

Attachment B

Engagement Report

Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Local Approvals Policy

Consultation overview and background

The City exhibited the draft Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Local Approvals Policy (Policy) for forty-two (42) days between 24 June 2025 and 4 August 2025.

The purpose of the engagement was to:

- inform the public and operators of the policy review and minor amendments/corrections proposed
- collect any community feedback on the policy

Council received a total of 2 submissions during the consultation period. During the public exhibition period there was a total of 134 unique page views and 19 document downloads. The consultation was included in the July Sydney Your Say Newsletter (4981 subscribers) and email notification was sent to 23 mobile food vendors.

Written notification of the exhibition was sent to 23 registered vehicle operators.

City of Sydney response to key issues raised in submissions

Detail of issues raised in submissions	City of Sydney response
– Support for more food trucks and vans, seen as a positive addition to the area. – They enhance community, vibrancy, and the beauty of city streets. – Current regulations and paperwork can be overly burdensome for small business owners. – The process should be simplified and made more supportive. – Reducing barriers will allow entrepreneurs to focus on delivering quality food and service. – Making it easier for food vendors supports the growth of local food culture.	– Noted – No changes to the Policy are required. – The City regularly reviews application requirements and associated documentation to reduce any unnecessary paperwork while ensuring compliance with legislative requirements. – The Office of Local Government is currently developing a Mutual Recognition framework for mobile food trucks. This initiative will allow approvals granted by one participating council to be recognised by others, eliminating the need for separate applications across different jurisdictions.
– The activity proposed in Sydney is similar to what the writer experienced in New York.	– Noted – No changes to the Policy are required.

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– Strong concern about environmental impact, only non-polluting (air and noise) vehicles should be allowed. – Fossil fuel-powered vehicles should be excluded entirely. – Sydney streets are already congested, narrow, and occupied by outdoor dining; adding more vehicles would worsen the situation. – Current levels of noise and air pollution from cars and motorbikes are already problematic. – The proposed activity is seen as outdated and inappropriate for a modern city. – If approved, strict conditions should be in place to avoid any increase in pollution, only electric or renewable energy vehicles should be permitted. – The proposed hours of operation (until 3am) are unreasonable; a more suitable window would be 11am to 7pm.	– This is an existing policy, and the current review only proposes minor amendments. – The Policy requires vehicles to be fitted with mechanical ventilation systems to control air pollution. It also regulates the permitted locations and hours of vehicle operation, to minimise potential noise impacts. – Mobile food businesses operating under this policy and within the approved hours have caused minimal impact.