

13. The local community will be consulted at key stages of the master plan and during public exhibition prior to finalisation. No stakeholder consultation is required to be undertaken to date.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL

14. There are no legal implications for Council associated with this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL

15. If Council resolves to approve this report in accordance with the recommendation, the preparation of the master plan would commence. The proposed community engagement and consultation will be arranged by Council officers and funded from the allocated 2024/25 City Planning and Design budget.

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ATTACHMENTS:
There are no attachments for this report.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - FOR COUNCIL DECISION

ITEM NUMBER 13.9
SUBJECT Adoption of Parramatta 2050 (Advocacy Strategy)
REFERENCE F2024/00282 - D09454393
REPORT OF Project Lead; Acting Strategy Manager

CSP THEME: INNOVATIVE

WORKSHOP/BRIEFING DATE: 17 June 2024, 15 July 2024, and 29 July 2024.

PURPOSE:
To report back to Council the exhibition outcome of draft *Parramatta 2050* and recommend that Council approve a final vision that incorporates post-exhibition amendments.

RECOMMENDATION

(a) That Council note the outcome of the public exhibition of the draft *Parramatta 2050*.

(b) That Council adopt *Parramatta 2050* as attached to this report.

BACKGROUND

1. Council has made a number of resolutions regarding advocacy and strategic planning for the City of Parramatta. Key resolutions include:

    a. *That staff provide a summary of draft city ideas that will form the blueprint to address the long term needs of the City of Parramatta for Councillor consideration by the end of 2018."* (28 May 2018, Item 14.2)

    b. *That Council endorses the preparation of an Advocacy Strategy as detailed and recommended in this report.* (25 September 2023, Item 13.2)

2. Councillors also showed support at a Councillor Strategy Day in October 2023 for the preparation of a long-term vision for the City with a 25-year horizon, including bold city-shaping initiatives with global and reputational impacts.

3. Council officers undertook a robust research and strategy development process to draft *Parramatta 2050*. Three critical components of this process (which are covered in more detail in a report to Council's meeting of 13 May 2024, Item 13.3) were as follows:

    a. A **Councillor Consultation Program**, that included nine hours of Councillor workshops and additional activities including the abovementioned Councillor Strategy Day, a series of four workshops focused on vision development, invitation to provide written feedback on work-in-progress initiatives, and pre-report workshop detailing final draft recommendations.

b. A comprehensive **Research and Evidence Base** which sought to illuminate challenges & opportunities for Parramatta, clearly understand the City's profile and strategic context (including existing community consultation results), establish what it means to a "global city", and learn lessons from comparable visioning pursuits.

c. A pre-public exhibition **Engagement Program** during which the project team consulted with community, a broad range of external stakeholders, and internal experts.

4. The results of this process – draft *Parramatta 2050* – was reported to Council for its consideration on 13 May 2024. At this meeting, Council resolved as follows (Item 13.3):

a. That Council exhibits the draft Parramatta 2050 strategic vision for the City for 60 days and conduct community pop up sessions and surveys

b. That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make editorial amendments of a minor and/or non-policy nature to the draft Parramatta 2050.

c. That Council receives a detailed presentation at a Councillor Workshop prior to any further report detailing the outcomes of the public exhibition to Council.

5. In accordance with Council's resolution:

a. draft *Parramatta 2050* was exhibited for 60 days from Monday, 20 May 2024 to Friday, 19 July 2024 (inclusive),

b. an extensive community and external stakeholder engagement program was implemented (including multiple pop-up sessions, targeted focus groups, surveys for general community, a circle-back to a ward workshop participant and a survey for Council staff), and

c. three Councillor workshops were held since making the above resolution.

6. This report presents the outcomes of the exhibition process as follows:

a. **Attachment 1**: Engagement Report

b. **Attachment 2**: Table detailing community and external stakeholder submissions, and Council officers recommended response

7. Following the close of public exhibition, a draft of *Parramatta 2050* containing amendments recommended by Council officers following the review of submissions was presented to Point Parramatta 2050 – the panel of external global experts convened by the Lord Mayor to guide Parramatta towards its global city goals. The Panel provided feedback on the amended draft, and this feedback and Council officers' recommended response is included at **Attachment 3.**

8. At the time of drafting this report, an amended draft of *Parramatta 2050* incorporating recommended responses to both the public exhibition and panel

feedback had been circulated to Councillors in order to seek their final input to the draft recommended version. A final recommended version will be circulated as a supplementary report prior to the Council meeting on 12 August 2024.

ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

9. An extensive program of engagement activities to provide community members with opportunities to engage with *draft Parramatta 2050.* In total, approximately 46.5 hours was provided for the community and external stakeholders to interact with staff to receive information and provide feedback on draft *Parramatta 2050.*

10. Table 1 enumerates the reach, interactions and surveys and submissions received during exhibition period.

Table 1: Numerical overview - public exhibition community engagement.

Pop-up and event interactions	***CALD focus group attendees***	***Activities for children and young people***	***Social media reach***	***Social media interactions***	***Media mentions***	***Community surveys received***	***Community submissions***	***External stakeholder surveys received***	***External stakeholder submissions***
587	22	118	107,708	41,444	173	123	16	8	43

11. Table 2 summarises the engagement activities, and the reach of each component.

Table 2: Summary of public exhibition activities for *draft Parramatta 2050.*

Consultation activity	**Date**	**Approximate Time**	**Reach (no. of participants)**
Community engagement		**Total 41 hours 30 min**	**Total 785**
Community pop-up and events (15 x pop-ups)	Saturday 25 May- Saturday 13 July	*28 hours 30 min*	*587 participants*
Community ward workshops & community ward workshop circle-back (1 session).	Thursday 27 June	*1 hour*	*45 participants*
Children and young people focused activities (3 activities).	Friday 21 June-Wednesday 3 July	*5 hours*	*118 participants*
Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) focus groups (2 sessions).	Thursday 20 June - Thursday 25 June	*4 hours*	*22 participants*
Advisory Committees (2 sessions).	Thursday 13 June -Tuesday 18 June	*3 hours*	13 participants
External stakeholder engagement		**Total 5 hours**	**Total 42**
External stakeholder webinars (2 sessions).	Wednesday 12 June – Thursday 13 June	*2 hours*	*25 participants*

External stakeholders focus groups	Wednesday 5 June – Thursday 6 June	*3 hours*	*10 participants*

12. The following subsections of this report address components of the engagement program and results in more detail.

Media and social media engagement

13. Media and social media were used to inform the public about draft *Parramatta 2050* and encourage the community to provide feedback during public exhibition. Highlights of these activities and their results included:

    a. A project page for draft *Parramatta 2050* was hosted on Participate Parramatta, Council's online community engagement platform.

    b. Media engagement that resulted in **173 media mentions**, including articles in Sydney Morning Herald, Daily Telegraph, and TimeOut.

    c. Social media efforts resulted in a **reach of 107,708 people** and **41,444 social media interactions** on meta platforms and LinkedIn combined.

    d. Promotional efforts resulted in the draft *Parramatta 2050* project page attracting **20,889 page views** from **7,891 unique visitors** and **1,142 unique downloads of documents**.

Community engagement activities

14. A total of **15 pop-up events** were held seeking community feedback on the draft vision, including a program of 10 events spread across the City specific to this consultation program as well as attendance at 5 additional pre-planned community events. A total of **587 community members** were engaged across these pop-ups.

15. Engagement activities were also held with Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities, as well as at activities focused on youth and young people. A total of **140 community members** were engaged across these events, comprised of 22 people at CALD groups and 118 people at activities focused on youth and young people.

Survey results

16. An online survey was open on Participate Parramatta during exhibition. In response, Council received **89 responses** to the general community survey, of which **8 responses** were submitted by external stakeholders.

17. An **additional 42 surveys** were received from the community members attending the ward workshop circle-back webinar. (This was a follow-up to a series of ward workshops relating to the vision development process.)

Community submissions

18. In response to the exhibition, Council received **16 written submission**s from the community and **43 written submissions** from external stakeholders and

organisations. For a detailed summary of all submissions and Council officers' recommended response, please refer to **Attachment 2**.

ANALYSIS OF EXHIBITION RESULTS

19. Council staff analysed all feedback received interactions and written feedback. The overall key themes were as follows (discussed in further detail in **Attachment 1**):

    a. High levels of support overall.
    b. Improved and well-connected transport options.
    c. City activation and opportunities to gather (events, sports, and entertainment).
    d. Caring for the environment (environmental protection and sustainability).
    e. Job creation, education, skill development and economic diversification.
    f. Creative initiatives, art, culture and infrastructure.
    g. Strengthening First Nations partnerships.
    h. Elevating Parramatta's rich history and heritage.
    i. Liveability and community infrastructure and amenities.

20. Council officers recommended a number of amendments in response to the public exhibition feedback, and therefore produced an amended draft of the vision document in response. This amended draft version was then reviewed by the Point Parramatta 2050 panel on 29 July 2024.

POINT PARRAMATTA 2050 CONSIDERATION

21. The Point Parramatta 2050 panel met on 29 July 2024 and reviewed the version of draft *Parramatta 2050* containing recommended amendments in response to public exhibition feedback. The panel members were supportive and recommended a number of additional matters for consideration. Their feedback is detailed in **Attachment 3.**

22. Council officers recommend a number of minor final amendments to the draft vision in response to the panel's feedback. Council officers' consideration of the panel's feedback is also detailed at **Attachment 3.**

COUNCILLOR CONSIDERATION OF AMENDED DRAFT

23. A version of draft *Parramatta 2050* containing amendments in response to both the public exhibition and panel feedback was circulated to Councillors under Briefing Note on Wednesday 31 July 2024. At the time of writing this report, Councillors' final input was being sought. The final recommended version incorporating Councillor feedback is circulated via a supplementary report.

THE NEED FOR A VISION

24. Conversations with external stakeholders during the exhibition process reinforced the need for Council to clearly establish its advocacy positions on several matters, for example critical decisions relating to fast rail and Metro, and also ensuring that opportunities to grow employment options within the City are protected.

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Stakeholder Consultation

25. The following stakeholder consultation has been undertaken in relation to this matter:

Date	Stakeholder	Stakeholder Comment	Council Officer Response	Responsibility
Various	Community - Various	Discussed in detail in this report and attachments.	Discussed in detail in this report and attachments.	A/Group Manager, City Strategic Planning
Various	External Stakeholder - Various	Discussed in detail in this report and attachments.	Discussed in detail in this report and attachments.	A/Group Manager, City Strategic Planning

Councillor Consultation

26. The following Councillor consultation has been undertaken in relation to this matter:

Date	Councillor	Councillor Comment	Council Officer Response	Responsibility
17 June - workshop #6	All Clrs invited	Councillors requested further detail relating to some aspects and outcomes of the engagement program.	The information requested has been circulated via Briefing Note.	A/Group Manager, City Strategic Planning
15 July - workshop #7	All Clrs invited	Councillors requested further detail relating to some aspects and outcomes of the engagement program.	The information requested has been circulated via Briefing Note.	A/Group Manager, City Strategic Planning
29 July - workshop #8	All Clrs invited	Councillors requested further details of the exhibition results and a copy of the work-in-progress vision document	Council officers circulated two additional briefing notes following this workshop which detailed work-in-progress drafts of officers' consideration of the exhibition results and recommended amendments to the draft vision document.	A/Group Manager, City Strategic Planning

27. Including the workshops listed above, Councillor engagement for draft Parramatta 2050 has included:

    a. Eight (8) Councillor workshops/briefing sessions (including Councillor strategy day).

    b. Invitation to provide written feedback on work-in-progress initiatives via activity worksheets provided to Councillors to inform draft Parramatta 2050 content (homework).

    c. More than 15 hours of detailed discussions with a mix of activities, staff presentations, open forum and Q&A sessions.

    d. Weekly Councillor Briefing Notes (x9) provided during public exhibition.

    e. Two additional Briefing Notes provided post-exhibition to communicate with Councillors about how officers were considering feedback on the draft vision.

    f. Councillor pack of materials provided to support exhibition.

    g. Over 330 pages of reports and contents provided on the Councillor portal, including written responses to queries raised during each workshop.

    h. Additional opportunities provided for 1:1 meetings/discussions with staff at Councillors' request.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL

28. There are no direct legal implications as a result of the recommendations of this Council report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL

29. If Council resolves to approve this report in accordance with the recommendation, there are no unbudgeted financial implications for Council's budget.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1	Draft Parramatta 2050 public exhibition engagement report	54 Pages
2	Summary of submissions and Council officer response	52 Pages
3	Point Parramatta 2050 panel member feedback and Council officer response	3 Pages

REFERENCE MATERIAL

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1. Executive summary

On 13 May 2024, Council resolved to exhibit the draft *Parramatta 2050* strategic vision for the City for 60 days and conduct community pop-up sessions and surveys.

In accordance with Council's resolution, the draft *Parramatta 2050* strategic vision (draft *Parramatta 2050*) was exhibited for 60 days between Monday 20 May – Friday 19 July 2024.

The purpose of this public exhibition period was to test and validate elements of draft *Parramatta 2050* and provide meaningful opportunities for community and external stakeholders to provide comments on Council's proposed 25-year strategic vision.

In response to Council's resolution, Council officers prepared an extensive engagement program for the public exhibition of draft *Parramatta 2050*, which included the following activities:

- Community pop-up and events.
- Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) focus groups.
- Children and young people focused activities.
- External focus groups and webinars.
- Online survey.
- Written submissions.
- Community ward (circle back) webinar and survey.

Please see Tables 1 and 2 below for a more detailed breakdown of the activities and their result.

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Prior to public exhibition of draft *Parramatta 2050*, Council officers also hosted a pre-public exhibition engagement program to consult with community, a broad range of external stakeholders and subject matter experts. The findings from select engagement activities from the pre-public exhibition engagement program have been included in this report and incorporated into the public exhibition analysis, these activities are included in Table 3 below.

Table 3: Summary of engagement activities held prior to public exhibition that have been incorporated into the public exhibition period analysis.

Consultation activity	Date	Approximate Time	Reach (no. of participants)
Community engagement			**Total 194**
Community ward workshops (5 x workshops)	March -June 2024	3 hours 45 min	194
External stakeholder engagement			**Total 33**
External stakeholder focus groups (10 x focus groups)	Thursday 18 April - Wednesday 15 May	15 hours	33

1.1. Key engagement themes

High levels of support overall.

Overall draft *Parramatta 2050* received high levels of support. The Game Changers were highly-supported across community and external stakeholder engagement. The Strategic Directions resonated well, though some felt they were disconnected from the rest of the document. Some wanted to see a stronger connection between the 'Global Parramatta' districts and other areas of the LGA to better communicate its value to the whole LGA. The draft tagline "Start your Story" received mixed commentary.

Improved and well-connected transport options.

Community members and external stakeholders were excited about the proposed transport connections and told us that transport is critical. Strong support for the upcoming Metro, extended train lines, light rail, and fast

rail to the airport to better connect the LGA and Greater Sydney. Community especially wanted better connections to Epping, Wentworth Point and North Rocks.

Additionally, feedback from a wide number of people recommended that bike and walkway connectivity should be elevated in the document. Community members also provided comments on parking, traffic and road management.

City activation and opportunities to gather (events, sports, and entertainment).

There was strong support for initiatives that activate the city with festival, events, sport and entertainment. Community told us that they wanted to see a wide range of opportunities to gather, such as openair theatres, wine and food festivals, Ramadan night markets, local sport participation, events for families, performance areas and celebrations for both First Nations and multicultural communities' side-by-side. Engagement comments also called for open and public spaces across the LGA to be more frequently activated, including Parramatta River foreshore and Parramatta Park.

Caring for the environment (environmental protection and sustainability).

Community and external stakeholders told us that caring for the environment and expanding green space was important especially considering future increase in density. Comments included a diverse range of actions that protects local bodies of water, flora and fauna, addresses urban heat, mitigate climate change and enhance waste management and green infrastructure. Community also wanted to see more activation and amenities in green spaces.

Job creation, education, skill development and economic diversification.

Community supported job creation, supporting and attracting business, and continuing to develop a workforce with diverse skills. External stakeholders were highly-supportive of economic development initiatives across the document, and especially appreciated was the document's focus on skill development, innovation, affordable student and post-graduate accommodation and targeted industries of a diverse nature. Some wanted the document to further highlight equity, quality education from early childhood to PhD level, more and accessible care services, and support for newly arrived migrants and further collaboration to provide access pathways for First Nations People.

Creative initiatives, art, culture and infrastructure.

Community wanted to see more diverse cultural offerings within the LGA. Across all engagement there was strong support to provide more live music and expanding creative infrastructure including art galleries and museums. External stakeholders were supportive of elevating creative industries and night-time economy, the education sector saw opportunities for Parramatta to become a creative hub for students and creative industries.

Strengthening First Nations partnerships.

Community and external stakeholders were supportive of Council strengthening partnerships with First Nations People. Some community members recommended to enhance First Nations language via signage and more language education opportunities. Others recommended to provide more places and community events to preserve and learn about First Nations culture, history and heritage. External stakeholders strongly supported elevating First Nations partnership, especially given the history of Parramatta.

Elevating Parramatta's rich history and heritage.

Some community members and external stakeholders recommended elevation of Parramatta's heritage and history in the final draft *Parramatta 2050*. This included comments about protecting current heritage and expanding opportunities to learn, display and communicate stories of past practices and events that have taken place in Parramatta.

Liveability and community infrastructure and amenities.

Some community members and external stakeholders provided comments related to increased liveability and

community infrastructure. This included comments on affordable housing, cost of living support services, affordable events, more medical and well-being services and upgraded open space and park amenity.

2. Media and promotional campaign

Council staff facilitated a comprehensive media and promotional campaign to support the public exhibition of draft *Parramatta 2050*. This chapter of the engagement report provides detailed information on each of these campaigns, as well as the results received from each of these campaigns. The opportunity to learn more about draft *Parramatta 2050* and complete the online community survey was promoted via several channels, including:

- Council's Participate Parramatta page.
- Social media – paid and organic (in English and translated into Arabic, Simplified Chinese, Korean and Hindi for CALD audiences).
- Google advertisements.
- Council EDM's (including Participate Parramatta, Your City News, Your Business News, Riverside Theatres, and Community Connective).
- Council's corporate website (dedicated project page and banner item on the homepage).
- Digital displays at Council facilities including PHIVE, Wentworth Point and other branch libraries as well as digital kiosks in Parramatta Square.
- Paid newspaper advertisements (in English and translated into Arabic, Simplified Chinese, Korean and Hindi for CALD audiences).

2.1.1. Participate Parramatta page

A project page for draft *Parramatta 2050* was hosted on Participate Parramatta, Council's online community engagement platform, from Monday 20 May until 5pm on Friday 19 July 2024 (60 days).
Visitors to the project page could download a copy of draft *Parramatta 2050* as well as community summary versions provided in English, Arabic, Simplified Chinese, Korean and Hindi. The page also hosted answers to several frequently asked questions and provided a high-level project timeline. In addition to inviting participants to engage in an online community survey, details were provided about alternative submissions options including email, post, and verbal submissions.

The promotional efforts during the public exhibition period resulted in the draft *Parramatta 2050* Participate Parramatta project page attracting **20,889 page views** from **7,891 unique visitors**. This translated into 89 responses of the community survey and **1,142 unique downloads of documents** from the project page. For a more detailed breakdown see table 4.

Table 4: Overall numerical results from Participate Parramatta

DOCUMENTS	UNIQUE DOWNLOADS
Draft *Parramatta 2050*	639
Community Summary - English version	329
Community Summary - Arabic version	40
Community Summary - Chinese Simplified version	54
Community Summary - Hindi version	36

Community Summary - Korean version	44
OVERALL	**1,142**

2.1.2 Media

Media outputs for draft Parramatta 2050
- Wrote and pitched 1x media release.
- Wrote and pitched 2x exclusive drops to metro media.
- Facilitated 2x interviews for LM.

Media statistics for draft Parramatta 2050
- Total mentions – 173.
- Total reach - 101,751,255.
- Total AVE - $941,199.11.
- Top reaching articles:
  - SMH: High-speed rail, airport connections and more Metro stations: What Parramatta needs by 2050
  - SMH: Parramatta's skyline by 2050

2.1.3 Socials

To raise awareness among community that draft *Parramatta 2050* was out for public exhibition, Council staff conducted a social media campaign across Meta platforms and LinkedIn. In total, social media engagement **reached 107,708 people resulted in 41,444 social media interactions**.

2.1.4 Google Analytics

Council staff tracked google analytics data between 20 May - 5 July 2024 to capture online engagement with draft *Parramatta 2050*. In total, Google Analytics **resulted in 8,455 views from 6,365 users, with an average engagement time of 26 seconds.**

2.1.5 YouTube campaign

Council staff posted the draft *Parramatta 2050* video as part of a YouTube campaign. In total, this campaign resulted in **11,570 views.**

2.1.6 City of Parramatta homepage slider

Council staff made the details of draft *Parramatta 2050's* public exhibition period available on the City of Parramatta's homepage slider between 20 May 2024 and 16 July 2024, site: https://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/vision/parramatta-2050. This resulted in **88 views from 76 users, with an average engagement time of 39 seconds.**

2.1.7 EDM (email newsletter) statistics

Council staff also informed the community about draft *Parramatta 2050* being public exhibition via email newsletters. Please see numerical breakdown for each email newsletter below.

Riverside Theatres EDM – 26 June
Total sends - 58,229
Open rate - 35%
Total clicks - 16

City News EDM – 6 June
Total sends - 31,112
Open rate - 36%
Total clicks - 33

City News EDM – 2 July
Total sends - 40,296
Open rate - 43%
Total clicks - 96

Business News EDM – 30 May
Total sends - 27,570
Open rate - 25%
Total clicks - 18

3. Engagement Activities

3.1. Community engagement

Council held an extensive program of engagement activities to provide community members with opportunities to engage with draft *Parramatta 2050*. This chapter of the engagement report provides detailed information on each of these activities, as well as the engagement results received from each of these activities.

3.1.1. Community ward workshop series

2.1.7.1 About the community ward workshops

Council staff held a 45-minute session for draft *Parramatta 2050* during each of the five community ward workshops between March – June 2024. At each of these sessions, participants took part in four activities focused on draft *Parramatta 2050* to gain their feedback and guidance around shaping the draft vision, strategic directions and city shaping initiatives for draft *Parramatta 2050*.

Community ward workshops occurred in the following sequence:

1. **Rosehill ward workshop**, 23 March, 1pm-4pm at Rydges Hotel (38 residents attending).
2. **Dundas ward workshop**, 6 April, 2pm-5pm at Dundas Sports and Recreation Club (39 residents attending).
3. **North Rocks ward workshop**, 4 May, 2pm-5pm at Northmead Bowling Club (37 residents attending).
4. **Epping ward workshop**, 18 May, 2pm-5pm at Epping Club (36 residents attending).
5. **Parramatta ward workshop**, 1 June, 2pm-5pm at Club Parramatta (44 residents attending).

All residents attending the community ward workshops were recruited by an external provider to ensure a demographically representative sample of residents. At each of the community ward workshops, participants were divided into approximately six tables of approximately four-seven residents.

At each session, Council staff introduced themselves and provided context about global cities and the development of draft *Parramatta 2050*. Participants were then invited to participate in four activities.

The activities were as follows

- **Activity one** – Participants were asked to respond via online participation tool 'menti' to the question 'What other cities around the world do you think of when you hear the term 'global city'? What makes these cities stand out?'.
- **Activity two** - Participants were asked to respond via online participation tool 'menti' to the question: 'Choose three words that you would like to use to describe Parramatta in the year 2050'.
- **Activity three** - Participants were asked to discuss in small table groups: 'What 'blue sky' projects or ideas would you like to see in Parramatta 2050?'. Select small table groups were invited to report their ideas back to the room.
- **Activity four** – Participants were asked to discuss in table groups: 'What changes or improvements would you like to see in your local area by 2050, to make it a better place to live, work and play?'. Select small table groups were invited to report their ideas back to the room.

2.1.7.2 Summary of key themes from community ward workshops

The key themes that arose across the five community ward workshops were as follows:

- In response to what makes other global cities stand out, the most prominent characteristics across the five workshops were:
  - City vibrancy with diverse range of activities and entertainment offerings,
  - Connected and convenient transport systems, and
  - Iconic city design and architecture.
- The top three words that participants would like Parramatta to be described as in 2050 were 'Green/Sustainable', 'Safe', and 'Inclusive'.
- Across all five community ward workshops, participants commonly identified the following 'blue-sky' ideas:
  - Activation in the city by providing a wide range of big events, entertainment, and sporting and cultural experiences.
  - Projects that contribute to a more well-connected transport system to enhance convenience around the LGA, region and beyond.
  - Caring for the environment and expanding the LGA's green and blue assets, such as Parramatta Park and the River.
  - More iconic and innovative architecture and city design that makes Parramatta stand out visually and is more resource efficient.
  - Cultural offerings, including live music, art galleries, museums and celebration of culture, heritage, and history.
- Across all five community ward workshops, participants commonly identified the following ideas to make each ward a better place to 'live, work and play' by 2050:
  - Improvement of mobility infrastructure, e.g. quality and safety of roads, access to public transport.
  - Improvement of social infrastructure, e.g. community hubs with sport facilities, libraries, co-working spaces and medical centres.
  - Preserving and expanding green space and amenities, e.g. more community gardens, and more supporting amenities to activate parks.
  - Planning, city design and space making, e.g. integrating housing with amenities, liveable streets, re-development of old buildings.
  - More and improved community services to increase social connections between neighbours, and improve access to health, food, and recreation services.

2.1.8 Community ward workshop webinar (circle-back)

3.1.1.1. About the community ward workshop webinar (circle-back)

From March through until June 2024, community workshops were held in each of Council's five wards. A session was held at each workshop that focused on draft *Parramatta 2050*. Participants were asked about their thoughts on what made global cities stand out, how they would like Parramatta to be characterised in 2050, and what 'blue-sky' ideas they had for the city. In total 194 participants.

To continue to build upon and draw from the knowledge that this group has about draft *Parramatta 2050*, 50 of the workshop participants were invited to a webinar that provided them with a more detailed attended understanding of Council's strategic vision for global Parramatta. The webinar was held on 27 June 2024. Of the 50 participants invited, 45 attended.

At the community ward workshop webinar, participants were asked to complete the draft *Parramatta 2050* Community Survey. 42 participants completed the survey (see section 4.2 for survey results) . All participants that attended the webinar and completed the survey were provided with a $100 e-gift card to thank them for their participation.

The webinar sessions were for information sharing purposes and were not interactive. However, there was a Q&A function for attendees to ask questions. Questions and comments raised in the webinar sessions related to opening dates for the upcoming Parramatta Metro and Parramatta Light Rail, the status of the proposed Rosehill and Silverwater Metro Stations, and the status of proposed Game Changers. Some participants also asked questions about the status of various heritage sites in Parramatta including the Roxy, the Parramatta Gaol and the Parramatta Female Factory.

2.1.9 Community pop-ups

3.1.1.1. About the community pop-ups

Council held 15 pop-ups during public exhibition between 20 May -19 July to engage community on *Parramatta 2050*. The pop-ups were held in the following locations:

- 10x total pop-ups, with two pop-ups in in each ward, Parramatta, Epping, Dundas, Rosehill and North Rocks ward.
- Five pop-ups during events hosted within the LGA.

Council staff interacted with 587 participants at the 15 pop-ups. In total Council received 383 post-its, of which 176 were in support of the document and 207 post-its contained suggestions for strengthening content within the document.

Pop-ups were held to receive feedback from the community on the proposed draft *Parramatta 2050* by asking participants to provide feedback via post-it notes on three A0 corflutes. At the pop-ups participants were supplied one information corflute and two corflutes that illustrated the six proposed Game Changers and Districts. In addition to the corflutes, participants had the opportunity to browse hard copies of the document and were given a take-home pamphlet containing a link to draft *Parramatta 2050*'s Participate Parramatta page.

2.1.9.1 Summary of overall key themes from community pop-ups

Council staff analysed feedback by participants at pop-ups and the key themes identified were as follows:

- Across pop-ups participants told us that transport is critical, indicating support for the upcoming Metro and proposed light rails connections.
- Strong support for strengthening activation at the Parramatta River foreshore and for green space throughout the LGA.
- Support for creativity initiatives, including more art, cultural and creative infrastructure, and more opportunities for gathering at all hours.
- Support for more events and entertainment including multipurpose facilities, local community events, major events, supporting infrastructure, and amenities.
- Support for job creation and economic diversification.
- Participants raised the importance of housing, including affordable housing and the need for larger family units, which they felt was not included in draft *Parramatta 2050*.
- Some participants requested improved traffic management and more parking across the LGA.
- Support for strengthening Council's First Nation partnerships and expand offerings of First Nations culture, heritage and history.

2.1.9.2 Summary of key themes for each Game Changer from community pop-ups

- Participant comments regarding the **draft Districts** were highly supportive of the proposed additional Metro stops at Camellia/Rosehill and Silverwater. Some participants left comments that supported the draft plans for Camellia and recognised the need for more jobs to sustain the demand of proposed Metro stops. Some participants liked the focus on the draft Districts and did not want to see further changes for the suburbs.
- Across the community pop-ups, a large majority of participants were supportive of the Game Changer: '**A world leader in First Nation Partnerships'.** Comments included facilitating First Nations language through signage and providing places and community events to preserve and learn about First Nations culture, history and heritage.
- Participants were supportive of the Game Changer: '**Western Sydney's jobs engine'** and its focus on additional local jobs. Participant comments included leveraging and expanding skills sets, more corporates, focus on other areas than Church Street, providing coordinated capital works, and better employment support for newly arrived migrants and partnerships with First Nations employment services. One participant did not support intensified manufacturing and business in Silverwater and noted its implication on traffic congestion and pollution.
- Participants were overall supportive of the actions proposed in the Game Changer '**Epicentre of creativity'**, with comments focusing on the importance of expanded cultural infrastructure (museums, creative spaces, art galleries and cultural venues) and cultural offerings (live music, musical, exhibitions. outdoor events, etc). A few participants would like to see the prominence of heritage and history elevated.
- Participants indicated their support for more events, sports, and entertainment, outlined in the Game Changer **'Home of festivals, sports and entertainment'.** Participants told us they want to see more multipurpose facilities, local and affordable community events, major events, infrastructure, and amenity to support major events.
- Participants supported proposed efforts to improve educational offerings in Parramatta as outlined in the Game Changer '**Asia Pacific's centre for best-in-class education',** including increased student housing and advocating for delivery of primary and secondary schools to meet population growth**.** Other comments highlighted opportunities to strengthen this Game Changer, such as providing more support for international students, more opportunities for students to connect, and diversifying study areas.
- Participants supported expansion of green space and river foreshore activation proposed under the Game Changer **'An unrivalled river city'.** Some participants would also like to see more walkways and bicycle ways in the LGA, increased native vegetation and biodiversity and more action taken to clean up the river.

2.1.9.3 Detailed findings from community pop-ups

Draft Districts (7 comments)

Participant comments regarding the **draft Districts** were highly supportive of the proposed additional Metro stops at Camellia/Rosehill and Silverwater. Some participants left comments that supported the draft plans for Camellia and recognised the need for more jobs to sustain the demand of proposed Metro stops. Some participants liked the focus on the draft Districts and did not want to see further changes for the suburbs.

A total of seven comments were made in reference to the Districts, five supportive and two proposing changes.

Draft Game Changer: A world leader in First Nation Partnerships (25 comments)

Across the community pop-ups, a large majority were supportive of the Game Changer: '**A world leader in First Nation Partnerships'.** Comments included enhancing international knowledge sharing, the need for more collaboration with Traditional Owners and a call for greater celebration of First Nations heritage and community events. Comments included facilitating First Nations language through signage and providing places and community events to preserve and learn about First Nations culture, history and heritage.

A total of 25 comments were made in reference to 'A world leader in First Nation Partnerships', 15 supportive and 10 proposing changes.

Draft Game Changer: Western Sydney's jobs engine (21 comments)

Participants were supportive of the Game Changer: '**Western Sydney's jobs engine'** and its focus on additional local jobs. Participant comments included leveraging and expanding skills sets, more corporates, focus on other areas than Church Street, providing coordinated capital works, and better support for newly arrived migrants. Some comments also related to providing opportunities to partner with First Nations employment services and suggested utilising the NSW Government's Aboriginal procurement policy.

Other comments indicated support for this Game Changer because a job strategy is 'really' a housing strategy and would seek to amplify activation.

One participant did not support intensified manufacturing and business in Silverwater and noted its implication on traffic congestion and pollution. One participant emphasised the importance of ongoing consultation with locals and First Nations People.

A total of 21 comments were made in reference to 'Western Sydney's jobs engine', 12 supportive and nine proposing changes.

Draft Game Changer: The Epicentre of creativity (37 comments)

Participants were overall supportive of the actions proposed in the Game Changer '**Epicentre of creativity'**, with comments focusing on the importance of expanded cultural infrastructure (museums, creative spaces, art galleries and cultural venues) and cultural offerings (live music, musicals, exhibitions, outdoor events, etc.).

Some participants emphasised the importance of increased investments and attracting profit for creative industries. Participants also called for heritage to be elevated in the draft *Parramatta 2050* and more night-time economy activation (e.g. night food markets) but noted that this needed to be balanced with consideration of residents' ability to sleep.

A total of 37 comments were made in reference to 'Epicentre of creativity', 25 supportive and 12 proposing changes.

Draft Game Changer: Home of festivals, sports and entertainment (52 comments)

Participants indicated their support for more events, sports, and entertainment, outlined in the Game Changer **'Home of festivals, sports and entertainment'.** Participants provided ideas for a wide range of events, festivals, and sports they want to see more of within the LGA. Ideas included:

- Outdoor events in Parramatta Park.
- Sport events and E-sports events.
- Music and film festivals.
- Food and wine events along the river.
- More local and community events that are affordable and cater to different audiences.
- Ramadhan night markets.
- NYE events.

Participants also told us that they would like to see more opportunities to participate in sport. Participants want to see more and better amenities and infrastructure to support major events. This included better road and traffic infrastructure in and out of Sydney Olympic Park, improved noise management, more accommodation and places to eat.

A total of 52 comments were made in reference to the districts, 29 supportive and 23 proposing changes.

Draft Game Changer: Asia Pacific's centre for best-in-class education (14 comments)

Participants supported proposed efforts to improve educational offerings in Parramatta as outlined in the Game Changer '**Asia Pacific's centre for best-in-class education',** including increased student housing and advocating for delivery of primary and secondary schools to meet population growth. Other comments highlighted opportunities to strengthen this Game Changer, such as providing more support for international students, more opportunities for students to connect, and diversifying study areas.

A total of 14 comments were made in reference to the districts, nine supportive and five proposing changes.

Draft Game Changer: 'An unrivalled river city' (37 comments)

Participants supported expansion of green space and river foreshore activation proposed under the Game Changer **'An unrivalled river city'**, especially for people living in apartments**.** Some participants would also like to see more walkways and bicycle ways in the LGA, and more action taken to clean up the river**.**

Some participants told us that they would like to see more educational tours led by Dharug Elders as well as tours that cover the topic of environmental sustainability.

A total of 37 comments were made in reference to the districts, 23 supportive and 14 proposing changes.

Draft Game Changer: 'Connections to the world'

While this draft Game Changer was not included on the corflute activities, across the pop-ups participants supported the intention of 'Connections to the world'.

Other comments

A range of other comments were provided by participants. The comments from participants included the following topics:

- **Transport (48 comments):** participants provided a diverse range of transport comments:
    - **More and better-connected public transport (22 comments):** better north-south links, more frequent light rail services, light rail extension to better connect Epping and Carlingford to major train stations (Parramatta, Lidcombe) and improved connections between Wentworth Point, Sydney Olympic Park (SOP) and Parramatta.
    - **Improved traffic/roads (20 comments):** better traffic infrastructure, decreased congestion, better signage, more traffic lights and flying cars. The majority of comments regarding traffic issues concerned the suburb of Epping.
    - **Bike lanes (5 comments):** cycling in the CBD is getting harder, participants called for better bike infrastructure and safe road and bike integration.
    - **Other (1):** prioritise funding - no submarines.
- **Parking (14 comments):** more parking available across the LGA for diverse reasons including supporting business and residents to access services, especially Epping.
- **Community infrastructure and services (13 comments):** disability services, homelessness services, cyber security domain awareness sessions for community, more activities for young people, open space in high schools and more local community pools.
- **General support (9 comments):** 'I like it - to be a global city. I've loved the evolution of the city'.
- **Development, planning and city design (9 comments)**: coordinated approach to new developments. Participants also wanted to see beautiful architecture in Parramatta e.g. Chippendale green building, don't like too many high-rises.
- **Housing (8 comments):** more affordable housing, decent student housing, missing middle housing, more three-bedroom dwellings for families with space proportionate to need and care and attention given to social housing.
- **Wildlife, green and blue space (8 comments):** green space is important, too many trees getting lost, protect wildlife, maintain river flow and no more development along parkland corridor.

- **Liveability (7 comments):** more social cohesion and inclusion, accessibility, more infrastructure to support new and growing populations and need to consider people first.
- **Waste management (7 comments):** more rubbish bins, regular cleaning to protect wildlife from plastics and rubbish, and information about green bins.
- **Open space infrastructure and services (6 comments):** better and more playgrounds for children, improvements to outdoor fitness stations and community gardens.
- **Medical services, health, and wellbeing (5 comments)**: hospitals cannot keep up with growing population, more practitioners needed for mental health and psychology, and more disability services.
- **Climate change and environmental sustainability (4 comments**): education on protection of local flora and fauna, tackle climate change - more trees, encourage reuse and recycling.
- **Heritage (4 comments):** preserve heritage, provide dedicated heritage/tourist guide and shuttle bus to heritage sites.
- **Safety (3 comments):** better lighting and CCTV surveillance.
- **City activation (3 comments):** some participants told us that they like the activation already in Parramatta, others told us they would like to see more things to do and space to be creative.
- **Affordability (2 comments)**, overall affordability, cost of living.
- **Other (11 comments):** represent all the LGA in draft *Parramatta 2050*, including Epping, enhance walking connection between Westmead and Parramatta, Toongabbie is often forgotten, self-driving cars, and link Parramatta to Macquarie Park.

2.1.10 Targeted engagement: children aged 3-5

3.1.1.1. About the activity for children aged 3-5

Council staff hosted one activity to capture insights from children aged 3-5:

- Jubilee Park Early Learning Centre, 3 July, 10am-11am.

An in-person activity was held at Council's Jubilee Park Early Learning Centre, with 27 participants. Council staff facilitated this activity. The session commenced with a brief introduction from Council staff introducing themselves and describing the activity. This was followed by a creative activity, asking children to "Draw what you think would make Parramatta the best city in the world!". As children drew their responses, Council staff engaged children in a conversation about what they were drawing and why. Children's responses were captured as part of their drawings.

2.1.10.1 Summary of key themes from activity for children aged 3-5

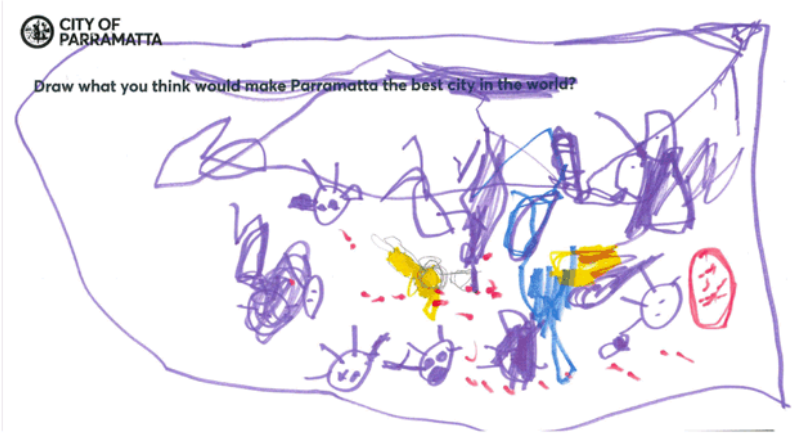
The following key themes emerged in response to the question "Draw what you think would make Parramatta the best city in the world!":

- **Urban environment:** big, beautiful, buildings, cars, roads and big windows.
- **Nature:** flowers, trees, grass and butterflies
- **Playgrounds:** swings, slides, see saw, ladder and jumping castle.
- **Family and activities:** family, parks, picnics, zoo, getting ice-cream and fun places to go with friends.
- **Imagination:** castles, princesses and kings fighting evil monsters with dragon's help.
- **Weather:** sunny days and rainbows.
- **Other:** Christmas lights and trees, robots, dinosaurs, and blankets.

Example drawings:



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CITY OF PARRAMATTA
Draw what you think would make Parramatta the best city in the world?


CITY OF PARRAMATTA
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2.1.11 Targeted engagement: children aged 10-12

3.1.1.1. About the activity for children aged 10-12

Council staff hosted one engagement activity to capture insights from children aged 10-12:

- Toongabbie Primary School, 3 July, 11.30am–12.30pm.

An in-person activity was held at Toongabbie Primary School, with approximately 40 participants. Council staff facilitated this activity. The session commenced with a brief introduction from Council staff introducing themselves and providing context about draft *Parramatta 2050*. This was followed by three activities, including one individual and two small group activities.

- Activity one (small group activity): "Pick your top three words that you would like to be able to use to describe Parramatta in the year 2050."
- Activity two (individual activity): "Fill in your worksheet to rank the importance of each Game Changer to make Parramatta a global city from one-six."
- Activity three (small group activity): "Tell us if you have any other ideas for Game Changers that will help make Parramatta a global city."

2.1.11.1 Summary of key themes from activity for children aged 10-12

In-response to the question listed above children aged 10-12 years old told us the following:

- The 10–12-year-old participants had a diverse variety of words they would want Parramatta to be described as in 2050. The top two were 'Popular' and 'Beautiful'.
- When asked to rank the draft Game Changers, the Game Changer that was highest was 'A world leader in First Nation Partnerships' (21.2%) followed by 'Asia Pacific's Centre for best-in-class education' (19.2%).
- When prompted for ideas for additional Game Changers, participants told us that want to see:
  - **Fun activities**: theme parks and huge shopping centres with sky diving, water slides, and games and shops from all over the world.
  - **Cool flying objects**: flying billboards, flying cars and flying stadiums.
  - **Mitigation of urban heat**: ice rink maze and ice cream fun house to stop heat stroke.
  - **Nature positive solutions**: organic biofuel, more parks and trees and places to relax.
  - **A place for everyone**: more apartments to make life in our city good, free education for kids that don't have money, and upgrades to churches, hotels and restaurants.
  - **Other**: one participant wanted to learn about the future.

2.1.12 Targeted engagement: young people aged 12-24

2.1.12.1 About the activity for young people aged 12-24

Council staff hosted one event to capture insights from young people aged 12-24 and from people who care for young people.

- 'Battle of the West', Battle of the Bands, Thursday 20 June, 3pm-6pm.

The 'Battle of the West' event was delivered using the same pop-up engagement activities used at other community pop-ups (see section 3.3). **51 participants were engaged at the 'Battle of the West', including five participants who were identified as young people** (high school and university students). The

remaining 46 participants were not identified as young people and were classified as people who care for young people.

2.1.12.2 Summary of key themes from activity for young people aged 12-24

- General support for draft *Parramatta 2050* and recognition of the importance for Council to have a vision document.
- Participants indicated support for the two proposed metro stations at Camellia/Rosehill and Silverwater. However, one participant felt that delivering two additional metro stations would be too costly if there are not enough job opportunities provided at these locations.
- Participants indicated general support for 'A world leader in First Nations partnerships'. Some participants would like to see more festivals and community events to celebrate First Nations Peoples and communities.
- Participants indicated support for 'Epicentre of Creativity'. Participants liked that this Game Changer included musicals, expositions and festivals. Participants also supported the idea of a new art gallery for Parramatta and wanted to see more modern art exhibitions and public outdoor exhibitions in the LGA.
- One participant wanted to "…make Parramatta more than Sydney" and felt this could be achieved by getting people talking about Parramatta. This participant suggested hosting specific activities to attract students, such as karaoke and bowling, as well as hosting bigger events at Rosehill and Sydney Olympic Park to attract the broader population. This participant also felt that transport was critical to Parramatta's success and told us that they would like to see Parramatta become the centre of the region via High-Speed Rail and Metro services.
- Participants indicated support for 'Home of festivals, sports and entertainment'. Participants would like to see more events at Parramatta Park and along the river, including markets, cinemas and food stalls. One participant suggested hosting New Years Eve fireworks along the Parramatta River or in Parramatta Park, so that people don't have to travel into Sydney CBD.
- Participants indicated support for 'An unrivalled river city'. Ideas to help strengthen this Game Changer included utilising innovations for river cleansing and preventing trolleys from making their way into the river. Participants also wanted to see greater activation along the river, with suggestions for events including openair theatres, campsites and performance areas.
- One participant indicated support for proposed public transport connections to Carlingford.
- One participant would like to see more community gardens around Westmead and Parramatta.

2.1.13 Targeted engagement: culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities focus groups

3.1.1.1. About the CALD focus groups

Council staff conducted two focus groups aimed at capturing feedback from various culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities. These focus groups constituted residents from the City of Parramatta LGA and included a mix of ages and genders.

- Group 1: Participants of Indian descent, 20 June, 6pm–8pm, PHIVE.
- Group 2: Participants of Chinese and Korean descent, 25 June, 6pm–8pm, PHIVE.

Both sessions were held in person in the evening at PHIVE and were each attended by 11 participants. Each participant table was provided with a copy of the draft *Parramatta 2050* alongside leaflets in applicable languages. The presentation given to both focus groups sought feedback on various elements of the draft *Parramatta 2050*. Participants were given the opportunity to share what they liked and what they would change about these elements across the tagline and vision, the six Game Changers, and the 'Connections to the world' enabler. All participants were encouraged to provide additional feedback online following the session via Council's Participate Parramatta page.

2.1.13.1 Summary of key themes from CALD focus groups

- The draft tagline "Start your Story" did not resonate with some participants, many of whom were long term residents of the LGA, who felt like the tagline overlooked their stories in the City of Parramatta to date. Other participants were supportive of the draft tagline stating that it provokes thinking about life in Parramatta and invites people to imagine their place in the city in many ways.
- The draft vision statement was seen by many as being too lengthy. The use of "Accelerate" prompted negative responses from the second group with some participants feeling like this implied rapid growth which does not resonate in the current context of a housing and cost of living crisis.
- Each of the draft Game Changers were supported across both focus groups.
- The "Epicentre of Creativity" was received enthusiastically, especially when discussed in terms of more night-time activity, however safety concerns were mentioned by both groups as a key consideration.
- Women's participation in the economy and physical activity was a priority for both groups.
- The "Home of Sport and Entertainment" was perceived as being too sports-oriented by some, while others called for more local sporting infrastructure and indoor sports facilities.
- Participants felt that consideration should be given to all aspects of education, from early learning to PhD level. The final draft *Parramatta 2050* could be more explicit about this.
- The intersection between the Game Changers and transportation was evident throughout all discussions, and especially around the "Home of Sports and Entertainment" and "An unrivalled river city."
- The "Connections to the world" enabler drew enthusiastic support from both groups however, participants felt that consideration should be given to micromobility and 'last mile' options as a way of connecting Parramatta's suburbs to global Parramatta.

3.2. External stakeholder engagement

3.2.1. External stakeholders focus groups and webinars

3.2.1.1. About the external stakeholder focus groups and webinars

Council held 12 x 1.5hr focus groups with external stakeholders (10 held pre-exhibition and 2 held during exhibition) and two webinars for external stakeholders.

The twelve focus groups were held between 18 April and 6 June 2024. The 1.5hr focus groups were held online via Microsoft Teams. Invitations were sent to 102 external stakeholder contacts from 60 organisations, of which **44 individuals attended from 34 organisations**.

Two webinars for external stakeholders were held on Wednesday 12 June and Thursday 14 June 2024 via Microsoft Teams. Invitations were sent to 117 external stakeholder contacts from 61 organisations. Invitees forwarded the webinar invite, resulting in 23 individuals who were not initially invited registering for the sessions. Across the two webinars, a total of 33 individuals registered and **25 attendees from 11 organisations attended**. It is noted that, of the 25 attendees, 20 attended for majority of the session and five attended for a short portion of the session (less than 10 minutes).

Organisations with a representative(s) that attended a focus group and/or webinar are listed below.

1. Australian Football League (AFL)
2. Australian Turf Club
3. Business Western Sydney
4. Create NSW
5. Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
6. Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
7. Destination NSW
8. Greater Sydney Parklands
9. GWS Giants
10. Indigenous Centre of Excellence, Western Sydney University (WSU)
11. Investment NSW
12. KWC Capital Partners
13. Museums of History NSW
14. National Rugby League (NRL)
15. Parramatta Chamber of Commerce
16. Parramatta Eels – NRL
17. Parramatta Eels – NRL Womens
18. Parramatta Powerhouse (MAAS)
19. Planning Institute of Australia
20. Property Council of Australia
21. Resilient Sydney
22. Royal Agricultural Society of NSW
23. School Infrastructure NSW
24. Swinburne University
25. Sydney Olympic Park Authority
26. Sydney Olympic Park Business Association
27. Transport for NSW
28. University of NSW
29. University of Sydney
30. Urban Taskforce Australia
31. Western Student Representative Council
32. Western Sydney Leadership Dialogue
33. Western Sydney Local Health District
34. Western Sydney Startup Hub
35. Western Sydney University (WSU)
36. Western Sydney Wanderers – A-League
37. Westmead Hospital
38. Whitlam Institute at WSU

2.1.13.2 Summary of key themes from external focus groups

Across all 12 external focus groups, the following key themes were identified:

- The tagline 'Start your story' received mixed responses among the external stakeholders, with some questioning whether this tagline would be relevant to people who have already started their story in Parramatta. Some stakeholders preferred the tagline 'Where the world meets' and the incorporation of 'AT' Parramatta branding was well received.
- General support for the draft vision and its sentiment. Some stakeholders felt that the vision statement could more clearly articulate what Parramatta has to offer and could be strengthened by calling out Parramatta's unique assets e.g. the river and its proximity to the new Western Sydney airport.
- Stakeholders generally supported all three strategic directions, with 'Gather' being the overall favourite.
- Overall support for the spatial vision and its 'districts', with diverse ideas shared on how to elevate and clarify wording under each district. For example, some stakeholders asked for stronger callouts to the river, heritage, innovation and education. Some stakeholders wanted to see how other suburbs in the LGA would benefit from the spatial vision and 'districts'.
- There was overall support for the six Game Changers across all twelve focus groups.
- In response to the Game Changer: 'A world leader in First Nations partnerships' there was strong support, especially given the history of Parramatta. Stakeholders felt that consultation with Traditional Owners will help to make this Game Changer bolder. Stakeholders also recognised the importance of Council bringing other stakeholders along on this journey.
- Stakeholders supported the Game Changer 'Western Sydney's jobs engine' and provided diverse suggestions of preferred target industries. Some also provided recommendations regarding providing incentives for business, professionals, tourists and investment in Parramatta. For example, stakeholders emphasised the importance of wrap-around services to support this Game Changer, such as transport, childcare and convention centres.
- The Game Changer 'The epicentre of culture & creativity' was widely supported. The tertiary education sector saw major opportunities for Parramatta to become a creative hub for students and creative professionals. Stakeholders provided diverse suggestions on how to strengthen this Game Changer, with ideas including more local festivals, using the term creative industries to align with federal and state

policy, highlighting creative uses in heritage precincts and the importance of supporting the local community to engage in creativity. Partnerships and investment were also recognised as important to elevating creative industries and the night-time economy.

- There was overall support for the Game Changer 'The home of festivals, sports and entertainment', with many seeing this a major attractor for local, state and global visitors and students. Stakeholders also saw an opportunity to build high-class multi-purpose facilities and convention centres in the LGA and a need for more visitor accommodation infrastructure. Some also suggested more clearly demonstrating the link between grass-roots and elite sports in creating community benefit. Some stakeholders questioned the feasibility of asking sporting teams to include Parramatta in their names.
- 'Asia Pacific centre for best-in-class education' received strong support amongst stakeholders. Stakeholders emphasised the importance of providing affordable student and post-graduate accommodation and opportunities for students experiencing disadvantage. Stakeholders supported the alignment of educational institutions with industry and also wanted to see TAFE more strongly reflected in the document. Some stakeholders suggested certain academic fields that could be of interest, e.g. agricultural science, green job skills development, sport science.
- The Game Changer 'An unrivalled river city' received strong support, with stakeholders emphasising the importance of outdoor spaces as densification increased and the importance of blue and green spaces in making a place liveable. Stakeholders also provided suggestions to elevate the Game Changer by better leveraging Parramatta's broader landscape and geographical features and highlighting the river as a key identifier and connector of the LGA by investing in infrastructure around it. Stakeholders would also like to see stronger emphasis on Connecting to Country and First Nations communities.
- Stakeholders were supportive of the 'future opportunities' presented for Silverwater and Camellia. The Camellia/Rosehill vision was seen as a major opportunity with emphasis on the importance of regeneration and some concerns raised regarding the complexity of development in the area and multiple stakeholders involved. Silverwater was well received by stakeholders with a general sentiment that Silverwater needs to be well connected by transport and that there is potential to expand significance in diverse industries, e.g. film, manufacturing, etc.
- The enabler 'Connections to the world' was well supported by stakeholders, with comments made regarding its importance to becoming a global city and need to add additional connections to the graph. Suggestions included additional transport links such as ferries. Some stakeholders questioned the feasibility of the proposed fast rail and the likelihood of the Carlingford to Epping connection. Stakeholders acknowledged the importance of upcoming light-rail connections to both airports and understood that this would deliver great community benefit.
- The enablers 'Nation-leading governance', 'Western Sydney Cabinet of Mayors' and 'Parramatta International' were all well received by stakeholders. There was strong support for ''Parramatta International' for its ability to champion Parramatta, reduce red tape and to establish strong networks. Some felt that the enablers are too 'infrastructure and governance heavy' and suggested the addition of people and diversity. Another suggestion was to include 'Corporate Social Responsibility' as an enabler. Some felt there is a lack of clarity around how 'Western Sydney Cabinet of Mayors' will fit into the current governance network.
- External stakeholders also provided a range of ideas for other opportunities that could be considered for draft *Parramatta 2050*. These were as follows:
    - Stronger focus on liveability and housing in draft *Parramatta 2050*, was advised by stakeholders across a few focus groups.
    - Including corporate social responsibility and "giving back" to local communities was advised by the sports groups. This could provide a mechanism to connect large businesses with the local community and help address shortfalls in recreational programs, facilities, and green spaces.
    - Elevating net zero, climate change resilience, SDGs and Parramatta's biodiversity, including its parks and ecosystems was raised by some stakeholders.
    - Some stakeholders suggested elevating heritage within draft *Parramatta 2050*.

- Some stakeholders strongly supportive of integrating innovation jobs throughout the global Parramatta area, from green jobs in Camellia to sports tech in Sydney Olympic Park.
- Some stakeholders suggested highlighting the people, geography, and place as enablers instead of governance.
- Stronger focus on how draft *Parramatta 2050* would benefit the whole LGA, especially outside the Metro corridor, was seen as an opportunity by many stakeholders.
- Elevating the health and wellbeing piece to facilitate shaping healthy communities and driving social cohesion, was suggested.
- Exploring Sydney Olympic Park potential beyond sports and events, including becoming a centre for agricultural and food excellence was suggested by a stakeholder. Drawing on Parramatta's past of serving as a food bowl to Sydney was one example of how to achieve this.
- Engaging with young people was recommended, as they will be the ones delivering on this vision.
- Considering the layers required to support the jobs and future industries, for example childcare, workforce development to cope with new industries.
- Investigating what industry capacities currently exist and leverage these opportunities, especially hospitality and recreation offers as the airport comes online.

2.1.13.3 Summary of key themes from external stakeholder webinars

The webinar sessions were for information sharing purposes and were not interactive. However, there was a Q&A function for attendees to ask questions. Questions and comments raised in the webinar sessions related to how heritage will be addressed, the status of the proposed Rosehill and Silverwater Metro Stations, and the proposed key moves under Nation Leading Governance.

3.3. Internal engagement

3.3.1. First Nations Advisory Committee

3.3.1.1. About the First Nations Advisory Committee

The First Nations Advisory Committee (the Committee) meeting was held at PHIVE on 18 June 2024. The Committee consists of seven and was attended by one Councillor. The Committee received an updated presentation on draft *Parramatta 2050* from Council staff. The Committee was invited to provide feedback on draft *Parramatta 2050*, and submissions were encouraged by Council staff.

This marks the third First Nations Advisory Committee meeting that Council staff have attended for draft *Parramatta 2050*. The first two meetings were held pre-public exhibition (December 2023 and April 2024).

2.1.13.4 Summary of key themes from the First Nations Advisory Committee

- Suggested that the draft *Parramatta 2050* tagline should be framed around the continuation of a story, as opposed to starting one.
- Raised concerns around the impacts of increased growth and transformation between now and 2050, especially in relation to increased pressure on the Parramatta River and local environment.
- Emphasised the importance of caring for people on Country, noting that a global city needs to be one that cares for people and does not push people out. Concern was raised around the impact on affordability and risk of Traditional Owners and other First Nations residents being displaced.

- Highlighted the need to build healthy and ongoing relationships with other organisations within City of Parramatta.
- Feedback emphasised the importance of language and expressed preference for the strategic directions 'Gather', 'Create' and 'Collaborate.' The Committee did not support the strategic direction 'Accelerate', highlighting its incompatibility with First Nations way of being.
- The Committee provided feedback that 'stories' and 'gathering' are First Nations terms, and questioned how First Nations people fit into this vision and where the gathering places for First Nations People are in Parramatta. Further, the Committee questioned in the use of imagery such as bodies of water (the river) and references to stories.
- Raised concerns that Council is not currently a leader in the First Nations Partnerships space. Recommended including clarification that draft *Parramatta 2050* is an aspirational vision and that Council has other strategic plans in place, such as the First Nations Strategy, to help work towards this vision.
- The Committee provided feedback that the Game Changer 'Western Sydney's jobs engine' in its current form appears too high level and has missed the opportunity to address equity. Suggestions included access pathways for First Nations People and adding a commitment to TAFE and trades that will be needed to service a growing community

Due to limited time, the Committee were not able to provide comment on the remaining Game Changers. The Committee members were invited to review draft *Parramatta 2050* and to contact Council staff should they wish to engage in further discussion.

2.1.14 Heritage Advisory Committee

3.3.1.1. About the Heritage Advisory Committee

The Heritage Advisory Committee (the Committee) meeting was held at PHIVE on 13 June 2024. The Committee consists of six members, including one Councillor, who received a presentation on draft *Parramatta 2050* from Council staff. The Committee was invited to provide feedback on draft *Parramatta 2050*, and submissions were encouraged by Council staff.

2.1.14.1 Summary of key themes from the Heritage Advisory Committee

The Committee was invited to provide any individual feedback but was reminded that without a quorum a formal position from the Committee on draft *Parramatta 2050* could not be resolved. Committee Members provided the following feedback:

- Suggested to further express in draft *Parramatta 2050* what matters about the place (Parramatta), including its people and embodied histories, and to draw more on culture as what creates a destination.
- Suggested to refer to Council's former cultural strategy, as a quality example for capturing Parramatta's unique cultural value.
- Suggested to incorporate opportunity for truth telling, particularly in regard to understanding the impact of decision making at Parliament House.
- Raised concern with the limited specific funding initiatives regarding heritage and recommended to more-clearly emphasise heritage and cultural arts as part of the vision for Parramatta's identity.
- Suggested to further emphasise Parramatta's existing unique attributes (including cultural and natural attributes), which can be built upon through a destination strategy, and to more-clearly communicate the required conduits between what exists and the aspired vision.
- Raised concerns that the draft *Parramatta 2050* may not represent the community's perspectives on Parramatta.
- Praised innovation within draft *Parramatta 2050* as the first major strategy to consider how the distinctive districts of the amalgamated LGA could contribute to a holistic area framework.

- Suggested to refer to the Singapore model as an example of a successful global city, which includes an emphasis on conserving heritage while growing the economy and innovating.

2.1.15 Staff survey

3.3.1.1. About the staff survey

Council fielded a survey to engage staff and request feedback on draft *Parramatta 2050*, between 17-28 June 2024. The questionnaire contained a mix of 15 closed and open questions that were scripted and hosted on Council's online survey platform. An invitation for all staff to participate in this survey was sent via an all-staff email from the CEO, containing a generic link to the survey, with reminders sent via internal communications (Friday Five EDM).

Email invites were supplemented with a pop-up/ promotional event hosted at the ROC and provision of a QR code to encourage participation from outdoor staff.

In total, Council received n=141 completed responses, with a good mix of responses received across Directorates.

2.1.15.1 Summary of key themes from the staff survey

Council staff collated and analysed feedback from the survey and the key responses and themes identified are summarised and reported below:

Awareness and sentiment

- The majority of staff (86%) who participated in the survey are both aware of draft *Parramatta 2050*, and fully support its importance (99%).
- The significant majority of staff (92%) are confident that draft *Parramatta 2050* will indeed lead to positive outcomes for our City.
- Most staff (77%) agree that the work they do at Council can contribute to delivery of draft *Parramatta 2050*, expressing the rationale that 'we all have a role to play' in 'bringing the vision to life'.

Agreement and prioritisation

- Most staff (73%) agreed and are in favour of the proposed strategic directions of 'gather', 'create', and 'accelerate'.
- Staff agree, to varying degrees, that each of the five draft districts presented will help to deliver the vision. Support was strongest in response to the Health & Innovation District (86% agree).
- The Game Changers ranked definitively by staff as most important in helping to position Parramatta as a global city emerged as 'Western Sydney jobs engine', followed by 'Connections to the world'.
- The Game Changers perceived as resonating and aligning most closely with their work, corresponded largely with those prioritised above except that 'An unrivalled river city' moves up higher in terms of relevance.

Additions & suggestions

- Suggestions for additional Game Changers revolve around broad themes regarding functional or infrastructure improvements to boost visitation, tourism and liveability as well as showcasing our unique strengths and features such as heritage, diversity and innovation.

4. Public exhibition submissions

Council received four streams of submissions in response to the exhibition of draft Parramatta 2050 as follows:

- Survey submissions from the community
- Survey submissions from attendees at Community Ward Workshops
- Submissions from community
- Submissions from external stakeholders

4.1. Community survey submissions

2.1.16 About the community survey submissions

Hosted on Participate Parramatta, Council's online community engagement platform, from Monday 20 May 2024 until 5pm on Friday 19 July 2024 (60 days), this report provides an outline of the key findings from the draft *Parramatta 2050* community survey.

Visitors to the project page could download a copy of Draft Parramatta 2050 as well as community summary versions provided in English, Arabic, Simplified Chinese, Korean and Hindi. The page also hosted answers to several frequently asked questions and provided a high-level project timeline.

In addition to the online survey, details were provided about alternative submissions options including email, post, and verbal submissions.

The survey responses include eight (8) from external organisations, three (3) of whom also provided formal submissions which have been analysed in section 4.4 'External Stakeholder written submissions' of this report. The surveys from external organisations have been included in the analysis of community survey submissions in this section, due to the small number.

The opportunity to learn more about draft *Parramatta 2050* and complete the online survey was promoted via several channels, including:

- Social media – paid and organic (in English and translated into Arabic, Simplified Chinese, Korean and Hindi for CALD audiences)
- Google advertisements
- Council EDM's (including Participate Parramatta, Your City News, Your Business News, Riverside Theatres, and Community Connective)
- Council's corporate website (dedicated project page and banner item on the homepage)
- Digital displays at Council facilities including PHIVE, Wentworth Point and other branch libraries as well as digital kiosks in Parramatta Square
- Paid newspaper advertisements (in English and translated into Arabic, Simplified Chinese, Korean and Hindi for CALD audiences)
- At over 15 pop-ups and community events held throughout the LGA, including at local parks, shopping centres, and community hubs

Table 4: Overall numerical results from Participate Parramatta

DOCUMENTS	UNIQUE DOWNLOADS
Draft *Parramatta 2050*	639
Community Summary - English version	329
Community Summary - Arabic version	40
Community Summary - Chinese Simplified version	54
Community Summary - Hindi version	36
Community Summary - Korean version	44
OVERALL	**1,142**

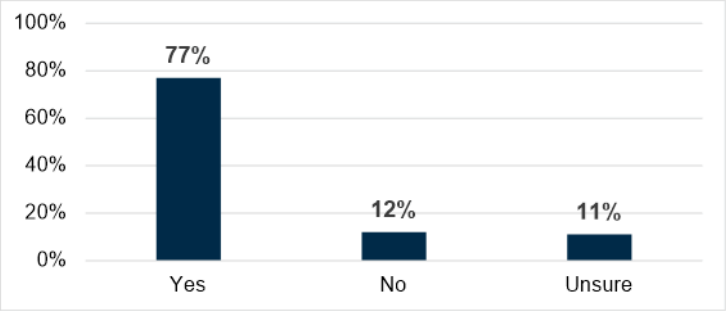
The promotional efforts during the public exhibition period resulted in the draft *Parramatta 2050* project page attracting 20,889 page views from 7,891 unique visitors. This translated into **89 responses of the community survey** and **1,142 unique downloads of documents** from the project page.

In comparison to public exhibitions on other strategic documents in the past (which historically have not attracted much community interest), the engagement results achieved for draft *Parramatta 2050* were particularly strong. This is demonstrated by the very high number of page views (the most for any single engagement at the City of Parramatta) and the significant number of unique document downloads.

2.1.17 Key findings by question

There were 89 responses to the community survey hosted on Participate Parramatta between Monday 20 May 2024 and 5pm on Friday 19 July 2024. This section provides an overview of the results achieved. Please note that while 89 responses were recorded overall, as some individuals skipped particular questions (and did not return to them), the tally of responses to each question may vary slightly.

Q1). Do you support the delivery of draft *Parramatta 2050*, City of Parramatta's long term strategic vision to secure our place as Western Sydney's only global city?
N = 89



Q1a). If 'yes', why? (N = 68)
Top three reasons community members selected 'yes':

- The proposed improvements in connectivity and infrastructure
- Parramatta will thrive if there is strong economic growth and development
- Parramatta is already a significant centre – this strategic vision will help to ensure that it reaches its full potential as a global city

Q1b). If 'no', why? (N = 11)

Top three reasons community members selected 'no':

- Opposition to further development and increased density
- There needs to be greater emphasis on climate, liveability, and culture
- Other areas of the Parramatta LGA should be included

Q1c). If 'unsure', why? (N = 10)

Top three reasons community members selected 'unsure':

- Unaware what the strategic vision means or will lead to
- There needs to be greater emphasis on climate, community, and/or culture
- Too future focused with not enough detail on how to assist with resident's current needs

Q2). What does *Parramatta 2050's* draft tagline 'start your story at Parramatta' mean to you?

(N = 68) – *Responses have been coded and themed as per below. This was not a mandatory question with N = 21 participants choosing to skip.*

Supportive / positive sentiment (N = 40):

- The tagline is inviting and welcoming – it encapsulates the potential opportunities that are available in Parramatta
- It is positive and relatable – anything is possible in Parramatta
- It encourages individuals, families, and businesses to begin new lives and ventures in Parramatta

Lacking clarity / negative sentiment (N = 22):

- The tagline is not clear and/or does not resonate – it appears to be a marketing line with no real substance
- Parramatta has a rich and extensive history (both Dharug and colonial) – by using the word 'start', this may inadvertently devalue what has happened previously
- It excludes other suburbs within the Parramatta LGA and could make them appear to be less important

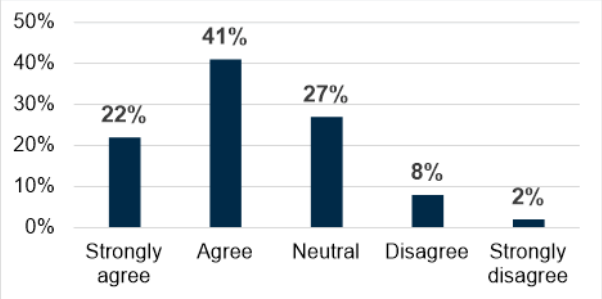
Alternative suggestions / neutral sentiment (N = 6):

- Alternative suggestions or statements on other matters provided

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Q3). To what extent do you agree that the draft strategic directions, 'gather', 'create', and 'accelerate', will help to deliver the vision of draft *Parramatta 2050*?

N = 88



63% of respondents either 'strongly agree' or 'agree' that the draft strategic directions, 'gather', 'create', and 'accelerate', will help to deliver the vision of draft *Parramatta 2050*.

Q3a). Why did you select 'strongly agree'? (N = 19)

Top reasons community members selected 'strongly agree' – the strategic directions are clear, positive, catchy, welcoming, and capture the key principles of the vision.

Q3b). Why did you select 'agree'? (N = 36)

Top reasons community members selected 'agree' – the strategic directions are clear, engaging, reasonable, and give purpose to the vision.

Q3c). Why did you select 'neutral'? (N = 24)

Top reasons community members selected 'neutral' – the strategic directions will require significant political support/investment to be achieved, they are vague, and it is not clear what they mean.

Q3d). Why did you select 'disagree'? (N = 7)

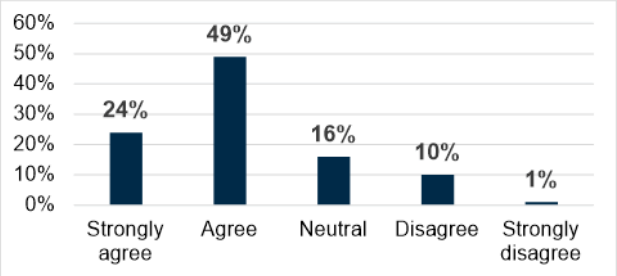
Top reasons community members selected 'disagree' – the strategic directions are just words and may do nothing to contribute to the realisation of the vision.

Q3e). Why did you select 'strongly disagree'? (N = 2)

Top reasons community members selected 'strongly disagree' – the strategic directions are just words and they do not promote climate or community.

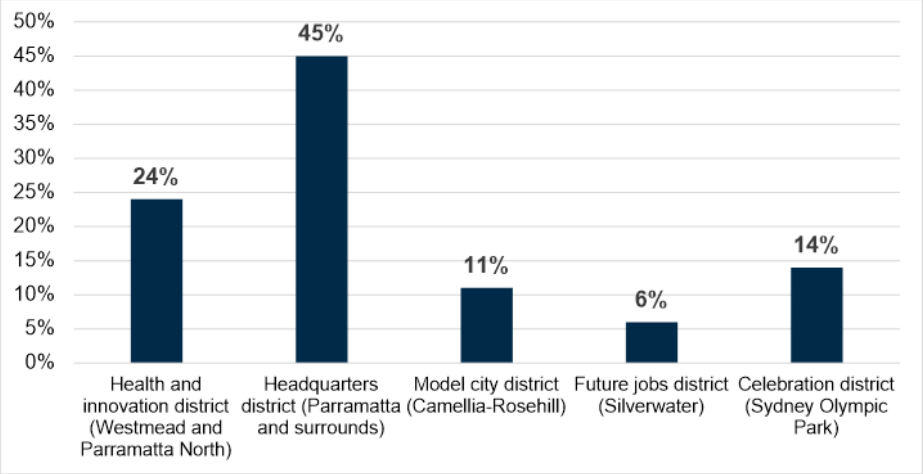
Q4). To what extent do you agree that focusing on the five identified draft districts will help to deliver the vision of draft *Parramatta 2050*?

N = 88



73% of respondents either 'strongly agree' or 'agree' that focusing on the five identified draft districts will help to deliver the vision of draft *Parramatta 2050*.

Q5). Which of the five districts proposed within draft *Parramatta 2050* resonates most with you?
N = 87



Q5a). Why does the 'health and innovation' district most resonate with you? (N = 21)

Common reasons mentioned include: 'I work here', 'this is an appropriate location', and 'good healthcare and facilities are important'.

Q5b). Why does the 'headquarters' district most resonate with you? (N = 39)

Common reasons mentioned include: 'I live here', 'I spend a lot of time here', 'I want to see it better activated, particularly at night', 'it is well connected', 'it is the geographic heart of greater Sydney', and 'has the most assets of all the proposed districts'.

Q5c). Why does the 'model city' district most resonate with you? (N = 10)

Common reasons mentioned include: 'There is enormous potential', 'sustainability factors', 'leading be example', and 'the area is ready for renewal'.

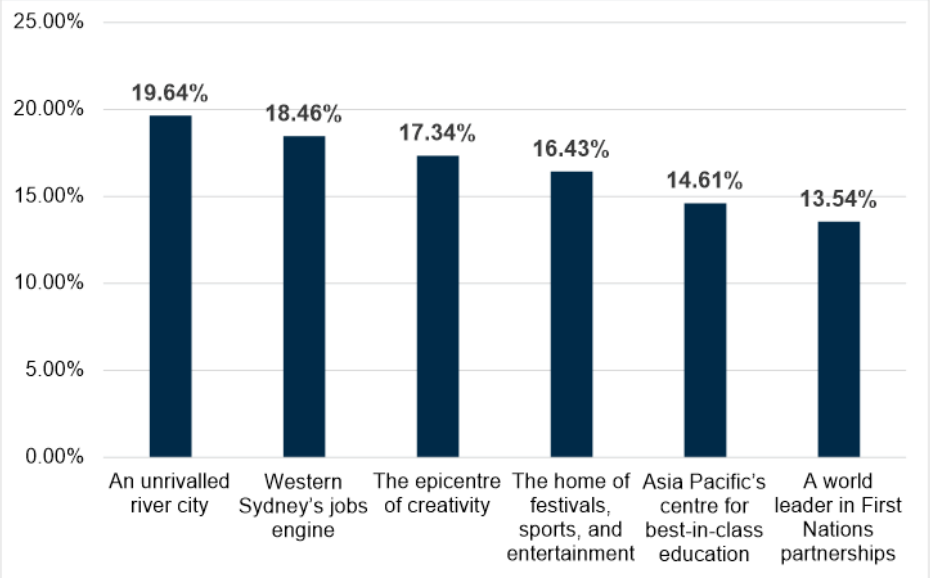
Q5d). Why does the 'future jobs' district most resonate with you? (N = 5)

Common reasons mentioned include: 'The need for improved connectivity', 'delivery of much needed infrastructure', and 'increased chances of finding employment'.

Q5e). Why does the 'celebration' district most resonate with you? (N = 12)

Common reasons mentioned include: 'I live here', 'this area is the most likely to attract international visitors', 'celebration spaces are needed', and 'great sporting and concert venues are critical to any global city'.

Q6). Please rank the proposed draft *Parramatta 2050* game changers in order of importance to you, with your first/top choice being the most important.
(N = 89)



Q7). Are there any other game changers that you believe should be included in draft *Parramatta 2050* that will have an impact at a State, National or International level?

(N = 88 - *Yes 47 / No 41)*

Q7a). If yes, please explain what additional 'game changers' you would like to see in draft *Parramatta 2050* and the level of impact they would have.

(N = 47)

The top three themes to emerge from alternative 'game changer' ideas were:

- **Improvements to connectivity and transportation:** There needs to be greater emphasis on advocacy for the additional metro stations at Silverwater and Rosehill, better regional connections to satellite cities, increased promotion of active transport options, and more limiting of vehicle use in the Parramatta CBD.
- **Promoting sustainability and liveability is critical:** Consider the inclusion of elements such as environmentally friendly development, the designing of human-oriented spaces, and preservation and promotion of the natural environment.
- **Cultural and social development is key:** There needs to be significantly more consideration of cultural diversity, greater recognition of the need for affordable housing, and the protection and celebration of both built and cultural heritage.

Q8). Do you have any other comments in relation to draft *Parramatta 2050*?
(N = 58) – *Responses have been coded and themed as per below. This is not a mandatory question with N = 31 choosing to skip.*

- Increased commuting options and better-connected public transport are critical, as is the need for more active transport options like cycling and walking (N = 15).
- Maintaining a strong sense of community as well as celebrating and embracing cultural diversity will help to highlight Parramatta's unique identity, which in turn will attract more businesses and tourists while fostering vibrancy and inclusivity (N = 9).

- Sustainable and affordable housing near transport hubs is a priority – Council should consider how it can balance the protection of heritage and open space alongside the delivery of innovative and diverse housing solutions (N = 9).
- Look to add other regions, possibly a sixth district (namely 'Epping') into the plan and seek to develop better public transport connections within the LGA (N = 5).
- Uncategorised / miscellaneous responses (N = 20).

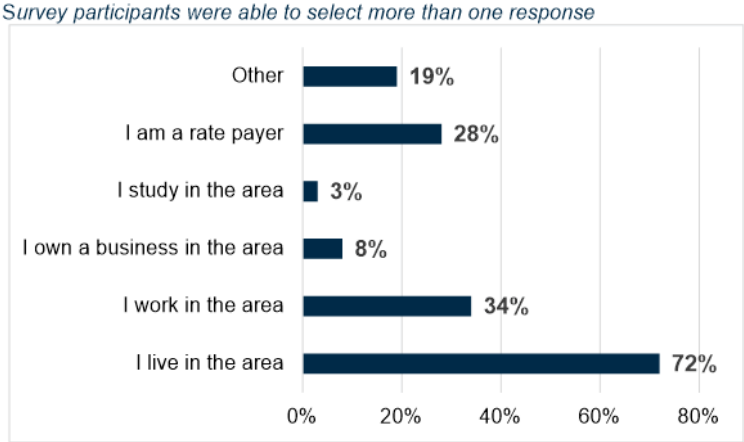
Q9). If you would like to upload a submission in relation to draft *Parramatta 2050*, please do so here.

Six community members and three external organisations provided a submission as well as their Participate Parramatta survey response. These responses are captured below in sections 4.3 and 4.4.

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Q10). What is your relationship to the City of Parramatta?

(N = 88) – *Survey participants were able to select more than one response*



Q11). Suburb?

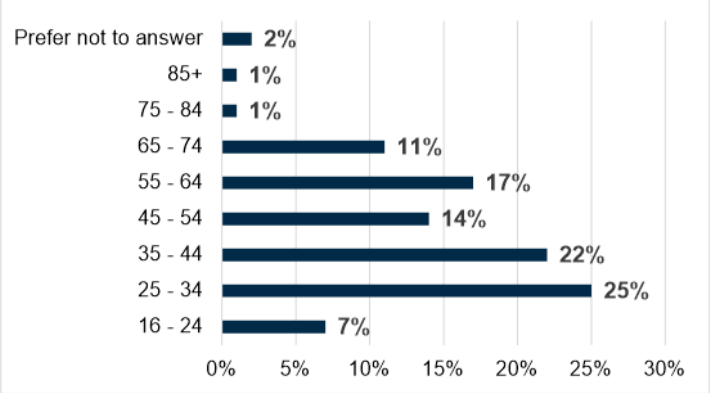
(N = 87)

Auburn	1	Old Toongabbie	1
Beecroft	2	Other	10
Carlingford	7	Parramatta	17
Constitution Hill	2	Pendle Hill	1
Dundas	1	Rosehill	1
Eastwood	2	Rydalmere	1
Epping	5	Sydney Olympic Park	3
Ermington	4	Telopea	1
Granville	2	Toongabbie	2
North Parramatta	12	Wentworth Point	3

Northmead	2	Wentworthville	2
Oatlands	1	Westmead	4

As indicated in the table above, a good distribution of responses was achieved from right across the Parramatta LGA.

Q12). Age?
(N = 87)



As indicated in the chart above, a good distribution of survey responses was achieved across age groups.

4.2. Community ward workshop survey submissions

4.2.1. About the community ward workshop survey submissions

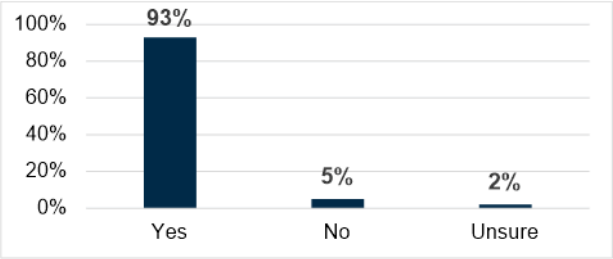
The group of community members attending the community ward webinar circle back were invited to complete a community survey. This group were invited to engage on the topic of Parramatta 2050 in three different formats, the survey being the third and last format.

This report provides high level insights into the findings from the community ward workshop survey completed by the group.

2.1.18 Key findings

Q1). Do you support the delivery of draft *Parramatta 2050*, City of Parramatta's long term strategic vision to secure our place as Western Sydney's only global city?

N = 42



Q1a). If 'yes', why?

N = 39

Top three reasons participants selected 'yes':

- The proposed improvements in connectivity and infrastructure.
- More opportunities for Western Sydney, in particular jobs for residents and those living west of Parramatta.
- Strongly value Council planning for the future of Parramatta.

Q1b). If 'no', why?

N = 2

Reasons participants selected 'no':

- The plan does not prioritise families or family life for constituents/rate payers.
- Planning for a global city should have taken place during the formation of the city – it is likely too late now.

Q1c). If 'unsure', why?

N = 1

Reason participants selected 'unsure':

- The current cost of living crisis should mean that governments prioritise saving funds, not spending them.

Q2). What does *Parramatta 2050's* draft tagline 'start your story at Parramatta' mean to you?

N = 38 – Responses have been coded and themed as per below. This is not a mandatory question therefore N = 4 participants chose to skip.

Supportive / positive sentiment (N = 33):

- The tagline is inviting and welcoming – it is very inclusive of migrant communities (both current and future).
- It is positive and relatable – there will be more opportunities in Parramatta.
- It encourages individuals, families, and businesses to begin new lives and ventures in Parramatta.

Lacking clarity / negative sentiment (N = 3):

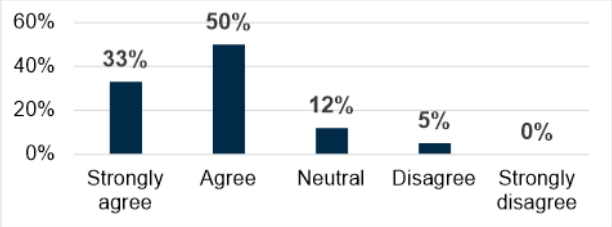
- The tagline is not realistic nor reflective of current economic conditions.
- It suggests additional congestion.

Alternative suggestions / neutral sentiment (N = 2):

- It is not particularly unique and feels somewhat generic.

Q3). To what extent do you agree that the draft strategic directions, 'gather', 'create', and 'accelerate', will help to deliver the vision of draft *Parramatta 2050*?

N = 42



83% of respondents either 'strongly agree' or 'agree' that the draft strategic directions, 'gather', 'create', and 'accelerate', will help to deliver the vision of draft *Parramatta 2050*.

Q3a). Why did you select 'strongly agree'?

N = 14

Top reasons participants selected 'strongly agree' – the strategic directions are positive, future focused, and capture the key principles of the vision.

Q3b). Why did you select 'agree'?

N = 21

Top reasons participants selected 'agree' – the strategic directions are achievable, on-brand, and align with the growth focus.

Q3c). Why did you select 'neutral'?

N = 5

Top reasons participants selected 'neutral' – the strategic directions are vague, and don't necessarily mean that actions will be achieved.

Q3d). Why did you select 'disagree'?

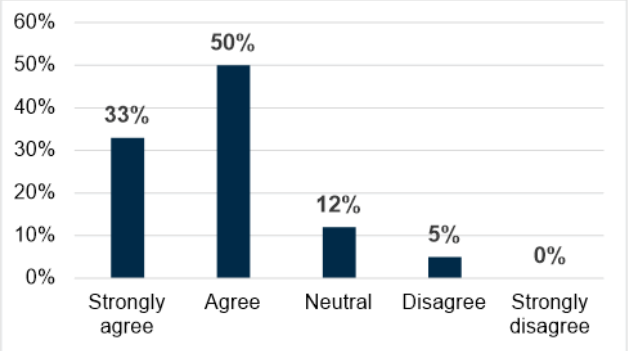
N = 2

Top reasons participants selected 'disagree' – the strategic directions do not prioritise the current needs of residents.

Q3e). Why did you select 'strongly disagree'?

N = 0

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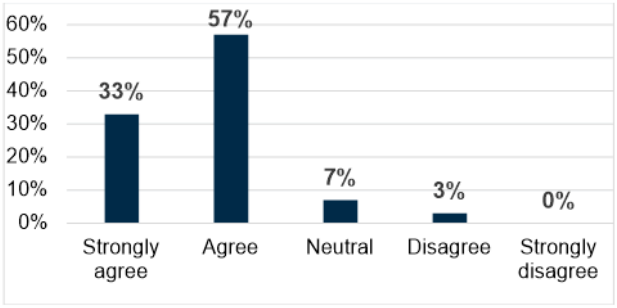
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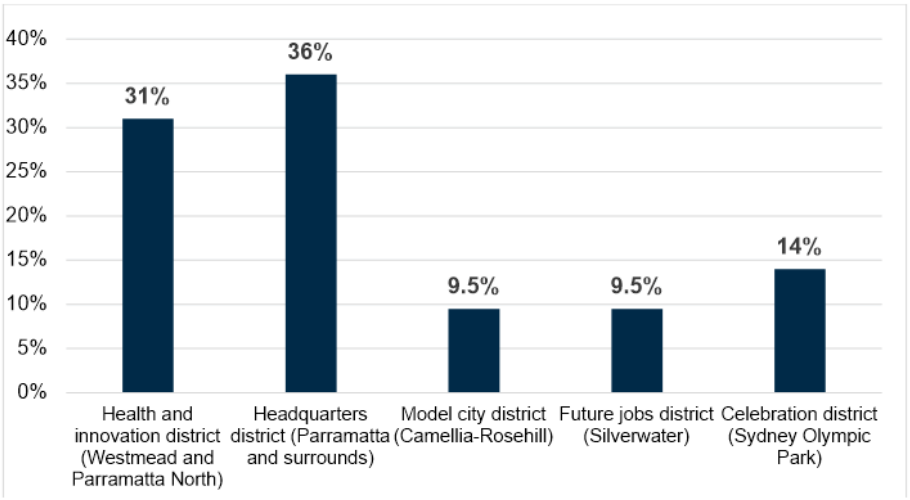
N = 42



90% of respondents either 'strongly agree' or 'agree' that focusing on the five identified draft districts will help to deliver the vision of Draft *Parramatta 2050*.

Q5). Which of the five districts proposed within draft *Parramatta 2050* resonates most with you?

N = 42



Q5a). Why does the 'health and innovation' district most resonate with you?

N = 13

Common reasons mentioned include: 'I live and / or work here' and 'good healthcare and facilities are important'.

Q5b). Why does the 'headquarters' district most resonate with you?

N = 15

Common reasons mentioned include: 'I live / spend a lot of time here', 'I want to see it better activated', and 'it is the hub of Parramatta and Western Sydney'.

Q5c). Why does the 'model city' district most resonate with you?

N = 4

Common reasons mentioned include: 'There is enormous potential' and 'I live here'.

Q5d). Why does the 'future jobs' district most resonate with you?

N = 4

Common reasons mentioned include: 'More jobs are needed in Parramatta' and 'ensures jobs are here into the future'.

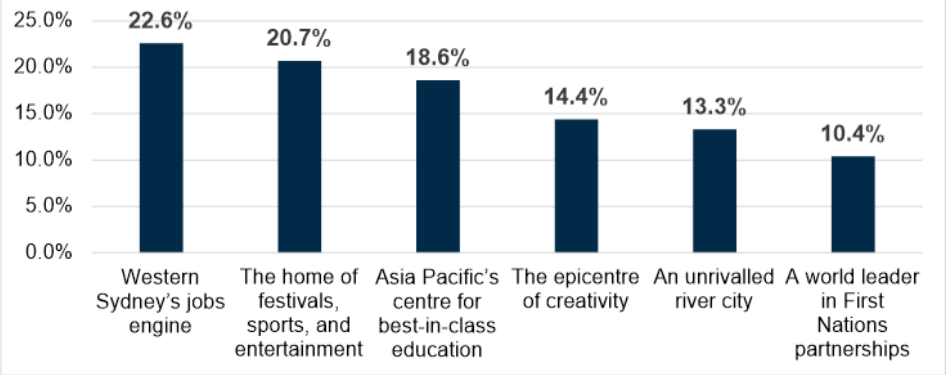
Q5e). Why does the 'celebration' district most resonate with you?

N = 6

Common reasons mentioned include: 'Adds to vibrancy' and 'provides spaces for people to get out and about'.

Q6). Please rank the proposed draft *Parramatta 2050* Game Changers in order of importance to you, with your first/top choice being the most important.

N = 42



Q7). Are there any other Game Changers that you believe should be included in draft *Parramatta 2050* that will have an impact at a state, national or international level?

N = 42 (Yes = 14 / No = 28)

Q7a). If yes, please explain what additional 'Game Changers' you would like to see in draft *Parramatta 2050* and the level of impact they would have.

N = 14

The top three themes to emerge from alternative 'Game Changer' ideas were:

- **Improvements to connectivity and transportation:** there needs to be greater connections to the northwest, more parking options, and improved infrastructure around train stations.
- **Environmental protection and sustainable development:** there needs to be greater focus on environmentally friendly development, and preservation of lands and waterways.
- **More activations and events:** celebrate both First Nations and multicultural communities side-by-side, and more frequently activate spaces like the Parramatta River foreshore and Cumberland Hospital precinct.

Q8). Do you have any other comments in relation to draft *Parramatta 2050*?

N = 42 (Yes = 21 / No = 21) – Responses have been coded and themed as per below:

- This a great initiative and we cannot wait to see it implemented (N = 10).
- The environment needs to be prioritised (N = 2).
- Look to include other areas in the plan (N = 2).
- Transport connections and objectives are important (N = 2)
- This vision is not needed in the current economic climate and Council should prioritise the needs of current residents (N = 2).
- Uncategorised / miscellaneous responses (N = 3).

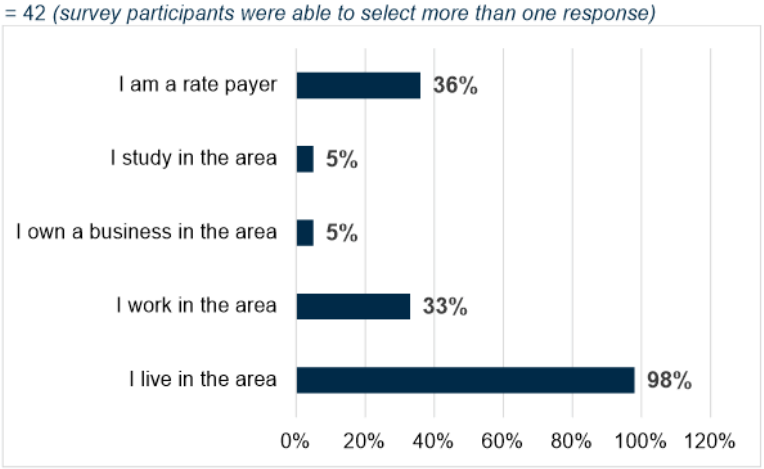
Q9). If you would like to upload a submission in relation to draft *Parramatta 2050*, please do so here.

No submissions were received.

2.1.19 Demographic details

Q10). What is your relationship to the City of Parramatta?

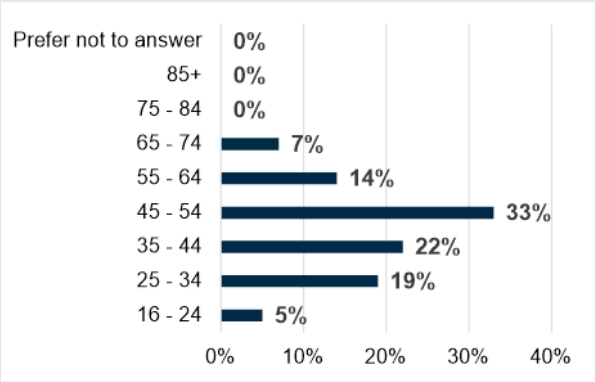
N = 42 *(survey participants were able to select more than one response)*



Q11). Suburb?
N = 42

Beecroft	1
Carlingford	4
Constitution Hill	1
Epping	6
Ermington	1
Granville	1
Harris Park	2
North Parramatta	4
Northmead	3
Oatlands	2
Parramatta	6
Rosehill	4
Rydalmere	1
Wentworthville	1
Westmead	2
Winston Hills	3

Q12). Age?
N = 42



4.3 Community written submissions

4.3.1 About written community submissions

Council received 16 written submissions from the community. Participants are from the following suburbs:

- 2x Participants from Carlingford
- 1x Participant from Constitution Hill
- 1x Participant from Greystanes
- 1x Participant from Guildford
- 1x Participant from North Parramatta
- 1x Participant from Parramatta
- 1x Participant from Telopea
- 2x Participant from Toongabbie
- 2x Participant from Wentworth Point
- 4x Participants with no suburb identified.

There was an opportunity as part of the Community Survey to attach a written submission in addition to completing the survey. Please note that six participants submitted both a submission and a survey. The survey component of their response is captured in section 4.1. and the submission component captured in this section (sections 4.3.2 and 4.3.3) and detailed in Attachment 4.

4.3.2 Summary of key themes from written community submissions

All community submissions were analysed, and key themes identified were as follows:

- Most respondents were supportive of the overall plan for draft *Parramatta 2050*
- **Culture, events, and festivals** – a need a diverse infrastructure across Global Parramatta to support varied interests and encourage diversity in events.
- **Environment** – protect and enhance our green and o1111pen spaces for use by the community, re-naturalise the creeks and the river, a need for a commitment to green infrastructure, stronger action to prevent the impacts of climate change.
- **Transport** – overall support from the community for transport initiatives, particularly connections from the north of the LGA into CBD areas, additional recommendations for new transport links including active transport networks.
- **Affordable housing** – importance of availability and accessibility of affordable housing which is appropriate for diverse resident needs including family sized units.
- **Amenity** – the importance of pedestrian friendly cities and the need to create new, interesting places between our business/ university precincts.
- **Heritage and history** - the preservation and beautification of heritage areas for the community to enjoy.

4.3.3 Key findings

Vision, directions and districts

Community submission responses were overall supportive of the plan for draft *Parramatta 2050*. However, two participants did note that they didn't believe the plan was feasible due to limited discussion about climate change mitigation.

No participants commented on the vision and only one participant commented on the tagline noting their strong support for 'start your story'.

Most community submissions did not comment on the strategic directions or Districts, but those who did were supportive overall. One participant who did was supportive of the strategic directions and resonated particularly with the 'Future Jobs District' of Silverwater. Another participant also noted support for the innovation capacity shown in Silverwater and requested that be considered in all Districts. The participant also suggested the inclusion of Melrose Park into the 'Model District' and made a case for Rydalmere as an additional District with an innovation hub focus. This participant also commented on the visual imagery of the five Districts representing a 'string of pearls'. Finally, one participant noted that Council should leverage Sydney Olympic Park's brand and include a stronger focus on sustainable development, recommending that the district be renamed in the document to the 'Celebration and Sustainability Showcase District'.

Draft Game Changer: A world leader in First Nations partnerships

Most participants did not comment on this Game Changer. The one participant who did comment commended Council on the strong commitment to work with the Aboriginal community to recognise, protect and share their rich history in Parramatta.

Draft Game Changer: Western Sydney's jobs engine

Responses to this Game Changer were varied but generally supportive. One participant supported the target for 150,000 new jobs and was also supportive of graduate housing. However, the participant also noted that it is important to also preserve affordable housing stock for low-income key workers such as childcare staff, retail assistants and cleaners, and that affordable housing is not acknowledged in draft *Parramatta 2050*. Another participant was particularly supportive of the Silverwater District because of it's potential to provide ample employment opportunities and the creation of a dynamic jobs hub which will benefit future generations. Silverwater's innovation capacity was commented on by another participant who recommended turning Global Parramatta into an 'innovation centre' by supporting low-rent meeting and research spaces close to universities and transport, as well as investigating additional financial incentives. Finally, another participant recommended that Parramatta develop into a premier tourism and hospitality destination to attract visitors from Australia and globally.

Draft Game Changer: The epicentre of creativity

This Game Changer drew various responses with recommendations of specific inclusions that participants would like to see. One participant recommended that Parramatta needs cheaper public spaces that can be hired for community groups, arts and craft groups, adaptive reuse groups and foodbanks. The participant noted that aside from building additional infrastructure to make community events for accessible, the hire fee for not-for-profit groups must be affordable. Another participant commented that the co-location of cultural attractions within walking distance to other institutions like universities would be key. They remarked on the potential for walkability between world-class cultural programming at Riverside, a potential Settlers and Indigenous Museum in the CBD, smaller village centres like Little India and potential for uplift around the Albion Hotel area.

Draft Game Changer: The home of festivals, sports and entertainment

Participants noted the need for a diversity of infrastructure and events to support a variety of cultural, sporting and entertainment activities across Parramatta. For example, one participant suggested that Powerhouse Parramatta is a place that will be visited infrequently by the same individual, but an entertainment complex of night clubs in the CBD will bring regular return visitors. Another participant was particularly supportive of developing the night-time economy through live music and art. They were unsure on having a second contemporary art museum in Sydney, but were strongly supportive of utilising the Roxy as a live music venue. The participant also noted that partnerships should be open and transparent, with sponsorships provided to a variety of global sports (not just local sports with significant incomes) and other entertainment options such as digital installations like TeamLabs in Japan. One participant noted currently Parramatta lacks 'reasons to visit' but if well-planned could become the 'real entertainment district' of the Greater Sydney area.

A participant commented on the need for changes to policy to allow for vibrancy across the LGA, and not just in the CBD areas. However, another participant noted that whilst they were supportive of the

night-time economy, policies should be in place to protect residents from noise and litter associated with late night trading.

Draft Game Changer: Asia Pacific's centre for best-in-class education
Most participants did not comment on this Game Changer. One participant noted that it is impractical to have multiple competing universities and Parramatta should focus on the existing ones. The participant suggested that multiple campuses would make it inefficient for lecturers travelling to different locations. A participant also suggested greater consideration of the amenity surrounding university campuses such as affordable housing, active and public transportation, food and entertainment precincts. The participant also posed a question to Council about the vision for creating a village centre at Westmead. Another participant recommended the consideration of spaces of development of innovative technologies leveraging the universities and the Cumberland Hospital precinct.

Draft Game Changer: An unrivalled river city
The responses to this Game Changer focussed on the additional elements required to position Parramatta as a city in nature, reducing the focus on the Parramatta River. One participant noted that without rubbish reduction, bank stabilisation and bush regeneration of the feeder creeks, Parramatta River will not be able to be cleaned up. The participant also highlighted that Parramatta's natural assets are not included in the introduction of the document. Another participant noted the importance of our natural reserves like Wentworth Point Peninsula and the potential for the Peninsula to become Parramatta's version of Barangaroo, preserving both the natural and First Nations cultural significance of the site. Another participant noted that specific focus on Parramatta Park was missing from draft *Parramatta 2050*. They commented that Parramatta Park is a world-class asset but that is needs uplift and more amenity, such as widened paths, picnic areas an extended tree planting program and diverse areas within the park like the inclusion of a rainforest area, to draw visitors. Two participants also shared a submission which spoke to the need to recreate past urban gardens and ecology, conserve botanic gardens as critical quality open space, as well as re-activating colonial farms and cottage gardens as tourist attractions. These participants all noted the benefits of visitor attraction that can come with having beautiful, natural open spaces.

Other participants spoke to the importance of urban heat mitigation across Parramatta. One participant commented on the heat of urban shopping malls which are often promoted as heat refuges during summer. Additionally, two participants who were critical of draft *Parramatta 2050* noted that the document does not address the importance of reducing the demand for fossil fuels, mitigating the impacts of climate change, and improving the air quality in Parramatta.

Future opportunities
Most participants did not comment on the future opportunities of Cameillia-Rosehill and Silverwater. One participant noted their support for the 'model city' of Camellia-Rosehill and requested this be extended to all five Districts. The participant also recommended considering the impact of noise and air pollution of locating residents near busy roads such as James Ruse Drive, Silverwater Road and Cumberland Highway.

Enablers
Many participants commented on the importance of the transport enabler, with most focus surrounding the connections to the north of the LGA. The key pieces of feedback related to past planning failures by the NSW Government which may make the line north from Parramatta difficult to implement, strong support for a north-south connection from Norwest to Bankstown and for a direct line from Parramatta to Carlingford-Epping with a station underneath Carlingford Court, and a request for the reinstatement of a direct line between Telopea and Sydney Central Station.

Another participant spoke to the broadening of the transport network to other innovation areas in Sydney, such as extending PLR1 to Macquarie Park, whilst another made recommendations for extending PLR2 to Lidcombe Station. Other participants highlighted the need for connectivity to the new airport with one recommending a rapid bus link and other suggesting the continuation of heavy rail from Leppington. The participant was supportive of the two additional Metro stops proposed in the draft document and recommended provisioning for a fast rail station in the Rosehill-Camellia precinct to connect to Newcastle.

A participant also spoke to the importance of local transport connections such as high-frequency bus and light rail operations during major events and an active transport link from the Parramatta Aquatic Centre into the rest of Parramatta Park. One participant also noted that Council should prioritise public transport infrastructure which is in jurisdiction, such as upgrades to bus shelters. Other participants echoed the importance of active transport links, with recommendations for improvements to cycling routes and signage.

Other participants noted the importance of considering environmental and social issues associated with the development of public and active transport routes. These participants shared a submission that highlighted the need for preservation of heritage assets and protection of threatened species in the decisions about route-planning, as well as considering the additional of cultural amenity, such as artwork, and innovative elements, such as permeable paving.

Only one participant commented on the governance enablers, noting that they required more information to be convinced on the value for the community of an Act for Parramatta and the Western Sydney Cabinet of Mayors.

General/other comments

Some participants also provided general comments about elements missing within the document. One participant noted that there is no discussion about the fates of existing suburban areas and how they will be protected from redevelopment. One participant advocated for sustainable housing development recommendation consideration of non-profit housing, addressing the 'missing middle' medium-density housing and aligning infrastructure delivery with population growth.

Two participants wrote about the importance of heritage in Parramatta, one requesting a heritage fountain in Parramatta Square. The other participant noted that all global cities, even the modern ones like Singapore, have a heritage district and that North Parramatta represents an opportunity to protect and enhance assets for the community to visit (Parramatta's Port Arthur) rather than use them for adaptive reuse. Another participant spoke to the importance of smart technologies and sustainable design in becoming a global city. One participant recommended improvements of walkability and making Parramatta pedestrian friendly, including accelerating the planning Civic Link in the Parramatta CBD, as well as creating multiple suburban parks to create shade and enjoyment on these active travel routes. Finally, one participant recommended collecting 'champions' for Parramatta as a way to entice people to visit.

Table 1 of Council Report Attachment 4 contains a summary of key themes detailed in community submissions on draft *Parramatta 2050* and provides Council officer's response.

4.4 External Stakeholder written submissions

4.4.1 About external stakeholder written submissions

Council received 43 written submissions from external stakeholders. Of these written submissions, 40 were received via a formal email submission only. There was also an opportunity as part of the Community Survey (section 3.8) to provide a written submission in addition to completing the survey. Three organisations provided their written submission via this method.

The organisations who provided a written submission are as follows:

- K Capital Group (owner of the Roxy Theatre)
- Nautanki Theatre
- Sydney Conservatorium of Music, University of Sydney
- ALTRAC Light Rail
- Greater Sydney Parklands
- Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (WSROC)
- Fairfield City Council
- University of Sydney
- Royal Agricultural Society of NSW
- Winston Hills and Toongabbie Bushcare + Friends of Toongabbie Creek Landcare Network
- Business Western Sydney
- Western Sydney Leadership Dialogue
- Department of Education
- Uniting Church of Australia, prepared by Ethos Urban
- Western Sydney Wanderers
- Powerhouse Parramatta
- Centre for Population Health, Western Sydney Local Health District
- Museums of History
- Urban Taskforce
- Parramatta Chamber of Commerce
- Pari
- National Trust of Australia, Parramatta Region Branch
- EcoTransit Sydney
- Sydney Olympic Park Authority
- Action for Public Transport (NSW) Inc.
- Shelter NSW
- North Parramatta Residents Action Group (NPRAG)
- Floodplain Management Australia
- Western Sydney University
- Billbergia Group (there were two parts to this submission, including one part prepared by Keylan Consulting Pty Ltd)
- Sonasari Pty Ltd, prepared by Keylan Consulting Pty Ltd
- Cricket NSW
- Parramatta Eels
- Committee for Sydney
- Destination NSW
- Planning and Programs, Transport for NSW
- James Hardie Australia
- Sydney Olympic Park Business Association

- Urbis
- High Speed Rail Authority
- Sydney Water
- Property and Development NSW, Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
- Baramadagal Dharug Tribal Governing Council

Additionally, eight participants representing organisations completed the online community survey via Participate Parramatta, and those responses are captured above in section 3.8. The organisations who completed the survey are:

- Excalibre Insights
- Whitlam Institute, Western Sydney University
- Night Time Industries Association
- Western Sydney Tourism Taskforce NSW
- Australian Football League (AFL)
- Sydney Olympic Park Business Association
- Parramatta Chamber of Commerce
- Pari

For the three organisations (the Parramatta Chamber of Commerce, Pari and Sydney Olympic Park Business Association) who completed both the survey and attached a formal written submission, the survey component of their response is captured above in section 4.1. and the submission component of their response is captured in this section (4.4.2. and 4.4.3) and detailed in Attachment 4.

4.4.2 Summary of key themes from external stakeholder written submissions

All external submissions were analysed, and key themes identified were as follows:

- Overall support for draft *Parramatta 2050* with commendations of the boldness of the plan, with many stakeholders noting alignment to their own strategic documents.
- **Jobs** – strong support from a variety of stakeholders for more job creation, with specific recommendations for sectoral uplift.
- **Environment** - protect and enhance our green and open spaces for use by the community, re-naturalise the creeks and the river, need for a commitment to green infrastructure, stronger action to prevent the impacts of climate change.
- **Creative sectors, festivals and entertainment** – importance of infrastructure to support vibrant creative and entertainment industries and the benefits, like social cohesion and employment, that they can bring to a community.
- **Public transport** – consideration for additional transport routes or realignment of routes through key suburbs.
- **Heritage and history** – greater inclusion of colonial heritage throughout the document and consideration for the number Heritage Listed assists in the LGA.
- **Housing** – need for discussion around improved housing supply, as well as ensuring the housing is affordable and adequate for the diverse needs of members of the community.
- **Partnerships and collaborations** – importance of working together with key stakeholders to gain buy-in for bold strategic moves.

4.4.3 Key findings

Vision, directions and districts

External stakeholder submissions were overall supportive of draft *Parramatta 2050*, with many participants commenting on its boldness and aspirational nature. Many participants noted that the vision of draft *Parramatta 2050* aligns with aspirations outlined in their own strategic documents. All external stakeholders who mentioned the Districts or Strategic Directions were supportive and often emphasised that they resonated with the plans for the District where their organisation is based. One

participant noted their support for the District model that clearly outlines the opportunities that are on offer and the commitment to partner with government, industry and communities and another noted that the model is an effective way to recognise the comparative strengths between the directions. A participant recommended expanding the District model to include north-south suburbs. One participant recommended strengthening the connections between the districts to consider the active transport and River links, not just the Metro stations.

Three participants recommended that the scope of Sydney Olympic Park be extended, with one participant requesting that Sydney Olympic Park be expanded to include 'music' not just festivals, given that the district already hosts the largest amount of music events in Sydney and the others noting that the name is limiting as it does not capture the diversified nature of the mixed-use precinct. Another participant suggested that the 'Model City' district should be expanded to include Rydalmere to capture the university campus. A participant recommended that arts and culture education and employment industries be highlighted in Parramatta North, as well as the significant open space such as Parramatta Park. One participant called for greater recognition of the visitor economy in the Parramatta CBD and at Sydney Olympic Park and recommended leveraging NSW Government initiatives like Purple Flag which has been achieved in parts of the CBD.

Another participant noted that social infrastructure, such as community sporting facilities, and amenity will be key to the delivery of these Districts. That participant, as was a common sentiment across responses, was willing to partner with Council to collaborate on solutions to deliver these elements.

Draft Game Changer: A world leader in First Nations partnerships

Most participants did not comment on this Game Changer but those who did were strongly supportive and noted that this aspiration aligned with their organisation's own workplans. Many of these organisations shared work they were currently doing and suggested areas of ongoing collaboration. One participant, who was writing on behalf of their organisation and as a member of the Dharug community, noted that Dharug people will welcome the recognition and sense of purpose. The participant also noted that there is an opportunity for other organisations who collaborate with Council to focus on First Nations led activities. Another participant highlighted their support for this Game Changer and its role in Parramatta's aspirations to become a global city and noted their interest in inclusive approaches to engagement with First Nations communities. A participant noted that any development proposals to uplift in precincts because of *Parramatta 2050* should include Connecting to Country Frameworks. Another participant suggested including the upcoming Indigenous Centre for Excellence at Western Sydney University.

Draft Game Changer: Western Sydney's jobs engine

Participants were supportive of positioning Global Parramatta as the engine room with some reflecting on how this will benefit the District in which their organisation is located. One participant noted that this area is appropriate given the opportunity for creation of jobs for young people that are career-sustaining and recommended the consideration of a centre for creative enterprise and excellence. Another participant suggested including building a creative economy, such as fostering collaboration and innovative hubs for creatives as well as supporting the marketing of the sector for cultural tourism. One participant recommended further explanation of how a 24-hour precinct would operationalise and the importance of activating businesses at nighttime.

Other participants were particularly supportive of the 150,000 jobs target. One of these participants shared their strong support for the 50,000 jobs target for Westmead, noting that this will be supported by the development of the new University of Sydney campus, and another was noted that targets for specific key industries could be beneficial. There was little consensus among participants about the jobs density target, with one organisation recommending a more ambitious target, some supporting the current proposal and another suggesting a reduction in Sydney Olympic Park to account for more allocation for residential use.

Another participant highlighted that rezoning in Westmead may be required to allow land parcels to reach their full potential and meaningfully contribute to reaching these targets and allow people to live close to their workplaces. One participant recommended Council consider balanced development, considering both residential and business development as well as ensuring amenity is available.

Finally, a participant wrote about the inclusion of two additional points in the proposed key sectoral opportunities for the 'Celebration' District – expansion of business events and agricultural activities.

Draft Game Changer: The epicentre of creativity

Participants strongly supported the aspiration to become an epicentre of creativity, with the creative ecosystem being one of the most discussed themes by participants.

Most strongly agreed with the need for additional infrastructure and planning to develop Parramatta into a place known for creativity. However, participants had diverse views on the creative and cultural needs. Two participants noted to the need for greater exploration and commitment to a strong night-time economy, with one noting that Parramatta CBD is vacated after work hours, compared to cities like Sydney and Melbourne who host residents, workers and visitors well into the night. One participant welcomed the aspiration for Parramatta into a cultural and entertainment district, noting that Powerhouse Parramatta will contribute significantly by providing exhibition and public spaces. The participant also supported the inclusion of housing for creatives and noted that this compliment the short stay residencies that Powerhouse provides for museum collaborators.

Many other participants highlighted the need for more community spaces to support the development of a creative industry throughout Global Parramatta, such as smaller, more affordable practice and performance spaces, enhanced educational offerings, diverse experiences that invite community participation and the creation of thriving precincts that support positive experiences. Participants recommended a diversity of offerings from contemporary art, to live music to support the diverse interests of the community. Another participant recommended strengthening the connection between Parramatta Park and the Parramatta North Cultural Precinct. A participant also commented on the need for place making, service provision and programming to amplify the City and attract return visitors or encourage people to extend their stay.

One participant noted the that aside from affordable spaces, financial assistance and networking would also support creatives. Some participants also noted the social benefits of the creative industries, being social cohesion, an enriched cultural life, wellness, cultural expression and excitement. Another participant recommended that the document highlight the diverse and multicultural richness is an asset and include specific strategies to encourage participation of diverse communities.

Draft Game Changer: The home of festivals, sports and entertainment

Participants were strongly supportive of Parrmatta becoming an international sports destination for tourists, athletes and sports staff, with one participant noting that Parramatta could become a "centre of cultural and recreational excellence", by leveraging global sports like cricket. Some participants noted the needed for additional sporting infrastructure, with one noting that Sydney Olympic Park is best placed to hold major events, and smaller events could be spread out across the suburbs. A participant noted that multipurpose facilities can address the deficiency playing fields and meeting the needs of current and future communities. One participant was more positive about the existing availability of sporting offering and infrastructure, including the recently redeveloped CommBank stadium. Another participant recommended a change to the document to acknowledge that Sydney Olympic Park is already the premier sports and festivals destination in Sydney and that Council should be aiming to expand on this.

Participants noted the importance of having spaces where community members can explore their interests. Two participants also wrote about the importance of grassroots, women's and multicultural participation in sport and the supports needed to ensure people are empowered to participate. One participant shared how this initiative can foster a feeling of community and create empathy and understanding. The participant also reflected that the lack of supply of convention centres in Sydney is driving organisations to host conferences in other states and recommended an inclusion about expansion of infrastructure in Sydney Olympic Park to support this.

Draft Game Changer : Asia Pacific's centre for best-in-class education

Most participants did not comment on this initiative but those who did provided strong support for this initiative and often noted the alignment of this work to their organisation's aspirations. One participant

recommended investment into new key industries, such as the arts. That participant also suggested integration of students within local organisations and industry. Another participant encouraged other major universities to engage with strategic planning that provides access to amenity for students and community in Western Sydney. Another participant suggested that draft *Parramatta 2050* more explicitly talk to both the social and economic benefits of the public education system, such as employment of staff.

Draft Game Changer: An unrivalled river city

Participants who commented on this initiative were supportive of the River and other natural elements holding a strong position within the document. Sustainability was raised by a number of participants, but there was not a consensus on the objectives. One participant was supportive of Council's aspiration to be a leader in resilience, regeneration and recreation. The participant encouraged Council to consider that the benefits that open spaces brings be considered in city wide planning and contributions planning to bring greater funding to outdoor spaces. Two participants also recommended that additional work needed to be done to align with the Central River Parkland concept.

Another participant shared a submission which spoke to the need to recreate past urban gardens and ecology, conserve botanic gardens as critical quality open space, as well as re-activating colonial farms and cottage gardens as tourist attractions. Additionally, another participant noted the importance of Parramatta to serve as a hub for recreation, ecological resilience and connectivity. The participant highlighted that Westmead's key location is a prime location to trial potential innovations such as green technology and architecture, as well as the suburb being able to support green, active transport links. A participant recommended highlighting concepts such as reducing the carbon footprint and net zero emissions. Finally, one participant suggested further factoring of climate change considerations, particularly around balancing the benefits of the River with identifying and managing flood risks.

Future opportunities

Most participants did not comment directly on the future opportunities of Camellia-Rosehill and Silverwater, but support for local jobs and environmental sustainability were apparent throughout most external stakeholder submissions. Two participants were supportive of the aspiration to be a jobs district, with one commenting that the innovative nature aligns with their organisation's goals. The other participant challenged Council to consider a mixed-use precinct with residential and commercial opportunities outside of traditional industrial uses. Both participants also expressed strong support for Silverwater Gaol to be reimagined for community benefit, such as providing space for active recreation. Another participant encouraged Council to consider the concept of 'innovation precincts' for the Silverwater district.

Two participants noted the need for environmental remediation at Camellia and the importance of open space within the precinct. One participant highlighted the potential 1.5km of river foreshore and connections to the university campus that could be unlocked for the community but cautioned that collaborative planning would be required for the success of the district. One participant noted their plans to future expand their existing manufacturing operation at Rosehill and sharing their strong support for an innovative industry within the precinct. Another participant, who has plans for an advanced wastewater facility at Cameillia, echoed this sentiment and noted the potential to co-locate water intensive industries or consider complimentary industries such as bio-fuel production within the district.

However, one participant was not supportive of the future opportunities, suggesting that these opportunities were not well considered. Other Participants did write about these two Districts but often in the context of jobs, housing or transport, so are captured in other sections of these key findings.

Enablers

Participants highlighted the importance of the transport network to the delivery of a global city and some also acknowledged the failings of previous decision-makers. One participant recommended articulating that transport is an enabler of other initiatives across *draft Parramatta 2050* and does not just serve the function of accessibility. Another participant reiterated this sentiment, noting that the

proposed additional Metro stations will ensure the full potential of the precincts from both a housing and employment perspective.

Several participants noted their strong support for the two proposed Metro stations, with one participant recommending futureproofing the areas if it is not feasible for the stations to be operational at the opening of the other Metro West stations. However, one participant challenged Council to consider a 'plan B' if it is unsuccessful in advocating for additional Metro stations. This participant recommended consideration for how the Camellia-Rosehill and Silverwater precincts will continue to develop without the transport connection, as this will ensure resilience and adaptability of the plan.

Other participants shared their support for various light and heavy rail projects, such as extending PLR1 to Epping, PLR2 to Lidcombe Station, prioritising River-Rail from Kogarah to Norwest via Parramatta, a light rail connection along Parramatta Road to Sydney, connections to other innovation areas such as Macquarie Park, and that a fast-rail station within the Parramatta LGA has been identified as a possible location. One participant also recommended there be consideration for fast bus services to support north-south connectivity in the interim whilst rail networks are being developed.

Another participant requested that the proposed Western Sydney Airport Metro link go through the South -Western Sydney suburbs of Smithfield, Prairiewood and Cecil Park as identified in a number of state and federal strategy documents including the NSW Future Transport Strategy. However, other participants recommended the need for a more direct line to the new airport with two participants noting the need to progress with planning for a Metro connection from the new airport, into Parramatta. One participant noted that Parramatta already has good road connections to the airport that aren't explored by the document.

A participant commented on the importance of local planning of transport routes and schedules to meet the need of the community, particularly weekday travel demand created by students to ensure they travel safe to and from school. The participant also suggested that Council ensure that all transport planning is connected by good active transport connections, with another participant noting the health benefits of reduced car reliance. One participant recommended a review of light rail services to create standardised, locally made carriages. A participant recommended considering amenity, wayfinding, mode transition and real-time travel information in the planning of transport routes. Another participant highlighted that public transport projects require significant funding and resourcing for delivery and that Council should not underestimate the importance of active transport and improving amenity under local government jurisdiction such as improving bus shelters.

Finally, a participant noted the importance of considering environmental and social issues associated with the development of public and active transport routes. This participant shared a submission that highlighted the need for preservation of heritage assets and protection of threatened species in the decisions about route-planning, as well as considering the additional of cultural amenity, such as artwork, and innovative elements, such as permeable paving.

Most participants did not address the governance enablers within draft *Parramatta 2050*. However, two participants stated that they did not support the divestment of certain responsibilities via the City of Parramatta Act, for both Parramatta Park and Sydney Olympic Park. Some participants requested more information about how these functions would operationalise. However, another participant was supportive of the Act as they recognised that the increase planning autonomy this would allow Council to make better decisions about the use of land within the districts. The participant was also supportive of Council committing to be a test bed for planning approaches.

Other participants supported a collaborative approach to regional governance. One participant noted that their organisation had recently completed a study which recommended a need for increased collaboration between Councils and a Council of Mayors to champion region issues. Another participant noted that they were supportive of the Western Sydney Cabinet of Mayors, but that a popularly elected Mayor for the duration of the Council term is crucial to the success of the enabler.

General/other comments

Some participants had additional general comments to draft *Parramatta 2050* that were not captured in the above sections. Many participants also noted the importance of partnerships and collaborations between stakeholders to deliver such a complex piece of work.

A number of participants wrote about the need to consider affordable, appropriate housing and addressing homelessness. One participant noted the importance of maintaining health and wellbeing in high density housing. Another participant recommended more discussion about housing supply and the associated fees. A participant noted that there are additional overlapping considerations with housing issues, such as low-income, disability, cultural diversity, age and large family. This participant also recommended targets of 10-15% social and 25% affordable housing as well as affordable housing contributions to be included in the document. Other participants suggested including discussion around homelessness across the Parramatta LGA with one participant suggesting a hub for government and employment services.

Another major theme surrounded history and heritage of Parramatta. Three participants noted the importance of considering the colonial history of Parramatta and the volume of Heritage listed items across the LGA, with one suggesting that there was an "enormous oversight" of European history being excluded from the document. Several participants suggested that that heritage and historical elements enrich global cities and should be considered for tourism and education purposes beyond adaptive reuse proposed in the draft document. Another participant also recommended the Parramatta Visitor Centre be re-established. Finally, one participant also highlighted the importance of First Nations history and culture and the need to engage community members in the interpretation and management of history.

Other general comments did not have a clear theme and are summarised below:

- One participant recommended the use of 'Global Parramatta' consistently throughout the document to make clear that it is referring to the area of the five Districts which is distinct to the City of Parramatta (the whole LGA) and Parramatta (the suburb/CBD). However, another participant suggested removing the name 'Global Parramatta' entirely and replacing with 'Greater Parramatta' to better recognise the suburbs within the LGA.
- Another participant requested that the document more clearly articulate how Parramatta is inextricably linked to Western Sydney and how what benefits one will benefit all. The participant noted that this is occasionally mentioned but that the document could benefit from more detail in this area.
- Two participants noted the significance of the geographical location of Parramatta as the bridge between the Western Parkland City and the Eastern Harbour City.
- A participant recommended inclusion of the social determinants of health and liveability considerations across the document and another recommended a new initiative around liveability.
- One responded requested that Council include a response to the cost-of-living crisis.
- Another participant noted that the aspiration to be a global city is commendable but should not supersede creating a good city for locals and more needs to be done to encourage Sydneysiders to reconnect with Parramatta to update their aged view of the City. Additionally, the participant recommended that the strategy should consider Parramatta's role in Greater Sydney and not ignore the dominant positioning of Sydney CBD.
- A participant recommended more detail to be included in relation to the infrastructure investment needed to support the vision. However, another participant noted that a strategic vision is crucial regardless of whether all details are yet known.
- Some participants recommended local level inclusions, such as childcare centres, parks and aged care facilities be considered within this document.
- One participant noted that parking was a growing concern in Parramatta.
- A participant recommended including benchmark cities as references in the document and suggested it be made clear how the 'game changers' would be measured.
- Finally, a participant made specific comment to the impact of the Metro construction site in the Parramatta CBD area. The participant noted that the site is currently disconnecting two key areas of the CBD. The participant requested that an interim solution be found to connect

the area that will become Civic Link and that in the long term a new public square with green space, like Federation Square in Melbourne, be established along that thoroughfare.

Table 2 of Council Report Attachment 4 contains a summary of key themes from external submissions on draft *Parramatta 2050* and details Council officer's response.

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Community submissions		
Submission	**Key points**	**Council response**
Community submission #1	Felt that "Parramatta is dead at the moment… compared to popular cities in the world". Called for more night life in Parramatta to attract more tourists, support small business, increase visitation as well as to make Parramatta feel alive.	Comment noted, no change proposed. Issue addressed in 'The epicentre of culture & creativity' Game Changer.
	Called for a multi-story entertainment complex in Parramatta, with a few night clubs.	Comment noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document. This level of detail can be considered in future prospectuses and/or Council's other strategic documents and action plans.
	Policies and regulation are outdated and do not support night life in the Parramatta CBD.	Comment noted, no change proposed. Issue addressed in the 'The epicentre of culture & creativity' Game Changer.
	Powerhouse Museum alone is not enough to attract international visitors to Parramatta and encourage them to stay.	Comment noted, no change proposed. Issue addressed in the 'The epicentre of culture & creativity' Game Changer.
Community submission #2	Supported draft Parramatta 2050.	Comment noted, no change proposed.

	Wanted to see a central focus on the eastern entry of the Parramatta River. Emphasised the importance of Wentworth Point Peninsula for its natural, historical and cultural significance, including for First Nations Peoples.	The importance of nature and green space in 'Global Parramatta', including in Sydney Olympic Park are addressed in the 'An unrivalled river city' Game Changer.
	Felt that Wentworth Point Peninsula has the potential to be Parramatta's version of Barangaroo Reserve.	Comment noted, no change proposed. The importance of nature and green space in 'Global Parramatta', including in Sydney Olympic Park are addressed in the 'An unrivalled river city' Game Changer.
	Consider including a natural playground on the Wentworth Point Peninsula to honour First Nations heritage and create a legacy for all residents.	Comment noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document. This level of detail can be considered in future prospectuses and/or Council's other strategic documents and action plans.
Community submission #3	Did not support draft Parramatta 2050 as the document reads as a promotional brochure without clear figures and research presented. The participant believes that that it is not feasible given the following challenges: • Increased population growth • Instability of power supply. • Increasing need for power with development. • Cancellation of PERL and infeasibility of a new train line from Parramatta to Epping due to approved development. • Risks of the new Western Sydney Airport failing as its oil supplies mean that increased plane travel is not viable. • Rising sea level and it's impacts on the River and Camellia-Rosehill	Comment noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document. This level of detail can be considered in future prospectuses and/or Council's other strategic documents and action plans.
	Provided a range of links to newspaper articles, websites, images and other data sources that relate to the challenges above.	Comments noted, no change proposed.
Community submission #4	Noted that one strategy for managing hot weather is to visit local malls to take advantage of air conditioning during hear waves.	Comment noted, no change proposed.
	Emphasised excessive heat in the food court on Level 5 of Westfield, especially with regard to heat of digital screens.	Comment noted, no change proposed. Out of scope. Westfield Parramatta is not owned or managed by City of Parramatta.
	Expressed concern about the potential hacking of computer systems.	Comment noted, no change proposed. Out of scope. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document.

	Requested that Council consider including heat stress measures into existing retailer checks, such as food hygiene assessments.	Comment noted, no change proposed. Council officers will share this feedback with relevant Council area.
Community submission #5	Called for faster action on climate change, including stronger action to improve air quality and reduce fossil fuel.	Comment noted. Environmental sustainability is critical to the success of all global cities. Sustainability broadly is addressed in the 'An unrivalled river city' Game Changer. Detailed actions to address climate change are out of scope of draft *Parramatta 2050* and are addressed in Council's other strategic documents and action plans, including the draft Parramatta Environmental Sustainability Strategy. Council officers have reframed the Game Change 'An unrivalled river city' to include a key move relating to climate action, resilience, and regeneration.
	Provided a range of links to newspaper articles, websites, YouTube videos, images and other data sources that relate to the challenges facing the environment and climate.	Comments noted, no change proposed.
Community submission #6	Called for a fountain with heritage features in Parramatta Square.	Comment noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document. This level of detail can be considered in future prospectuses and/or Council's other strategic documents and action plans.
Community submission #7	Called for *draft Parramatta 2050* to include better public transport from Telopea to Sydney Central Station. Noted that in the past there was a direct rail line from Telopea to Sydney Central Station.	Comment noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* reflects Council's core advocacy position for priority transport connections and is informed by Transport for NSW's Future Transport Strategy. Additional transport connections will be further considered through Council's undertaking of an Integrated Transport Strategy.
Community submission #8	Strong support for the Game Changers 'A world leader in First Nations Partnerships' and 'Connections to the world'.	Comment noted, no change proposed.
	Protecting existing suburban areas from redevelopment, including ugly buildings and excessive traffic. Some existing precincts need to be protected and enhanced, not ignored and forgotten.	Comment noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* introduces 'Global Parramatta', which includes five Districts spanning from Westmead to Sydney Olympic Park, where the key global opportunities for our City will be concentrated. While the 'Global Parramatta' area does not include suburban areas of the Parramatta LGA, the benefits of this global city vision will be felt throughout our neighbourhoods, Greater Sydney, and beyond.

		Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document. The character of suburban areas is addressed in Council's other strategic documents and action plans, including the Local Strategic Planning Statement.
	Provision of aged care has been forgotten.	Comment noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document to position Parramatta as a global city. The provision of aged care is critical to every city, but will not set Parramatta apart, which is the intention of this document.
	The introduction page does not mention Parramatta's natural assets and heritage items.	Recommendation supported. Council officers have updated the introduction section of draft *Parramatta 2050*, to include recognition of Parramatta's natural assets and heritage items.
	Would like to see North Parramatta become a heritage district, as all great cities have heritage districts that people visit.	Recommendation supported. Council officers have updated the Game Changer 'The epicentre of creativity' to become 'The epicentre of culture & creativity'. A key move has been introduced to this Game Changer which focuses on cultural and heritage tourism.
	Impractical to have alternative campuses for a number of competing universities as multiple campuses reduce the efficiencies of universities and poste travel challenges for lecturing staff.	Comment noted, no change proposed.
	Discussion about expanding the narrative of the Parramatta River in draft *Parramatta 2050* to include feeder creeks. Also acknowledged the importance of cleaning up waterways and a focus on rubbish reduction, bank stabilisation and bush regeneration.	Recommendation partially supported. Council officers have updated the Game Changer 'An unrivalled river city' and associated diagrams to refer to specific parks and reserves to elevate the importance of these. Council officers have also updated diagrams relating to the Parramatta River to include creeks and tributaries. As a high-level visioning document, draft *Parramatta 2050* does not discuss specific actions on cleaning waterways, and these are contained in Council's Draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2023-32, and Sydney's New Central River Parklands vision 2024.
	Consideration of traffic management and active transport e.g. underground walkways to Silverwater.	Recommendation partially supported. Council officers have updated the Game Changer 'An unrivalled river city' to include a key move of "active transport worthy of a global city". As a high-level visioning document draft *Parramatta 2050* does not discuss specific actions on transport management, and these are contained in Council's other strategic documents and action plans.

	Strong support for the vision for Camellia and Rosehill to be developed consistent with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and to be a leader in circular economy, green jobs and green infrastructure. Noted the importance of providing amenity, supporting infrastructure and appropriate housing in Camellia. Would like to see this vision extended to all areas of the City of Parramatta.	Comment noted, no change proposed. Already addressed in 'The Model City District' in draft *Paramatta 2050*. Draft *Parramatta 2050* introduces 'Global Parramatta', which includes five Districts spanning from Westmead to Sydney Olympic Park, where the key global opportunities for our City will be concentrated. While the 'Global Parramatta' area does not include suburban areas of the Parramatta LGA, the benefits of this global city vision will be felt throughout our neighbourhoods, Greater Sydney and beyond.
	Support for developing the night time economy through live music and art. Noted that policies and infrastructure are needed to protect residents from noise and associated impacts.	Comment noted, no change proposed. Already addressed in the Game Changer 'The epicentre of culture & creativity' in draft *Parramatta 2050*.
	Affordable housing across the LGA, not just for students.	Comment noted, no change proposed. Graduate student housing is already addressed in the Game Changer 'Asia Pacific's centre for research and education' in draft *Parramatta 2050*. As a high-level visioning document draft *Parramatta 2050* does not discuss specific actions on housing affordability. Detailed actions on affordable housing in Parramatta are contained within the Social Sustainability Strategy 2023-33 and the Affordable Housing Action Plan.
	Inclusion of digital installations, such as TeamLabs in Japan.	Comment noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document. This level of detail can be considered in future prospectuses and/or Council's other strategic documents and action plans.
	Providing affordable spaces for community groups.	Recommendation partially supported. Council officers have updated the Game Changer 'The epicentre of culture & creativity' to include a sentence about the impacts of this initiative for local community by 2050, highlighting the importance of access to affordable practice and performance spaces. Detailed actions on subsidised space and community halls and hubs in Parramatta are contained within Council's Community Infrastructure Strategy.
	Partnerships with a variety of sports, in an open and transparent matter.	Comment noted, no change proposed. Already addressed in the Game Changer 'Home of sports, festivals & entertainment' in draft *Parramatta 2050*.

	Strong support for Parramatta to be a hub of public transport connections.	Comment noted, no change proposed.
	Noted that a stronger case needs to be made for the proposed City of Parramatta Act and Western Sydney Council of Mayors, and how these can contribute to the vision.	Recommendation partially supported. Council officers have updated these elements to more clearly demonstrate the benefits of these initiatives.
Community submission #9	Supportive of Parramatta 2050 and congratulated Council for seeking a bright future for Parramatta.	Comment noted, no change proposed.
	Emphasised importance of making Parramatta a world class, exciting 'smart city'.	Comment noted, no change proposed.
	Recommended additional design and development features relating to: • Smart cities. • Walkability and amenity. • Preserving green space and promoting heritage. • Developing cultural experiences. • Creating an "innovation centre" or "knowledge arc" in Parramatta to support startups. • Transport connectivity to a number of key areas.	Recommendation partially supported. Council officers have updated / reframed: • the Game Changer 'An unrivalled river city' to include a key move that addresses active transport, including walking and cycling – "active transport worthy of a global city". • the Game Changer 'An unrivalled river city' to include more of a focus on green spaces. • the Game Changer 'The epicentre of Creativity' to become 'The epicentre of culture & creativity'. A key move has been introduced to this Game Changer which focuses on cultural and heritage tourism. Council officers have also updated /included: • the introduction to include more of a focus on history and heritage. • the document to include more of a focus on innovation, including in the 'Accelerate' strategic direction. Innovation is critical to a global city, and this is recognised throughout the draft document. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document. Opportunities raised for provision of low rent meeting and research spaces can be considered in future prospectuses and/or Council's other strategic documents and action plans • a new District page for the Health and Innovation District which explores strengthening connections between Westmead and Sydney Olympic Park. Suggestions made regarding developing cultural experiences are captured in part in the Game Changer 'The epicentre of culture & creativity', including promoting night life. The Game Changer 'Connections to the world" addresses suggestions raised about public transport, including connecting Carlingford to Epping via a rail line, extending the

		Parramatta Light Rail to Macquarie Park and fast tracking the Metro connection to the new Western Sydney International Airport. Some specific recommendations provided in this submission are out of scope for this document and can be considered in future prospectuses and/or Council's other strategic documents and action plans. Council officers will also share this feedback with relevant Council areas.
	Supportive of the 'Global Parramatta' Districts and would like to see innovation spread across each of the Districts, and not just Silverwater in isolation.	Recommendation supported. Draft *Parramatta 2050* introduces 'Global Parramatta', which includes five Districts spanning from Westmead to Sydney Olympic Park, where the key global opportunities for our City will be concentrated. Council officers agree that innovation is not just limited to the 'Future jobs' District in Silverwater. Council officers have updated the 'Global Parramatta' copy to include a statement about the names of the Districts amplifying their key strengths and highlighting their point of difference, but they are not mutually exclusive. Opportunities for innovation will be seized across all five Districts.
	There is no specific mention of Parramatta Park, or of the opportunities to turn this into a world class asset. Provided suggestions to strengthen Parramatta Park's offering.	Recommendation partially supported. Council officers have included reference to Parramatta Park in the introduction section of draft *Parramatta 2050*. Council officers have strengthened the Game Changer 'An unrivalled river city' to include stronger mention of Parramatta Park and updated Figure 4 – Central River Parklands to reflect this.
Community submissions #10 & #11	These community submissions reshared the Winston Hills and Toongabbie Bushcare + Friends of Toongabbie Creek Landcare Network submission.	See Organisational Submission No 10 in Table 2 below.
Community submission #12	Commended Council for undertaking this significant body of strategic planning work for the urban core and wider LGA.	Comment noted, no change proposed.

	Identified opportunities for City of Parramatta to better leverage the established and highly recognised national/global brand of the Sydney Olympic Park (SOP), beyond sporting and major events with a stronger focus on sustainable development and growing the legacy of the world's first 'Green Games' and elevating SOP's current ranking by the Green Building Council of Australia. Felt that the title of the 'Celebration' District is limiting as it does not acknowledge that SOP is already home to 50,000 people with a further 50,000 people by 2050. Suggested renaming this District to be 'Celebration and Sustainability Showcase' District.	Recommendation partially supported. Draft *Parramatta 2050* introduces 'Global Parramatta', which includes five Districts spanning from Westmead to Sydney Olympic Park, where the key global opportunities for our City will be concentrated. Council officers note that 'celebration' is only one component of Sydney Olympic Park's story and offering. Council officers have updated the 'Global Parramatta' copy to include a statement about the names of the Districts amplifying their key strengths and highlighting their point of difference, but they are not mutually exclusive. A focus on sustainability is critical to all global cities and will be felt across all five Districts. Council officers have also included a new page to better capture the 'Celebration' District's contribution to 'Global Parramatta'. This includes copy that recognises the legacy of the 2000 Olympic Games and the world's first 'Green Games'.
Community submission #13	Advocate for sustainable development of the City, especially residential development. Recommended ensuring that housing is built for people, not for profit and highlighted Nightingale Housing as an example Called for Council to address the 'missing middle' of medium-density housing development.	Comment noted, no change proposed. As a high-level visioning document draft Parramatta 2050 does not discuss specific actions on housing supply and affordability. Council's strategic governance framework has a number of components that focus on housing and affordability. These include the Local Strategic Planning Statement, the Social Sustainability Strategy 2023-33, and the Affordable Housing Policy and Action Plan. Council continues to respond to housing and housing affordability issues through these documents.
	Recommended ensuring that infrastructure delivery is able to meet the population growth and where it isn't able to, preventing more development in that area until infrastructure is able to catch up.	Comment noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document. Council has a range of plans and programs currently underway that address these issues including the Community Infrastructure Strategy.
Community submission #14	Provided a short manifesto about how to make Parramatta great. Key challenges raised included that Parramatta lacks: • People to support its cause. • Reason to visit. • Ease of travel to there. This manifesto also noted that Parramatta has hope and that by setting the right path, Parramatta can triumph over Sydney as the principle city in the Cumberland County.	Comment noted, no change proposed.

	"…Sydney shall be relegated as 'that historical tourist town' and Parramatta as 'the real entertainment district'".	
Community submission #15	Provided recommendations related to transport opportunities for City of Parramatta. Suggested more wayfinding signage and amendments to existing cycling routes to make Parramatta a more enjoyable place to ride.	Comment noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document. Council has a range of plans and programs currently underway that address these issues, including the draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2023-32, Parramatta Bike Plan 2024, and Sydney's New Central River Parklands vision 2024. Work is also progressing towards the delivery of a new Integrated Heritage Strategy, as well as a new Destination Management Plan.
	Suggested transit improvements to increase connectivity, including: • Rail line between Carlingford-Epping, including a stop beneath Carlingford Court. • Extension of Parramatta Light Rail 2 from its current terminus at Carter Street onwards towards Lidcombe Station. • Additional Metro stations at Silverwater and Rosehill/Camellia.	Comment noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* already advocates for a number of public transport improvements, including a rail line between Carlingford and Epping, inclusion of additional metro stations at Silverwater and Camellia-Rosehill. Draft *Parramatta 2050* reflects Council's core advocacy position for priority transport connections and is informed by Transport for NSW's Future Transport Strategy. Additional transport connections will be further considered through Council's undertaking of an Integrated Transport Strategy.
	Suggested extending the heavy rail from Leppington to the Airport, not the Aerotropolis.	Comment noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* already advocates to fast track the metro connection between Parramatta and the new Western Sydney International Airport.
	Suggested that there is potential for a High Speed Rail link from Newcastle to pass through the City of Parramatta LGA. Proposed the vicinity of Rosehill/Camellia as a suitable location for Council to be setting aside land.	Recommendation supported. Council officers have added additional detail in draft *Paramatta 2050* that advocates for High Speed Rail to pass through the City of Parramatta LGA. This builds on the inclusion of High Speed Rail in the draft Game Changer 'Seamlessly connected to the world'.
Community submission #16	Supportive of the draft Parramatta 2050, particularly the focus on creating a sustainable, inclusive and innovative city for the future. Noted strong support for the consideration of jobs and for Parramatta to become a premier tourism destination.	Comment noted, no change proposed.

Table 2: Summary of external submissions and Council officer response

Organisation submissions		
Submission	**Key points**	**Council response**
Organisation submission #1 **K Capital Group**	Congratulated City of Parramatta Council and the State Government for their commitment to date to the major infrastructure additions to Parramatta.	Comment noted, no change proposed.
	Highlighted the damage arising from the 1.5ha Metro construction site dividing the two key commercial areas of the Parramatta CBD – Parramatta Square and the Church Street restaurant precinct and forcing the Roxy to remain vacant. Emphasised that the Metro construction site disrupts connectivity around the CBD and that the Civic Link's vision to connect Parramatta Square with the River continues "as a vision but not a reality". Acknowledged that the Civic Link is critical to improving connectivity in the Parramatta CBD and advocates for the opening of the link in full by 2026.	Comment noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document to position Parramatta as a global city. While the 'Civic Link' will contribute to the overall experience and amenity within the Headquarters District, it is out of scope of draft *Parramatta 2050* as planning is already underway. Council is working in partnership with the NSW Government to transform the heart of Parramatta with the 'Civic Link'. Council's vision for the 'Civic Link' has been established and further developed through strategic studies and statutory planning, including the 2017 Civic Link Framework Plan, 2017 Parramatta CBD Public Domain Plan, and 2021 Parramatta City Development Control Plan.
	Acknowledged that Parramatta CBD is currently an unsuccessful CBD, particularly at the night time, given the lack of night-life vibrancy after 6pm. Noted that there is an urgent need for extra night time leisure activities to commence so that the large population base surrounding Parramatta will visit Parramatta CBD during the evening.	Draft *Parramatta 2050* acknowledges the important role of night life in a global city. The Game Changer 'The epicentre of culture & creativity' calls for enabling policies and planning to support 24-hour precincts. Council officers have also included a new page for the Headquarters District which includes a key move relating to 'A 24-hour cultural and creative economy', including the reopening of the Roxy into a live music venue to solidify Parramatta's position as a major cultural destination and place for creative economy to thrive.
	Noted the opportunity to create a vibrant grassed public space on the Metro land immediately to the West of the Roxy. This also has the opportunity to be a key feature of the Civic Link.	Comment noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document to position Parramatta as a global city. This level of detail can be considered in future prospectuses.

Organisation submission #2 **Nautanki Theatre**	Noted the lack of intimate cultural infrastructure in Parramatta.	Recommendations supported. Draft *Parramatta 2050's* Game Changer 'The epicentre of culture & creativity' acknowledges the need for additional cultural infrastructure in Parramatta, including creation and rehearsal spaces. Council officers have included an additional statement in the Game Changer 'The epicentre of culture & creativity' which acknowledges that by 2050 local creatives and performers will have access to affordable practice and performance spaces and creative educational offerings. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document. Council has a range of plans and programs currently underway that address these issues, including the Community Infrastructure Strategy and the forthcoming draft Creative Parramatta Strategy.
	Called for a 120 pax practice and performance space for visual artists, that is affordable and appropriate for use by community organisations. Also called for a range of supporting infrastructure such as rehearsal spaces, meting spaces, storage spaces, culture-centric spaces, technical facilities etc.	Comment noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document. Council has a range of plans and programs currently underway that address these issues, including the Community Infrastructure Strategy and the forthcoming draft Creative Parramatta Strategy.
Organisation submission #3 **Sydney Conservatorium of Music**	Strong support for draft *Parramatta 2050*. Noted particular support for these aspects of the strategy • the importance for First Nations knowledge and creative work. Recognised the strength of diverse communities for cultural understanding and the importance of quality education. • the six Game Changers, including the First Nations, jobs, education, festivals, sporting and creative elements of draft *Parramatta 2050*.	Comment noted, no change proposed.
	Noted the synergies between draft Parramatta 2050 and the Sydney Conservatorium of Music in Parramatta. Emphasised that it is the Sydney Conservatorium of Music's desire to be located in the Parramatta area. Noted that their curriculum will fit the aspirations of Parramatta to support First Nations creatives, enable jobs growth, support cultural engagement and provide a demonstrated quality of learning.	Comment noted, no change proposed.
Organisation submission #4	Support for draft *Parramatta 2050* and commended Council's vision with regard to transport facilitating broader community outcomes.	Comment noted, no change proposed.

ALTRAC	Noted that there may be an opportunity to further emphasise in the document that the "unprecedented investment in transport infrastructure" is not only "set to transform Parramatta's accessibility" but also provides a solid foundation for other objections set out in the document to be achieved.	Recommendations supported. Council officers have strengthened the positioning of the Game Changer 'Connections to the world" to reflect that Parramatta's global stature and the sustainability of our region hinges on establishing our City as the gateway to Australia. The value of transport and its contribution to jobs growth has been further emphasised in the addition of the 'Headquarters District' page and the key move 'Metro connection to the new international airport'.
	Consider ALTRAC's proposal for Parramatta Road Light Rail connecting Parramatta to the Eastern City via light rail.	Comment noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* reflects Council's core advocacy position for priority transport connections and is informed by Transport for NSW's Future Transport Strategy. Additional transport connections will be further considered through Council's undertaking of an Integrated Transport Strategy.
Organisation submission #5 **Greater Sydney Parklands**	Congratulated Council for preparing a draft long-term strategic vision for the City and supported the following ambitions of draft Parramatta 2050: • A world leader in First Nations Partnerships. • The epicentre of Creativity. • The home of festivals, sports and entertainment. • An unrivalled river city. and called for additional work to be done to align with Central River Parkland Visioning.	Comment noted, no change proposed.
	Greater Sydney Parklands is interested in inclusive approaches to engaging with First Nations People, understanding plans for the 24-hour city, exploring further partnership opportunities associated with environmental initiatives, nature education and sporting programs, heritage, arts, and culture (including events and festivals) at Parramatta Park, and working with City of Parramatta to realise the Central River Parkland ambition.	Comment noted. Council officers have strengthened the copy in the enabler 'Nation leading governance' to include two new key moves regarding regional planning and governance and collaboration and partnerships.
	Did not support the following: • Responsibilities for Parramatta Park being assigned to City of Parramatta under the proposed City of Parramatta Act.	Council notes the Greater Sydney Parklands objection to transferring certain responsibilities of Parramatta Park to Council. Council officers have revised the text in the enable 'Nation leading governance' to instead read "the proposed Act must improve governance and streamline decision-making across the City, including for Sydney Olympic Park and Parramatta Park, which are not managed by Council. This could include

		centralising responsibilities with Council or improving collaborative governance to manage assets across the city in a more integrated way."
	Felt that the implementation of draft *Parramatta 2050* would require more than "collective championing" to realise. Active partnerships, collaborative processes, joined-up strategies and place based funding models will be required to support this bold ambition."	Recommendation supported. Council officers have strengthened the copy in 'An unrivalled river city' and included two new key moves in the enabler 'Nation leading governance' regarding regional planning and governance, and collaboration and partnerships.
Organisation submission #6 **WSROC**	Indicated support draft Parramatta 2050. Noted that what is good for Western Sydney is good for constituent Councils. Encouraged Council to consider that Parramatta's prosperity is inextricably linked to Western Sydney's prosperity.	Recommendation supported. Council officers have included a new page dedicated to the role of City of Parramatta in Greater Sydney, stating that Parramatta is critical to the success of Greater Sydney and that getting Parramatta's transformation right will not only benefit Greater Sydney, it also will be essential to the success of the region.
	Referenced a forthcoming review 'Reconnecting Western Sydney', which calls for increased collaborations across Councils, the need for development of a regional strategy and the need for a Council of Mayors to champion a few very strategic regional issues.	Comment noted, recommendation supported. Council offers note that draft *Parramatta 2050* already addresses these issues in the 'Nation-leading governance' and 'Western Sydney Cabinet of Mayors' enablers address. Council officers have included two new key moves in the enabler 'Nation leading governance' regarding regional planning and governance, and collaboration and partnerships.
	Noted the eight key attributes of Western Sydney, as prepared by Western Sydney University in a study commissioned by WSROC. These attributes include: • Western Sydney is global – it is the physical and demographic core of a top ten global city. • Western Sydney is the site of Australia's most significant urban growth. • Infrastructure spend and a new urban structure. • An expanding, quality labour force. • Ready availability of fully serviced commercial and industrial lands. • Growing and wealthy markets. • Thick internal and external connections. • Stable, supportive regulatory and services environment.	Comments noted. Council officers have updated the introduction section of draft *Parramatta 2050* to more clearly articulate Parramatta's strengths, of which many overlap with Western Sydney's strengths as outlined in this submission.

Organisational submission #7 **Fairfield City Council**	Commented on the proposed rail link to the Western Sydney Airport, noting that an east-west rail link has already been established in a number of documents which travels through the Fairfield City Council suburbs of Cecil Park, Prairiewood and Smithfield. Requests Council amend Figure 7 on page 26 of the draft *Parramatta* to include the east-west rail link, showing connections through Cumberland City Council and Fairfield suburbs of Smithfield, Prairiewood, and Cecil Park towards the new airport site. Commented that the creation of this east-west rail line would not only provide essential physical infrastructure to service the new airport, but will help deliver a range of social, economic and environmental benefits for the residents of Fairfield LGA, which currently has the lowest SEIFA ranking in all of NSW.	Comment noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is informed by Transport for NSW's Future Transport Strategy. Transport maps contained within the document are indicative only and do not determine or prescribe proposed routes or specific stations. Planning for the Westmead to Western Sydney Airport extension will be undertaken by the NSW Government.
	Fairfield City Council looks forward to working collaboratively with City of Parramatta in the future to facilitate a region which is enhanced by transport connections that are strategically positioned for the benefit of Greater Western Sydney.	Comments noted, no change proposed.
Organisational submission #8 **University of Sydney**	Indicated support for draft *Parramatta 2050.* *"…The University of Sydney commends the City of Parramatta Council for the proactive and innovative approach it is taking to position the LGA, and the Western Sydney region, with a global audience."*	Comments noted, no change proposed.
	Noted that the University's 2032 Strategy articulates a vision to further develop their presence in the region, including development of a world-leading, multidisciplinary University of Sydney campus adjacent to Westmead Hospital.	Comments noted, no change proposed.
	Support for the draft strategic directions – 'Gather', 'Create' and 'Accelerate'. "…Will serve the community well and align with the University's ambitions to expand our presence and impact the Western Sydney region."	Comments noted, no change proposed.
	Support for the 'Global Parramatta' Districts, including the identification of the Health and Innovation District in Westmead and Parramatta North. Support for Council's advocacy of 50,000 jobs in Westmead.	Comments noted, no change proposed.

	Support for the Game Changer 'Asia Pacific's Centre for best-in-class education', which aligns with the University's ambitions. Support for the inclusion of optimal student experience and appropriate planning controls for student housing.	Comments noted, no change proposed.
	Encourage Council to take meaningful action to ensure that its current and future residents, including students and workers, have access to diverse housing supply that enables them to live, work and play locally.	As a high-level visioning document draft *Parramatta 2050* does not discuss specific actions on diverse housing supply or housing affordability. Detailed actions on diverse housing supply and affordable housing in Parramatta are contained within the Local Strategic Planning Statement, Social Sustainability Strategy 2023-33, the Affordable Housing Action Plan 2023-2025, and the Affordable Rental Housing Policy 2024.
	Support for the Game Changer 'The epicentre of creativity'. Encourage Council to continue to advocate for expanded creative arts and industry offerings in Western Sydney.	Comments noted, no change proposed. Items already addressed in the Game Changer 'The epicentre of culture & creativity'.
	The University of Sydney will continue their commitment to supporting Western Sydney's growth and the acceleration of Parramatta as a global city. They are available for future discussions to help shape the strategy and action plans that follow.	Comments noted, no change proposed.
Organisational submission #9 **Royal Agricultural Society of NSW**	The Royal Agricultural Society (RAS) looks forward to detailed collaboration on the journey outlined in the draft *Parramatta 2050* document.	Comments noted, no change proposed.
	RAS supports the intent, ambition and overall vision of draft *Parramatta 2050*. RAS noted the long history that the Royal Agricultural Society has in Parramatta and outlined their plans for Sydney Showground development into the future.	Comments noted, no change proposed.
	Suggest that the term 'Global Parramatta' is used in all circumstances throughout the document, where 'Parramatta' is referenced, to make it clear that the vision encapsulates the entire area and not just the CBD.	Recommendation supported. Council officers have updated references to 'Parramatta' throughout the document, to be 'Global Parramatta'.
	Support for the 'Global Parramatta' Districts, noting that they are well defined and clearly represented. Recommended that references to the Celebration District at Sydney Olympic Park to be expanded beyond major cultural and sporting events, to include music.	Recommendation supported. Council officers have included a new page in the document dedicated to the 'Celebration District'. This page highlights the inclusion of music and business events in recognition of Sydney Olympic Park's significant contribution in this area.

	Notes that on page 12, the statement that 'Sydney Olympic Park must propel us forward on employment opportunities, not take us backward' and that 'key sectorial opportunities for expansion include sports, sports science and entertainment'. Recommends that business events and agriculture related activities should be added to this statement.	Recommendation partially supported. Council officers have included a new page in the document dedicated to the 'Celebration District'. This page highlights the inclusion of music and business events in recognition of Sydney Olympic Park's significant contribution in this area. It also highlights the opportunities for industry and sector specialisation at Sydney Olympic Park, which can also be considered in future prospectuses.
	Recommended changing the word 'aim' on page 18 of draft *Parramatta 2050* to be updated to expand and improve on the existing capabilities, not create them, as Sydney Olympic Park has already done this.	Recommendation supported. Council officers have updated copy to read "Drawing on our rich sporting legacy and vibrant cultural landscape, we seek to expand Parramatta's reputation as a premier nation and global destination for sports, conventions, and year-round festivals.
	On page 19, recommended adding convention space to existing infrastructure at Sydney Olympic Park to create a fully-fledged Convention Centre. Noted that RAS plans to introduce a conference centre auditorium in Sydney Olympic Park, and that these plans are sitting with the State Government for consideration.	Recommendation supported. Council officers have included a new page in the document dedicated to the 'Celebration District'. This page identifies a key move of expansion of convention and events venues in Sydney Olympic Park. This builds on the Game Changer 'The home of sports, festivals & entertainment's' identification of the need to explore additional convention infrastructure in 'Global Parramatta'.
Organisational submission #10 **The Winston Hills and Toongabbie Bushcare + Friends of Toongabbie Creek Landcare Network submission.**	Submission did not support Parramatta 2050, overall citing that draft *Parramatta 2050* overlooks important aspects from significance deserved. Submission provided key requests to be added to the Central River Parklands vision in the Game Changer 'An unrivalled river city', including: • Restoring the natural riparian habitat cross section for the CBD at Old Kinds School. • Broad archaeological excavation, reconstructing 'sand-islands', sedge margins, and specific forest pockets with view vistas. • Remove the land-consuming proposed 'constructed wetland' and transfer to instream floating modules technology. • Delete the 'squaring off' proposed Parade Ground Oval expansion to the river channel where natural habitat needs to be re-established. • Increase Botanic Gardens across 15ha of former Cumberland Hospital East campus. • Acknowledge, celebrate and reactivate colonial farms.	Comments noted. Council officers have updated Figure 4 – Central River Parklands in the Game Changer 'An unrivalled river city' to blur the boundaries of the River and adjacent open space. It is noted that this Figure is indicative only. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document. Council has a range of plans and programs currently underway that address these issues, including the draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2023-32, Parramatta Bike Plan 2024, Sydney's New Central River Parklands vision 2024. Work is also progressing towards the delivery of a new Integrated Heritage Strategy, as well as a new Destination Management Plan.

	• Reestablish 'Camellia Grove Garden" attraction beside Hambleden Cottage.	
	Requested edits to be made to the City of Parramatta Bike Plan Refresh, with specific focus on the regional route proposed through Winston Hills – Toongabbie. The submission also highlighted considerations requested in previous Council plans that have not yet been included, such as bike route changes, specific considerations for key natural site and consideration of threatened species of animal life. The submission identified specific opportunities at sites across Winston Hills, Westmead, Old Toongabbie and Wentworthville.	Comment noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document. Council has a range of plans and programs currently underway that address these issues, including the draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2023-32, Parramatta Bike Plan 2024, Sydney's New Central River Parklands vision 2024. Work is also progressing towards the delivery of a new Integrated Heritage Strategy, as well as a new Destination Management Plan.
Organisational submission #11 **Business Western Sydney**	Indicated support for draft *Parramatta 2050.* *"A bold blueprint designed to transform Parramatta into a global hub of innovation, culture and sustainable urban development. Parramatta 2050 articulates a strong vision for the city's future, positioning it as Western Sydney's leading global city and a central player in regional governance. With its focus on creating 150,000 new jobs, enhancing the night-time economy, and strengthening its status as a cultural epicentre, the strategy outlines key initiatives that promise to reshape our urban landscape."*	Comments noted, no change proposed.
	Strong support for the following Game Changers: • Western Sydney's jobs engine. • The epicentre of creativity. • The home of sports, festivals and entertainment. • An unrivalled river city. • Western Sydney Cabinet of Mayors, however recommended that this includes a popularly elected Mayor who serves a full four-year term: *"Such a leadership structure would ensure consistent and dedicated representation, driving the success of collaborative regional governance."*	Comments noted, no change proposed.
	Indicated that while the goal of being a global city is commendable, it should note supersede the focus on creating a good city for locals.	Recommendation supported.

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		Council officers have added in a new page which demonstrates how the benefits of draft *Parramatta 2050* will extend beyond the five Districts of 'Global Parramatta', to our neighbourhoods, Greater Sydney and beyond. Council officers have also included a new statement at the end of each Game Changer "By 2050…" to demonstrate the impact that each Game Changer will have on the local community by 2050. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is also supported by a range of Council plans and strategies. Council's Community Strategic Plan is responsible for translating these global aspirations into local outcomes and priorities.
	The Strategy should not ignore the dominant position of the Sydney CBD, this strategy should consider Parramatta's role in a holistic Greater Sydney approach to Sydney as a global city.	Recommendation supported. Council officers have added in two new pages 'Our Districts and neighbourhoods' and 'Our role in Greater Sydney' which demonstrate how the benefits of draft *Parramatta 2050* will extend beyond the five Districts of 'Global Parramatta', to our neighbourhoods, Greater Sydney and beyond.
	Recommend that Council identifies a 'plan b' in this strategy if it is unsuccessful in its advocacy for additional metro stations at Rosehill and Silverwater. Noting that the resilience and adaptability of the strategy relies on addressing how these precincts can develop without the proposed transport connections	Council considers it imperative that we achieve the outcome of additional metro stations at Rosehill and Silverwater, and draft *Parramatta 2050* demonstrates the benefits of this vision to 'Global Parramatta'.
Organisational submission #12 **Western Sydney Leadership Dialogue**	Congratulates City of Parramatta on its draft *Parramatta 2050.* *"…which not only sets a clear, long-term plan for the city, but builds on Parramatta's reputation as a leader in local government…Parramatta 2050 will provide a valuable roadmap, helping drive investment, inform critical decisions and advocate for positive change."* Other comments include: • Recognition that draft *Parramatta 2050* promotes and leverages the city's identity as well as its key assets including its diverse community, river, proximity to two international airports and growing public transport network. • Strong support for draft *Parramatta 2050* and commends City of Parramatta Councillors and staff for their professionalism in delivering this impressive piece of work	Comments noted, no change proposed.
Organisational submission #13	The Department of Education (DOE) thanks Council for its collaborative approach towards future planning within the Parramatta LGA.	Comments noted, no change proposed.

Department of Education	The DOE is generally supportive of draft *Parramatta 2050's* intent.	Comments noted, no change proposed.
	Recommended that commentary is included regarding the role of public education in achieving the future vision.	Comments noted. Council officers have updated the wording to reflect public schools as follows: "Council will continue to advocate and fight for the planning and delivery of high quality early childhood education and care centres and public primary and secondary schools, emphasising that global cities offer attractive educational opportunities for all residents."
	Recommended updating the text on page 22 to remove the word 'better' from the sentence "…Council will continue to advocate and fight for better planning and delivery of primary and secondary schools."	Comments note. Council officers have updated the wording as requested.
	The DOE note the importance of safe travel of students to and from school and notes that public transport will need to keep up with increasing demand. The DOE request that active transport underpins all transport planning within the strategic vision.	Comments noted. Council officers note the importance of active transport underpinning public transport. Council officers have updated the Game Changer 'An unrivalled river city' to include a key move that addresses active transport, including walking and cycling - 'active transport worthy of a global city'.
Organisational submission #14 **Uniting Church of Australia (prepared by Ethos Urban)**	Uniting Church of Australia (UCA) is supportive of the overall vision, strategic directions, Game Changers, and future opportunities that the strategy proposes, especially in relation to the enablers and implementation tools.	Comments noted, no change proposed.
	Acknowledges that the vision in draft *Parramatta 2050* is not supported by the statutory controls that currently govern Westmead. UCA notes that if Council were to adopt a vision that places Westmead within the context of a global Parramatta, a revision of planning controls would be needed in order to facilitate the achievement of a global city outcome.	Comments noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document to position Parramatta as a global city. If Council adopts this vision, it is anticipated the Council's strategic document hierarchy will be updated to translate these global aspirations into local priorities and outcomes, including City of Parramatta's Local Strategic Planning Statement.

	Indicates support for the vision, noting the following comments: • *"…Provides a bold strategy for the future spatial layout and character of the Central River City."* • Support for the Game Changers and notes that UCA is committed to collaborating with Council to achieve close alignment between policy and practice. • Support for Council continuing to advocate for the fast-tracking of the metro connection between Westmead and Western Sydney International Airport. • Supported and recognition of the importance of the City of Parramatta Act proposed under the enabler 'Nation leading governance'. The participant noted that greater autonomy over planning controls would allow Westmead to reach its full potential as a mixed-use site to support both jobs and housing.	Comments noted, no change proposed.
Organisational submission #15 **Western Sydney Wanderers**	The Western Sydney Wanderers (Wanderers) commended the City of Parramatta on having the foresight to develop this strategic plan, which will provide a template for success and ensure that it becomes Western Sydney's first global city. Other comments include: • Noting that the Wanderers are an important part of City of Parramatta since their inception in 2012 and that Wanderers matches bring people from diverse communities together and promote significant economic activity for businesses in the Parramatta CBD. • Noted alignment of the Wanderers with the strategic directions of 'Gather' and 'Create'. • Western Sydney Wanderers are well placed to deliver on the Game Change 'Home of Festivals, Sports and Entertainment'. The Wanderers are the City of Parramatta's only true sporting conduit onto the global stage through the 'World Game'. • Noted their willingness to partner with Council on bringing draft *Parramatta 2050* to life.	Comments noted, no change proposed.
	The Wanderers have a strong commitment to female participation.	Comments noted.

		Council officers have updated the key move under the Game Changer 'Home of Festivals, Sports and Entertainment' to reflect that Parramatta continues to empower women in sports, in recognition that Parramatta already plays a significant role in this space
	Indicated support for the 'Global Parramatta' Districts and highlighted that these Districts require social infrastructure such as community sporting facilities to ensure that Parramatta is a world-class, liveable city.	Recommendation supported. Council officers have updated copy to indicate that 'Global Parramatta's' Districts will still function as standalone Districts in their own right. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is also supported by a range of Council plans and strategies. Council's Community Strategic Plan is responsible for translating these global aspirations into local outcomes and priorities. Council's Community Infrastructure Strategy is responsible for identifying the short, medium, and long term social infrastructure requirements to meet population demand across the LGA.
Organisational submission #16 **Powerhouse Parramatta**	Indicated support for draft *Parramatta 2050.* Noted that the Powerhouse Parramatta is the largest investment in cultural infrastructure since the Sydney Opera House. Noted the consistency between the document and the Powerhouse Parramatta's own strategic aspirations. In addition, Powerhouse Parramatta supports the following: • The six Game Changers, noting that the Powerhouse Parramatta will play an active role in realising the Game Changer 'The epicentre of creativity'. • The key move of creatives housing that is included within the Game Change 'The epicentre of creativity'. • The Headquarters District being transformed into a cultural and entertainment precinct and indicated that the Powerhouse Parramatta is committed to being an active collaborator to release this. • The key move of realising a new world-renowned contemporary art gallery and welcomes the enabling policies and planning activities to realise a culturally friendly precinct.	Comments noted, no change proposed. Council officers have updated the imagery in the Game Changer 'The epicentre of culture & creativity' to include a render of the new Powerhouse Parramatta.
Organisational submission #17 **The Centre for Population Health,**	The Centre for Population Health, Western Sydney Local Health District (CPH) acknowledged that the six Game Changers influence important social determinants of health, including: • Shared commitment to improving the wellbeing of Aboriginal people living and working in CoP. • Vocation/economic.	Comments noted, no change proposed.

Western Sydney Local Health District	• Social connection and physical activity. • Education. • Urban planning and design that promotes healthy behaviours.	
	CPH commends Council on the aspirational long-term strategic vision of this document that positions CoP as a vibrant hub delivering initiatives that can positively influence the health and wellbeing of residents in CoP for future generations to come. "…We acknowledge the extensive community engagement process undertaken to genuinely engage the community on the document, especially local level engagement in shopping centres and libraries and translating information to non-English speaking communities."	Comments noted, no change proposed.
	Identifies an opportunity for a stronger reflection of the liveability, health and wellbeing goals of Council's Community Strategic Plan 2018-2038 in the Game Changers.	Comments noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document to position Parramatta as a global city. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is supported by a range of Council plans and strategies, including Council's Community Strategic Plan which is responsible for translating these global aspirations into local outcomes and priorities.
	CPH indicates strong support for the Game Changer 'A world leader in First Nations Partnerships' and welcomes the opportunity to work with CoP in this vision through collaboration of projects and initiatives that aim to reduce health inequities in Aboriginal people.	Comments noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document to position Parramatta as a global city. With regard to First Nations health inequity, this is an important issue that can be considered in future prospectuses.
	CPH recommends that the wording in the 'Accelerate' strategic direction be broadened to include a health vision beyond amplifying 'health research'.	Recommendation partially supported. Council officers have updated the copy relating to the strategic direction 'Accelerate', which now reads "For our community, 'Accelerate' is about leveraging opportunities to enhance liveability and wellbeing, improving access to opportunities and experiences and ensuring that our City's transformation is sustainable."
	CPH acknowledges that the Health and Innovation District is in alignment with key NSW, Federal Government and WSLHD Strategic documents that support the health and wellbeing of all the community by enabling people to be more physically active, with a corresponding reduction in rates of chronic disease.	Comments noted, no change proposed.

	CPH are keen to collaborate with Council on the ongoing development and implementation of initiatives which provides more affordable and equitable travel options and projects which can support CoP's vision for innovation in health and health sciences.	
	Recommends that the document be more explicit in its vision to include liveability. Suggests renaming the Game Changer 'An unrivalled river city' to be 'An unrivalled liveable city'.	Recommendation partially supported. While Council officers note CPH's recommendation to change the name of the Game Changer of 'An unrivalled river city', we note that the main purpose of this Game Changer is to celebrate the importance of the Parramatta River as part of the culture and identity of Parramatta. Council officers have updated the copy relating to the strategic direction 'Accelerate', which now reads "For our community, 'Accelerate' is about leveraging opportunities to enhance liveability and wellbeing, improving access to opportunities and experiences and ensuring that our City's transformation is sustainable."
	CPH commends the planetary health focus of the Game Changer "an unrivalled river city" and its focus on the development of the Central River Parklands through a prominent green and blue network, which will continue to provide health benefits to the community. CPH welcomes the opportunity to review submissions and collaborate on relevant projects focussed on improving the health and wellbeing of the community.	Comments noted, no change proposed.
	CPH supports the vision for the Camellia-Rosehill as Australia's first United Nations Sustainable Development Goals city. CPH recommends that this District incorporates healthy higher density living for families and children principles – "The Healthy Higher Density Living for Families with Children: An Advocacy, Planning and Design Guide".	Comments noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document to position Parramatta as a global city. Further detail regarding the 'Model City District' will be considered in future prospectuses.
	CPH recommends CoP include key workers, such as health workers in CoP's employment targets of a least 1 job for every 1.5 residents in Camellia-Rosehill.	Recommendation supported. Council officers have included a new key move in the Game Changer 'Western Sydney's jobs engine' that addresses equity in jobs planning and ensures that 'Global Parramatta' provides a diverse range of jobs at all levels, creating suitable opportunities for people with different qualifications and experience, and the right supports to enable desired participation in the workforce.

	CPH commends Council's commitment to increasing public transport for the LGA and acknowledges that timely delivery of transport connections is critical to reducing car reliance.	Comments noted, no change proposed. Council officers note the importance of active transport underpinning public transport. Council officers have updated the Game Changer 'An unrivalled river city' to include a key move that addresses active transport, including walking and cycling - 'active transport worthy of a global city'.
Organisational submission #18 **Museums of History NSW**	Museums of History NSW (MHNSW) thanked Council for the opportunity to be involved in draft *Parramatta 2050* through focus groups, webinars, and a review of the public exhibition materials.	Comments noted, no change proposed.
	Noted that MHNSW is a leading cultural institution committed to preserving and presenting NSW's unique history. MHNSW include significant historical sites and material within Parramatta, including Elizabeth Farm and the Parramatta Female Factory and Institutions Precinct. MHNSW has provided support for the recent nomination of this site for World Heritage listing	Comments noted. Council officers have updated the Game Changer 'The epicentre of creativity' to become 'The epicentre of culture & creativity'. A key move has been introduced to this Game Changer which focuses on cultural and heritage tourism.
	Supports the ambition in draft *Parramatta 2050* to secure Parramatta's future as a global city, and on the emphasis on arts, culture, innovation and education as key pillars of this vision.	Comments noted, no change proposed.
	Calls for greater recognition of the diverse heritage of Parramatta and how this can enrich the global city. "…Parramatta 2050 presents the opportunity to further recognise the distinctive character of Parramatta's diverse heritage and to articulate an ambition to support and grow the understanding of this diverse cultural landscape, enriching the city's global identity'.	Comments noted. Council officers have updated the Game Changer 'The epicentre of creativity' to become 'The epicentre of culture & creativity'. A key move has been introduced to this Game Changer which focuses on cultural and heritage tourism.
	Indicates strong support for the Game Changer 'A world leader in First Nations Partnerships', and recommends the following: • Expanding the discussion of heritage places in the context of First Nations history and culture • Engaging First Nations communities in the interpretation and management of heritage places.	Recommendations supported. Council officers have updated the copy in the Game Changer 'A world leader in First Nations Partnerships' to reflect these suggestions. The copy now reads "… We acknowledge the significance of Parramatta's heritage sites in the context of First Nations history and culture and will work to engage Dharug People in the interpretation and management of these places to recognise, protect, and share the rich and varied heritage and history of Parramatta."
	Highlights an opportunity to more strongly represent Parramatta's cultural heritage in 'the epicentre of creativity' and recommends the following: • Recognising the current significance of heritage items beyond "adaptive reuse".	Recommendations supported. Council officers have updated the Game Changer 'The epicentre of creativity' to become 'The epicentre of culture & creativity'. A key move has been

	• Promote heritage tourism.	introduced to this Game Changer which focuses on cultural and heritage tourism. Council officers have also added 'heritage tourism' under the key move of enabling policies and planning in the Game Changer 'The epicentre of culture & creativity'.
	Recommends including heritage tourism as a key move in the Game Changer 'Home of Festivals, Sports and Entertainment.'	Recommendation partially supported. Council officers have also added 'heritage tourism' under the key move of enabling policies and planning in the Game Changer 'The epicentre of creativity'.
	Indicates support for the Game Changer 'Asia Pacific's Best-In-Class Education' and recommends that the strategy incorporate education beyond universities and TAFE, connecting education and heritage and using Parramatta's heritage sites as educational resources for students of all ages.	Comments noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document to position Parramatta as a global city. With regard to connecting heritage and education, this is an important issue that can be considered in future prospectuses.
Organisational submission #19 **Urban Taskforce**	Urban Taskforce agrees that the current planning system is outdated and also agrees with the noting of Paramatta testing innovation planning approaches. However, Urban Taskforce views the suggestion that Parramatta be governed by its own Act of Parliament as being unlikely to be achieved and at this stage, the proposition is not supported. More detail would need to be provided before any final position on this matter were adopted.	Comments noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document to position Parramatta as a global city. Further detail regarding the enabler 'Nation leading governance' and the proposed City of Parramatta Act will be considered in future prospectuses.
	Notes that housing supply and associated local fees and charges are not dealt with in any detail in the draft. Recommends that more attention be given to these matters, particularly in the light of current housing supply and affordability crisis. It is important that an innovative vision be articulated regarding housing supply, e.g. increase housing delivery efficiency with reduced fees, taxes and charges.	Comments noted, no change proposed. Council officers acknowledge that housing needs to be supported with infrastructure to meet community need. Draft *Parramatta 2050* outlines the supporting infrastructure required to ensure that City of Parramatta's residents and Western Sydney's residents can benefit from a global city. As a high-level visioning document draft Parramatta 2050 does not discuss specific actions on diverse housing supply or housing affordability. Detailed actions on diverse housing supply and affordable housing in Parramatta are contained within the Local Strategic Planning Statement, Social Sustainability Strategy 2023-33 and the Affordable Housing Action Plan.
	Highlights that little detail is provided in relation to infrastructure investment needed to deliver the vision.	Comments noted, no change proposed.

	"…It is important that these terms are not a stalking horse for vale capture, increased fees, charges, levies or other "contributions" that would serve to reduce the feasibility of both housing and commercial/retail development opportunities".	Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document to position Parramatta as a global city. Further detail regarding the enabler 'Nation leading governance' and the proposed City of Parramatta Act will be considered in future prospectuses. Further, Council is proposing a City Deal to establish a coordinated and dependable funding pipeline.
Organisational submission #20 **The Parramatta Chamber of Commerce**	The Parramatta Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber) indicates support for draft *Parramatta 2050*. "…Would like to express our support for the progressive and inclusive future it outlines for our city. We commend the comprehensive planning and forward-thinking approach that has been adopted to ensure Parramatta continues to thrive in the coming decades. The focus on sustainable development, infrastructure enhancement and cultural enrichment is indeed commendable."	Comments noted, no change proposed.
	Recommends that the matter of homelessness be addressed in draft *Paramatta 2050,* noting that this issue is not just a social issue. Recommended a dedicated hub that brings together employment agencies and government services in a concentrated area.	Comments noted, no change proposed. Council officers note the important issue of homelessness and the need for a global city to be an equitable one. As a high-level visioning document draft Parramatta 2050 does not discuss specific actions on homelessness. Detailed actions to address homelessness in Parramatta are contained within Council's Social Sustainability Strategy 2023-33 and Homelessness Action Plan 2019-2023. Council officers have updated the copy in draft *Parramatta 2050* to emphasise that global cities should be equitable places and that Parramatta has an opportunity to embed equity at the heart of this journey to ensure we become a model global city.
	Recommended that the Districts be expanded to consider North-South connectivity, including the surrounding areas in Parramatta. Recommended that the Districts incorporate balanced development, not just targeted development, e.g. Westmead has a medical focus, but it should also include the right balance of ingredients which makes places successful for residential and business use and required amenities.	Recommendation partially supported. The Game Changer 'Connections to the world', has been elevated in the final draft *Parramatta 2050* and renamed to be 'Seamlessly connected to Australia and the world'. This Game Changer outlines key approaches to improving north south connectivity for the LGA. Council officers have updated the 'Global Parramatta' copy to include a statement about the names of the Districts amplifying their key strengths and highlighting their point of difference, but they are not mutually exclusive. Council officers have also added copy that specifies that each District will still function as a standalone District in its own right.

		Council officers have added in a new page dedicated to 'our Districts and neighbourhoods' which demonstrates how the benefits of draft *Parramatta 2050* will extend beyond the five Districts of 'Global Parramatta', to our neighbourhoods, Greater Sydney and beyond. Council officers have also included a new statement at the end of each Game Changer "By 2050…" to demonstrate the impact that each Game Changer will have on the local community by 2050. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is also supported by a range of Council plans and strategies. Council's Community Strategic Plan is responsible for translating these global aspirations into local outcomes and priorities
	Noted that parking is a growing concern for those living, working and visiting Parramatta. Propose a comprehensive review of current parking facilities and public transport networks, with a view to improving accessibility for those from surrounding areas, e.g. expanding parking facilities, enhancing public transport routes or exploring innovation solutions such as park and rise schemes.	Comments noted, no change proposed. The Game Changer 'Connections to the world', has been elevated in the final draft *Parramatta 2050* and renamed to be 'Seamlessly connected to Australia and the world'. This Game Changer outlines key approaches to improving public transport connectivity in the LGA and beyond. Council officers have added in a new page dedicated to 'our Districts and neighbourhoods' which demonstrates how the benefits of draft *Parramatta 2050* will extend beyond the five Districts of 'Global Parramatta', to our neighbourhoods, Greater Sydney and beyond Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document to position Parramatta as a global city. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is supported by a range of Council plans and strategies, of which many address the matter of parking. Council's Community Strategic Plan is responsible for translating these global aspirations into local outcomes and priorities
	Recommended highlighting the diverse and multicultural nature of Parramatta, which is one of our city's greatest assets. The multicultural nature of our City should be celebrated and leveraged to enhance the cultural richness of our city.	Recommendation supported. Council officers have updated the copy in the introduction of draft *Parramatta 2050* to reflect the strength of our diverse community more prominently as one of our city's greatest assets. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is also supported by a range of Council plans and strategies, of which many celebrate and leverage our diverse community. These include Council's Community Strategic Plan which is responsible for translating these global aspirations into local outcomes and priorities, Council's

		forthcoming draft Cultural Strategy and Council's Social Sustainability Strategy 2023-33.
	Propose that the plan includes specific strategies to engage diverse communities, including multicultural festivals, sports, support for local businesses and initiatives to promote cultural exchange and understanding.	Recommendation supported. Council officers have updated the copy to include multicultural community events and festivals in the Game Changer 'Home for Festivals, Sports and Entertainment'. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is also supported by a range of Council plans and strategies, of which many celebrate and leverage our diverse community. These include Council's Community Strategic Plan which is responsible for translating these global aspirations into local outcomes and priorities, Council's forthcoming draft Cultural Strategy and Council's Social Sustainability Strategy 2023-33.
	The Chamber indicated that they look forward to working closely with Council to play their part in achieving the vision of Parramatta 2050.	Comments noted, no change proposed.
Organisation submission #21 **Pari**	Indicate support for drat *Parramatta 2050,* and in particular the following Game Changers: • A world leader in First Nations partnerships. • The epicentre of creativity.	Comments noted, no change proposed.
	Suggested including support for a creative ecosystem, including grassroots and community art spaces to exist alongside large institutions like the Powerhouse Museum and the new proposed art gallery.	Comments noted. The Game Changer 'The epicentre of culture & creativity' demonstrates a commitment to embedding culture into Parramatta's fabric. In recognition of this sentiment, Council officers have included a new sentence in this Game Changer to reflect how these global aspirations are translated into local priorities and outcomes. The copy reads "By 2050, our community has access to world class arts and culture on their doorstep, in a global city where local creatives and performers are supported to reach their full potential, with access to affordable practice and performance spaces and creative educational offerings."
	Suggested included a response to the cost of living crisis, acknowledging that this is a significant challenge faced by the City of Parramatta community.	Comments noted, no change proposed. Council officers note the important issue of the current cost of living crisis and the need for a global city to be an equitable one.

		As a high-level visioning document to position Parramatta as a global city, draft *Parramatta 2050* does not discuss specific actions on the cost of living crisis. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is also supported by a range of Council plans and strategies, including Council's Community Strategic Plan which is responsible for translating these global aspirations into local outcomes and priorities.
	Suggested including a response to the rough sleeper crisis in City of Parramatta within draft *Parramatta 2050*.	Comments noted, no change proposed. Council officers note the important issue of homelessness and the need for a global city to be an equitable one. As a high-level visioning document draft Parramatta 2050 does not discuss specific actions on homelessness. Detailed actions to address homelessness in Parramatta are contained within Council's Social Sustainability Strategy 2023-33 and Homelessness Action Plan 2019-2023. Council officers have updated the copy in draft *Parramatta 2050* to emphasise that global cities should be equitable places and that Parramatta has an opportunity to embed equity at the heart of this journey to ensure we become a model global city.
Organisational submission #22 **National Trust of Australia, Parramatta Regional Branch**	The National Trust (NSW) Parramatta Regional Branch (the Branch) does not support draft *Parramatta 2050*.	Comments noted, no change proposed.
	The Branch indicates that draft *Parramatta 2050* has "enormous oversight" in relation to acknowledging, protecting, and celebrating the rich heritage and history of Parramatta. "…This document addresses the history and heritage of First Nations People and overlooks the overarching context of heritage that is Parramatta and its high significance as the "Cradle City." The Branch notes that draft *Parramatta 2050* only uses the word 'heritage' six times.	Comments noted. Updates have been made to Draft Parramatta 2050 post-exhibition which expand its treatment of Parramatta's heritage and history. Council officers have updated the Game Changer 'The epicentre of creativity' to become 'The epicentre of culture & creativity'. A key move has been introduced to this Game Changer which focuses on cultural and heritage tourism.
	Indicates opportunities to highlight significant "firsts" that have shaped our country's European heritage and history, including: • First land grant in Australia (site of Experiment Farm Cottage). • Oldest residential building in Australia (Elizabeth Farm, home of John Macarthur). • Oldest public building in Australia (UNESCO World Heritage Listed – Old Government House and Domain).	Comments noted. Updates have been made to Draft Parramatta 2050 post-exhibition which expand its treatment of Parramatta's heritage and history. Council officers have updated the Game Changer 'The epicentre of creativity' to become 'The epicentre of culture & creativity'. A key move has been introduced to this Game Changer which focuses on cultural and heritage tourism.

	• Earliest purpose-built site for female convicts (tentatively listed on UNESCO World Heritage List – Parramatta Female Factory. The Branch noted that Parramatta has 50 State Heritage Listed Items, 700 Local Heritage Listed Items and these are in addition to potentially two UNESCO World Heritage Listed Items. Each of these sites remain and can form part of a rich heritage tourism offering within the area.	
	Recommends opportunity to tap into non-business travel where tourists engage with heritage, in alignment with Council's other strategic documents. Recommends that the importance of Parramatta's rich history be reconsidered by the authors and highlights the importance of respecting this history into the future.	Updates have been made to Draft Parramatta 2050 post-exhibition which expand its treatment of Parramatta's heritage and history. Council officers have updated the Game Changer 'The epicentre of creativity' to become 'The epicentre of culture & creativity'. A key move has been introduced to this Game Changer which focuses on cultural and heritage tourism.
	The Branch recommends that in the short term, there is an urgent need for Council to re-establish a Visitor Information Centre. This could improve the profile of the area's tangible local heritage through activities and experiences.	Comments noted, no change proposed. Council officers note the important issue of promoting Parramatta's heritage and history. As a high-level visioning document to position Parramatta as a global city, draft *Parramatta 2050* does not discuss specific actions relating to re-establishing a Visitor Information Centre. Council officers will share this recommendation with the relevant Council area.
Organisational submission #23 **EcoTransit Sydney**	EcoTransit Sydney have submitted their own vision for the Greater Parramatta region, and this submission focuses on transport. It includes advocacy for a range of transport options across light rail, trains, tram-trains, metro and other options. EcoTransit noted that given Rosehill's significant rates income, the ward should retain a larger pool of funds for infrastructure. Noted that funding for public transport is outside of Council's jurisdiction, so the funding should be allocated to active transport and walkability, such as funding the Pippita Rail Trail, as well as improving bus stops.	Comments noted, no changes proposed. Draft Parramatta 2050 reflects Council's core advocacy position for priority transport connections and is informed by Transport for NSW's Future Transport Strategy. Additional transport connections will be further considered through Council's undertaking of an Integrated Transport Strategy. Specific interventions regarding the existing heavy rail network, Tram-Trains, Pippita Rail Trail and active transport interventions are outside the scope of draft Parramatta 2050. Support for draft Parramatta 2050 positioning on additional Metro West stations at Camellia/Rosehill and Silverwater is noted.

Organisational submission #24 **Sydney Olympic Park Authority**	Sydney Olympic Park Authority (SOPA) broadly supports the ambition of *draft Parramatta 2050* and at a City level supports the six major Game Changers. In particular, SOPA supports the following Game Changers: • A world leader in First Nations Partnerships. • The home of festivals, sports and entertainment. • An unrivalled river city. SOPA also: • Supports developing a strong partnership approach to strategic planning on cross-border planning issues. • Notes that City of Parramatta will be invited to provide a submission on the forthcoming Sydney Olympic Park Place Vision and Strategy 2050. • Participated in the Council-led visioning work to develop the Central River Parkland concept and recommends that this visioning work is more fully integrated into draft *Parramatta 2050.*	Comments noted, no change proposed. As a high-level visioning document draft Parramatta 2050 does not discuss specific actions relating to the Central River Parkland concept. Detail relating to this matter is captured in the document "Sydney's new Central River Parklands."
	SOPA highlights that the following aspects of draft *Parramatta 2050* are not aligned with SOPA's own strategic plans: • City of Parramatta Act. SOPA does not support the assumption of any of its functions by the City of Parramatta and seeks further information on this proposal. SOPA welcomes further conversations on how the two agencies can partner to create thriving communities, deliver world class facilities and experiences, within the statutory role of each agency.	Council notes SOPA's objection to transferring certain responsibilities of Sydney Olympic Park to Council. Council officers have revised the text in the enable 'Nation leading governance' to instead read "…the proposed Act must improve governance and streamline decision-making across the City, including for Sydney Olympic Park and Parramatta Park, which are not managed by Council. This could include centralising responsibilities with Council or improving collaborative governance to manage assets across the city in a more integrated way." Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document to position Parramatta as a global city. Further detail regarding the enabler 'Nation leading governance' and the proposed City of Parramatta Act will be considered in future prospectuses.
	SOPA highlights that the following aspects of draft *Parramatta 2050* are not aligned with SOPA's own strategic plans: • *Employment ratios*. SOPA agrees that employment growth in the Greater Parramatta area is crucial. SOPA does not believe that the targets outlined by Council are consistent with the Master Plan 2030 or the draft Master Plan 2050. SOPA seeks further information on how Council has determined resident to	Council notes SOPA's objection to the employment ratios for Sydney Olympic Park that are included in draft *Parramatta 2050.* The rationale for the employment ratio is clearly explained in the Game Changer "Western Sydney's Jobs Engine", and rests on the critical imperative for Parramatta to not lose further ground on its local jobs offering. The introduction of a metro station at SOP greatly strengthens its potential to be a major employment and activity hub. Council officers do not consider that SOP should be exempt from the ratio outlined in draft Parramatta 2050.

	employment ratios in the precinct and the basis for the identification of specific industries in the precinct. • *Considering recent housing shortages across Sydney.* Sydney Olympic Park draft Master Plan 2050 allocates more residential floor space in proportion to commercial floor space than in previous Master Plans, which is not aligned to draft *Parramatta 2050.*	Council would welcome the opportunity to work in partnership with SOPA around continued planning for SOP.
	SOPA highlights that the following aspects of draft *Parramatta 2050* are not aligned with SOPA's own strategic plans: • Celebration District. SOPA believes the designation of Sydney Olympic Park as the 'Celebration District' risks foreclosing on the great potential of Sydney Olympic Park to be known as a vibrant everyday place. • Seeks Council's acknowledgment of the diversified social and economic role of this mixed-use precinct as it evolves.	Comments noted. Council officers have updated the 'Global Parramatta' and 'Accelerate' copy to include a statement about the names of the Districts amplifying their key strengths and highlighting their point of difference, but they are not mutually exclusive. Council officers have also added copy that specifies that each District will still function as a standalone District in its own right. Council officers have included a new page that focuses on the Celebration District at Sydney Olympic Park and provides more detail about its potential future and points of difference within 'Global Parramatta'. This identifies a key move for sports science and industry specialisation.
	SOPA outlined several other opportunities for how Sydney Olympic Park may support the City to achieve other aspects of its vision, including provision of green space, sport and recreation facilities (community through to elite), development of a state contemporary art and cultural venue and a 'living lab' for urban innovation.	Comments noted, no change proposed.
Organisation #25 **Action for Public Transport (NSW) Inc.**	Overall, Action for Public Transport (NSW) Inc. (APT NSW), approves of the principles and directions set out in *draft Parramatta 2050*, and most specifically the transport-related section pages 25-26. Notes that there have long been deficiencies in Sydney's strategic planning, of which some are apparent in draft *Parramatta 2050.*	Comments noted, no change proposed.
	Indicated support for the following: • Construction of a railway linking Parramatta with Western Sydney Airport and the associated Aerotropolis following a more direct route, possible via Blacktown. • Construction of Metro stations at Camellia-Rosehill and Silverwater. • If these cannot be included in the line as opened, "futureproofing", as described in the report, e.g. inclusion in tunnels of boxes for station platforms.	Comments noted, no change proposed.

	• The "River Rail" link with indicative alignment Norwest-Parramatta-Bankstown-Miranda. • Serious consideration of the case for Paramatta as the Sydney station for an East Coast high-speed rail link. • Consideration of Council's other light rail routes – e.g. to Macquarie Park, Rouse Hill and Wetherill Park.	
	APT NSW noted that they do not support attaching an Epping spur to the existing Cumberland line unless it can be shown not to prejudice the capacity of that line. However, APT NSW do support extension of light rail underground from Carlingford to Epping, with a station at Carlingford Court.	Draft *Parramatta 2050* reflects Council's core advocacy position for priority transport connections and is informed by Transport for NSW's Future Transport Strategy. Additional transport connections will be further considered through Council's undertaking of an Integrated Transport Strategy.
	APT NSW noted that there should be value capture from urban development in all locations along rail corridors as a funding mechanism.	Comments noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document to position Parramatta as a global city. Further detail regarding the enabler 'Nation leading governance' and the proposed City of Parramatta Act will be considered in future prospectuses. Further, Council is proposing to establish a coordinated and dependable funding pipeline.
	Noted that modes of transport may be less important than the existence of a dedicated corridor when planning. Noted that some of the routes may be initiated by bus services and investment in these routes should be serious rather than a stopgap, with least possible impact to car and truck drivers. T The benefits of integration wayfinding and signage to improve the effectiveness of the transport system are also discussed.	Comments noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document to position Parramatta as a global city. Further detail regarding the Game Changer 'Connections to the world' will be considered in future prospectuses.
	Recommended that Council press the NSW Government to issue a long-term strategic plan for transport.	Comment noted, no changes proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* offers a comprehensive 'next moves' for transport planning for Greater Sydney, reflects Council's core advocacy position for priority transport connections and is informed by Transport for NSW's Future Transport Strategy. Additional transport connections will be further considered through Council's undertaking of an Integrated Transport Strategy.
	Recommended that Council simplify walking between Parramatta Railway Station and the Macquarie Street tram stop.	Comments noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document to position Parramatta as a global city. Detail regarding the public domain and wayfinding between public transport services is beyond the scope of this document.

Organisation submission #26 **Shelter NSW**	Re-imagine the entire City of Parramatta 2050 as a 'model city' - one where people from all works of life, income, age, culture, ability or housing tenure can live; supported by accessible and affordable housing. Adopt a new Game Changer … a place where everyone can happily, healthily and affordably live.	Recommendation noted. Council officers have updated the copy relating to the strategic direction 'Accelerate', which now reads "For our community, 'Accelerate' is about leveraging opportunities to enhance liveability and wellbeing, improving access to opportunities and experiences and ensuring that our City's transformation is sustainable."
	Ensure lower-income residents (overwhelmingly renters) whether in social, affordable or private dwellings are a key focus for the future City places, building and dwelling design considerations. Take account of the overlaying housing diversity and adaptability needs that arise from disability, cultural considerations, family size and the desire to age in place. Ensure Parramatta's growing dwelling stock can accommodate large and changing family sizes and circumstances, especially in high-rise buildings. Increase its goals for social and affordable housing in the LGA: at least 10-15 % social housing and at least 25% affordable rental housing by 2050 commensurate with the current and growing demand for social housing and to support low-moderate income key/essential workers to live in Parramatta. Identify the urgent need for a robust Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme as a key requirement for the future Parramatta (under the Governance category), especially as ongoing upzoning is occurring without it (undermining the expansion of affordable housing stock).	Comments noted, no change proposed. As a high-level visioning document draft Parramatta 2050 does not discuss specific actions on housing and housing affordability. Detailed actions on affordable housing in Parramatta are contained within the Social Sustainability Strategy 2023-33 and the Affordable Housing Action Plan.
Organisation submission #27 **The North Parramatta Resident Action Group (NPRAG)**	The North Parramatta Resident Action Group (NPRAG) do not support draft *Parramatta 2050* and have several significant concerns regarding the draft document.	Comments noted, no change proposed.
	NPRAG noted that that it is critical to provide "measurable fundamental statistics" of the makeup of the City and Council area between now and 2050, including population and demographic composition, urban make up, environmental and social impacts etc. "…Without a base understanding of the key factors impacting the direction and rate of change how can Community and the Council/Councillors understand and support a vision that has no consideration of the Parramatta cities various stakeholders."	Council notes NPRAG's objections. In preparing draft *Parramatta 2050,* Council prepared a comprehensive Research and Evidence base that included analysis of the demographics of City of Parramatta now and into the future, analysis of social, economic, and environmental issues, and global trends that may shape cities into the future. A summary of this work was included in the attachment to the Council Report dated 13 May 2024.

		A comprehensive community and stakeholder program has been undertaken to inform draft *Parramatta 2050*, the details of which are attached to the Council Report dated 12 August 2024. Draft *Parramatta 2050* also sits within the context of a range of Council plans and strategies, including Council's Community Strategic Plan which is responsible for translating these global aspirations into local outcomes and priorities.
	NPRAG indicated that draft *Parramatta 2050* has excluded proportions of the community, including children, young adolescents and the elderly, stating that there is no mention of early childhood facilities, parklands and open spaces, nor accommodation and services for the growing population of elderly residents. NPRAG also specific that the current and recent Councils have failed to meet the expected parameters for providing open space, access to sunlight and the greening of the city.	Comments noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level aspirational vision document intended to position Parramatta as a global city. Draft Parramatta 2050 is supported by a range of Council's other strategies and planning documents. These include Council's Community Strategic Plan which is responsible for translating these global aspirations into local outcomes and priorities, Community Infrastructure Strategy, Councils draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy, and Council's Social Sustainability Strategy 2023-33.
	NPRAG highlights that draft *Parramatta 2050* has not shown an estimation "of the costing of this wishlist if propositions were implemented in the future." "…NPRAG would have thought a Council with an unfunded backlog of outstanding works over $1 billion should be concentrating on managing it responsibilities, for which they are accountable to the ratepayers and residents." NPRAG does not support Council partaking in this visioning activity and notes that other private and government organisations should be undertaking their own activities and not Local Government.	Comments noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level aspirational vision document intended to position Parramatta as a global city, and it acknowledges that further detailed planning is required to advance implementation of the vision.
	"…Extraneous activities such as Regional Councils and power structures and creating a Global Parramatta does little to nothing for the residents of Parramatta and Western Sydney. There are other organisations and structures available now (which the Council has Failed to tap into)."	Comments noted, no change proposed.
	NPRAG felt that the statements regarding the "River City" are hyperbole and directed attention to recent decision of Councillors to approve a significant development in Phillip Street which was perceived to be in opposition to the preservation of the Upper Parramatta River area.	Comments noted, no change proposed.

	NPRAG notes that draft *Parramatta 2050* does not address the very significant colonial and heritage assets.	Comments noted. Council officers have updated the Game Changer 'The epicentre of creativity' to become 'The epicentre of culture & creativity'. A key move has been introduced to this Game Changer which focuses on cultural and heritage tourism. Council officers have updated the introductory section of draft *Parramatta 2050* to strengthen recognition of Parramatta's significant colonial and heritage assets.
	NPRAG comments that the suggestions for Silverwater and Rosehill-Camellia are 'nonsensical" and that they appear to have been prepared with little consideration of the facts and current challenges and usage.	Comments noted, no change proposed.
	NPRAG recommend that Council strongly advocate to the NSW Government to transfer the Sydney Olympic Park area, to be directly under its control by including it with the Parramatta LGA.	Comments noted. Council officers have revised the text in the enable 'Nation leading governance' to instead read "…the proposed Act must improve governance and streamline decision-making across the City, including for Sydney Olympic Park and Parramatta Park, which are not managed by Council. This could include centralising responsibilities with Council or improving collaborative governance to manage assets across the city in a more integrated way."
	NRPAG raises multiple concerns regarding clarity and transparency of ongoing evaluation and monitoring of *draft Parramatta 2050*.	Comments noted. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level aspirational vision document intended to position Parramatta as a global city. Action planning, evaluation, and monitoring cannot proceed until the long term direction for the city has been agreed. For this reason, Council has exhibited draft Parramatta 2050 to ensure it clearly understands the prospectives of the community and a range of stakeholders, and then should Council endorse it further information will be made available on Council's website about the next steps for this work, ensuring that all community members can stay up to date with progress.
	NPRAG questioned the validity of the jobs ratio of 1 job for 1.5 residents.	Developing benchmarks to better understand current and future provision of jobs is a commonly accepted planning methodology. While benchmarking cannot be considered in isolation, the employment ratio of 1 job for every 1.5 residents approximately reflects the current ratio of jobs to local residents in the City of Parramatta LGA. The rationale for this is clearly explained in the Game Changer "Western Sydney's Jobs Engine", and rests on the critical imperative to advocate for no further loss of local jobs for Parramatta

		residents by 2050, to ensure that as our population grows, our community will not lose ground in terms of local jobs opportunities.
	NPRAG does not believe that draft *Parramatta 2050* is fit for purpose and caution that this document could have "significant and detrimental impacts upon the community of Parramatta and NSW generally."	Comments noted, no change proposed.
Organisation submission #28 **Floodplain Management Australia**	Floodplain Management Australia (FMA) commends the City of Parramatta for developing a policy to provide guidance for the growth, change and management of the City, that acknowledges the need for ongoing "innovative approaches to flood management." (pg. 22). FMA sees this as an important platform to ensure that the management and development of the City's floodplains remains sustainable into the future.	Comments noted, no change proposed.
	As recognised in draft *Parramatta 2050*, the Parramatta River and its tributaries have provided a focus for living and working in the "River City" for many years. The significance includes linkages to First Nation people, ecological values, recreational and amenity qualities, and transport. Future development expectations are also alluded to in draft *Parramatta 2050* for areas such as Camellia-Rosehill, Silverwater and the Parramatta CBD itself. The development of these areas, and the floodplains of the Parramatta LGA overall, will need to ensure that flood risks are identified and appropriately managed.	Comments noted, no change proposed.
	A balance needs to be struck between the positive attributes of the river and the risks of associated flooding, when setting a course for how the floodplain of the river will be managed and developed into the future. We see draft *Parramatta 2050* as an important policy platform to establish the principles necessary to provide the required balance. Noted that City of Parramatta has prepared several flood studies which have identified the significant flood risks associated with the use and development of the floodplains of Parramatta River and tributaries. Attached the 'Flood Risk Management Manual' and the consideration of climate change flood risk in land use planning.	Comments noted, no change proposed.
	Recommended that draft *Parramatta 2050* include a commitment to: • Providing for the management of flood risks to life, property and public infrastructure.	Comments noted, no change proposed.

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	• Policies and practices recommended by the Manual when making future decisions on the management and development of the floodplains of the City. • Applying a risk based approach that reflects a graded level of control dependent on the vulnerability of different land uses and the degree of hazard identified for different floodplains and different parts of a floodplain. • Factoring in climate change considerations. • Investment in mitigation and management of flood risks.	Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document to position Parramatta as a global city. The document acknowledges matters relating to climate change and flood management. Council has a detailed flood management framework where issues raised in this submission are addressed.
Organisational submission #29 **Western Sydney University**	Recommended the proposed Model City District of Camellia-Rosehill be expanded to include nearby Rydalmere, including Western Sydney University's Parramatta South Campus.	Comment noted, no change proposed. The Districts are not proposed to be expanded in scope, however the opportunity presented by the proximity of Camellia-Rosehill to education precincts including at Rydalmere is referenced in the Camellia-Rosehill District page.
	Recommended for Council to investigate the concept of 'innovation districts', particularly for the redevelopment of Silverwater.	Council officers have updated draft Parramatta 2050 to include more of a focus on innovation, including in the 'Accelerate' strategic direction. Innovation is critical to a global city, and this is recognised throughout the draft document. Council officers have updated the 'Global Parramatta' copy to include a statement about the names of the Districts amplifying their key strengths and highlighting their point of difference, but they are not mutually exclusive. Opportunities for innovation will be seized across all five Districts.
	Suggest that WSU's Indigenous Centre for Excellence be acknowledged as a leading institution for Parramatta to grow and sustain partnerships and engagement with First Nations.	Recommendation supported. Council officers have updated the Game Changer 'A world leader in First Nations partnerships' to recognise the Indigenous Centre of Excellence at Western Sydney University.
	Western Sydney University believe that Council should be more ambitious with its job target and aim for 124 jobs for every 100 workers on par with the rest of Sydney	Comments noted, no change proposed. The employment ratio of 1 job for every 1.5 residents approximately reflects the current ratio of jobs to local residents in the City of Parramatta LGA and presents a jobs target more ambitious than previous jobs planning for Parramatta. The rationale for this is clearly explained in the Game Changer "Western Sydney's Jobs Engine", and rests on the critical imperative to advocate for no further loss of local jobs for Parramatta residents by 2050, to ensure that as our

		population grows, our community will not lose ground in terms of local jobs opportunities. Pending its approval, monitoring of draft Parramatta 2050 will allow Council officers to review the jobs target if it is determined that progress is being made to achieve this target.
	Parramatta has the potential to become a powerhouse within the Creative Economy by: • Fostering Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Establishing innovation hubs and creative incubators that support startups and entrepreneurs in the arts and creative industries. • Facilitating Collaborations: Encouraging partnerships between artists, tech companies, and other industries to create interdisciplinary projects that push the boundaries of traditional art forms. • Promoting Cultural Tourism: Developing strategic marketing campaigns to attract tourists, positioning Parramatta as a must-visit destination for cultural experiences.	Council officers have updated draft Parramatta 2050 to include more of a focus on innovation, including in the 'Accelerate' strategic direction. Council officers have also updated the Game Changer 'The epicentre of creativity' to become 'The epicentre of culture & creativity'. A key move has been introduced to this Game Changer which focuses on cultural and heritage tourism. Draft Parramatta 2050 is a high-level aspirational vision document intended to position Parramatta as a global city. The purpose of draft Parramatta 2050 is to agree a long term direction for the future city, and it does not discuss specific actions.
	Parramatta can enhance its support for small to medium arts organisations by: • Providing Financial Support: Offering grants, subsidies, and financial incentives tailored to the needs of small to medium arts organisations and artists. • Creating Affordable Spaces: Ensuring access to affordable rehearsal, performance, production and exhibition spaces to foster artistic expression and community engagement. • Building Networks: Facilitating networking opportunities that connect small to medium arts organisations with larger institutions, sponsors, and potential collaborators.	Comments noted, no changes proposed. Draft Parramatta 2050 is a high-level aspirational vision document intended to position Parramatta as a global city. The purpose of draft Parramatta 2050 is to agree a long term direction for the future city, and it does not discuss specific actions.
	To build a sustainable creative future, it is crucial to invest in education that equips young people with the necessary skills for tomorrow's creative economy. Parramatta should focus on: • Establishing Local Art Institutions: Developing/partnering with tertiary institutions that specialise in visual and performing arts, ensuring that	Comments noted. Through the Game Changer 'The epicentre of culture & creativity' draft *Parramatta 2050* advocates for fine arts degrees in our university sector to support the local creative economy.

	students have access to high-quality education within their community. • Promoting Industry Integration: Supporting programs that integrate students with local arts organisations and industry professionals, providing practical experience, training and fostering career pathways.	Council officers have also included a new statement at the end of this Game Changer "By 2050…" which reinforces access to education: "with access to affordable practice and performance spaces and creative educational offerings."
	Western Sydney University also provided minor suggestions for rewording.	Noted.
Organisational submission #30 **Billbergia Group and Keylan Consulting Pty Ltd on behalf of Billbergia Group**	Billbergia indicates their support for draft *Parramatta 2050* and specific support for the jobs, creativity, festivals, sports and entertainment, and transport connections components of the document. Draft *Parramatta 2050* presents a significant opportunity to facilitate development that aligns with the strategic intent of the Camellia-Rosehill Place Strategy, in a manner that better suits the future needs of the LGA by addressing the evident shortage of housing and services in the locality and more broadly, Greater Sydney.	Comments noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document to position Parramatta as a global city.
	Billbergia is broadly supportive of 'The Model City' in Camellia-Rosehill. Billbergia acknowledges that this District will require the highest level of collaboration between government and private sector, along with the best international expertise to crystallise a broader vision. Recommend that core policy positions for jobs and housing targets in Camellia should be driven by a Masterplan and considered holistically across 'Global Parramatta's' five Districts, aligning with Greater Sydney's need for housing and jobs over the next 25 years.	Comments noted. Council agrees that collaboration, including a new governance model, is necessary to realise the vision of draft *Parramatta 2050* and this is discussed in 'Nation-leading governance' which addresses the need for coordinated regional planning and governance, and partnerships.
	Noted support for regional open space in Camellia-Rosehill highlighting that 1.5km of the Parramatta River could be unlocked for public access for the first time in a century, and connect the Western Sydney University (WSU), but recommended further consideration for the timing and locations of the open space. Recommended consultation with landowners for decision-making on open space provision.	Comments noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document to position Parramatta as a global city. Further detail regarding the 'Model City District' will be considered in future prospectuses. Council notes that any future directions should be developed in consultation with landowners within this District.

	General support for the key move of securing long-term employment prospects for Camellia-Rosehill, subject to further analysis. "It is imperative that the while the strategic planning for the Precinct is being prepared, which could take a number of years, that it does not preclude or restrict development that is consistent with the existing statutory framework."	Comments noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document to position Parramatta as a global city. It is not the role of this document to consider or unlock specific development opportunities. Further detail regarding the 'Model City District' will be considered in future prospectuses.
	Noted that the Camellia precinct offers unrivalled scope for catalytic, large-scale remediation and the urban renewal of what is currently an underutilised and contaminated industrial precinct. Support for environmental remediation and green infrastructure at Camellia-Rosehill, given the significant contamination status of the site and surrounds. However, draft *Parramatta 2050* does not include any direction of future remediation and green infrastructure requirements for the District.	Comments noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document to position Parramatta as a global city. Further detail regarding the 'Model City District' will be considered in future prospectuses. Council notes that any future directions should be developed in consultation with landowners within this District.
	Support for the establishment of a proposed governance structure, such as the City of Parramatta Act, with coordinated planning and infrastructure decision making for Camellia. Noted that this would require ongoing collaboration between State and Local government and would benefit from the strategic input of major landholders and other stakeholders.	Comments noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document to position Parramatta as a global city. Further detail regarding the enabler 'Nation leading governance' and the proposed City of Parramatta Act will be considered in future prospectuses.
	Billbergia are committed to working with City of Parramatta on the important opportunities that the draft vision provides.	Comments noted, no change proposed.

Organisational submission #31 **Keylan Consulting Pty Ltd on behalf of Sonasari Pty Ltd**	Sonasari Pty Ltd (Sonasari) acknowledges the importance of protecting the employment and economic functions of Silverwater and offers the following comments: • Notes that draft *Parramatta 2050* fails to identify the range of alternate land uses (other than industrial) which are fundamental in supporting economic functions of Silverwater and the broader Parramatta LGA. • Recommended that draft *Parramatta 2050* be updated to ensure consistency with Council's existing strategic plans. • Support for the future proofed metro station at Silverwater: "…*The operation of a Metro will facilitate the expansion of Silverwater, contributing to its future role as a key economic pillar for Parramatta and for all of Sydney.*" However, noted it appears a missed opportunity to deliver a range of land uses, including commercial and residential uses. This appears contrary to the State Government's recent land use planning approaches, which aim to provide mixed use and residential development around transport and well located areas. • Support for the reimagining of Silverwater Gaol, given that it has potential to provide significant benefits for the local community. • Noted that any future master planning for Silverwater Gaol should be undertaken in consultation with landowners in the precinct and the wider community.	Comments noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document to position Parramatta as a global city. Further detail regarding the 'Future Jobs District' will be considered in future prospectuses
	Recommends that Council consider the incorporation of fast bus services running north-south from Carlingford to Auburn, to fill the gap while waiting for key transport infrastructure.	Comments noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document to position Parramatta as a global city. Further detail regarding the 'Connections to the world' will be considered in future prospectuses. The Game Changer 'Connections to the world' already mentions the role of bus routes as follows. Short-term solutions like rapid bus transit and enhanced bus services will also be explored as interim measures until more extensive infrastructure projects can be actualised.

Organisational submission #32 **Cricket NSW**	Cricket NSW commends Council for its comprehensive vision and strategic approach to transforming Parramatta into a thriving, dynamic, and inclusive city. Cricket NSW looks forward to collaborating with Council and other stakeholders to realise this vision. Cricket NSW: • supports focus areas of Silverwater and SOP as this aligns with their goals for Cricket Central. • supports the strategic focus on Silverwater, particular its designation as a 'Future Jobs District'. • supports future proofing Silverwater with Metro infrastructure that supports target industries across advanced manufacturing, biomedical, creative, and innovation sectors. • supports vision to reimagine Silverwater Gaol and recognises its potential to contribute to infrastructure and employment futures. • advocates for the expansion of adjacent parklands to extend open space, recreation and sporting options, and proposes that part of the site be repurposed for active recreation.	Comments noted, no change proposed.
	Acknowledges that the lack of turf facilities in the City of Parramatta LGA does not meet the needs of current participants. Noted that enhanced multipurpose grounds will also support diverse sporting activities and events. Noted that Sydney Olympic Park, designated as the 'Celebration District' is well placed to host major cultural and sporting events.	Comments noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is our high-level vision to position Parramatta as a global city. Detailed actions to address community infrastructure in Parramatta are contained within Council's Community Infrastructure Strategy and Community Strategic Plan.
	Cricket NSW strongly encourages Council to invest in repurposing contaminated land within Silverwater and Sydney Olympic Park. This will address environmental concerns and also create new parcels of land for sports and recreation, housing and employment hubs for the community.	Comments noted. Draft *Parramatta 2050* already acknowledges the importance of regeneration in 'The Model City District'. Council officers have expanded on the Game Changer 'an unrivalled river city' to include a key relating to climate action, resilience and regeneration to emphasise the importance of regeneration. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document to position Parramatta as a global city. Further detail regarding the Game Changer 'an unrivalled river city' will be considered in future prospectuses.
	Cricket NSW is committed to empowering women in sports. Cricket NSW advocates for continued investment in facilities and programs that support female athletes, coaches and officials.	Council officers have updated the key move under the Game Changer 'Home of Festivals, Sports and Entertainment' to reflect that Parramatta continues to empower women in sports, in recognition that Parramatta already plays a significant role in this space.

	Ensuring that the Cricket Central is integrated within the overall vision of the Silverwater precinct will help nurture the next generation of female cricket stars.	
	Cricket NSW recommends activation of Engie Stadium as the second biggest events hub in Sydney and also to leverage Cricket's global nature, to position Parramatta as an international sports destination, attracting tourist and boosting the local economy.	Comments noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* already acknowledges the importance of leverage sports in positioning Parramatta as a global city.
Organisational submission #33 **Parramatta Eels**	Indicates support for draft *Parramatta 2050,* particularly its emphasis on establishing our city as the home of festivals, sports and entertainment. • "The 2050 vision strategy reflects the essence of what Parramatta has always strived to be – a centre of cultural and recreational excellence." • Sees the potential of 2050 vision strategy to make Parramatta a premier destination for both residents and visitors • Excited to partner with the City of Parramatta - "Reaffirm our unwavering support for the 2050 vision strategy and our commitment to playing an active role in its implementation."	Comments noted, no change proposed.
Organisational submission #34 **Committee for Sydney**	Committee for Sydney (CFS) indicates strong support for draft *Parramatta 2050:* • "This strategy outlines a comprehensive and ambitious roadmap for the future development of Parramatta, and we comment the council's dedication to creating a vibrant, inclusive and globally recognised city." • Focus on key precincts (Districts) is an effective way to recognise the comparative strengths of parts of the LGA. • Supported connection of the Districts via the Metro • Parramatta's role as a global city is crucial in bringing together the diverse community of the LGA and serving as a hub of cultural exchange and economic activity. • Draft *Parramatta 2050* outlines a vision that leverages Parramatta's centrality in Sydney to enhance its role as a dynamic and influential global city. • Support for Parramatta positioning itself as a city with creative culture at its heart, including adding contemporary art, live music and nightlife venues to the ambitious work already underway.	Comments noted, no change proposed.

	• Support for 'Parramatta International' as a significant step forward in enhancing the city's global connections • Supports the River Rail project, which connects Norwest to Miranda via Parramatta, Bankstown, Hurstville and Kogarah, noting it will greatly enhance then north-south connectivity in Sydney. CFS urges Council to prioritise this initiative.	
Organisation submission #35 **Destination NSW**	Destination NSW recommends that that the visitor economy be acknowledged as an aligned growth opportunity for Parramatta that can be realised through direct and indirect efforts. Recommends that Council consider identifying the visitor economy as an important sector that will support the region to reach its full potential. This includes in planning for the future expansion and activation of the Headquarters District and Celebration District. In line with Council's vision for the growth of higher education sector in the city, the Plan might identify the related opportunity to grow the local visitor economy and work with businesses to meet the expectations and requirements of this important market.	Comment noted. Council officers have updated the Game Changer 'The epicentre of creativity' to become 'The epicentre of culture & creativity'. A key move has been introduced to this Game Changer which focuses on cultural and heritage tourism. Council officers have updated the introductory section of draft *Parramatta 2050* to strengthen recognition of Parramatta's significant colonial and heritage. 'The home of festivals, sports and entertainment' focuses on the visitor economy.
	Destination NSW commends Council's commitment to develop a long-term plan in Parramatta 2050 that focuses on developing Parramatta as an 'epicentre of creativity' and the 'home of festivals, sports and entertainment'. This ambition aligns with and supports several NSW Government policy priorities and Destination NSW's ongoing commitment to grow the state's visitor economy. Destination NSW fully supports Council's commitment to continuing to develop First Nations partnerships.	Comments noted, no change proposed.
	Recommends that Council consider how NSW Government programs and support can be further leveraged such as Parramatta CBD's Purple Flag accreditation and the heritage listing of landmark sites in the future.	Council officers have included a new page dedicated to the 'Headquarters District' with a dedicated key move that provides further information about 'A 24-hour cultural and creative economy'. Council officers have updated the Game Changer 'The epicentre of creativity' to become 'The epicentre of culture & creativity'. A key move has been introduced to this Game Changer which focuses on cultural and heritage tourism. Further detail regarding specific actions can be considered in future prospectuses and/or Council's other strategic documents and action plans.

	Destination NSW supports the classification of Parramatta and Sydney Olympic Park as 'the home of sports, festivals and entertainment'. Recommends that Council consider how it can amplify the benefits of leisure and business event visitors by extending visitor length of stay or driving repeat visitation through placemaking, service provision and programming.	Comment noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document. This level of detail can be considered in future prospectuses and/or Council's other strategic documents and action plans, including the future Visitor Economy Strategy.
	Notes that draft *Parramatta 2050* does not highlight in detail the City's ambition relating to sustainability and access and inclusion.	Recommendations partially supported. Council officers have included a new key move in 'An unrivalled river city' that more specially focus on climate action, regeneration and resilience. This key move identifies that in alignment with the United Nations' Paris Agreement, Council has set a target for our City to achieve a 75% reduction in emissions compared to 2016-2017 levels by 2038. Council has a range of plans and programs currently underway that address these issues, including the Social Sustainability Strategy 2023-2033, draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2023-32, Parramatta Bike Plan 2024, Sydney's New Central River Parklands vision 2024. Work is also progressing towards the delivery of a new Integrated Heritage Strategy, as well as a new Destination Management Plan.
	Council might also consider a strategic plan to promote, develop and evolve experiences.	Comments noted, no change proposed. Council has a range of plans and programs currently underway that address these issues, including the forthcoming draft Cultural Strategy and the Community Strategic Plan. Work is also progressing towards the delivery of a new Integrated Heritage Strategy, as well as a new Destination Management Plan
	Destination NSW facilitates a Greater Sydney local government visitor economy engagement program which provides the opportunity for councils to network and learn from each other. We encourage Council to continue participating in this program. Destination NSW looks forward to continuing to work together to realise the vision for *draft Parramatta 2050.*	Comments noted, no change proposed.
Organisation submission #36	Transport for NSW indicates that Draft *Parramatta 2050* outlines numerous visionary transport connections which would require significant state funding and delivery.	Comments noted, no change proposed.

Planning and Programs, Transport for NSW	City of Parramatta should not underestimate that value of transport connections and improvements which are within their control for delivery including improved walking and cycling facilities, as well as improved bus shelters.	Comments noted. Council officers note the importance of active transport underpinning public transport. Council officers have updated the Game Changer 'An unrivalled river city' to include a key move that addresses active transport, including walking and cycling - 'Active transport worthy of a global city'.
	Providing a network of dedicated cycling infrastructure across the LGA would increase City of Parramatta's global appeal as well as provide existing and future residents improved mobility options.	Comments noted, no change proposed. Council has a range of plans and programs currently underway that address these issues, including the draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2023-32, Parramatta Bike Plan 2024, Sydney's New Central River Parklands vision 2024.
Organisation submission #37 **James Hardie Australia**	James Hardie Australia were supportive of draft *Parramatta 2050*: • Support for the commitment of maintaining the local jobs density of 1 job per 1.5 residents • Indicated that draft *Parramatta 2050* is closely aligned with James Hardie's vision for the future based on quality jobs, prioritisation of global best practices and innovation and enabling the continued manufacturing of durable, resilient and affordable building products. • Acknowledge that they have renewed their partnership with the Parramatta Eels and that this partnership is focused on bringing the community together through a range of initiatives. • James Hardie indicated that they look forward collaborating on the future of Parramatta 2050.	Comments noted, no change proposed.
	James Hardie Australia proposes to upgrade and expand the Rosehill Facility in the near future, to increase manufacturing capacity to meet anticipated demand. "…*Our expansion plans for the Rosehill Facility will result in the creation of more jobs, both in the construction phase and as part of, or supporting, our manufacturing operations into the future. Our plans therefore connect directly with the draft Parramatta 2050 vision by supporting the "game changer" vision for Western Sydney jobs engine.*" James Hardie Australia emphasized that while their continued operations on this land may be different in nature to those of new businesses envisaged to move into this area, that they can contribute to the furtherance of the goals and values of draft *Parramatta 2050*, including the strategic directions of 'Gather', 'Create' and 'Accelerate'.	Comment noted, no changes proposed.

Organisation submission #38 **Sydney Olympic Park Business Association**	Sydney Olympic Park Business Association (SOPBA) congratulates Council on its ambitions strategic vision and indicated their support for much of what it contains.	Comments noted, no change proposed.
	SOPBA recommended that 'Global Parramatta' would be better phrased as Greater Parramatta, which would make it more inclusive of all the geographical locations and people of the LGA, while still having a local focus. Noted that a City Council should be primarily focused on their LGA.	Comments noted. Draft *Parramatta 2050* introduces 'Global Parramatta', which includes five Districts spanning from Westmead to Sydney Olympic Park, where the key global opportunities for our City will be concentrated. Council officers have added in a new page dedicated to 'our Districts and neighbourhoods' which demonstrates how the benefits of draft *Parramatta 2050* will extend beyond the five Districts of 'Global Parramatta', to our neighbourhoods, Greater Sydney and beyond. Council officers have also included a new statement at the end of each Game Changer "By 2050…" to demonstrate the impact that each Game Changer will have on the local community by 2050. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is also supported by a range of Council plans and strategies. Council's Community Strategic Plan is responsible for translating these global aspirations into local outcomes and priorities.
	Suggested that naming Sydney Olympic Park the 'Celebration District' is limiting to how Sydney Olympic Park is perceived. Acknowledged the many attributes of Sydney Olympic Park, including its educational institutes and the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW.	Comments noted. Council officers have updated the 'Global Parramatta' and 'Accelerate' copy to include a statement about the names of the Districts amplifying their key strengths and highlighting their point of difference, but they are not mutually exclusive. Council officers have also added copy that specifies that each District will still function as a standalone District in its own right. Council officers have included a new page that focuses on the Celebration District at Sydney Olympic Park and provides more detail about its potential future and points of difference within 'Global Parramatta'.
	Acknowledged that Parramatta is already well connected to the Sydney Airport, especially given particular roadways (M4 & M8), and that this hasn't been captured in the document.	Comments noted, the focus of Parra 2050 is an advocacy program on future transport investment rather than a focus on existing networks no change proposed.
Organisation submission #39 **Urbis**	Urbis commends Council for setting forth a vision of Parramatta as a global city in 2050. "This is the right time to be bold and inspire sustainable growth. The preparation of a plan and the Council communication with the community,	Comments noted, no change proposed.

	governments at all levels and industry are as important as the plan itself. It is appreciated that Council does not have the hard facts about what will eventuate in 2050, as what is predicted will not necessarily materialise. The importance of having a long-term strategic vision for a city can not be understated"	
	Highlighted a number of key factors based on what a successful city vision looks like, including: • Tailored approach. • Focus on the purpose note the details. • Establishing trust and alignment by being clear about what influence the community and stakeholders will have and how long change will take. • Make it interesting and imaginative. • Focus on the issues that matter to the community. • Measure success. • Good governance delivers results. Urbis acknowledges that draft *Parramatta 2050* delivers on many of these factors, in terms of: • Building from a position of strength that Parramatta giving recognition to a diverse community, the natural environment and employment sectors. • A global city vision, recognising there are many steps and agencies of change required to support the strategic vison. • Identifying future opportunities. • Parramatta 2050 identifies three governance enablers. • Council has identities the next steps in the implementation of Parramatta 2050.	Comments noted, no change proposed.
	Recommended that Council find other ways to better integrate the Districts with one another, beyond the Metro: Recommendations included: • Highlighting improved pedestrian and cycling infrastructure. • Further emphasise the Parramatta River as a key connector of the five Districts.	Recommendation supported. Council officers have updated the Game Changer 'An unrivalled river city' to include a key move that addresses active transport, including walking and cycling - 'active transport worthy of a global city'. Council officers have emphasised the treatment of the Parramatta River throughout the document, including in the 'Global Parramatta' diagram. This has included extending the treatment of the diagram to include the Parramatta

		River's creeks and tributaries as well as proving a specific 'call-out' to the River as an important connector and identified of our City.
	Recommended that Council make clear how the success of the aspirations outlined in each of the Game Changers would be measured.	Comments noted. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level aspirational vision document intended to position Parramatta as a global city. The purpose of draft *Parramatta 2050* is to agree a long-term direction for the future city, which needs to be consulted on before further work on action planning and evaluation can commence. Should Council endorse draft *Parramatta 2050*, further information will be made available on Council's website about the next steps for this work, ensuring that all community members can stay up to date with progress. As outlined on the 'Implementation page' it is Council's intention, should this work be endorsed by Council, to develop a robust Evaluation Framework to support the measurement of Parramatta's journey towards 2050. Council officers note that to ensure the effectiveness of the Game Changers, a comprehensive evaluation system, including both qualitative and quantitative measures, could be created. Council officers also note that this could be done in a creative and imaginative way, and also build community alignment around Parramatta 2050.
	Recommended that there be further explanation of what the 24-hour precinct within the City's broad context is. Recommended including commentary about safety and the importance of activating night time businesses.	Recommendation supported. Council officers have included a new page dedicated to the 'Headquarters District' with a dedicated key move that provides further information about 'A 24-hour cultural and creative economy'.
	Acknowledged that there is a lack of benchmarking studies or examples within the strategy. Recommended that Council look at other cities of a similar scale/nature within a national or global context, which Council can use to understand what success looks like and inform next steps of implementation.	Comments noted, no change proposed. In preparing draft *Parramatta 2050,* Council prepared a comprehensive Research and Evidence base that included analysis of comparable benchmarking examples. A summary of this work was included in the attachment to the Council Report dated 13 May 2024.
	Recommended that draft *Parramatta 2050* include links to themes such as a reduction of carbon footprint, net zero emissions and sustainability.	Recommendation supported. Council officers have included a new key move in 'An unrivalled river city' that more specially focus on climate action, regeneration and resilience. This key move identifies that in alignment with the United Nations' Paris Agreement, Council has set a target for our City to achieve a 75% reduction in emissions compared to 2016-2017 levels by 2038.

Organisation submission #40 **High Speed Rail Authority**	HSRA is developing a business case for high speed rail from Sydney to Newcastle and recognises the transformative potential of a stop in Parramatta. Business case will explore opportunities for housing, regional connectivity, creating jobs and boosting productivity, and supporting environmental outcomes. Parramatta has been identified as a potential station location through early planning and the Authority will commence engagement in the coming months.	Comments noted, no change proposed.
Organisation submission #41 **Sydney Water**	General support for draft *Parramatta 2050*. • Expressed support for the 'Game Changers' and noted that there are a number of opportunities for Council and Sydney Water to partner. • Supportive of Council's position to become a leader in the First Nation partnerships. Sydney Water noted their key role in protecting the waterways requires partnerships with the Dharug community. • Offered support to Council to realise the 'unrivaled river city' aspiration as the lead agency overseeing the *'DUBA, BUDU, BARRA: Ten Steps to a Living River – the Parramatta River Masterplan'* and a key owner of water assets. • Noted Milson Park as a great example and welcomed Council's collaboration on similar initiatives.	Comments noted, no change proposed.
	Highly supportive of the future opportunity to make Camellia-Rosehill a 'Model City'. Sydney Water recommend consideration of associated industries in the precinct such as biorefinery of organic waste and biofuel production, as well as co-locating water intensive industries to utilise recycled water.	Comments noted, no change proposed. Should Council endorse draft *Parramatta 2050*, recommendations will be considered in further detail during development of specific plans related to projects.
	Noted support for strong governance and are interested to learn more about the City of Parramatta Act proposal. Acknowledged existing partnerships with Council to pilot the Blue Green Index to understand how planning reforms can improve outcomes for the River and the community. Requested support to roll out recommendations to the broader LGA.	Comments noted, no change proposed. Draft *Parramatta 2050* is a high-level, aspirational vision document to position Parramatta as a global city. Should Council endorse draft *Parramatta 2050,* further detail will be determined through specific plans related to projects.
Organisation submission #42 **Property and Development NSW**	Additional consideration for the mixed-use of the North Parramatta precinct, with arts, culture and storytelling embedded in the precinct. Provided an attachment with markups to the draft *Parramatta 2050* pdf that focused on including cultural and creative uses in the Westmead and	Comments noted. Council has included new content which addresses the role of creative and cultural infrastructure and functions in Westmead and North Parramatta in facilitating a mixed-use precinct, beyond adaptive reuse.

	North Parramatta District and changing the tagline to something like 'Grow your story'.	Council officers have also updated the Game Changer 'The epicentre of creativity' to become 'The epicentre of culture & creativity'. A key move has been introduced to this Game Changer which focuses on cultural and heritage tourism including in Parramatta North. Comment regarding the tagline noted, no change proposed.
	Supportive of and reinforced Council's position to build meaningful partnerships with First Nations people. Noted the benefits already seen at Parramatta North and provided some specific comments on language around First Nations concepts in the draft document.	Comments noted. The language used in Parramatta 2050 is consistent with Council's endorsed First Nations Strategy.
	Other supportive comments included: • Supportive of the importance of jobs. • Suggested that Parramatta North's diversity of opportunities can support increased employment. • Recognised Parramatta's unique position and supports the ambition of *Parramatta 2050* to become an unrivalled river city. • Noted the importance of collaborative governance from all levels and coordinated infrastructure delivery to meeting the aspirations of *Parramatta 2050.*	Comments noted, no changes proposed.
Organisation submission #43 **Baramadagal Dharug Tribal Governing Council**	Indicated support for draft *Parramatta 2050,* endorsing it in principle and sharing the objective of becoming the first globally recognised sustainable city in the nation's history.	Comments noted, no changes proposed.

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Panel Member feedback on draft post-exhibition version and Council officer response

Issue		Council Officer Response
#	Framing and general comments	
1	Different views about the "global city" frame: - Be more clear about what global cities and their characteristics, and explain how they are already embedded in this City. This will strengthen the 'ask' of the document. - Some confusion over Parramatta being a 'global city' in the context of being part of the metropolis. - Different views over whether to position Parramatta as having the foundations of a global city, or already being one and which is more effective as a frame.	No changes are recommended. Amendments proposed to the opening pages of the document in response to public exhibition address this feedback.
2	More emphasis could be given to Western Sydney Airport, as well as highlighting Parramatta's position between the two airports and close proximity to WSI (e.g. 22 minutes).	No changes recommended, WSI is highlighted in multiple places in the documents and its treatment is already recommended to be expanded in response to public exhibition.
3	Make discussion of sustainability more specific – e.g. new energy systems, hydro energy. Also call out a collaboration project to do best-in-class work in specific sustainability areas.	An amendment is proposed in *The Model City District* to reflect this feedback.
4	Missed opportunity to more clearly discuss cultural diversity and position Parramatta as the energy-filled "beating heart".	No changes recommended. Amendments proposed to the opening pages of the document and *The Epicentre of Creativity* in response to public exhibition address this feedback.
5	Expand discussion of airport-related jobs, noting that 80,000 jobs are estimated to be associated with WSI – e.g. make great jobs near where people live.	An amendment is proposed to the Transport game-changer to strengthen this point.
6	Suggestion to more clearly consider the social impact of the global city – i.e. becoming a global city changes the social fabric as well.	No changes recommended. Equity and resilience are reflected in various parts of the document. The translation of the global city vision into socially-equitable outcomes locally should be a key issue for Council's Community Strategic Plan and social planning strategic governance framework to address.
#	Gather	
7	A missing aspect of 'Gather' is about the cultural diversity of Parramatta outside of First Nations element that is already connecting and gathering here as well, and has implications for economic development.	An amendment is proposed to strengthen this point as part of discussing the Strategic Direction "Gather" within the document.
8	A suggestion to expand discussion of the first Aboriginal university in the document. Suggestion to elevate the WSU Nation Centre of Indigenous Excellence.	No change recommended. The reference to an "Aboriginal University" is recommended to be removed in response to feedback received during engagement, and a reference to the

		National Centre for Indigenous Excellence is recommended for insertion.
9	A question was raised as to if Council had to prioritise between High Speed Rail and Metro, which would be the priority – e.g. sequencing of transport is important.	No change recommended. Council does not need to prioritise between these two links; it has and should continue to advocate for both in order to position Parramatta at the centre of Sydney's transport network. The document containing recommended amendments in response to public exhibition seeks to make both of these priorities clear.
10	Suggestion to shift the "orange line" more toward Westmead – e.g. move hatching to illustrate the intersection of the fast rail and metro to the airport more clearly. Illustrate that the fast rail would need to go to the airport as well, and focus on 'connectivity' rather than 'either/or' proposition.	Amendments are proposed to relevant figures to ensure that the potential for a fast rail stop at Western Sydney Airport is reflected.
#	Create	
11	In the jobs piece, a suggestion to highlight WSU, and talk about retention and attraction. Expansion of manufacturing around the airport is noted, and suggestion to focus on retaining current industries and companies.	No change recommended. The jobs game changer already discusses supporting and growing the businesses and sectors that already call Parramatta home. Furthermore, this game changer does not nominate specific institutions or businesses, rather focusing on a high-level jobs target that all industries/sectors can rally around.
12	Position advocacy for a national reconstruction fund opportunity which could support economic development in Parramatta and leveraging existing Australian companies in western Sydney.	An amendment to *Western Sydney's Jobs Engine* is recommended to reflect this feedback.
13	Suggestion that focus on tech jobs could be strengthened and made more explicit; the need for industry clusters that engage whole supply chains was also discussed.	No change recommended. Technology is already called out as a key sector in multiple locations within the amended post-exhibition version. Further detailed strategic work will be developed that will address these matters in more detail.
#	Accelerate (districts)	
14	Note the high concentration of PhDs in Westmead/Parramatta.	No change recommended. The role of innovation, education and research in Westmead is already discussed in the document; no further changes are required.
15	Relocation of urban services as a critical issue for Camellia-Rosehill – a genuine understanding of cost required is needed, as well as potential conflict between urban services and housing. (e.g. liquid fuel pipelines, 24hr freight traffic implications)	No change recommended. This document sets a high level vision for Camellia's future and potential future governance structure. The infrastructure changes required to deliver this vision will be subject to further detailed analysis outside of the Parramatta 2050 vision process.

16	Need to acknowledge the scale and significance of plans for the Rydalmere campus and the connection between industries and university; suggestion to designate as an education precinct.	No changes recommended. The opportunities for education precincts including at Rydalmere are already discussed as part of the Model City District.
17	Suggestion to provide more detail on what a reimagined Silverwater Gaol would involve.	No change recommended. This is a matter for the additional detailed planning outside of the Parramatta 2050 vision process.
18	Suggestion to move the racecourse to SOP - "retain but move" strategy.	No change recommended. It is not the role of this document to comment in specific detail on active planning matters in private land ownership.
19	Suggestion to rename "future jobs" district to "future industries" district	An amendment is recommended to this District title throughout the document to reflect both jobs and industries.
20	Strengthen discussion around infrastructure required for a convention centre – hotels, restaurants, etc. including 5-star worldclass options.	An amendment is recommended to strengthen this point in *The home of festivals, sports and entertainment* to reflect this feedback.
21	Suggestion to focus on placemaking to promote visitor retention and Parramatta's ability to leverage its 'bustling energy'.	No change recommended. The Visitor Economy Strategy, 24 Hour Economy Strategy and other more specific Council strategies will address placemaking in more detail.
22	Suggestion to add nuance to the convention/conference facilities discussion – i.e. there is a need for smaller ones as well as larger ones.	An amendment is recommended to strengthen this point in *The home of festivals, sports and entertainment* to reflect this feedback.
23	Issues were raised regarding the ability of hospitals to keep up with the needs of growing communities; this infrastructure must be delivered in a timely manner and to appropriate size/scale.	An amendment is recommended to strengthen this point in the *Nation-leading governance* enabler to reflect this feedback.
#	Enablers	
24	A suggestion that the Parramatta International enabler seems to clarify the 'audience' of the document – i.e. global investment. Should this be elevated in the document?	No change recommended. There are multiple audiences of this document.
25	Talk about a Special Economic Zone or other alternative title and frame rather than "City Deal" – there was a perception that City Deals are no longer supported and a method like SEZ could be more impactful. Issues like housing, taxation, visa requirements could be examined; link to fast rail.	An amendment is recommended to the *Nation-leading governance* enabler to reflect this feedback.
26	Suggestion to cover housing in more detail – e.g. models like Singapore, building housing on public land. Could we pilot this in our districts?	No change recommended. Themes of social sustainability and liveability appear throughout the document. Various components of council's strategic governance framework including its Affordable Housing Action Plan address housing in more detail.

NOTICES OF MOTION

12 AUGUST 2024

14.1 Peninsula Park 9 Burroway Road, Wentworth Point 696

14.2 Homelessness in the City of Parramatta 698

NOTICE OF MOTION

ITEM NUMBER 14.1
SUBJECT Peninsula Park 9 Burroway Road, Wentworth Point
REFERENCE F2024/00282 - D09518243
FROM Councillor Paul Noack

MOTION

(a) That the Lord Mayor write to the Premier of NSW, the Hon Chris Minns MP and the Minister for Planning, the Hon Paul Scully MP requesting the remaining Crown Land to the east of the Wentworth Point High School (being 9 Burroway Road, Wentworth Point) be delivered by the NSW Government for environmental, recreational and community purposes as a matter of priority, to achieve:

i. A full Peninsula Park minimum of 3.9 hectares
ii. An oval for the shared use of the community on the Crown Land
iii. Active and passive recreation areas
iv. Increased staff parking at the two schools (or suitable economic arrangements with surrounding facilities)
v. A new environmentally sensitive seawall/foreshore treatment to support the marine habitat and rehabilitate the endangered saltmarsh, mangrove and intertidal rock platform habitats
vi. Eradication of the invasive weeds including Spiny Rush (Juncus acutus)
vii. Expansion and rehabilitation of Coastal Saltmarsh with particular attention to the identified vulnerable species Wilsonia backhousei
viii. Re-establishment of Swamp she-oak (Casuarina glauca) Floodplain Forest
ix. Recognition of the unique indigenous heritage of *Arrowanelly* (mudflats at Wentworth Point Peninsula)

(b) That in the letters from the Lord Mayor to the Premier and Minister, a meeting be requested with the Lord Mayor, the CEO and Councillor Noack to discuss the matter in further detail.

BACKGROUND

1. The Wentworth Point community has been promised a park and playground for over two decades and is still waiting despite having thousands of children and the highest urban density in Australia.

2. Landcom has submitted a State Significant Development Application to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) seeking concept approval for a mixed-use development including infill affordable housing at 9 Burroway Road, Wentworth Point comprising a:

- Gross Floor Area of approximately 41,500sqm, including approximately 2,500sqm of ground floor retail and around 406 residential apartments
- Building envelope of up to 9 storeys
- New public plaza
- New proposed shared zone connecting Burroway Road and Ridge Road
- Foreshore Promenade to Homebush Bay.

STAFF RESPONSE

3. The letters can be prepared within Council resources and budget.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

4. There are no financial implications.

Paul Noack
Councillor

Jennifer Concato
Executive Director City Planning and Design

Roxanne Thornton
Group Manager Office of the Lord Mayor and CEO

Gail Connolly
Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENTS:
There are no attachments for this report.

NOTICE OF MOTION

ITEM NUMBER 14.2
SUBJECT Homelessness in the City of Parramatta
REFERENCE F2024/00282 - D09518336
FROM Councillor Henry Green

MOTION

(a) That the Lord Mayor write to the State Member for Parramatta, Donna Davis MP and the Minister for Families and Communities, the Hon Kate Washington MP and request a united approach to organise support and accommodation for persons identified as squatting outside 265 Church Street, Parramatta.

(b) That Council contact the land owner of 265 Church Street and request any assistance necessary in their capacity as land owner of the premises.

(c) That Council initiate a clean out of the space, remove any hazardous material and remove the shopfront graffiti after the space is vacated.

BACKGROUND

1. Council has a homelessness protocol and street activity policy which provides guidance on how to manage homelessness.

2. Local government role: Management public space, sector co-ordination though homelessness interagency, internal protocols for homelessness response, Street activity policy.

3. Council's Public Space Liaison Officer's (PSLO) role is to implement a compassionate, frontline response to rough sleeping across the LGA by:

    i. Connecting People to Local homelessness services; and
    ii. Work collaboratively across Council units and with the community to negotiate solution where public amenity is impacted by homelessness.

4. This matter raised in relation to Church Street is not isolated, however compared to other situations, this is on our most prominent street and is a potential public liability and WHS issue due to inappropriate behaviour towards the public and Council staff and the health risks the rubbish presents.

5. The community and visitors to the City of Parramatta expect more, however without the support of the State government the battle to manage homelessness will be lost.



5 July 2024



10 July 2024



11 July 2024



14 July 2024

STAFF RESPONSE

1. The Homelessness Policy of Council aims to minimise homelessness in the Parramatta LGA, and in doing so:

    a. Improve the wellbeing of those at risk and those who are homeless; and

    b. Support the continued prosperity of the City for the benefit of the wider business and residential community.

2. Council officers have been aware of the individuals in the encampment described in this Motion and have been working with other support agencies to connect the individuals with the support that is available to them and manage the negative impact that their behaviour and belongings have on pedestrians and businesses in the area in which they sleep rough.

3. The acceptance of accommodation or service support and the maintenance of that service is, ultimately, a matter for each individual.

4. As per Council's procedures, in this particular instance on Church Street, regulatory and cleansing staff worked together with the Public Space Liaison Officer, local support services and Police to implement move-on orders on the basis of unattended material and impact on the public footpath. Notification

procedures of these actions are put in place to give the individuals opportunity to comply in the first instance.

5. We were assisted in these efforts by the owner representative of 263-264 Church Street who made a trespass report to Parramatta Police. With the agreement of the owner representative, the frontage alcove was boarded up to disallow the return of the individuals.

6. The individuals remain in a situation of sleeping rough in various locations around the Parramatta CBD. Council will maintain its policy and procedure approach in acknowledgement that sleeping rough is not, in itself, a crime.

7. Council maintains that connection to and acceptance of accommodation and support is our primary effort; that impact on pedestrians and footpath should always be minimised; and that illegal or anti-social behaviour is unacceptable and should be reported to the police for their action.

8. Regarding the first item within the motion, a letter to our partner agencies in the NSW Government to both acknowledge the existing positive collaboration we have and to further the need of increased cooperation in responding to complex matters is welcome.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

9. If Council resolves to approve this Notice of Motion in accordance with the proposed resolution, the financial impact on the budget is minimal. The letters can be prepared within existing budgets and staff resources. Costs associated with assertive outreach and cleansing are managed within approved budgets.

Henry Green
Councillor Green

David Moutou
Acting Executive Director Community Services

George Bounassif
Executive Director City Assets and Operations

Gail Connolly
Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENTS:
There are no attachments for this report.

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

12 AUGUST 2024

15.1 Cost of Legal Actions Taken by Councillors in 2021-2024 702

15.2 Councillor Kellie Darley v City of Parramatta - Supreme Court No. 2024/00266362 703

15.3 West Epping Park Synthetic Sports Fields 704

15.4 Councillor Service Requests for 2021 - 2024 705

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ITEM NUMBER	15.1
SUBJECT	Cost of Legal Actions Taken by Councillors in 2021-2024
REFERENCE	F2024/00282 - D09518337
REPORT OF	Councillor Michelle Garrard

QUESTION WITH NOTICE

1. How many times has Councillor Darley taken legal action against the City of Parramatta Council in 2021-2024?
2. What was the result and what was the legal costs to the community?
3. What was the estimated cost of staff time?
4. Has Council tried to mediate to limit costs?
5. Have other current Councillors taken legal action against Council in 2021-2024?

A staff response will be provided in a Supplementary Agenda.

ATTACHMENTS:
There are no attachments for this report.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ITEM NUMBER	15.2
SUBJECT	Councillor Kellie Darley v City of Parramatta - Supreme Court No. 2024/00266362
REFERENCE	F2024/00282 - D09518391
REPORT OF	Councillor Michelle Garrard

QUESTION WITH NOTICE

The email to Councillors on 22 July 2024 from Councillor Kellie Darley stated that she is taking action against Council in relation to her censure and the Code of Conduct Investigation Report.

1. What is the estimated cost to the community (ratepayers) to defend this legal action in Court?
2. What is the timeframe for completion of the Court action?
3. Does the Court action have any impact on Council's decision to censure Councillor Darley for misconduct?

A staff response will be provided in a Supplementary Agenda.

ATTACHMENTS:
There are no attachments for this report.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ITEM NUMBER 15.3
SUBJECT West Epping Park Synthetic Sports Fields
REFERENCE F2024/00282 - D09518376
REPORT OF Councillor Kellie Darley

QUESTION WITH NOTICE:

1. What is the current condition of the synthetic field at West Epping Park and have there been any issues with it?
2. What have been the costs associated with maintaining it?
3. What is the remaining useful life of the synthetic field at West Epping Park?

A staff response will be provided in a Supplementary Agenda.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ITEM NUMBER	15.4
SUBJECT	Councillor Service Requests for 2021 - 2024
REFERENCE	F2024/00282 - D09518377
REPORT OF	Councillor Kellie Darley

QUESTION WITH NOTICE:

1. What is the total number of service requests raised by each Councillor during this term of Council and what percentage have been closed per Councillor?

A staff response will be provided in a Supplementary Agenda.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

REFERENCE MATERIAL