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**Community Engagement Report – Community
Strategic Plan Delivering Sustainable Sydney
2030-2050 (2025 update)**

Community Engagement report

Community Strategic Plan 2030–2050 (2025 update)



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Background

Achieving a sustainable, equitable and resilient city

The community strategic plan identifies the community's main priorities and aspirations for Sydney in 2050. It sets out how we will achieve a more sustainable, equitable and resilient city. It guides all our other [strategies and plans](#).

We worked with our communities for over 2 years to develop this plan in 2022. Engagement activities included surveys, pop-up events and community workshops with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, small businesses and cultural and nightlife sectors. We also worked with children and young people and held a citizens' jury.

The community strategic plan is updated every 4 years in line with NSW Government requirements and when it needs to adapt to changing circumstances and community aspirations.

Following the Council elections in September 2024, we've updated this plan for Council to consider and adopt in 2025.

To inform the updated plan, we analysed the feedback we received over the past 2 years from our ongoing community engagement program. We reviewed 13,790 pieces of feedback across 27 consultations to check if and how community values have changed since 2022.

Community feedback from 2022 to 2024 shows continuing support for the community values identified in 2022. Overwhelmingly, our communities want:

- An environmentally responsive city
- A city for people
- A city that moves
- A city with a future-focused economy
- A lively, cultural and creative city.

Learn more about how we consulted our communities and what we heard in our [Community insights report 2024](#).

Public exhibition of these documents is the final step in a long and thorough engagement process. The draft Community Strategic Plan 2025-2030 and the Community insights report 2024 were both available on the Sydney Your Say consultation page as part of this public exhibition in April and May 2025.

Feedback collected through the public exhibition has helped us to finalise the Community Strategic Plan 2025-2030 so that it can be presented to Council for adoption in June 2025.

Engagement summary

From 8 April 2025 to 6 May 2025, we asked the community for feedback on our community strategic plan.

Consultation on the plan provided an opportunity for the community to review and comment on the draft documents before being taken to Council for adoption.

Consultation activities included online engagement and face-to-face workshops. The consultation was promoted through libraries and community centres and on various social media channels.

This report outlines the community engagement activities that took place and summarises the key findings from the consultation.

Purpose of the engagement

The purpose of the engagement was to:

- gather feedback from stakeholders and the community about the draft plan
 - determine the level of satisfaction with the plan
 - meet legislative requirements for the development and adoption of our community strategic plan.
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Outcomes from the engagement

We received a total of **226 submissions** during consultation period from **8 April – 6 May 2025**.

The Sydney Your Say page was visited 1447 times during the public exhibition period.

Quantity	Description of activity
226	Total submissions received
112	Survey submissions (general public)
97	Survey submissions (young people)
17	Written submissions received via email
1447	Sydney Your Say webpage visits
184	Downloads of the Draft Community Strategic Plan

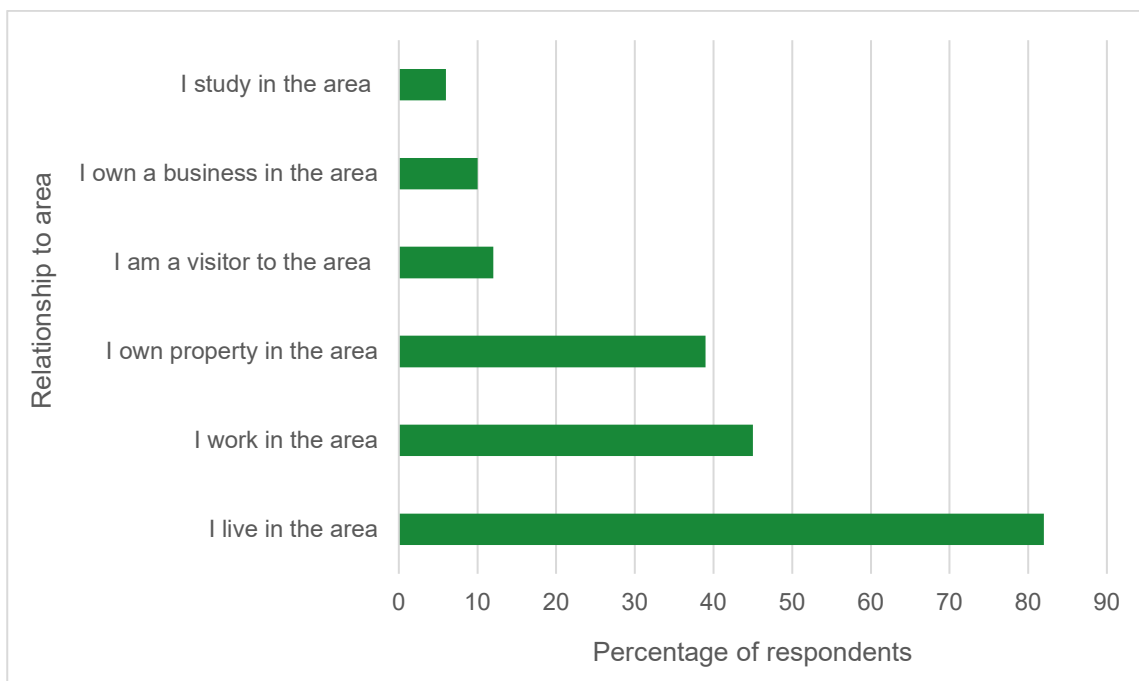
Demographic snapshot

Demographic data was collected from 109 of the people from the general public that submitted surveys.

From the young people we consulted we collected data related to age, gender and the school or institution they study at – this information is also included below.

Relationship to the area – General public

Data on respondent's relationship to the area was gathered from 109 people. Most commonly people either lived, worked or own property in the area. People can fall into multiple categories.



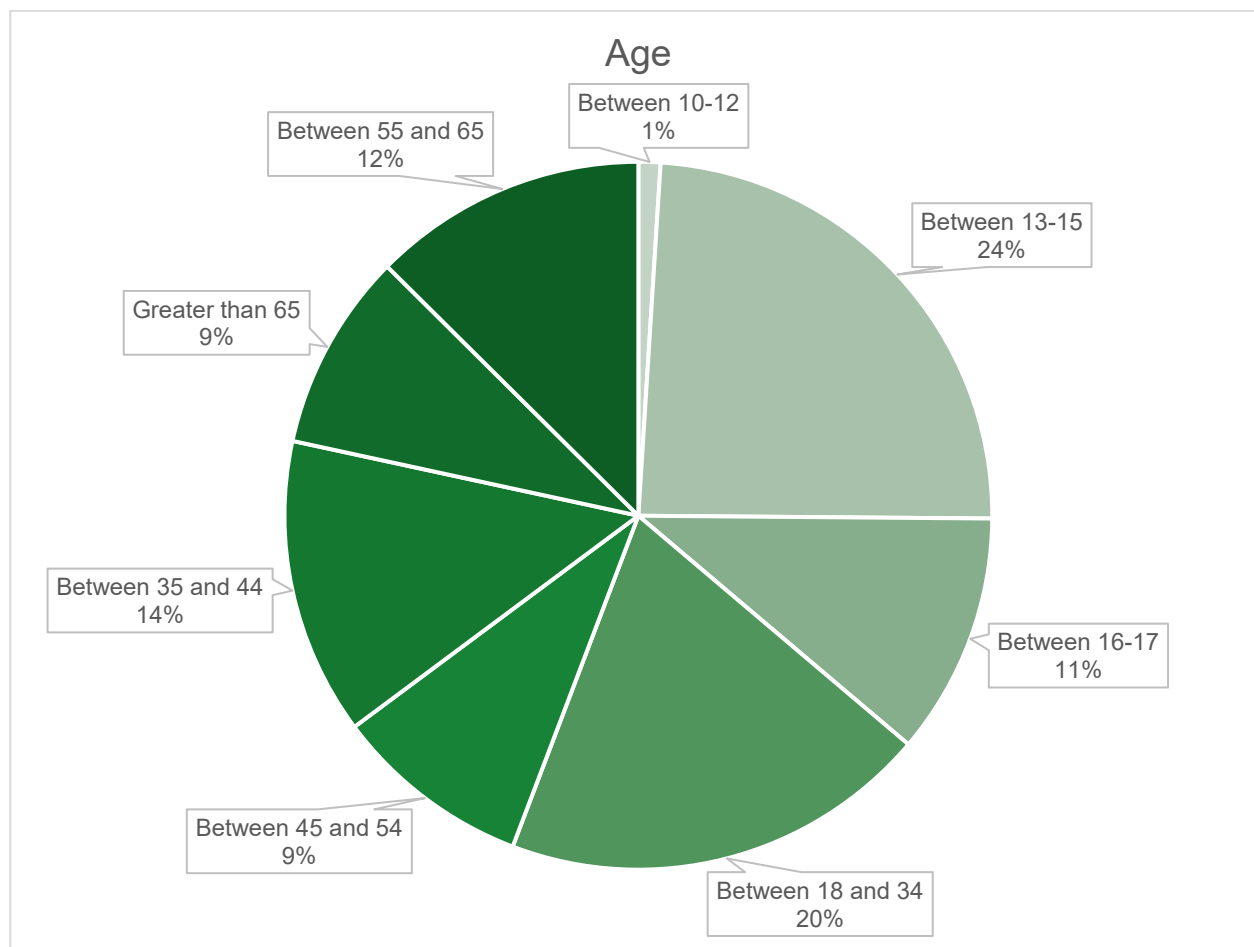
Submissions on behalf of organisations

Five submissions were made on behalf of organisations including The NSW Cancer Council, Bicycle NSW, Sydney YIMBY, Pyrmont Action Inc, and the International Student Ambassadors program (City of Sydney).

Age range – general public and young people

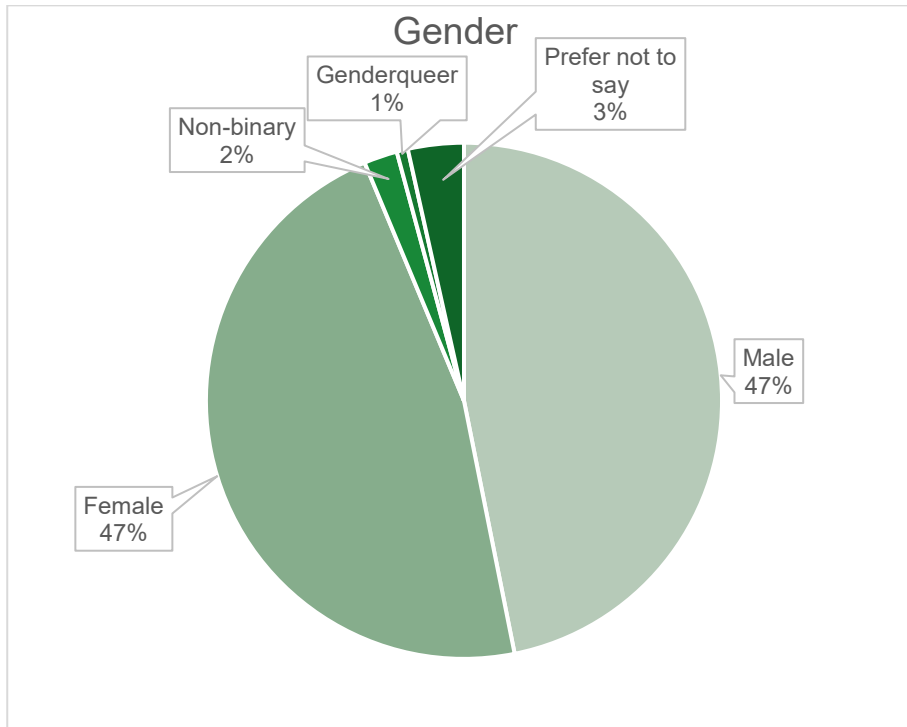
Data on respondent age was collected from 199 people who participated in the consultation. Ages ranged from 10 years to over 65 years.

The largest groupings were 13-15 year olds and 18-34 year olds.



Gender – general public and young people

Information on gender was gathered from 143 respondents. The same number of male and female people participated. Three people identified as non-binary and 1 as genderqueer.



Schools or institutions young people are connected to:

97 young people participated in the consultation between the ages of 10 and 24 years. They were associated with a wide range of schools or institutions and two City of Sydney programs as detailed below.

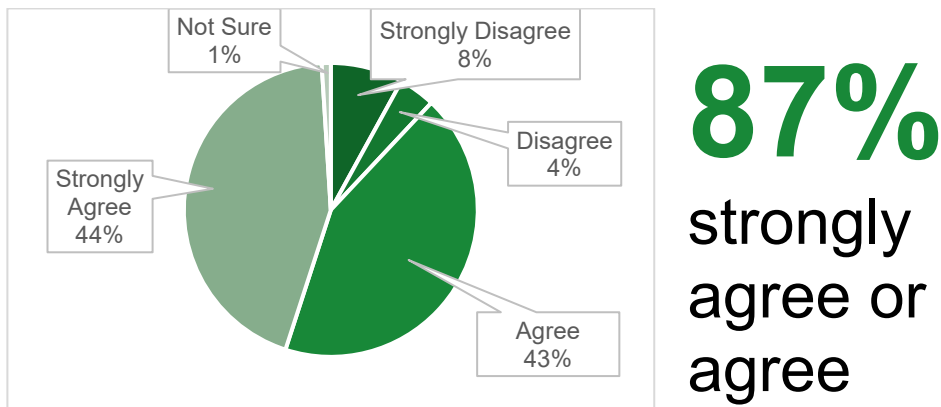
City of Sydney Programs: Changemakers Launchpad and Emerging Civic leaders program.

International Grammar School	Normanhurst Boys High School
St Andrews Cathedral School	Torrens University
Sydney Girls High School	TAFE, NSW
Cranbrook School	Macquarie University
Sydney Secondary College, Blackwattle Bay	University of Technology, Sydney
Inner Sydney High School	University of New South Wales

Key survey findings

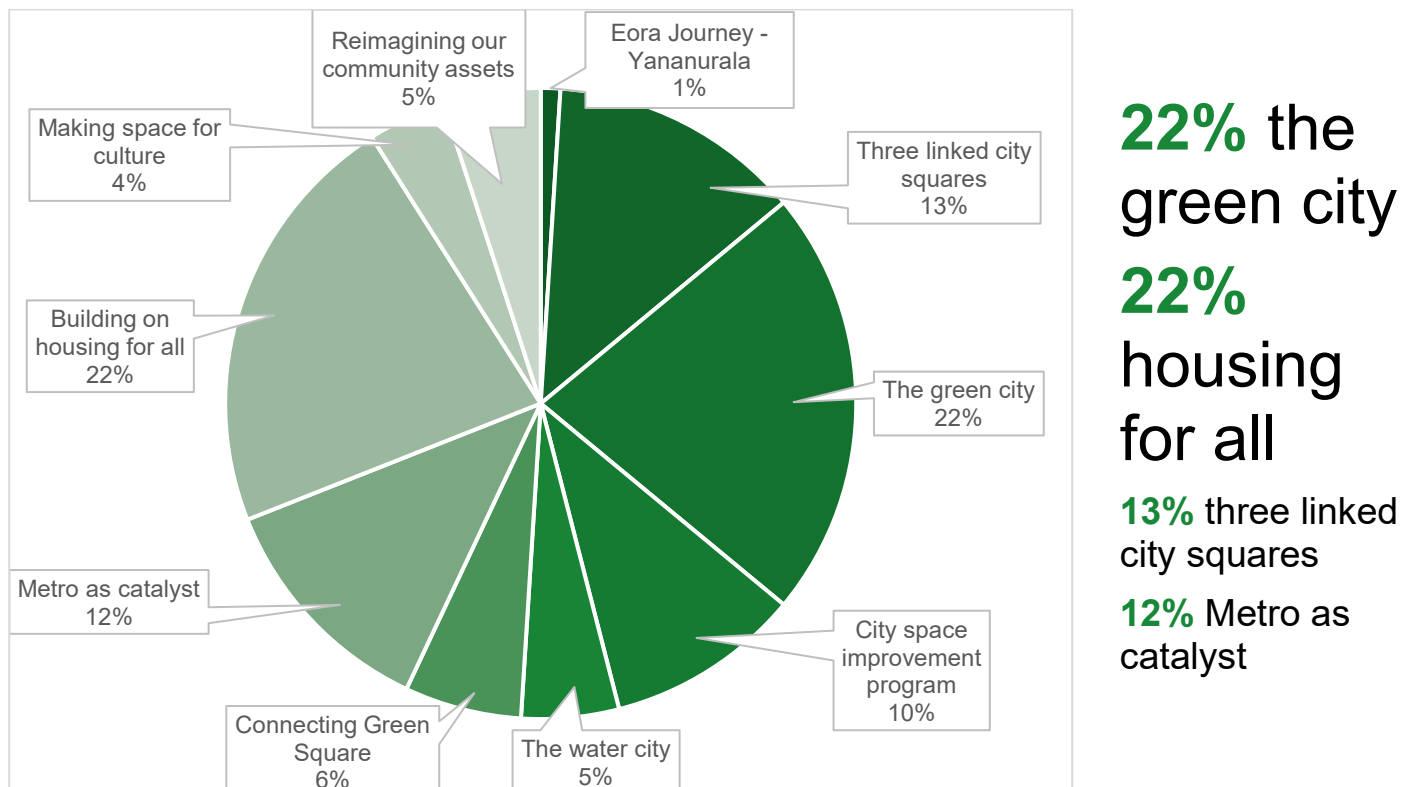
Ten strategic directions

Survey results indicate overall support for the community strategic plan. Of the 189 survey participants 87% agreed or strongly agreed with the plan's 10 strategic directions. There were over 95 comments on the strategic directions. A full list of these is available in the next chapter.



Ten transformative project ideas

Survey participants were asked which one of the ten transformative project ideas they felt was most transformative or important to achieve. 182 people answered this question. The most selected options were 'The Green City' (22%), 'Housing for All' (22%), 'Three Linked City Squares' (13%) and 'Metro as Catalyst' (12%).



Ten transformative ideas – summary of comments

After selecting the one transformative idea they felt was most transformative, respondents were given the option to provide further feedback. There were 89 comments on the project ideas.

Over half expressed strong support for one or more of the ideas. Respondents felt these were future-focused, innovative and interesting, fantastic and transformative.

“They're all interlinked and strong directions.”

‘Building on housing for all’ (20 comments) and **‘Metro as catalyst’** (18 comments) attracted the most comments.

There was strong support for **‘Building on housing for all’**, with the need to support essential services workers and provide for people experiencing homelessness. While urbanisation brings economic benefits, there are also challenges like pollution and overcrowding. New housing should be of high quality and pleasant to live in, with access to local services. There was concern that progress on housing is too slow and Council could do more to allow for different types of development in inner city suburbs, including identifying potential rezoning for housing uplift.

‘Metro as catalyst’ also received strong support as a way of meeting residential growth through expansion of stations to improve connectivity and create vibrant precincts around the stations.

“The City of Sydney should really leverage future metro station to create more vibrant precincts, as encouraging public transport use to city will bring positive impacts to the city and also businesses, making public transport a more convenient and enjoyable mode of transport to city.”

‘The green city’ received 10 comments. There was strong support for greening, increased verge planting and tree canopy to combat heat, dust and pollution. Planting native plants was seen as a priority, as was the Royal Botanical Gardens and the Domain. **‘The green city’** was seen as having potential to improve air quality, reduce heat, promote eco-friendly living that integrates nature and sustainability, ensuring growth without harming the environment.

The **‘City space improvement program’** received 9 comments. Suggestions included more seating and playgrounds and more open space for sport and recreation in the city centre. It was felt the project has potential to unify the city with a common style but the potential disruption to local business, transport, traffic and schools of improvement works should be considered. There was support for improved pedestrian and wheelchair access with better designed and maintained footpaths free of obstacles, like rental e-bikes. Accessibility was identified as an issue across the City and should be a planning and funding priority.

“The projects are all noble pursuits but they must be matched with accessibility for all to get to them and use them. There are still far too many parts of the council area that are inaccessible because of broken or badly designed footpaths. Even many tram stops are not usable for people requiring wheelchairs. Current day inaccessibility needs to be addressed and improved before we should consider spending money to opening up new projects that cannot be accessed. Being

within a 10-minute walk to everything should include being within a 10 or 15-minute push on paths that wheelchairs can use.”

The **‘Three linked city squares’** attracted 8 comments with people desiring public places where they could connect with others. Concerns included they could become shadowed, dark and unsafe areas, encouraging anti-social behaviour. There was concern that these projects could result in the removal of shops people rely on and should be relocated nearby. Potential negative impact on the environment should be considered (such as lack of biodiversity). It was suggested that funds might be better spent on other projects and that it might be preferable to locate a square in an area that is currently not heavily frequented to create a new attraction.

‘Making space for culture’ also attracted 8 comments with support expressed for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture in the city.

“I think, especially for younger members of the community, initiatives surrounding sustainability, creativity, and the preservation of Indigenous culture are most important.”

It was suggested that it was important in the age of AI cost cutting to create spaces for culture to support people to continue storytelling and artistic expression. Community cultural activities were seen as important unifying practices that support diversity and resilience.

“Making space for culture feels like the linchpin. Culture holds everything together. It shapes how we relate to place, to each other, and to change. If we want to shift behaviour, deepen equity, and rethink public space, we have to back culture in all its forms; formal, informal, experimental, grassroots, weird. This project could unlock a different kind of city. One where regeneration isn’t just about infrastructure but about meaning, connection and imagination. And where cultural space isn’t an afterthought but foundational to how we live well together.”

‘The water city’ attracted 7 comments. People supported its potential for creating new recreation options and places to explore particularly in hot weather, and potential for new fishing spots. Questions were raised about how access would be impacted at times when the harbour is polluted, and that this idea should also address how harbour coastlines need to be rewilded to limit erosion.

There were 10 comments that did not support the project ideas. Two people felt some of the ideas were similar to each other. Two people suggested ideas about City beautification were cosmetic for the benefit of tourism. Two people did not support the ‘Eora Journey’, with a further two not supportive of spending on public art. One person felt the projects were too focused on the city centre rather than on areas around the city that support more diverse city life. It was also suggested it was important that the noise and disruption of projects should be considered before implementing them.

Ten targets to measure progress

There were 58 comments on the targets. Most comments were about 'Affordable housing' (17), 'Public transport, walking, cycling' (10), 'Green cover' (8) and 'Community cohesion' (8).

Six comments expressed general support for the targets, for example, all targets are achievable / ambitious goals we should meet.

Target	Summary of Comments
By 2035 we will achieve net zero emissions	2 comments Zero emissions target is unnecessary.
By 2050 there will be a minimum overall green cover of 40%	8 comments Support for the target. Tree canopy cover target needs to be increased to 40% and the delivery date brought forward to 2035/2040 (include diversity targets). Need measurable progress indicators to track how we are progressing on biodiversity corridors to connect our green spaces (eg: Accounting for Nature® Framework). Reduce grassed areas and replace with native meadows and trees. Street tree planting can be disruptive for residents. Unclear how this will be measured.
By 2030 residential potable water use will be reduced to 204 litres a person a day	4 comments Questioning the need for limiting water and that these reduction targets don't allow for changes in people's living circumstances. Suggest reworking the wording to be clear it's not about taking away access to water. Concern this is unachievable.
By 2030 there will be a 15% reduction in waste generated by each person	1 comment Concern this is unachievable.
By 2036 there will be approximately 700,000 jobs and an increased proportion of all jobs will be secure jobs	1 comment The use of "secure jobs" is an idealistic term that is increasingly becoming redundant. Many people are finding themselves with more than one job that are often short term. Concern the goal is unachievable in the current transitions with employment. It would be good to see the goal of achieving more "secure" jobs for people with disabilities.

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Target	Summary of Comments
By 2036 there will be at least 156,000 private dwellings. 7.5% will be social housing and 7.5% will be affordable rental and diverse housing	17 comments 10 comments in support of more housing with 5 comments also calling for more ambitious targets of 10% or more. More detail is required - the private dwellings targets will not protect the studio/1 BDR/small space needs unless it is specified. Prioritising housing for local workers is important. More housing support for retirees is required. Concern high-rise housing/high density living increases feelings of isolation. Stronger commitment to providing higher rates of social and affordable housing in development applications the City can influence (e.g. Design Excellence Competitions). 'Maintained into the future' is a potentially weak definition for maintaining social/affordable stock. 'In perpetuity' is stronger. There should be goals to make all buildings wheelchair accessible which means ensuring there are step-free entrances & exits, and elevators. New dwellings need to be properly built and spacious in size with decent natural light. Concern social housing/affordable rental and diverse housing' targets will impede development. Should be a plan to uplift the outskirts of the CBD. Question if more student accommodation is needed. Concern building density is already at capacity in Sydney.
By 2036 there will be at least 40,000m2 of new cultural production floor space	1 comment It would be good to see this target include the term "accessible" to ensure people with disabilities have the same access to them.
By 2050 people will use public transport, walk or cycle to travel to and from work	10 comments Support cycling but pedestrians need to be protected on pavements (for example from fast e-bikes). More bike lane / route connectivity is required. Could be achieved far sooner than 2050 with proper investment in infrastructure (particularly bike lanes, pedestrianised corridors, modal filters, etc.) Target should include local journeys (not just work related) Bike lanes / cyclists disrupt public transport (bus) options.

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Target	Summary of Comments
	A lot of people need cars for work. Make more parking areas for residents and enforce parking restrictions. The target should also include people using wheelchairs - provide accessible pathways or transport not just along key routes, but streets that lead to main roads and transport stops. There needs to be more improvement with pedestrian flow and traffic.
By 2030 every resident will be around a 10-minute walk to what they need for daily life	5 comments 10-minutes walking distance is a very subjective measure. Concern this will lead to dense overdevelopment. Could be more ambitious - "to what they need for daily life that supports their mental and physical wellbeing." This target should also include the ability of people with disabilities to access what they need for daily life. More cycle lanes being separated from cars will make more people feel safe and encourage them to get on their bikes.
By 2050 community cohesion and social interaction will have increased.	8 comments Support a larger focus on community cohesion. It underpins everything else. Loneliness is an issue – there should be more design thought given to facilitate social interaction/gathering. This depends on the values of local resident population. Communities need to be resourced to build the trust, relationships and governance capacity to support this. This target is ambitious considering the CBD's transient population. Questioning the evidence-base used in this target. Concern that council's focus on priority communities undermines community cohesion.

Other target priorities

Several other areas were mentioned as benefiting from measurable targets, including:

- Harbour pollution
- Creating a vibrant and exciting 24/7 city
- Noise and nuisance management to preserve and improve the liveability for its resident

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- More hard State Environmental Planning Policies, Local Planning and Zoning and Development Control Plans.
- Council responsible governance and stewardship measure - financial and asset management performance
- A health measure that can show the improvements in cardiovascular health / reduction in chronic disease (related to active transport usage)

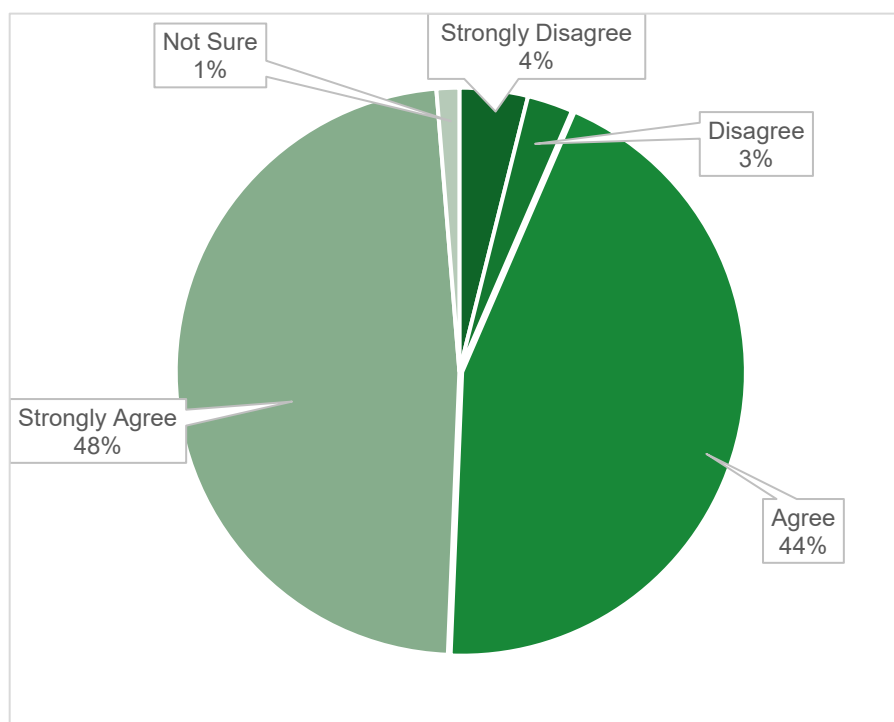
Young people

10 Strategic Directions

We spoke with 97 young people between 12-24 years old during the consultation. We delivered four in-school workshops and two workshops with members of the City of Sydney civic youth programs. Although their views have been included throughout the report, this section highlights the feedback we received from young people - including their overwhelming support for the 10 Strategic directions, and their interests and concerns.

“I think that the 10 strategic directions are very important and well balanced. They are vital for our community to continue thriving throughout the next 20-25 years.”

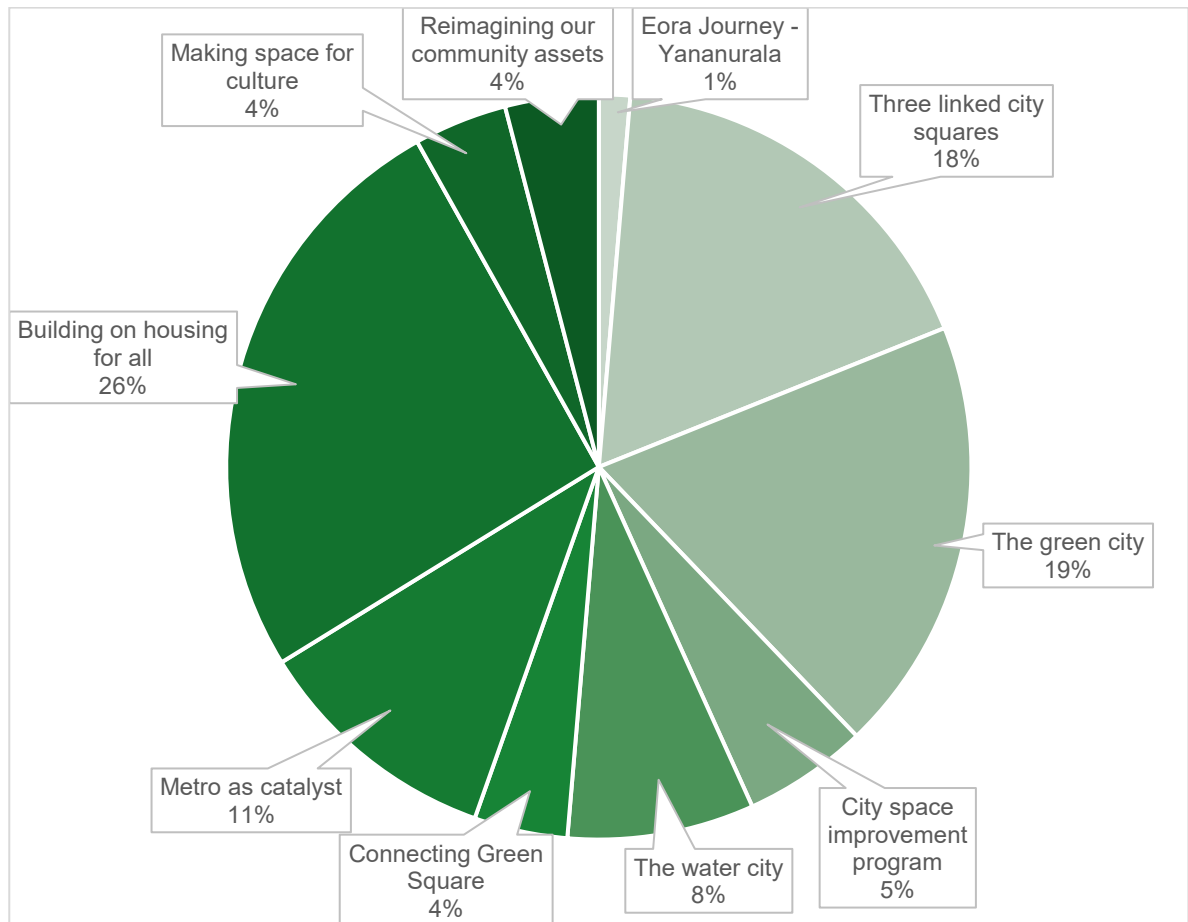
“They seem to account for main issues that young people are concerned about.”



92%
strongly
agree or
agree

Young people consulted agreed or strongly agreed with the 10 Strategic directions at a higher rate than the overall consultation sample: 92% of young people agree/strongly agree with the directions, compared with 87% of total participants.

10 Transformative Ideas



Young people felt the most important transformative ideas to achieve were 'Building on housing for all', 'The green city', 'Three linked city squares' and 'Metro as catalyst'. This was in line with the whole consultation cohort who also rated these as the top four ideas.

'Building on housing for all' was the highest priority for young people, rating it clearly higher than other options. Young people also showed more interest in 'The water city', connecting with its potential to unlock new areas of exploration and recreation.

Environmental protection was particularly important, with young people rating 'The green city' as the second most important transformative idea. This was echoed by the feedback we received on the 10 targets – here young people surveyed were asked to rate the targets in order of importance. 'Reaching net zero emissions by 2035' was the highest rated target, with 40% of the young people surveyed putting this as their number one choice.

This was closely followed by the target to increasing dwellings in the city, the target to increase community cohesion and the target focused on increasing jobs and secure jobs.

How the City of Sydney connects with young people, schools and universities

The important role of schools and universities in the City of Sydney area was noted by students and teachers during the consultation. Students and teachers expressed interest in connecting more with the City of Sydney in a coordinated way and asked how the community strategic plan could support the building of stronger networks between the many local educational facilities and the council.

General comments

All survey respondents were provided space to give any other feedback on the community strategic plan and 65 comments were received. 14 comments positively endorsed elements of the plan, and 3 comments were broadly negative.

“You're all doing such a good job at bettering our community for the future!”

Other comments related to strategic directions, transformative ideas and targets and are reflected in those sections of the report.

Additional areas of feedback included:

Importance of following through with ideas

It was noted that plans are good but that there needs to be follow through to achieve improvements:

“I'd value taking time on these projects and making sure they are all done as well as possible as all of these images look absolutely amazing and would make the city even more fantastic, but would only see major improvements if they are fully met.”

Regular updates

Interest in regular updates about the progress of these initiatives – perhaps on a yearly basis.

Interest in a short form version of the community strategic plan that highlights the key strategies and outcomes and using AI to convert the plan into a podcast to increase accessibility and reach more residents.

Importance of young people

The importance of supporting young people and tailoring plans to them was noted: *“Young people are important to the diversity, energy and creativity of cities. We must do more to help them. The projects in the plan are all supportable - but more should contribute strongly to a better quality of life and better opportunities for younger people.”*

Operational issues

Local traffic concerns, including Bay Street in Glebe and Oxford Street in Darlinghurst.

These comments have been referred to appropriate City of Sydney staff for their information and consideration.

Subjects/issues raised

Responses to the 10 directions

Several subjects/topics were raised in the feedback received. These were presented as concerns, suggestions and/or requests and are summarised below.

Overarching	Total times raised	City of Sydney Response
Positive general comments, for example, exciting, encouraging, well thought out and beneficial, relevant and important, really progressive and instils trust.	18	Noted.
Concern that many of the goals are outside Council's control, such as 'Housing for all', and public transport.	2	Noted.
Do the order of the strategies correlate to their level of importance?	2	The strategic directions are not listed in order of importance. All 10 strategic directions are equally important.
There needs to be a regenerative and holistic systems thinking approach somewhere in the strategic directions, or a lens over every solution so that we end up with stronger, more resilient, more vibrant city; ensuring individual problems are not solved with a solution that causes multiple other problems.	1	Noted. Please refer to strategic direction 7: Resilient and diverse communities, for strategic objectives focused on achieving a stronger, more resilient and vibrant city.
Clarification sought why Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are mentioned throughout the plan, when everyone has the right to everything in the plan.	1	The community strategic plan was developed with the community, it outlines the community's vision and priorities for Sydney to 2050 – it is a plan for everyone. This includes a city where everyone feels welcome and can afford to live here, and can participate, prosper and reach their full potential. A city that is fair and just. The aspirations and targets in this community strategic plan also align with the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.
Many of these points, while mostly valid, do not consider small to medium business and their owners who have to self-finance their businesses. Council has not considered the reduction of business in the directions.	1	Refer to strategic objective 7.4 under strategic direction 7, and 9.5 under strategic direction 9. The City of Sydney's Economic Development Strategy 2025-2035 describes how we are creating strong local neighbourhoods. You can read the strategy here:

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		https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/strategies-action-plans/economic-development-strategy
The timeframes are probably realistic but seem a long way off.	1	The community strategic plan is our long-term plan on how we will realise the communities' vision for Sydney to 2050. It is updated every 4 years to ensure it continues to reflect community needs and aspirations as well as address emerging trends.
Some directions seem vague and buzzwordy.	1	Noted.
Concern that a lot of these initiatives sound great for the Council but aren't the views of the larger community.	1	The community strategic plan was developed from significant community consultation spanning over 18 months. The updated plan has been informed by community feedback received over the last two years. You can read about how we engaged the community and what we heard at https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/research-reports/community-insights-report-2024
Support for parking should be included in the directions. It is a major issue.	1	The City undertakes ongoing reviews of on street and off-street parking policies and regulations to assist with accessibility. Outlined under Direction 5, the City is committed to promoting more sustainable modes of transport, including walking, cycling, and public transport.
What happens if some of the strategic directions clash?	1	The community strategic plan was developed to reflect community aspirations, research and global trends impacting our local communities. The 10 strategic directions aim to work together.
I do agree with the strategic plan and its wide range of visions, yet I do feel that there is nothing specific to the younger generation, student housing, education, university, HECS debt etc.	1	We consulted young people – the Communities of the future – to develop this plan. Specific reference to young people can be found in strategic objective 6.2, 6.4, and 6.6 under strategic direction 6, and strategic objective 10.4, under strategic direction 10, for reference to student housing.
New Strategic Direction suggestions		
Electrification should be a strategy. The full electrification of all new development, with implementation to take immediate effect.	1	A discussion paper on electrification of new developments has just concluded its <u>exhibition</u> . Submissions will now be evaluated and changes made to the LSPS and DCP as required. There are no current plans to develop a strategy on electrification, but work is underway for inclusions of electrification requirements in planning requirements for new developments.

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Our society as a whole depends heavily on education, so addressing the needs of the Department of Education and Training as well as a move to inclusive education is key to sustainable economy and affordability.	1	This is referred to in strategic objective 4.3, under direction 4 – specifically on the importance of quality designed and located education infrastructure and the need to collaborate with the NSW Government on the future provision of education facilities within the local area. This is also referred to in strategic objective 6.6, under direction 6 – specifically that there is equitable access to education and learning opportunities throughout all stages of life.
A digitally connected and future-ready city harnessing emerging technologies to enhance urban life, ensure digital equity, and support resilient, data-informed decision-making. This includes smart infrastructure, ethical AI use, robust cybersecurity, and accessible digital services that empower all residents to participate in a connected future.	1	This is referred to in strategic objective 4.2, under strategic direction 4, and in strategic objective 9.1, under strategic direction 9.
Direction 1: Good governance and stewardship	Total times raised	City of Sydney Response
Responsible governance shouldn't just be about rules and reporting. Let's build trust-based models that genuinely involve communities, not just in feedback loops but in decision-making. Digital tools can help, but only if they're built with care and equity in mind.	1	Our community engagement strategy and community participation plan outline the legislative requirements, guiding principles, approaches and processes we use to ensure our engagement is clear, accountable, meaningful, inclusive and accessible. It describes the role communities play in our decision-making processes. You can read about it here: https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/strategies-action-plans/community-engagement-strategy-community-participation-plan
City should embed new forms of participation. I.e. through citizens' assemblies, cultural co-ownership models, shared data trusts.	1	Our community engagement strategy describes our approach to engaging the community and how communities can participate in council decision making. You can read about it here: https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/strategies-action-plans/community-engagement-strategy-community-participation-plan
More acknowledgement of First Nations leadership, not only in design and symbolism, but in governance and long-term stewardship.	1	Noted. This is referenced throughout the community strategic plan including strategic objectives 1.2 and 1.5 under strategic direction 1.

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It would be good to insert "responsive" to indicate the council's willingness to listen and act on ratepayer feedback.	1	This is referred to in strategic objective .2, under direction 1 – specifically “Our systems, resources and capability are responsive to changing service needs”. In addition, being a responsive government is referenced throughout the document, for example, how the City will respond to the climate emergency.
Are there any mechanisms to hold the council to following and achieving the strategic directions?	1	The State of our City report focuses on how effective the City has been in delivering its objectives over the term of the previous council. It reports against the strategies and priorities of our community strategic plan. The State of our City report 2024 is available at: https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/research-reports/annual-report
How will Good governance and stewardship be measured?	1	The State of our City report focuses on how effective the City has been in delivering its objectives over the term of the previous council. It reports against the strategies and priorities of our community strategic plan. The State of our City report 2024 is available at: https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/research-reports/annual-report
Direction 2: A leading environmental performer	Total times raised	City of Sydney Response
Support for greening and tree canopy cover.	3	Noted.
Less high emission equipment, trucks and buses used by Council.	2	The Environmental Strategy 2025-2030 has a revised target to further electrify our fleet of light commercial and passenger vehicles to be 100% electric by 2030. There are heavier vehicles we cannot electrify as there aren't available substitutes on the market. We have a target to reduce overall emissions of the fleet by 20% by 2030.
Need to prepare for climate change, a wetter & hotter Sydney.	2	Noted. Please refer to strategic direction 2: A leading environmental performer, and strategic direction 7: Resilient and diverse communities, for strategic objectives focused on preparing for climate change and achieving a stronger, more resilient and vibrant city.
Need to upweight the regenerative nature of the water objective 2.3 Ref: https://onimpact.com.au/blue-green-australia-re-visioning-rushcutters-and-rewilding-iron-cove/	1	The Environmental Strategy 2025-2030 contains a target to improve water health. This target has been increased since the previous strategy. Priority 10 of the Environmental Strategy 2025-2030 highlights the commitment to the

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		regeneration of land and waterways through restorative practices and managing environmental risk.
Disagree with putting targets on potable water use. Circumstances change and it is unwise to attach such a definite target. Perhaps the wording should be "To strive to attain" or "in line with current day objectives."	1	Noted.
Support for urban biodiversity.	1	Noted.
Need wider sidewalks with more space for trees to get mature.	1	The City's <u>Urban Forest Strategy</u> (within Direction 4 – A Resilient Forest) includes detailed discussion, analysis and targets related to urban forest diversity and resilience in our local area.
Environmental performance is very important.	1	Noted.
There should be environmentally friendly lighting to improve safety at night time, such as lights designed to reduce light pollution as they aim down and have covers preventing light from travelling up.	1	This is already a practice within the City of Sydney operations. The City owned street lights are low energy use LEDs. Our <u>Sydney Lights: Public domain design code</u> and <u>A5 Street Lighting Designs technical specifications</u> outlines that lighting schemes must be designed and installed such as to avoid any unwanted light spill and light pollution.
Embodied carbon regulations could affect the ease of producing public transport systems, how will this affect Direction 5: e.g. BRT (Bus Rapid Transit)?	1	Outlined within the revised Environmental Strategy 2025-2035 and under Direction 2, outcome 2.1 of the community strategic plan, the city outlines its commitment to reach net zero emissions by 2035 with embodied carbon significantly reduced. Public transport construction such as the <u>Metro</u> are already making changes to reduce embodied carbon.
Direction 3: Public places for all	Total times raised	City of Sydney Response
Rubbish and cleanliness		
Concern about amount of rubbish and cigarette butts/vaping rubbish on streets – more rubbish and recycling bins required.	7	As per the request in her November 2024 Lord Mayor Minute, Council has approved additional fleet which will result in an increase in cleansing service delivery that will provide more street cleansing across our local area. City staff will also be investigating the types of waste in our street litter bins and how much of it could be recycled, if separated.

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Support for a clean and well cared for city – liveable neighbourhoods.	2	Noted.
More serious fines within the city for illegal disposal of rubbish required.	1	Illegal dumping or disposing of waste incorrectly is regulated under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act. Fine amounts are set by State Government.
Concern about rubbish dumped by apartment residents every time they move in and out with no regard for the environment.	1	In addition to our existing resident education programs regarding the availability of our booking and collection services, future programs will include providing estate agents and building managers with resources and advice regarding our available services that can be delivered directly to buildings and tenants.
Safety		
Safety is a large factor that should be thought about when improving the City of Sydney, particularly for women at night.	5	Noted. Refer to strategic objective 7.5: People feel safe in the city, under strategic direction 7.
Support for safer and cleaner CBD.	1	Noted.
Infrastructure		
Focus on maintaining and improving basic infrastructure like roads and parks. Including covered walkways & covered outdoor furniture. Particularly George Street: Uneven roads and footpaths, no trees, bad lighting, few seats and few bins.	3	This is referred to in strategic objective 3.2, under strategic direction 3: Public places for all – specifically ensuring that City streets and public spaces are upgraded and maintained to ensure they are welcoming, inclusive and connected.
Accessibility is important for all (aged / wheelchair users).	2	Agree. The importance of accessibility is referenced in the plan, including strategic objective 3.2 Welcoming, inclusive and connected streets and public spaces are created, upgraded and maintained (under strategic direction 3) and strategic objective 6.2 Everyone feels welcome and included in the city (under strategic direction 6). In addition, the City's new disability (inclusion) action plan 2025-2029 is tabled for June 2025 Council meeting. This action plan outlines the City's commitment to access and inclusion for everyone.
Support for more dog parks, off-leash dog park near enclosed playgrounds	2	Noted.
Concern about number of protesters in public places.	2	Noted.

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Public places and transport need to be about culture as much as infrastructure. Streets should feel alive. That means supporting things like car-free Sundays, not just installing more bike lanes. Make room for joy and connection.	1	Noted. Refer to strategic objective 8.5, under strategic direction 8: A thriving cultural life.
Disappointment with infrastructure and poor condition of roads. Particularly George Street: Uneven roads and footpaths, no trees, bad lighting, few seats and few bins.	1	This is referred to in strategic objective 3.2, under strategic direction 3: Public places for all – specifically ensuring that City streets and public spaces are upgraded and maintained to ensure they are welcoming, inclusive and connected.
Improve appearance of Circular Quay and Customs House.	1	Transformative project idea 2, outlines the City's commitment to the "Three linked city squares" of Circular Quay, Town Hall and Central. In addition, this is referred to in strategic objective 3.2, under strategic direction 3: Public places for all – specifically ensuring that City streets and public spaces are upgraded and maintained to ensure they are welcoming, inclusive and connected.
More free outdoor, undercover spaces or cooled indoor spaces for people to connect without having to buy something	1	Strategic direction 6 focuses on creating an equitable and inclusive city. Refer to the strategic objectives under this direction.
Green Square needs work to be liveable - public transport, shops, parks.	1	Noted. Green Square is referenced in strategic objective 4.2, under strategic direction 4.
Concern about noise pollution and disruptive behaviours, such as public intoxication and loud disturbances, resulting from extended business operating hours and the move toward a 24/7 city model.	1	Noted.
Concern about lack of quality shade in public spaces. Ensure the value of shade for UV radiation protection and other co-benefits are fully recognised. Quality shade is an asset that is critical to ensuring community health, comfort and well-being. There should be a commitment to plan and budget properly in advance for built and natural shade in public spaces including playgrounds, parks, recreation and sporting facilities, active travel networks and town centres.	1	Noted. Refer to strategic objective 4.5 under strategic direction 4.
Suggest new speciality areas created to distribute where people are going. For example, right now most shopping is	1	This is referred to in strategic objective 9.5 under strategic direction 9. Also, the City of Sydney's Economic Development Strategy

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congested in Town Hall. What if more youth fashion was located in Central? Building out cultural pockets to distribute where people go.		2025-2035 describes how we are creating strong local neighbourhoods. You can read the strategy here: https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/strategies-action-plans/economic-development-strategy
How can council encourage a diversity of shopping options? Support for diverse small business.	1	The City supports small businesses including retail and hospitality through a variety of capacity building programs, including the Reboot Webinar Series. The City actively supports industry associations and business chambers to deliver projects that support diverse small business owners, such as the Social Enterprise Council of NSW & ACT, supporting operations for social enterprises and the Australian Fashion Council, who support a range of fashion businesses.
All neighbourhoods in the LGA should be equitability maintained.	1	Noted
Public places are essential for a thriving community, especially parks and town squares.	1	Noted. Refer to strategic direction 3: Public places for all.
Direction 4: Design excellence and sustainable development	Total times raised	City of Sydney Response
Balance the infrastructure and the population – concerns about overdevelopment – eg: Potts Point, Zetland, Green Square.	4	The City continues to review and provide community infrastructure needed to support current and future populations. The allocation of developer infrastructure levies form part of this planning for future needs.
Support the preservation and restoration of old buildings.	2	Noted. Strategic objective 4.1, under strategic direction 4, refers to the character of distinctive neighbourhoods and heritage and iconic places valued by communities is respected and celebrated.
City needs to work more closely with apartment buildings, State government and its own heritage department to enable code/compliance that owners can afford - there are currently many owners who are struggling with increasing strata fees because older buildings need bringing up to code, DBPA, heritage listing etc - this needs to be an objective in its own right.	1	The City has a role in ensuring buildings are safe for occupants. The maintenance of buildings is the responsibility of owners.
If Housing for All is prioritised this direction is unnecessary – it will naturally occur when move housing is approved and with more freedom to design it.	1	Noted. The City has identified that affordability is not delivered by an increase in supply alone. Means tested affordable housing run by community housing providers is needed to

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		ensure diverse housing for the community regardless of how the market is supplying housing.
Accessibility is important for all (aged / wheelchair users).	1	Agree. The importance of accessibility is referenced in the plan, including strategic objective 3.2 Welcoming, inclusive and connected streets and public spaces are created, upgraded and maintained (under strategic direction 3) and strategic objective 6.2 Everyone feels welcome and included in the city (under strategic direction 6). In addition, the City's new disability (inclusion) action plan 2025-2029 is tabled for June 2025 Council meeting. This action plan outlines the City's commitment to access and inclusion for everyone.
Concern council infrastructure projects have a tendency of going over time and that will mean over budget and the projects never looked finished.	1	Noted.
Do not support Sydney's redevelopments.	1	Noted.
Plan for council-owned buildings on Oxford Street needed.	1	The City of Sydney has granted a 99-year lease for properties at 58–76, 82–106, and 110–122 Oxford Street to Ashe Morgan. As part of the lease, the developer is required to provide 1600m2 of creative space in the three buildings. Under planning regulations, building height can be increased if additional creative and cultural space is provided.
Concern that DA approvals process even for simple things is expensive and onerous.	1	Development Application fees are set by government regulation. Council does not charge an application fee for outdoor dining applications. Streamlined planning pathways (exempt and complying development) are set by NSW Government planning rules. In addition, the city assists applicants providing advice regarding planning matters and application processes
Council should adopt a more balanced approach to urban planning—one that prioritizes the wellbeing of residents while fostering sustainable development: eg: thoughtful design guidelines to minimize the overshadowing of existing structures.	1	Noted. This is referenced in the plan under strategic objectives 4.1, 4.4 and 4.5, under strategic direction 6.

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Suggest power lines should be laid underground (Zetland / Dawes Point).	2	Ausgrid owns the overhead powerlines in our area. Ausgrid will underground powerlines on request, but on a user-pays basis, with the full cost of the undergrounding covered by the individual or organisation requesting it. A City-wide undergrounding project would however be prohibitively expensive, and the City focuses on undergrounding powerlines where we can incorporate the work into planned projects, such as main street upgrades, major redevelopments and urban renewal areas. We have achieved this in King Street in Newtown, Macdonald Street in Erskineville, George Street in central Sydney, and Crown Street between Devonshire and Cleveland Streets in Surry Hills. We will continue undergrounding powerlines on Crown Street as part of our upgrade of the section between Oxford and Devonshire Streets.
Information requested on how mixed-used housing and zoning could work. How open, alfresco, community, outdoor spaces can be designed (and weather-protected).	1	Much of the local area is zoned for a mix of uses and allows housing and business. NSW and council planning controls provide guidance on good design for housing. Alfresco outdoor dining typically takes place on footpaths with the shelter of awnings, while umbrellas may be permitted in other circumstances.
Consideration should be given to different building styles to aesthetically work together.	1	Noted. Refer to strategic objective 4.1 under strategic direction 4.
Is there a plan to add plants and sustainable elements to pre-existing buildings or just new infrastructure?	1	The City's planning controls encourage green roofs and require buildings to be energy and water efficient. Planning controls only apply when development is proposed.
Direction 5: A city for walking, cycling and public transport	Total times raised	City of Sydney Response
Support for cycling / cycle lanes.	5	Noted.
Sydney's public transport options could be improved – coverage, reliability, safety, cost.	4	Noted. Refer to strategic objective 5.2, under strategic direction 5. The NSW Government plans, implements and operates public transport services.
Support for less cars, more people and safer streets.	3	Noted. Refer to strategic objective 3.2, under strategic direction 5.
Do not support cycle lanes – eg: Oxford St cycle lanes are over time and budget	2	Noted. Speed limit on Oxford Street is 40km/h. The Oxford Street west cycleway is due to be completed by July 2025. The changes to lane configuration associated with the Oxford Street

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and the traffic has not gone, it has just slowed down.		cycleway have been in place since construction commenced and TfNSW informs the City that the street is operating well.
Concern that bike paths create congestion.	2	Noted. There is no evidence that the City's cycleways have worsened congestion across the City of Sydney.
A city for walking, cycling and public transport, this should be the key priority of Sydney, as this can be the key to unlock further potentials in the city to be more vibrant.	1	The strategic directions are not listed in order of importance. All 10 strategic directions are equally important.
Public transport should consider having stops closer together to aid access for older people.	1	Noted. The NSW Government plans, implements and operates public transport services, and is responsible for balancing the community's desire for accessibility to multiple locations and the need to achieve attractive and reliable public transport travel times.
Pedestrians need more protection from cyclists that do not adhere to signage or light signals, especially the corner of Bourke St and Fitzroy.	1	Like other road users, people riding must adhere to the road rules and obey signage and signals. Enforcement of the road rules is the responsibility of the NSW Police.
Pathways are now incredibly dangerous due to the use of ebikes and other vehicles that travel as fast as cars and do not use cycleways. Streets are littered with share bikes so they cannot be safely used.	1	Like other road users, people riding must adhere to the road rules. Vehicles including e-bikes on public roads must comply with Australian standards. Most people are not legally allowed to ride on footpaths. In all situations power must cut out when an e-bike reaches 25 km/h. Enforcement of the road rules is the responsibility of the NSW Police. The City of Sydney currently has no control over share bike operations and has called for the NSW Government to regulate the sector since 2017.
Prioritise 10-min walking distance to what we need.	1	Noted.
Request for large scale transport like the Metro to Zetland instead of light rail.	1	The City strongly supports the Metro West extension to at least Zetland as soon as possible, however the NSW Government currently has no plans for this extension.
Accessibility is important for all (aged / wheelchair users).	1	Agree. The importance of accessibility is referenced in the plan, including strategic objective 3.2 Welcoming, inclusive and connected streets and public spaces are created, upgraded and maintained (under strategic direction 3) and strategic objective 6.2

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		Everyone feels welcome and included in the city (under strategic direction 6). In addition, the City's new disability (inclusion) action plan 2025-2029 is tabled for June 2025 Council meeting. This action plan outlines the City's commitment to access and inclusion for everyone.
Concern that cycling doesn't work for most people.	1	Noted.
City has an advocacy role to play with other levels of Government eg: accelerate use of electric buses, improve bike lane connectivity at intersections.	1	Agreed. Many of the City's actions are advocacy-related, including for electrification of bus fleets and expansion and improvement of the cycleway network.
Reconstruct the monorail as a free form of public transport.	1	Noted. The NSW Government is responsible for public transport and has no plans for monorails in our area.
Are there going to be any different sustainable transport options in Sydney?	1	The City of Sydney features facilities for walking and cycling, and is serviced by metro, rail, light rail, bus and ferries. The NSW Government is considering whether to allow e-scooters to operate on our streets. The City is supporting the Australian Government's investigations into future high-speed rail. The City's car share system supports reduction in car use by members and will transition to zero emissions vehicles by 2035.
Direction 6: An equitable and inclusive city	Total times raised	City of Sydney Response
Equity and inclusion means shifting who holds power. How are lived experiences shaping policies? How are we involving renters, young people, First Nations communities and people who often get left out?	1	Our community engagement strategy and community participation plan outline the legislative requirements, guiding principles, approaches and processes we use to ensure our engagement is clear, accountable, meaningful, inclusive and accessible. It describes the role communities play in our decision-making processes. The City of Sydney also has several advisory panels, including an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander advisory panel and Inclusion (disability) advisory panel, that provide high level independent advice and expertise on policies and operations across various subject areas.
An equitable and inclusive city should be a higher priority - it is a key challenge for the city.	1	The strategic directions are not listed in order of importance. All 10 strategic directions are equally important.

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Support for making the community for all residents.	1	Noted
Accessibility is important for all (aged / wheelchair users).	1	Agree. The importance of accessibility is referenced in the plan, including strategic objective 3.2 Welcoming, inclusive and connected streets and public spaces are created, upgraded and maintained (under strategic direction 3) and strategic objective 6.2 Everyone feels welcome and included in the city (under strategic direction 6). In addition, the City's new disability (inclusion) action plan 2025-2029 is tabled for June 2025 Council meeting. This action plan outlines the City's commitment to access and inclusion for everyone.
Suggest bigger emphasis on improving Indigenous living standards, as well as showcasing / implementing art and culture.	1	Noted. Improving outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities is referenced throughout the plan including strategic objective 1.2 under strategic direction 1, strategic direction 3.1 under strategic direction 3, strategic objective 4.1 under strategic direction 4, strategic objective 6.1 under strategic direction 6, strategic objectives 7.1, 7.3 & 7.6 under strategic direction 7, strategic objective 8.1 under strategic direction 8, strategic objective 9.3 under strategic direction, and strategic objective 10.5 under strategic direction 10.
Strategy Direction 6 and 7 should be placed higher. This is because the people in communities are vital and should be the central focus of change in the council area. Having supported and integrated communities will allow for greater change and improvement in the other areas.	1	Noted. All 10 strategic directions are equally important – they are not listed in order of importance.
Objection to reference of priority communities . We all live in Sydney, we all benefit or suffer the consequences.	1	The City values the contributions made by all people and believe that this diversity strengthens our city. This includes our work with diverse communities to build social cohesion and actively remove barriers to inclusive participation faced by different people. We recently reaffirmed our own commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion and to continue the work which embodies this commitment. We want to be a City for All, and to support this have identified communities who may experience heightened inequality and barriers that we need to consider in our engagement and social sustainability programs.

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There needs to be a focus on fostering community and connection in structured ways (eg. workshops) and unstructured ways.	1	The City will continue to promote meaningful social interactions that help us build a sense of connection in structured and unstructured ways. This includes how we design our city to support people to connect to each other through publicly accessible spaces that contribute to the social life of the city. We will also continue to engage the community on opportunities for volunteers as well as in the development of free and low-cost programs in our libraries, community centres and our local events.
Direction 7: Resilient and diverse communities	Total times raised	City of Sydney Response
There shouldn't be a focus on diversity as it isn't that important. It isn't a factor that improves day to day life.	1	The City of Sydney is home to a diverse community, where 52% were born overseas and 37.5% speak a language other than English at home. Our most recent community wellbeing Survey found that 89% of respondents appreciate cultural diversity. We value the contributions made by all people and believe that this diversity strengthens our city, enriching our city's social fabric and economic vitality. To support a city for all we are working with diverse communities to eliminate discrimination and actively remove barriers to inclusive participation.
Are there any supports for mental health in the strategy?	1	While mental health services are primarily the responsibility of the state and federal Governments, we recognise that we have an important role to play through supporting local organisations that promote mental health and provide support to people living with mental health issues through our partnerships and grants. We also advocate for improved healthcare services, and our community-based spaces and programs help people build social connections to create a sense of belonging and establish support networks.
Direction 8: A thriving cultural and creative life	Total times raised	City of Sydney Response
Suggest explicit reference to our night time economy and creating a vibrant 24/7	3	Noted. Refer to strategic objectives 9.4 & 9.5 under strategic direction 9.

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city. More emphasis on a thriving nightlife.		
There are no incentives for other commercial community facilities like cinemas, small play-houses, community galleries etc. Council has a principal role in creating an economic environment in developments for these facilities to be viable. It's specific incentives that make communities, not happenstance.	1	Noted. The City is committed to an increased supply of accessible creative space in the city. In 2022, the City updated the planning controls for Oxford Street to unlock more development potential, encourage investment in the area as a cultural and creative precinct and maintain the unique heritage fabric of the street. The Cultural Strategy 2025-2035 has committed to review these planning controls to determine if they're achieving intended outcomes, implement appropriate changes and investigate applying them to other precincts.
The City can support its goal for a lively night time economy by extending library hours. I place a lot of value on having a work space separate to my office and home environments but I can make limited use of it outside of business hours. Libraries are a classic example of a third space and have the ability to extend community life into the city's shared spaces.	1	City of Sydney Libraries are open till 6pm on weekdays and from 10-4pm on Saturday and Sunday. Transformative project idea 10 is Reimagining our community assets. Reimagining our community assets explores new ideas for how our communities can use existing ones. We want to work with our communities to understand how facilities, halls and open spaces can be transformed for future uses.
Concern that the nightlife of Sydney has been destroyed by lock outs and crackdowns.	1	Noted. Strategic objectives 9.4 & 9.5 under strategic direction 9 focus on supporting the city's vitality and nightlife.
Increased support for local arts and artists is required.	1	Noted. Refer to strategic objectives 8.3 and 8.5 under strategic direction 8.
Support a thriving cultural and creative life because it brings tourism, and it's a beautiful thing to see on a walk, such as mural walls or interesting scaffold buildings.	1	Noted.
Focusing on building a city's community and character is very important to building culture.	1	Noted.
The City of Sydney should have more entertainment or things to do for people of all ages to enjoy. I feel as the there isn't much to do in Sydney especially for teenagers.	1	Noted.
More facilities for young people and late opening hours.	1	As part of the Vibrancy Reforms, the NSW Government announced a new framework for special entertainment precincts. These precincts support live entertainment through extended trading hours and sound controls that provide

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		operational certainty for venues, neighbouring residents and businesses. Councils can establish special entertainment precincts in their local areas.
Continue to offer free activities such as Tai Chi that is currently at 180 George St.	1	Noted.
Direction 9: Transformed and innovative economy	Total times raised	City of Sydney Response
Technology, research and development and entrepreneurialism are buried in "A transformed and innovative economy" - these need to be called out as individual objectives under the strategic direction.	1	The Economic Development Strategy 2025-2035 is structured around 4 outcomes, one of which is innovative. Several actions speak directly to the drivers of innovation, including supporting technology adoption, building innovation ecosystem networks, and fostering a culture of entrepreneurship.
A transformed economy needs to move away from extractive thinking. Let's centre circular systems, commoning, and regenerative approaches that prioritise long-term care over short-term wins.	1	The Economic Development Strategy 2025-2035 responds to 4 drivers of change that reflect a move away from extractive thinking, namely: - Climate change poses a significant threat to the economy and society - Rising inequality jeopardises long term prosperity - Productivity is slowing and innovation is hindered by a lack of a coordinated and targeted strategic approach - Economic uncertainty and changing behaviours are driving a rethink of how cities are used and experienced.
Support removal of regulation to encourage development and business.	1	Noted.
Suggest a greater focus towards technology, and development of technology overall in the city.	1	The Economic Development Strategy 2025-2035 is focused on unlocking innovation, with technology development and diffusion critical drivers of innovation. Action 26 of the strategy calls out our role in supporting local businesses to innovate, build skills and adopt new technologies, including artificial intelligence.
Direction 10: Housing for all	Total times raised	City of Sydney Response

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Housing for all should be leading priority / higher on the list of directions.	4	Noted. All 10 strategic directions are equally important – they are not listed in order of importance.
Provide more support for Homeless people, including those with mental health concerns. There should be a designated City team to support homeless people. Improvements in housing and services for homeless people are required. Is there any new, innovative method that the plan has to improve these services?	4	The City was the first council in Australia to have a dedicated homelessness unit in 1984. The unit has 7 employees including a manager, 2 senior project officers and 4 public space officers. The public space liaison officers work 7 days a week linking people experiencing homelessness to housing and support services and manage the public domain. The City works closely with, supports and provides funding to several local homelessness specialist services. We coordinate interagency meetings that attract services and volunteers across the homelessness and allied services sector. We work in partnership with community and other levels of government to address the chronic shortage of affordable housing in inner Sydney.
How will 'Housing for all' be financed/funded?	2	The City collects Affordable Housing Contributions from developers and distributes them to tier 1 not for profit registered community housing providers. Contributions totalled \$400 million at the end of June 2024. The City approved the payment of more than \$13 million through its Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund. Former City owned land and property is also offered for sale or long-term lease at a significant discount to support an increase in the supply of affordable and diverse housing. The value of the discounts was estimated to be worth \$31.6 million at the end of June 2024. By committing and acting the City also creates the optimal conditions for proponents of affordable and diverse housing projects to attract funding and other contributions from other levels of government, philanthropic and other sources.
Housing should be treated as a right, not a market product. That means proper rent protections, vacancy taxes, and community-led housing models, not just more apartments.	1	Residential tenancy legislation (covering rents) and taxes is the responsibility of the NSW Government. Affordable housing supported by the City requires rents to be capped at no more than 30 per cent of gross household income.
Accessibility is important for all (aged / wheelchair users).	1	Agree. The importance of accessibility is referenced in the plan, including strategic objective 3.2 Welcoming, inclusive and

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		connected streets and public spaces are created, upgraded and maintained (under strategic direction 3) and strategic objective 6.2 Everyone feels welcome and included in the city (under strategic direction 6). In addition, the City's new disability (inclusion) action plan 2025-2029 is tabled for June 2025 Council meeting. This action plan outlines the City's commitment to access and inclusion for everyone.
There needs to be ethical collaboration/ incentives between the City, banks and developers to build studio/small space living for inner city dwellers	1	The NSW Housing SEPP provides incentives for co-living housing. At June 2024 there were over 4,000 non-private homes in the development pipeline, many of which are forms of co-living housing.
Design of social housing is important. Suggestion that Low rise Housing Estates with alleyways and high fences create increase prevalence of anti-social behaviour and rubbish dumping.	1	Noted. The City works with stakeholders, including local police to respond to concerns and improve safety and amenity in social housing communities. The City supports crime prevention through environmental design.
Support ambitious targets for housing.	1	Noted. The City has ambitious targets for housing, including a target of 7.5 per cent social housing and 7.5 per cent affordable housing by 2036. The City also takes every opportunity to encourage ambitious target proportions for social and affordable housing in developments.
Council could do more to ensure more affordable housing is included in new developments	1	Noted. The City has one of the most substantial affordable housing contribution programs of any council. Late last year the City approved a range of amendments to the program to increase the provision of affordable housing. The changes are waiting on gateway determination from the state government to progress.
New housing should be materially sympathetic to surrounds.	1	Noted. This is referenced in strategic objective 4.1 under strategic direction 4, and strategic objective 10.2 under strategic direction 10.
The quality of new housing needs to be high so that the houses last into the future without people having to spend a lot of money on heating/cooling.	1	Agree. This is referenced in strategic objectives 4.4 & 4.5 under strategic direction 4, and strategic objectives 10.2 & 10.4 under strategic direction 10.

Written submissions

Summary

There were 17 written submissions received during the consultation period. These included submissions from individuals and from the following organisations: Pyrmont Action Inc, Sydney YIMBY and Bicycle NSW.

Comments were made about the overall plan; housing, building and development; community and cultural support and programs; the environment; cycling, cycleways, roads and active transport; supporting business; noise issues and safety – which are summarised below.

A detailed submissions table of the written submissions and the City of Sydney's responses can be found in Appendix C.

Overall plan

- Concern the updated plan is unrealistic and impractical, with no real foundation.
- It is too long, suggesting less images and style and more substance.
- It should elevate the City's role as advocate within the list of Roles and Responsibilities.
- The 10 targets should be inclusive for people with disabilities.
- A goal should be about responding and reacting to community and ratepayer concerns.

Housing, building and Development

- Concerns about housing affordability, quantity, design and remediation.
- Suggestions for the City included – assisting in social and affordable housing provision, reviewing/reducing land impacted by Heritage Conservation Areas, and working with the NSW Government to legislate regulations that will free up properties left vacant for more than 5 years for housing or other community needs.
- A range of concerns and recommendations related to the Pyrmont area, including Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy, sports and recreation facilities in the area, building heights, Ultimo Powerhouse structures, Wentworth Park, Pirrama Park Pyrmont and Union Square.

Community and cultural support and programs

- Suggestion to reintroduce public meetings across the LGA to enable community members to address concerns and recommendations to elected representatives/ developers etc.
- City-owned/controlled community buildings should be operated and staffed by the City.
- Importance of supporting artists, engaging them to create work (e.g. murals) and listening to their vision of the city.
- More support for and inclusion of international students with volunteering opportunities and housing, education, employment opportunities, and within community, including large cultural events.
- Consider innovative ideas to unlock and activate public space for wider community use, including for food production e.g. co-locating community gardens, expanding City Farm workshops.
- Indigenous suppliers to deliver native edible food gardening workshops.
- Public places for people to bring their unwanted goods and for others to re-use them.
- The council to work with the NSW Government to achieve public access to private schools' cultural and sporting facilities.

- Reduce the bureaucracy involved with applications/acquittals of its public amenities/spaces for public uses/community events.

The Environment

- Strong support for the City's efforts responding to the climate emergency.
- Concern the plan does not address the direct and indirect impacts of companion animals on biodiversity.
- The need to increase tree canopy and diversity targets with measurable progress indicators to track biodiversity corridors and the introduction of micro-forests on unused public land.
- Measurable progress indicators for water quality of the harbour and other local waterways.
- Deliver harbour restoration and cleaning projects, particularly Indigenous-led projects.
- Suggestion the City should consult with local landcare/bushcare groups on species to be cultivated at a native plant nursery at Sydney.

Cycling, cycleways, roads and active transport

- Strong support for the City's efforts on active transport.
- Direction 5 (A city for walking, cycling and public transport) should have numerical targets such as – kilometres of completed cycleway, percentage of bike network delivered, percentage of trips by bicycle, percentage of the LGA with 30km/h and number of signals reviewed.
- Suggestions included – working with the NSW Government to legislate powers to manage hire bikes across the LGA, and developing a kerbside use policy, including supporting on-street space for bike parking and secure bike hangers.
- Concerns about pedestrian safety due to cyclists riding bikes at high speeds on footpaths.

Supporting business

- Suggestions for the City included – encouraging street level cafes/restaurants along George Street with outdoor dining opportunities, and repurposing basement food outlets in the CBD to provide more music venues.
- Develop strategies to draw business, investment, and talent in the absence of a manufacturing industry.

Appendix

Appendix A: Communications overview

The following is a snapshot of outcomes of communications activities undertaken to support the consultation. Activities reached a range of audience segments via City of Sydney channels.

Activity	Outcome
Sydney Your Say webpage	• 1447 views
Lord Mayor letter distributed as a digital EDM	• This was sent to a list of 5974 key stakeholders on 8 April. Stakeholders included community members who had previously submitted feedback to the 2022 Community Strategic Plan consultation and the 27 consultations that were used to produce the 2024 Community Insights report.
City of Sydney Advisory Panels	• The Lord Mayor letter was sent out to City of Sydney Advisory Panel members including Business and Economic Development, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Housing for all, Cycling, Public Art Advisory Panel and Design advisory panels
Posters	• Posters were displayed in the City's libraries and community centres.
Community Newsletters	• An invitation to participate in the consultation was run in the following Community Centre newsletters reaching over 5000 subscribers: • Reginald Murphy Community Centre: sent April 22 • King George V Community Centre: April 23 • Redfern Community Centre: sent April 24 • Ultimo Community Centre: sent May 28 • Cliff Noble Community Centre: sent May 29 • Juanita Nielsen Community Centre: sent 30 April
Sydney Your Say e-news	• Consultation was included in the Sydney Your Say e-newsletter on 18 April sent to 5059 subscribers.
Social media	• Social media posts were made on Instagram and LinkedIn. • Instagram posts received 60,200 views and 106 click throughs • LinkedIn posts received 4956 views and 506 click throughs to the consultation page.

Appendix B: Communications activities

Sydney your Say web page

A [Sydney Your Say webpage](#) was created. The page included a summary of the strategic directions and targets as well as a photo gallery of the project ideas. The draft Community Strategic Plan 2025-2030 was available to download. A link was provided on the page to the [Community insights report 2024](#). Screenshot of website:

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6 April 2025 to 6 May 2025

What we're doing
The community strategic plan identifies the community's main priorities and aspirations for Sydney in 2050. It sets out how we will achieve a more sustainable, equitable and resilient city.
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Why we're doing this
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• A city with a future-focused economy
• A lively, cultural and creative city.

What 2050 looks like – 10 ambitious projects
The community strategic plan outlines 10 transformative project ideas. These ideas demonstrate how future public space and infrastructure projects could achieve the community's vision for a green, global and connected Sydney by 2050.

Framework for action – 10 directions for 2050

1. Responsible governance and stewardship
2. A leading environmental performer
3. Public places for all
4. Design excellence and sustainable development
5. A city for walking, cycling and public transport
6. An equitable and inclusive city
7. Resilient and diverse communities
8. A thriving cultural and creative life
9. A transformed and innovative economy
10. Housing for all

How we'll get there – 10 targets to measure progress

- 1 By 2035 we will achieve net zero emissions in the City of Sydney local area.
- 2 By 2050 there will be a minimum overall green cover of 40%, including 27% tree canopy cover in our local area.
- 3 By 2030 residential potable water use will be reduced to 204 litres a person a day in the City of Sydney local area. Non-residential potable water use will be reduced by 10%, from 2018/19 levels.
- 4 By 2035 there will be a 15% reduction in waste generated by each person in the local area based on 2023 levels. And by 2035 there will be 90% recycling and recovery of residential waste, commercial and industrial waste, and construction and demolition waste, which will be maintained at that level to 2050.
- 5 By 2036 there will be around 700,000 jobs in the City of Sydney local area including 200,000 new jobs compared to 501,786 in 2017. An increasing proportion of all jobs will be secure jobs.
- 6 By 2036 there will be at least 156,000 private dwellings and 17,500 non-private dwellings in the local area that include boarding houses and student accommodation. Of the private dwellings, 75% will be social housing and 75% will be affordable rental and diverse housing with these proportions maintained into the future.
- 7 By 2036 new cultural production floor space in the City of Sydney local area will have increased at least 40,000m² from 1,212,900m² in 2017.
- 8 By 2050 people will use public transport, walk or cycle to travel to and from work. This includes 9 out of 10 people working in the city centre and 7 out of 3 people working in the rest of the local area.
- 9 By 2030 every resident in the local area will be around a 10-minute walk to what they need for daily life.
- 10 By 2050 community cohesion and social interaction will have increased in the local area. This is based on at least 75% of the local residents population feeling part of the community, 65% agreeing most people can be trusted and 90% saying they can get help from their neighbours.

Read the draft plan

Community strategic plan (draft)
PDF 10.82 MB, Last modified 8 April 2025

How you can give feedback
Consultation closes at 5pm on Tuesday 6 May 2025.

- 1 **Complete our survey**
You'll need to log in with a City of Sydney account to complete the survey. If you don't have an account, it's easy to create one.
- 2 **Email or post your feedback**
You can give your feedback by email to sydneyyoursay@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au or post to:
Garath Jenkins
Senior Community Engagement Coordinator, City Engagement
City of Sydney
45/6 Kent Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Other ways you can give feedback

- Talk to us in person
- If you are Deaf or have complex communication needs
- If you need an Interpreter

Survey
Community Strategic Plan 2030–2050 →
It will take about 6 minutes and will help us shape the strategy.

Sydney Your Say e-newsletter

Sydney Your Say e-newsletter on 18 April sent to 5059 subscribers.

Sydney Your Say

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Have your say on our updated community strategic plan

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Help us shape the strategy and provide feedback by Tuesday 6 May.

[Read more](#)

Lord Mayor letter

Letter from the Lord Mayor, sent as an EDM to 5974 key stakeholders on 8 April.



Community Strategic Plan

I invite you to help us refresh our Community Strategic Plan 2030-2050.

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For more information about the Community Strategic Plan and to participate in the consultation please visit [Sydney Your Say](#) by 5pm on Tuesday 6 May, 2025.

Have your say



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Clover Moore AO
Lord Mayor of Sydney

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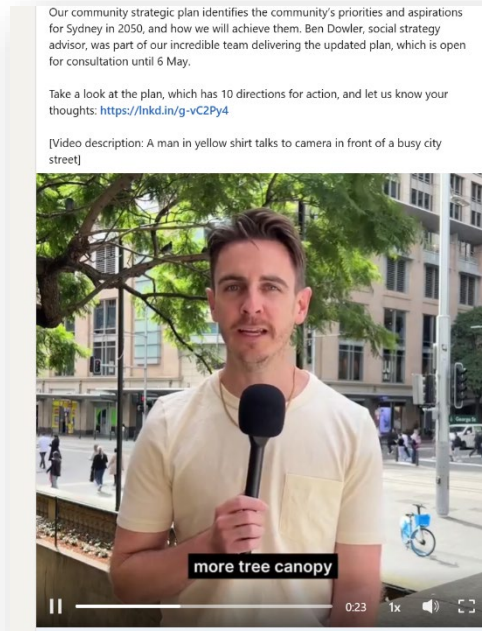
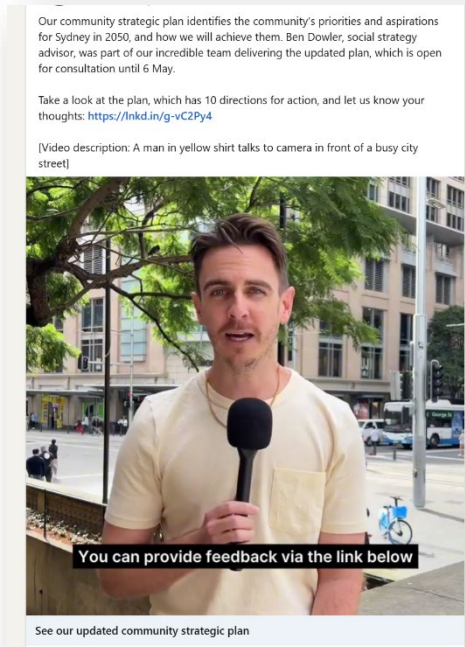
Posters

A poster inviting people to participate in the consultation was displayed in City of Sydney libraries and community centres.



Social media promotion

The consultation was promoted on the City of Sydney Instagram and LinkedIn social media channels.



LinkedIn posts reached 4956 people.



Instagram posts reached 60, 200 people.

Appendix C: Written Submissions table

Background	Response	Recommendation
Submission 1 Two submissions were received from a member of the public during the exhibition period. The submissions noted: - That due to affordability, the City of Sydney is become harder to live, work, and play. - That the updated community strategic plan was unrealistic and impractical, with no real foundation	Cost of living and affordability The City recognises the current cost-of-living crisis which is affecting people's ability to access secure housing, food, and essential services, and to maintain their wellbeing. We are committed to addressing this issue within our sphere of influence, by continuing the following actions: - Working towards our target for social and affordable dwelling supply to reach 7.5% of the total dwelling supply in our LGA, respectively, by setting developer contributions, providing one-off funding for social/affordable projects, selling/leasing Council-owned property at a discount for social/affordable housing projects, and opposing Development Applications which propose to reduce supply. - Advocating to the Federal Government for increases to the JobSeeker and other income support payments to a minimum of \$82 per day. - Offering free and low-cost services and programs across our network of community centres, with additional fee waivers for those experiencing financial hardship. - Working to increase the supply of and protect existing affordable creative spaces in our local area. - Providing discounted childcare fees to priority families across our network of Council-owned childcare centres. - Providing a range of funding and programs toward food relief, such as the Food Support Grant. Community Strategic Plan is unrealistic and impractical Noted. The Community Strategic Plan was developed with community and informed by extensive stakeholder engagement, community feedback, research, and data.	<i>It is recommended the submission is noted with no change to the updated Community Strategic Plan.</i>

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Submission 2 A submission was received from a member of the public during the exhibition period who recommended that several of the 10 targets explicitly consider access for people with disabilities. In addition, it was noted that Direction 1: Responsible Governance and Stewardship also include “responsive government”.	The City has an <u>inclusion (disability) action plan 2021-25</u> that aims to enhance access and inclusion for people with disabilities. The next inclusion (disability) action plan 2025-29 (tabled for June 2025 Council meeting). A focus of the plan is to provide for liveable communities, with the proposed draft action 4: Continue to improve the accessibility of streets, footpaths, parks and open places through renewal programs, upgrades and new capital projects in compliance with the <u>Inclusive and accessible public domain policy and guidelines</u>. These guidelines highlight the importance of a continuous accessible path of travel for all people, include people who use wheelchairs or other mobility devices. We recognise the City of Sydney local area has some difficult to traverse streetscape terrain for people with mobility disabilities. The <u>‘City for Walking’ Strategy and Action Plan</u> acknowledges and prioritises inclusion within infrastructure and public spaces to ensure they are accessible. It outlines walking improvements for the next 10 years, a renewal program that incorporates continuous improvement for access and inclusion and an access and inclusion program which allows the City to be responsive to accessibility issues identified or reported by the community. When collaborating with Transport for NSW or public transport operators we advocate for public transport to be fully accessible by people with disability, and for the <u>Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport</u> to be met. Feedback on the 10 targets to measure The inclusion (disability) action plan 2025-29 will also focus on providing more meaningful employment for people with disability. The action plan will acknowledge the complexity of employment challenges for people with disability and aims to provide for person-centred approaches towards employment. This will ensure that more people with a disability can attain, retain and develop in meaningful employment in our local area.	It is recommended the submission is noted with no change to the updated Community Strategic Plan.

Background	Response	Recommendation
	<i>In addition, the City has proposed increasing the requirement for accessible and adaptable housing in the Sydney Development Control Plan to 100% Silver performance levels against the Liveable Housing Design Guidelines for all development and 15% Platinum and for larger new residential developments. This proposal has been on public exhibition and submissions are currently being considered. It will be reported back to Council for consideration later this year.</i> <i>Accessible and adaptable housing continues to be a priority for the City. The City plans to consult with peak bodies and with people with disability to provide expert advice on the review of our local housing strategy in 2026/27, including on the requirement for accessible and adaptable housing in the Sydney Development Control Plan.</i> <i>We acknowledge that accessibility to and within creative spaces and facilities is an important consideration for target 7.</i> <i>The City's <u>Cultural Strategy 2025-2035</u> aims to support the supply of diverse creative spaces and facilities and aims to ensure that the City's future planning policies are designed and developed to be accessible and inclusive.</i> <i>The Cultural Strategy outlines how we design public spaces to enable and enrich our communities' cultural life, including for artists and audiences with disability. It also demonstrates leadership towards the production of inclusive and accessible events, including a commitment to providing equitable access to cultural activities for people with disabilities.</i>	

Background	Response	Recommendation
	<i>Target 8 and Target 9 are inclusive of people using wheelchairs, and their needs and accessibility considerations. These targets align with the vision and targets outlined in a <u>'City for Walking' Strategy and Action Plan</u>. Note – by using the term 'walking', we include all people moving on the footpath; people using mobility and sensory aids, including wheelchairs (motorised and manual), walkers and the like.</i> <i>Adding responsive government to Direction 1</i> <i>A responsive government is addressed under Direction 1: Responsible governance and stewardship. Specifically, the following outcome under objective 1.2 – “Our systems, resources and capability are responsive to changing service needs”. In addition, being a responsive government is referenced throughout the document, for example, how the City will respond to the climate emergency.</i>	
<i>Submission 3</i> <i>A submission was received from a member of the public during the exhibition period who stated that the Community Strategic Plan was too long, suggesting less images and style and more substance.</i>	<i>The updated Community Strategic Plan included a review of content, style and images. Wherever possible, the updated Community Strategic Plan aligns with the City's writing and style guide to ensure it meets accessible text and plain language requirements.</i>	<i>The submission is noted. An update to the design of the document was undertaken to provide better structure, readability, and visual appeal. Future iterations will further improve the accessibility of the document.</i>

Engagement report –
Community Strategic Plan (2025 update)

Background	Response	Recommendation
<i>Submission 4</i> <i>A submission was received from a member of the public during the exhibition period who noted the impact of noise on residents around Hyde Park from demonstrations and protests.</i>	<i>Noted.</i>	<i>It is recommended the submission is noted with no change to the updated Community Strategic Plan.</i>
<i>Submission 5</i> <i>A submission was received from a member of the public during the exhibition period who recommended that the City of Sydney and other councils do what they can to assist in social and affordable housing provision, including reference to social and affordable housing models in the UK.</i>	<i>In NSW, the state government is responsible for social and affordable rental housing. Unlike the UK where councils were funded by the central government to build post war social housing, councils in NSW do not have responsibility for developing social housing.</i> <i>The City uses all the levers available to it to support increases in the supply of affordable and diverse housing and focuses on supporting community housing providers to delivery affordable and diverse housing.</i> <i>We require affordable housing contributions from residential rezoning and development approvals and distribute them to community housing providers. We also sell council owned land and properties at a discount and provide grants from the Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund. At the end of June 2024, more than \$400 million in development contributions have been passed onto community housing providers, the value of the discount on the City owned land and properties was estimated to be worth \$31.6 million, and the City approved more than \$13 million in grants.</i>	<i>It is recommended the submission is noted with no change to the updated Community Strategic Plan.</i>

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Community Strategic Plan (2025 update)

Background	Response	Recommendation
<i>Submission 6</i> <i>A submission was received by a member of the public during the exhibition period who recommended that restriction on the capacity for light output on car headlights and e-bikes.</i>	<i>The City has no role in setting vehicle standards. These are set by Federal / Government authorities.</i>	<i>It is recommended the submission is noted with no change to the updated Community Strategic Plan.</i>
<i>Submission 7</i> <i>A submission was received by a member of the public during the exhibition period who strongly supported the City's efforts on active transport and responding to the climate emergency.</i>	<i>Noted.</i>	<i>It is recommended the submission is noted with no change to the updated Community Strategic Plan.</i>
<i>Submission 8</i> <i>A submission was received by a member of the public seeking more input from artists into the visioning of the city, urging us to listen to</i>	<i>The suggestions in the submission are aligned with the recently adopted Cultural Strategy 2025-2035. This Strategy was developed through extensive research and engagement with the creative sector and local community.</i> <i>The Cultural Strategy specifically calls out how important artists are to Sydney and includes specific actions to retain artists in Sydney.</i>	<i>It is recommended the submission is noted with no change to the updated Community Strategic Plan.</i>

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artists, support them and act. <i>This submission also spoke to the increasing difficulty for artists to live and work in Sydney due to affordability.</i>		
Submission 9 <i>A submission was received by a member of the public during the exhibition period who was interested in meeting with city staff to discuss a project idea on cycling, which emphasises the importance of transforming streets into people-first public space</i>	<i>The City Access and Transport team will meet with the community member to further discuss this project idea.</i>	<i>It is recommended the submission is noted with no change to the updated Community Strategic Plan.</i>
Submission 10 <i>A submission was received by a member of the public during the exhibition period who regards poorly ridden and</i>	<i>The NSW Government tells us that they will shortly introduce regulation to better control bike share operations.</i> <i>In the meantime, the City does negotiate dedicated or prohibited bike parking areas with operators where the public have concerns. However, this resident lives in an area under the control of Placemaking NSW, not the City.</i> <i>NSW Police can enforce road rules.</i>	<i>It is recommended the submission is noted with no change to the updated Community Strategic Plan.</i>

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<i>poorly parked share bikes as a hazard.</i>		
Submission 11 <i>A submission was received by a member of the public during the exhibition period which noted concern for the acceleration of climate change impacts and the risk it poses for cities such as Sydney with high population and infrastructure density. Areas of concern included low-lying parts of the city, which may require future relocation planning.</i> <i>In addition, they noted that the plan does not address the direct and indirect impacts of companion animals on biodiversity.</i>	Impacts of climate change – flooding <i>This is addressed in the City’s Draft Operational Plan , item 4.5.3 -where the action is to “Undertake studies and review floodplain management planning controls and other resilience related planning controls to manage risk and achieve good urban design outcomes”.</i> Companion animal management <i>The City educates pet owners on managing their pets through the following responsible pet ownership initiatives:</i> • Desexing <i>The City encourages residents to desex their pets to stop unwanted litters and to decrease stray cat numbers within the City.</i> • Animal Waste <i>We educate owners about disposing of their pet’s waste when they defecate in public places. The City supplies biodegradable dog waste bags in our parks for dog owners to use when bagging and binning dog waste.</i> • Cat Management <i>The City encourages cat owners keep their cats contained to their property. Keeping cats contained minimises the impact they have on small native wildlife such as birds, lizards, frogs, and possums.</i> • Dog Management	<i>It is recommended the submission is noted with no change to the updated Community Strategic Plan.</i>

Background	Response	Recommendation
	<i>The City educates dog owners about keeping their dogs under effective control when in public places by keeping them on-leash when not in designated off leash areas and encourages them to place them on leash and away from areas where native animals may be vulnerable.</i> <i>In line with the <u>City's Urban Ecology Strategic Action Plan</u>, habitat protection fencing is installed at strategic locations to protect native wildlife and reduce disturbance to habitats from dogs and park users.</i> • Signage <i>The City displays signage at strategic locations to discourage bird feeding, provide information on responsible dog management, and educate the community about local native wildlife and protecting their habitats.</i> <i>Currently, the City does not have a position on the indirect impact that the pet food industry has on the environment and native animals.</i>	
Submission 12 <i>A submission was received by a member of the City's International Student Leadership and Ambassador (ISLA) program.</i> <i>The submission included valuable insights from a focus group of international student leaders, many of whom</i>	Direction 3 – Public Places for All Bus stops lacking seats and shade and support for convenient and clean public spaces <i>The City has recently completed a roll out of new bus stop infrastructure which includes seats and shade canopies on footpaths across the local area. The infrastructure was installed where available footpath space at bus stops permitted installation without blocking pedestrian pathways. If there is a specific location where the standard bus stop infrastructure can fit but is not installed, please report it to the City's customer services.</i> <i>The City regularly cleans and maintains its restrooms. If there are isolated cases, these need to be reported to customer services so that maintenance can address the issue.</i>	<i>It is recommended the submission is noted with no change to the updated Community Strategic Plan.</i>

Background	Response	Recommendation
have been part of the ISLA program. The feedback included advice and recommendations across several directions.	Direction 4 – Design Excellence and Sustainable Development Proposed innovative idea for a City of Sydney international student member/rewards card <i>Innovative and creative projects such as this are encouraged through the City’s innovation and ideas grants program.</i> Direction 6 – An Equitable and Inclusive City International students deserve fairer and better treatment including greater inclusivity of international students within the education sector, employment opportunities, and community. <i>The City is currently developing an anti-racism framework that will guide its efforts to address racism within the organisation and the broader community.</i> <i>The City is also working on social cohesion programs, such as the Anti-Racism Allyship Network, the Say Our Name panel discussion, and an education program in collaboration with key stakeholders to promote an inclusive and equitable community. The City also consults with its Multicultural Advisory Panel on the development and implementation of its workforce strategy and anti-racism framework.</i> <i>As a member of the Diversity Council, the City is working on inclusive recruitment practices and fostering a culturally safety in our organisation and the broader workplace to address barriers to employment and career progression for Culturally and Linguistically Marginalised (CLM) communities.</i> <i>The City’s community centres, recreation centres and libraries welcome everyone and provide a range of free and affordable programs and events all year round to encourage social interactions and connections between diverse community groups.</i>	

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	<i>Direction 7 – Resilient and Diverse Communities</i> <i>Support for the Study NSW Welcome Desk at Sydney Airport, however, noted opportunities to support international students beyond the arrival desk e.g. mini-international student welcome desk (online or physical) with related volunteer opportunities for international students</i> <i>International students are welcome in the City of Sydney, and the City works together with the education sector and support services to foster a positive student experience. As well as supporting the Study NSW Welcome Desk, the City proudly hosts the annual Lord Mayor’s Welcome for international students in collaboration with the wider international education sector, including the state government agency, Study NSW. This event helps extend the welcome to approximately 1,000 international students each year and provides opportunities for about 20 support service providers to engage with students. The City’s international student ambassadors help ensure this event resonates with the student community with their strong presence on the night, which is always well-received.</i> <i>Over the years, the City has seeded many initiatives to support and strengthen student connections to our local area, including to support a sense of belonging, wellbeing and enhance employability skills. Examples of initiatives which currently support international student awareness of services and connection online include: <u>International Student Health Hub</u>, <u>Redfern Legal Centre’s International Students Welcome Pack</u>, <u>Insider Guides International Student Resources and newsletter</u>, <u>Welcome to NSW</u> resource webpage by Study NSW and the <u>City’s international student webpages</u> with resources including studying and working in Sydney, using libraries, and making safe share accommodation choices.</i> <i>The City’s grants and sponsorship programs have also played an important role in supporting innovative ideas that enhance social cohesion and foster connections between international students and the broader community.</i>	

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	<i>Direction 8 – A Thriving Cultural and Creative Life</i> <i>Increase opportunities for international student involvement in large-scale cultural events</i> <i>Major Events and Festivals will discuss with marketing and communications to continue to ensure events are culturally represented (hence building awareness) through marketing reach to audiences. Key messaging could feature more prominently around inclusivity and diversity of our events.</i> <i>Major Events and Festivals general program is not advertised through a calendar – and we have a specific set of major events each year. We produce cultural events such as NAIDOC in the City and Sydney Lunar Festival, but our general program is not able to cover a wider individual cultural representation, rather it encourages audiences to attend and celebrate our diverse community.</i> <i>The City’s grants and sponsorship programs have also played an important role in supporting cultural celebrations that enhance cross-cultural understanding and appreciation. The City’s International Student Leadership and Ambassador programs actively encourage international students to participate in and volunteer for cultural festivals and events. We also co-design cross-cultural events with our ambassadors, such as the Aboriginal Cultural Tour and Cultural Fest.</i> <i>Direction 10 – Housing for All</i> <i>International student challenges around opportunities to purchase private dwellings, negative experiences with landlords, and the need for more student housing that is affordable</i>	

Background	Response	Recommendation
	<i>Regulation of residential tenancies is undertaken by NSW Department of Fair Trading and the NSW Rental Commissioner. The City has relatively high number of student housing dwellings.</i> <i>At June 2024 there were 16,366 non-private dwellings in the City with another 4,100 dwellings in the development pipeline. The City introduced floor space bonuses to encourage co-living housing (student housing) in 2024.</i>	
Submission 13 <i>A submission was received by a member of the public during the exhibition period which responded to several of the 10 directions.</i>	Direction 1: Responsible governance and stewardship Noted frustration with City of Sydney customer service with clarity regarding the ability to not be able to drive into their garage at 33 Ultimo Road. <i>As part of the development approval for 33 Ultimo Road, the property driveway is restricted to a left-in left-out arrangement.</i> <i>It is understood that the community member is requesting for the removal of the median strip to allow residents to turn right into the property from Ultimo Road.</i> <i>City staff consulted with Transport for NSW (TfNSW), and both parties agreed that the proposed right-turn movement is likely to result in traffic delays along Ultimo Road, given its proximity to the intersections with Quay Street and Darling Drive. Accordingly, the proposal is not supported.</i> Direction 2 – A Leading Environmental Performer Support for the City’s commitment to zero emissions by 2035 seeking clarification on how the City will reach this target <i>The City does not endorse the use of fossil gas resources. The City’s <u>environmental strategy 2025-20230</u> (tabled for June 2025 Council meeting) outlines the City’s progress towards our net zero by 2035 target. The pathway to net zero for our local area depends</i>	<i>It is recommended the submission is noted with no change to the updated Community Strategic Plan.</i>

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	<i>on further greening of the grid, electrification of buildings and transport and transition away from the use of fossil gas.</i> <i>In the City's updated Environmental Strategy, we have a target to eliminate the use of fossil gas in our own operations by 2030.</i> Direction 3 – Publics Places for All Concern for housing affordability in Sydney <i>Refer to response to submission 5.</i> Direction 4 – Design Excellence and Sustainable Development Concern for how the City addresses defects in buildings undergoing remediation <i>The regulation of building construction and approval processes including the issuing of various certificates is undertaken by the City, however, most certificates issued are by registered building certifiers operating in the private sector. The NSW Building Commission is responsible for the regulation of all certifiers (local government and the private sector) which includes powers to investigate and sanction registered certifiers. Anyone can report issues/concerns about a certifier. This can include reporting by local councils should issues/non-compliances come to their attention. The City can act such as issuing orders under legislation to rectify defective/non-complying works.</i> Direction 5 – A City for Walking, Cycling, and Public Transport Supports cycling, however, has concerns about cyclists riding bikes at high speeds on footpaths	

Background	Response	Recommendation
	<i>The City has no direct involvement in the provision, regulation, or management of delivery riders or share bike schemes. They do not require permission to operate.</i> <i>In February, the NSW Legislative Council’s Portfolio Committee released its report into the role of e-mobility devices in NSW. The report made 34 recommendations, including establishing a clear statewide approach to e-mobility usage and improving enforcement and penalties for reckless riding. The City made a submission and gave evidence at the public inquiry calling for enforceable regulation of share bikes and food delivery platforms and their riders. You can find out more about the inquiry and download the report and our submission at city.sydney/39k. The NSW Government is expected to respond to the Committee’s recommendations in May.</i> Share bike parking <i>Despite our limited enforcement powers, we are working with share bike operators in our area to install dedicated parking zones through their apps to promote responsible parking. Share bike users are then only able to finish their trip and stop the clock running on payment once they place the bike in the allocated area. If they do not, they are charged a penalty.</i> <i>We have trials of designated bike parking in Pyrmont, Ultimo, Circular Quay, Chippendale and Forest Lodge. We are also seeking the NSW Government’s approval for designated on-street bike parking spaces, so we can free up more space on our footpaths. The first approved on-street parking area has been installed near Paddy’s Markets on Ultimo Road, Haymarket for up to 14 bikes. We will soon expand the trial with more dedicated on-street bike parking bays approved for Macleay Street, Potts Point, as well as Paddington, Chippendale, Zetland, Millers Point and more in Haymarket, all locations close to transport links and businesses.</i>	

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	<i>Food delivery riding</i> <i>We know that many of the people riding on footpaths in our area are working as food delivery riders. One way to reduce unsafe riding on footpaths is through rider education. City staff run on-the-ground education programs that aim to help make riding safer for all road users. They speak to riders on popular commuting routes throughout the City at least twice a week and run regular courses to teach people to ride safely. City staff have contacted delivery businesses about riders using our footpaths. We encourage delivery companies to enrol their riders in our cycling courses and to remind their staff to ride safely and off footpaths, including with regular in-app messaging. We advertise our courses in local bike rental stores and backpacker hostels and offer a delivery rider's discount on our courses. We know that education may have limited effect when riders feel subject to time and navigation pressures, which is why we are also requesting regulation of food delivery platforms.</i> <i>Direction 6 – An Equitable and Inclusive City</i> <i>Concerns for the cost of living and affordable housing in Sydney</i> <i>Refer to response to submission 1.</i> <i>Direction 7 – Resilient and Diverse Communities</i> <i>Concern for quantity, quality, design and affordability of housing.</i> <i>Noted.</i> <i>Direction 8 – A Thriving Cultural and Creative Life</i> <i>Sydney should aim to be a global city with a dynamic commercial centre.</i>	

Background	Response	Recommendation
	<i>Noted.</i> <i>Direction 9 – A Transformed and Innovative Economy</i> <i>Develop strategies to draw business, investment, and talent in the absence of a manufacturing industry.</i> <i>The City’s <u>Economic Development Strategy 2025-2035</u> lists slowing productivity as one of the most pressing drivers of change for our city’s economy to respond to. To support productivity improvements, unlocking innovation is a central tenant of the vision and the actions of the strategy which has a target that 70% of the 200,000 new jobs by 2036 be in innovation and knowledge-intensive industries.</i> <i>The economic strategy adopts a place-based approach, understanding that our city’s economy is several specialised economies clustered across different areas of the local area. For example, City North is the home of finance and professional services, with over 150,000 jobs in these sectors, while the Southern Enterprise Area is a critical location for our manufacturing, creative industries and logistics industries. Our work across the city will continue to support these distinct economic clusters and attract more aligned investment and jobs to those locations.</i> <i>Direction 10 – Housing for All</i> <i>Land development and building regulations need reform to improve quality and reduce risks related to insurances, defects, and natural disasters.</i> <i>The reform of building regulations is the responsibility of the NSW Building Commissioner and Australian Building Codes Board. The City requires development proposals to manage flood risks and periodically updates flood studies to ensure data is up to date.</i>	

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Submission 14 A submission was received by a member of the public during the exhibition period which supported the overall direction of the community strategic plan. The submission also provided suggestions on how some of the outcome areas could be enhanced.	Increase tree canopy and diversity targets with measurable progress indicators to track biodiversity corridors and the introduction of micro-forests to unused public land The City's targets for tree canopy were developed based on a detailed analysis of land use within our local area. The targets are ambitious, but also realistic and achievable. It should be noted that the targets of other cities are often not comparable. For example, the City of Melbourne's target of 40% canopy cover only applies to their streets and parklands. The City's target is for our entire area, including private property. We are on track to meet our canopy cover targets. You can explore our progress in our Urban Forest Storymap The City's Urban Forest Strategy (within Direction 4 – A Resilient Forest) includes detailed discussion, analysis and targets related to urban forest diversity and resilience in our local area. A review of biodiversity corridors and the potential of micro-forests will be considered as part of the review of the Urban Ecology Strategic Action Plan. This document is currently being updated and will be reported to Council in 2026. Clear, measurable progress indicators for water quality of the harbour and other local waterways. Due to the many councils that border Sydney Harbour, and the many sources of pollution entering Sydney Harbour that are not in the City's control, measurements of the pollution levels in the harbour do not reflect the City's efforts and achievements. The City demonstrates progress towards its goals by modelling the impacts on the City's stormwater quality in our Local Government Area and reports these figures in the annual Green Report.	It is recommended the submission is noted with no change to the updated Community Strategic Plan.

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	<i>Establish events in public places for people to bring their unwanted goods and for others to re-use them</i> <i>To avoid the potential negative environmental and safety impacts of items being aggregated in public spaces the City of Sydney instead supports reuse of items through organised events such clothing swaps and Garage Sale Trail. The City is also trialling a drop off service at our quarterly recycling events where good quality furniture can be rehomed by a local charity partner. Our website also promotes the use of charities and online marketplaces to encourage reuse before recycling or disposal of unwanted items.</i> <i>Create a living infrastructure toolkit, like that of Los Angeles, with local university and TAFE students that enables the community to be more active in mitigating climate change</i> <i>Local government in Australia have very different governance structures than US city authorities which makes wide-ranging community toolkits less effective.</i> <i>When designing new green spaces, increasing tree canopy cover and other living infrastructure like community gardens, the City consults widely with the community of design and incorporates feedback where possible.</i> <i>Indigenous-led nature regeneration projects in the harbour</i> <i>Action 14 within the City's <u>Greening Sydney Strategy</u> aims to recognise and support Aboriginal ecological knowledge in our local area.</i> <i>The City engages with the local Aboriginal community to identify the cultural and practical principles that should be considered when designing new spaces.</i>	

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	<i>Implement garbage bins on every street</i> <i>The placement of bins in the public domain is guided by several considerations. These include impacts to pedestrian accessibility, safety, servicing and access requirements, street topography, proximity to buildings and identified need. Requests for new bins are reviewed on an individual basis.</i> <i>The City also strongly promotes waste reduction and avoidance and will undertake a compositional audit of street litter bins so we have a better understanding of the types of waste being thrown away, what we might be able to recycle and to inform our future waste avoidance advocacy planning.</i> <i>Work with local artists to create murals with local communities</i> <i>The City takes a unique approach to each opportunity for public art with community engagement taking many different forms including assisting with the design and delivery of mural projects. The largest example is the mural located at the King George V Recreation Centre on Cumberland Street, The Rocks.</i> <i>More recent examples include the artwork Woolloomooloo, designed and painted with community by Locust Jones at the Junita Neilson community centre and the Welcome Mural at Alexandria Childcare Centre painted by Nadeena Dixon and her daughters, designed in collaboration with the children from the centre. The City also provides grants to projects which involve artists working to codesign and deliver murals with community.</i> <i>Investigate opportunities to deliver harbour restoration and cleaning projects</i> <i>The marine environment of the harbour is the responsibility of state government agencies. For example, <u>Infrastructure NSW</u> have installed 5 SeaBins in Blackwattle Bay</i>	

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	<i>when construction started on the new Fish Market. There are several community groups and organisations who offer education programs such as Ranger Jamie and Taronga Zoo.</i> <i>Consider innovative ideas to unlock and activate public space for wider community use e.g. offering land within parks to apartment-dwellers who lack access to green spaces, co-locating community gardens, expanding City Farm workshops.</i> <i>The City's Community Gardens Policy and Guidelines guide the set up and operation of community gardens within the City, including considerations for any new community garden sites.</i> <i>The City's community development approach to community gardens involves gardening groups forming, organising and managing themselves.</i> <i>Sydney City Farm education programs are regularly offered, providing urban agriculture and sustainable food production learning opportunities. Programs are currently held at Sydney City Farm, in Sydney Park, and at various other City venues including Green Square Library, Cliff Noble community centre, and Makers Space.</i> <i>Greater access to local farmers markets</i> <i>Currently, we offer weekly grower's markets at Kings Cross and a monthly market at Green Square. New market locations are carefully considered and established with community feedback in mind, as we strive to create convenient, accessible spaces for local farmers and vendors.</i> <i>Indigenous suppliers to deliver native edible food gardening workshops</i>	

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	<i>The City's Community Greening team coordinate various community workshops, programs and events with local Aboriginal educators. This includes the regular Bush Food Tours at Sydney City Farm where attendees learn about the living history of Aboriginal cultural connection to landscape and growing and using bush foods.</i> <i>In line with the City's Urban Ecology Strategic Action Plan, bush areas on City land around Blackwattle Bay and near the Tramsheds are managed as Bush Restoration areas, where we are protecting, expanding and improving the condition of naturally occurring locally indigenous vegetation.</i> Food insecurity – identify public spaces that can be used for edible plants to create supply and opportunities for community education <i>Through the City's <u>Greening Sydney Strategy</u>, the City continues to support the community to grow more food locally through our Sydney City Farm programs, community garden network, and by continuing to look at opportunities for increased food production on private land. The City also contributes to reducing food insecurity by providing more than 40,000 meals each year through Meals on Wheels, and via our food support grants which support local projects that increase access to affordable and healthy food for our diverse communities.</i>	
Submission 15 <i>A submission was received by the Pyrmont Action Inc.</i> <i>The submission supported the ambition of the community strategic plan and positively noted</i>	Recommendation 1 – Elevate the City's role as advocate within the list of Roles and Responsibilities on page 15 <i>Noted. The updated Community Strategic Plan will reorder the roles and responsibilities list to be in alphabetical order. This will demonstrate that the order of the list does not reflect levels of importance.</i>	<i>It is recommended the submission is noted with one change, to reorder the roles and responsibilities table on page 15 to be in alphabetical order. No other changes</i>

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several objectives are beyond the scope of Council's responsibility. The submission also provided recommendations across several directions and project ideas.	Recommendation 2 – Commend the City on the ambition of the 10 targets, however, review and incorporate the previous Liberal Government targets for the Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy. The current targets were prepared as part of the City's Local Strategic Planning Statement and will be reviewed after the NSW Government releases a new region plan. The job and dwelling targets in the Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy are set by the NSW Government. The NSW Government has advised Pyrmont Action that the targets will not be reviewed. The City is responsible for addressing those targets through our Ultimo Pyrmont Planning Proposal. Recommendation 3 – the City to set target for provision of affordable housing across the local area. The City has a target for affordable and diverse housing in our local government area. We track and publish housing delivery in line with our targets on our website – link. Affordable housing monetary contributions paid within the City of Sydney are distributed to community housing providers who deliver affordable rental housing within our local government area. Recommendation 4 – The City to remove the recoupment of \$10.5M for cost of renovation of Pyrmont Community Centre from its list of projects to be funded by future developer infrastructure levies to enable funding of indoor Community Sports and Recreation Centre. Section 7.12(3) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 allows for monies paid as infrastructure contributions to be put towards the recoupment of the provision, extension or augmentation of public amenities or services. The City is legally	are required the updated Community Strategic Plan

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	<i>permitted to use recoupment as a funding mechanism for the delivery of infrastructure, as is proposed for the Pymont Community Centre upgrade. While it is acknowledged that the community has been advocating for an upgrade to the Pymont Community Centre for a long time, it is still reasonable for the City to opt to use recoupment of development contributions to fund this infrastructure as new residents will benefit from this facility.</i> <i>Recommendation 5 – The City to reintroduce regular public meetings across the LGA to enable members of the community to directly address their concerns and recommendations to elected representatives and other relevant parties e.g. developers.</i> <i>The Lord Mayor hosts regular roundtables with community groups/ resident action groups in the local area. This enables members of the community to directly address their concerns and recommendations to elected representatives and senior City staff. The Lord Mayor also hosts regular meetings with social housing residents across the local area.</i> <i>Recommendation 6 – City to enable installation of two fast EV chargers at 13 Refinery Drive Pymont and work with communities to identify other suitable sites for such facilities.</i> <i>The City has no authority over the 13A Refinery Drive carpark whilst it remains under ownership of the Office of Strategic Lands. The NSW Government has recently closed Round 2 of their kerbside EV charging grant. The City has indicated its support of additional pole-based EV charging stations that extend the reach of the current pole-mounted EV charging stations trial, including additional locations in Pymont. The outcome of Round 2 funding is anticipated to be announced shortly.</i>	

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	<i>Recommendation 7 – All levels of Government to avoid using concrete in public spaces and parks and to plant natives in natural gardens, not concrete boxes.</i> <i>The City is committed to reducing its carbon footprint where possible. However, our public spaces and parks must remain robust and accessible to ensure they are fit for purpose and can accommodate Sydney’s growing population. Concrete’s robustness and ease of installation means it will remain part of the mix of materials that we use in the public domain.</i> <i>We are however trialling the use of a low carbon concrete for use in our roads and public spaces. Low carbon concrete uses alternative cementitious materials as substitutes for cement which substantially reduces the embodied carbon of the concrete mix. We are also addressing the balance along our footpaths by reducing pavements and increasing greening, and are constantly on the lookout for new technologies that reduce the environmental impact of construction.</i> <i>Recommendation 8 – In implementing provision of a native plant nursery at Sydney, the City to consult with local Landcare/Bushcare groups on the species to be cultivated.</i> <i>Noted.</i> <i>Recommendation 9 – The City to ensure that all publicly owned sites under its control are first evaluated on their suitability for provision of much-needed social infrastructure, including schools, Public/Affordable Housing and sporting/recreational amenities.</i>	

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	<i>The City continues to review the provision of community infrastructure that may be needed to support current and future populations. The allocation of developer infrastructure levies form part of this planning for future needs.</i> <i>In addition, and when required, the City advocates to the NSW State Government on the provision of community infrastructure that may be needed to support current and future populations associated with any State Significant Development or urban renewal site.</i> <i>Recommendation 10 – City-owned/controlled public community buildings should be operated and staffed by the City, not outsourced to entities which charge for entry and services provided.</i> <i>Noted.</i> <i>Recommendation 11 – The City to encourage the establishment of street level cafes/restaurants along George Street with outdoor dining opportunities eg in Paris and other European world cities.</i> <i>Since November 2020, the City has approved over 1,000 outdoor dining applications. This has included supporting businesses to use on-street car parking spaces for outdoor dining with some of these sites being made permanent through public domain upgrades, including locations along Pitt Street, George Street, and Crown Street. The City has also supported businesses in applying for outdoor dining through a streamlined, fast-tracked application process.</i> <i>In addition, all outdoor dining fees have been waived since November 2020, and the City is currently investigating locations where the footpath can be permanently extended into road space for outdoor dining.</i>	

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	<i>Recommendation 12 – The City, in its implementation of the PPPS, to ensure that existing sound buildings be retained, with any additional height added above. Heights should be kept relatively low close to City foreshores.</i> <i>Proposed planning controls for the Ultimo Pyrmont area were exhibited between 1 October 2024 to 13 November 2024. The proposed controls address the NSW Government’s Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy. The City is currently reviewing submissions made during the exhibition (which raised issues such as height) and will report the outcomes of the exhibition to Council for its consideration in 2025.</i> <i>Recommendation 13 – The City to accelerate discussions with TfNSW to implement provision of a bus stop in York Street between King and Market Streets.</i> <i>The King Street cycleway is a key component of the City’s bicycle network.</i> <i>Transport for NSW is responsible for bus services including general locations of stops. The City then works with Transport for NSW to agree the optimum specific location and manage any related impact on other kerb side uses.</i> <i>In 2024 Transport for NSW responded to community feedback on the issue by exploring the options for a stop on York Street. The City’s preference was for the 389 to stop in an existing bus stop, to maximise efficiency of kerb side use. In the interim, TfNSW diverted the 389 to Sussex Street and provided a stop there. The City understands that the Minister for Transport has instructed TfNSW to identify a location for a stop on York Street between (King and Market Streets), and the City is very likely to support and facilitate any such proposal.</i> <i>Recommendation 14 – The City to advocate strongly for retention of the Bank St right hand turn from the Anzac Bridge off-ramp.</i>	

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	<i>The City attended the Pymont Action’s public transport forum on 15 May 2025 to support Pymont Action’s advocacy to Transport for NSW on this issue.</i> <i>Recommendation 15 – The City to work with the NSW Government to legislate powers to control management of hire bikes across the LGA.</i> <i>The NSW Government tells us that they will shortly introduce regulation to better control bike share operations.</i> <i>Recommendation 16 – The City to work with the NSW Government to achieve public access to private schools’ cultural and sporting facilities.</i> <i>Noted. The City will continue to work closely with and advocate to the NSW Government to support access to public schools.</i> <i>Recommendation 17 – The City to review its processes associated with provision of its public amenities/spaces for public uses to reduce the bureaucracy involved with applications/acquittals thus making them more accessible for community events etc.</i> <i>Noted.</i> <i>Recommendation 18 – The City to support and advocate for provision of a police station at street level in the E West Metro station in Union Street.</i> <i>Noted.</i>	

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	<i>Recommendation 19 – The City to listen to the experts and the community and support the renovation of the existing Ultimo Powerhouse structures and Heritage list the entire site.</i> <i>The State Significant Development application for the Powerhouse was approved by the Minister in March 2025.</i> <i>Council endorsed the proposal to expand the heritage listing to cover the whole site and align with the State Heritage Register listing on 12 May 2025. The proposed listing is awaiting Gateway from the NSW Government to undertake public exhibition.</i>	
	<i>Recommendation 20 – The City to modify its draft LEP parameters for the Pyrmont Peninsula to reflect the need for more housing, less commercial space as outlined by the community in its comments on the draft.</i> <i>Refer to response in submission 15, recommendation 2.</i>	
	<i>Recommendation 21 – The City to encourage repurposing of basement food outlets in the CBD to provide more music venues.</i> <i>The City is committed to an increased supply of accessible creative space in the city. In 2022, the City updated the planning controls for Oxford Street to unlock more development potential, encourage investment in the area as a cultural and creative precinct and maintain the unique heritage fabric of the street. The Cultural Strategy 2025-2035 has committed to review these planning controls to determine if they're achieving intended outcomes, implement appropriate changes and investigate applying them to other precincts.</i>	

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	<i>Recommendation 22 – The City to work with the community in the development of changes to the layout of Union Square to make it safer and more useable for live music, markets, etc.</i> <i>Union Square is not on any future capital works program for upgrade given its current condition and maintenance is undertaken as required. Any safety concerns in the public domain are responded to as a matter of urgency. If a serious accident has occurred, please report it via the City’s customer centre.</i> <i>Union Square is located on an incline making it difficult to accommodate markets and live music. Terraces and therefore stairs are necessary to create flat areas for people to congregate, sit and relax in.</i>	
	<i>Recommendation 23 – The City to work with the NSW Government to legislate for regulations that will free up properties left vacant for more than 5 years for housing or other community needs.</i> <i>Noted. The City will continue to work with the State Government and the private sector to explore opportunities that support the increase of affordable housing and community space within our local area</i>	
	<i>All levels of Government should ensure that public land in their ownership should incorporate the delivery of affordable housing.</i> <i>While the City does not own any social or affordable housing, the City continues to advocate for increased proportions of new social and affordable housing and the rights of tenants when NSW Government redevelops public housing.</i>	

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	<i>Recommendation 24 – The City to work with the local communities to determine the future use of the publicly owned greyhound racing site in Wentworth Park.</i> <i>The City consistently receives feedback from its communities that more open space and better access to open space is needed to support the health and well-being of its growing population.</i> <i>In 2019, the City developed a vision in consultation with the community that overwhelmingly supported removal of the greyhound racing track, associated carpark and grandstand to create more public parkland in the face of increased development and density across Pyrmont and Blackwattle Bay.</i> <i>The Wentworth Park greyhound lease is set to expire in 2027. The City will continue to lobby for land to be handed back to the community for open space and recreation needs and work with the community to determine what should be done with the site when it approaches the design phase.</i> <i>Regarding Moore Park - since 1995, it has been the policy of successive state governments to increase housing in the Green Square urban renewal precinct. By 2040, up to 80,000 more people will be living in the area within 2 kilometres of Moore Park in Zetland, Redfern and Waterloo. It is essential for green infrastructure to be provided for those people to stride out, de-stress, renew or commune with nature. The golf course effectively restricts access to Moore Park's green open space to people who play golf and not the broader community. The City supports a solution where the current golf course is split and shared amongst the broader community.</i> <i>We do not support the creation of a harbour pool at Pirrama Park Pyrmont unless it is proven that the water and harbour floor are free of contamination.</i> <i>Noted.</i>	

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Submission 16 A submission was received by Sydney YIMBY. The submission applauded the direction of the community strategic plan and noted the City's ongoing support to increase housing supply and improve liveability in the local area. However, Sydney YIMBY noted that the City needs to be more ambitious to address the need to increase housing.	Recommendation 1: View the state government's housing target as a minimum, not a maximum, and commit to facilitating as much new housing development as possible. Recommendation 2: Review and reduce the amount of land impacted by Heritage Conservation Areas Recommendation 3: Measure and drastically increase the feasible zoned capacity for new housing. The City has zoned capacity more than the NSW Government's 5-year housing targets. At June 2024, there were over 16,000 dwellings lodged, approved or under construction, with many not moving from approval to construction. Housing is not being constructed currently due to the impacts of significant and sharp interest rate and construction cost rises, the withdrawal of investors following a significant supply peak in 2018 and increasing regulation on the construction sector. The City will analyse capacity for the next iteration of the Local Strategic Planning Statement, which is expected to be done after the NSW Government prepares a new Region Plan. The Planning Statement will also consider any updated targets and any actions needed to support the supply of housing. The City already has some of the highest residential densities (people/sq km at 2022) in Australia and comparable to or exceeding inner areas of other major cities. Out of Australia's 20 most dense suburbs, 10 are within the City local government area. These include suburbs with heritage conservation areas such as Newtown (9,500 pp/sq km), Surry Hills (12,200 pp/sq km) and Darlinghurst (12,400 pp/sq km).	It is recommended the submission is noted with no change to the updated Community Strategic Plan.
Submission 17 A submission was received by Bicycle NSW. The submission strongly	Measures are included in the community strategic plan and our annual operational plan. The City uses a mixture of numerical targets, directional targets and trend monitoring to provide guidance towards overall performance or progress, or demand for services. Of	It is recommended the submission is noted with no change to the

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<i>supports the updated plan, with some specific feedback.</i> <i>That Direction 5 should have numerical targets such as kilometres of completed cycleway, percentage of the bike network delivered, percentage of trips by bicycle, percentage of the LGA with 30km/h and number of signals reviewed.</i> <i>That the City develop a kerbside use policy, like that from Lambeth in London, including supporting on-street space for bike parking and secure bike hangers.</i>	<i>the cycling-related measures in Direction 5 the City has set a target to provide 2.6km of new on-road cycleways annually.</i> <i>Additionally, the <u>Cycling Strategy and Action Plan 2017-2030</u> has specific targets for percentage of the bike network completion and share of trips by bike.</i> <i>The City recently updated its on-street parking policies to create the framework for on-street bicycle parking.</i>	<i>updated Community Strategic Plan.</i>