

## Public Exhibition Submissions Summary

No.	Respondent	Submission Summary	Council Officer Response
1	Resident	Submission advocates for the conversion of mown parkland into bushland and the provision of more large native shade trees.	<p>Council recognises that the unprecedented population growth associated with higher housing densities is increasing the recreational demand on Community and Crown land. The CCLPoM incorporates performance targets and actions to balance this growing demand with the protection and enhancement of native vegetation and tree canopy consistent the targets in Councils Environmental Sustainability Strategy.</p> <p><b>No amendments recommended.</b></p>
2	Western Sydney Local Health District	<p>Submission overall supportive and highlights consistency with Healthy by Design principles and alignment with relevant NSW Health strategies (Recreational Facilities, Biodiversity and Ecology, Access and Connectivity, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage). Suggests additional actions and performance assessment measures to strengthen health outcomes on Community and Crown land:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of specific events (and visitors) that target non-traditional groups to participate in social, cultural, recreational activities</li> <li>• Display of smoke / vapour free signage consistent with the <i>Smoke-free Environment Act 2000</i></li> <li>• Incorporate child-friendly design elements into facility improvements to ensure accessibility for all ages (particularly in high density environments).</li> </ul>	<p>Noted. Council encourages events on Community and Crown land to be open to all members of the community. No smoking signs are currently installed at Council playgrounds and child-friendly design will be considered for inclusion in future infrastructure guidelines and policies. The CCLPoM incorporates performance targets and actions that aim to provide a safe environment and maximise the accessibility of facilities for all ages.</p> <p><b>No amendments recommended.</b></p>
3	Museums of History NSW	Submission overall supportive of the proposed land categorisation of Elizabeth Farm Reserve (Park and Natural Area). Notes the growing demand for recreational use of the reserve by the growing surrounding community. Supports additional facilities and active transport connections to encourage greater activation and advocates for a strengthened partnership with Council.	<p>Council acknowledges the growing need to increase recreational opportunities on Community and Crown land to support healthy high-density living. The Outside-CBD Contributions Plan 2021 identifies Elizabeth Farm Reserve as a priority location for improved facilities, including a new playground. The CCLPOM incorporates performance targets and actions that seek to provide new and upgraded facilities that accommodate diverse needs and maximise the capacity of Community and Crown Land to meet growing demand.</p> <p><b>Minor amendment/s recommended:</b></p> <p><b>Table 17 (Performance Targets &amp; Actions)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Add reference to '<i>partnerships</i>' and '<i>activation</i>'</li> <li>- Add performance target to '<i>Encourage and support partnerships to improve the activation of Community and Crown Land</i>' under Recreational Facilities and Use</li> </ul>



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5	Endeavour Energy	<p>Submission notes that any development permitted by Council under SEPP (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 is to consider Division 5 (Electricity Transmission or Distribution) where likely to affect an electricity of distribution network and refers to associated Standard Conditions and referral requirements.</p>	<p>Noted. The CCLPoM authorises 'public utilities infrastructure' permitted under SEPP (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 and incorporates performance targets and actions to ensure that works undertaken by Council 'without consent' are subject to an environmental assessment (Review of Environmental Factors). This assessment identifies any relevant stakeholders and associated consultation requirements.</p> <p><b>No amendments recommended.</b></p>



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6	Resident	<p>Submission raises concerns with proposed land categorisation of the following reserves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Barnett Park – suggests that pathway construction has significantly impacted existing native trees without adequate environmental assessment. Requests all remnant tree TPZs and isolated vegetation pockets be categorised as Natural Area (Bushland) and to provide better protection and management, such as no mow zones.</li> <li>Bruce Cole Reserve – requests the 'Natural Area (Bushland)' category is expanded to reflect the remnant Endangered Ecological Community vegetation extent, with the 'Park' category to be restricted to the playground and shelters.</li> </ul>	<p>The categorisation of Barnett Park as 'park' appropriately reflects its current use and management, which comprises mown parkland with isolated remnant endangered ecological community (EEC) canopy trees. It is primarily managed as open parkland to meet the increasing recreational needs of the growing surrounding community and reflects Councils finite resources focussed on higher priority bushland sites that are less prone to disturbance and edge effects.</p> <p>Council has an adopted 'Public Tree Protection During Works' Policy that applies to all works undertaken on Council owned or managed land. This requires tree protection measures to be implemented as per AS 4970:2009 (Protection of Trees on Development Sites) during Council works. The CCLPoM incorporates performance targets and actions to ensure that works undertaken 'without consent' are subject to an environmental assessment (Review of Environmental Factors) under Part 5 of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i>.</p> <p>The categorisation of Bruce Cole Reserve as 'park' and 'natural area' appropriately reflects its current use and management, with the northern portion comprising a mown understorey and EEC tree canopy only. This portion of the reserve is primarily managed as open parkland to meet the increasing recreational needs of the growing surrounding community and reflects Councils finite resources focussed on higher priority bushland sites, which are less prone to disturbance and edge effects.</p> <p>The CCLPoM incorporates performance targets and actions to balance growing recreational demand with native vegetation protection and enhancement. It authorises 'bush regeneration' activities on land categorised as 'park' should additional resources be allocated by Council.</p> <p><b>Minor amendment/s recommended:</b>  <b>Table 17 (Performance Targets &amp; Actions)</b>  - Add 'expand native vegetation' under 'Biodiversity and Ecology'</p>
7	Resident	<p>Submission raises concerns with the proposed categorisation of Bruce Cole Reserve. Requests the 'Natural Area (Bushland)' category is expanded to reflect the remnant Endangered Ecological Community vegetation extent, with the 'Park' category to be restricted to the playground and shelters.</p>	<p>Refer above.</p> <p><b>No amendments recommended.</b></p>
8	National Trust	<p>Submission requests review of the existing Landscaping Maintenance Agreement between Council and the Trust for Experiment Farm Reserve to reflect subsequent infrastructure improvements and address ongoing issues.</p>	<p>Noted. Council staff to liaise with the Trust regarding a potential revised agreement.</p> <p><b>No amendments recommended.</b></p>



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9	Resident	Submission raises concerns regarding consolidation of existing site-specific management plans, particularly Mays Hill Cemetery, with the 'general community use' category regarded as inappropriate due to permitted uses. It suggests that Hambledon Cottage Reserve, Experiment Farm Reserve, St Patrick's Cemetery and Mays Hill Cemetery be categorised as an 'area of cultural significance' to appropriately reflect their heritage significance.	<p>Council acknowledges and respects the unique character of individual parks and reserves. The CCLPoM incorporates performance targets and actions that seek to ensure protection and best practice management of cultural heritage, with cemeteries and other heritage places to continue to be managed under site specific conservation management or landscape masterplans. Any proposals for infrastructure or uses authorised under the 'general community use' category will be subject to individual merit-based assessment to ensure they are in the public interest and compatible with the site carrying capacity and environmental context.</p> <p>An 'area of cultural significance' categorisation has specific legislative requirements and requires an individual plan of management outside the scope of the CCLPoM. This suggestion is noted and will be taken into future consideration subject to sufficient evidence to demonstrate amended categorisation would be of substantial benefit for ongoing management.</p> <p><b>Minor amendment/s recommended:</b>  <b>Table 11 (Authorised Infrastructure and Uses)</b>            - Permit '<i>bush regeneration works</i>' under 'general community use' category  <b>Table 17 (Performance Targets &amp; Actions)</b>            - Add action to '<i>Develop and implement conservation management plans for heritage listed Community and Crown land</i>' under 'Cultural Heritage'</p>
10	Greater Sydney Parklands	<p>Submission overall supportive and suggests the following for consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• expand management goals to improve and enhance natural areas in recognition of their cultural, ecological, aesthetic, recreational, educational and scientific values</li> <li>• encourage and support the blue-green grid and tree canopy improvements</li> <li>• include reference to aquatic pests</li> <li>• recognise engineered solutions for creek rehabilitation and bank stability</li> </ul>	<p>Council acknowledges the importance of both protecting and improving natural areas as a core component of the blue-green grid. The CCLPoM incorporates performance targets and actions that seek to reduce pests, increase tree canopy, and rehabilitate waterways consistent with Councils Environmental Sustainability Strategy.</p> <p><b>Minor amendment/s recommended:</b>  <b>Section 4.2 (Land Management Goals) - Replace 'conserve' with 'enhance'</b>  <b>Table 17 (Performance Targets &amp; Actions)</b>            - Add reference to '<i>aquatic and terrestrial</i>' under Domestic and Pest Animals            - Add reference to '<i>environmentally engineered solutions</i>' under Erosion and Stormwater            - Add performance target to '<i>Expand and enhance the blue-green grid on Community and Crown Land</i>' under 'Access and Connectivity'</p>

