

# AGENDA

## **ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Environment Strategic Reference Group will be held in the Coastal Environment Centre, Narrabeen on

**THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER 2018**

Beginning at 6:00pm for the purpose of considering matters included in this agenda.

## **Committee Members**

Cr Alex McTaggart (Chair)

Cr Natalie Warren

Cr Pat Daley

Cr Stuart Sprott

Sophie Scott

Roberta Conroy                      Bayview Church Point Residents Association

Alan Jones

Tom Hazell

David Tribe

Anthony Petrolo

Nigel Howard

Viktorija McDonnell                      Curl Curl Lagoon Committee

Marita Macrae                      Pittwater Natural Heritage Association

Jacqueline Marlow                      Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment

Billy Bragg

Scott Markich

## **Council Officer Contacts**

Todd Dickinson                      Executive Manager Natural Environment & Climate Change

Ximena Von Oven                      Governance Officer

## **Quorum**

A majority of members including the Chair or one of the elected Councillors.

**Agenda for Environment  
Strategic Reference Group Meeting  
to be held on Thursday 13 December 2018  
in the Coastal Environment Centre, Narrabeen  
Commencing at 6:00pm**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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**NEXT MEETING**

## 1.0 APOLOGIES

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All members are expected to attend the meetings or otherwise tender their apologies to the Chair and Governance at [councilmeetings@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au](mailto:councilmeetings@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au).

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## 2.0 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Members are advised of the following definitions of a "pecuniary" or "conflict" of interest for their assistance:

Section 442 of the Local Government Act, 1993 states that a "pecuniary" interest is as follows:

*"(1) [Pecuniary interest] A Pecuniary interest is an interest that a person has in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to the person or another person with whom the person is associated.*

*(2) [Remoteness] A person does not have a pecuniary interest in a matter if the interest is so remote or insignificant that it could not reasonably be regarded as likely to influence any decision the person might make in relation to the matter."*

Members should reference the Local Government Act, 1993 for detailed provisions relating to pecuniary interests.

Council's Code of Conduct states that a "conflict of interest" exists when you could be influenced, or a reasonable person would perceive that you could be influenced by a personal interest when carrying out your public duty.

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## 3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

### 3.1 MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP MEETING HELD 27 SEPTEMBER 2018

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#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Environment Strategic Reference Group meeting held 27 September 2018, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

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## 4.0 UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

### ITEM 4.1 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

REPORTING OFFICER GOVERNANCE OFFICER

TRIM FILE REF 2018/769973

ATTACHMENTS NIL

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DUE DATE
5.1	Manly Environment Centre to be placed on the 13 December 2018 SRG Agenda.	Governance	Completed
5.3	Executive Manager, Natural Environment and Climate Change to forward the final submission to the SRG	Adrian Turnbull	Completed
6.0	Distribute and electronic version Nigel Howard's presentation to the group	Governance	Completed

## 5.0 AGENDA ITEMS

<b>ITEM 5.1</b>	<b>NORTHERN BEACHES LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN</b>
<b>REPORTING OFFICER</b>	<b>PRINCIPAL PLANNER</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2018/729270</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>1 <a href="#">↓</a> Northern Beaches Local Environment Plan Presentation</b>

### ISSUE

To inform the Partnership & Participation Strategic Reference Group of the project to deliver a Northern Beaches Local Environment Plan (LEP), and request future input.

### REPORT

As one new large Council, it is our priority to create a single planning framework for the Northern Beaches as a whole. That means taking our four current Local Environment Plans (LEPs) and Development Control Plans (DCPs) and working with our community and other stakeholders to consolidate them.

The first step in this journey is outlined in Council's Report from the 27 November 2018. This Report was prepared for the Department of Planning and Environment and Greater Sydney Commission and includes an 'LEP Review' and 'Health Check'. It is an internal audit of how closely aligned the current Northern Beaches LEPs are to the North District Plan. It concludes that Council is well placed to deliver on actions in the North District Plan, with Council's Delivery Program including a wide range of studies and investigations required to manage the newly proclaimed Local Government Area (LGA). A range of priorities and actions are identified to inform Council's new planning framework including the preparation of a housing strategy and studies into employment, social infrastructure, transport and the environment.

Now that the LEP Review is complete, Council will commence preparing a Council-wide Local Strategic Planning Statement (Planning Statement). This new planning document will outline our vision for the future, setting priorities, actions to achieve the priorities and confirming our commitment to a sustainable future. The Planning Statement will inform the preparation of a new LEP and DCP and provide a signal to the community of where the Northern Beaches is headed over the next 20 years.

Our new Planning Statement, LEP, and DCP must be consistent with the themes and regional directions set by the Greater Sydney Commission in the North District Plan, and it must also respond to what our community told us when we developed our Community Strategic Plan.

### HOUSING AND JOB TARGETS

The North District Plan requires Council to deliver a 5 year housing target of 3,400 dwellings. This target is consistent with historic growth patterns and is comparatively low when compared with targets in the remaining North District (i.e. 13%). Future housing growth that will contribute to achieving this target includes: remaining capacity in existing zoned areas such as the Medium Density zones, Town Centres (such as Dee Why) and Warriewood Valley.

Council has commenced preparation of a Northern Beaches Housing Strategy in accordance with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment Guidelines. This work will identify housing gaps and opportunities to better cater for the changing needs of the Northern Beaches population. As required under the North District Plan, the Housing Strategy will need to identify a 6-10 year housing target and capacity to contribute to the North District 20 year target. These longer term targets will take into account anticipated growth in the Frenchs Forest Planned Precinct.

Council is also preparing an Employment Study to address the North District Plan's additional jobs targets for our strategic centres by 2036. These include: Frenchs Forest – 2,700-3,700; Dee Why/Brookvale – 3,000-6,000; Mona Vale – 700-1,700; and, Manly – 1,000-1,500.

Council will undertake extensive consultation in the preparation of these studies and ensure that future targets take into consideration the availability of appropriate infrastructure whilst minimising impacts on the environment and local character.

### **NEXT STEPS**

Council aims to engage with all Strategic Reference Groups to seek input into the vision, priorities and actions for the draft Planning Statement. Extraordinary meetings will be arranged to undertake these workshops in early 2019. Further consultation is planned in the preparation of relevant technical studies including the Housing Strategy and Employment Study.

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### **RECOMMENDATION OF PRINCIPAL PLANNER**

That the Environment Strategic Reference Group:

- A. Notes Council's Report from the 27 November 2018 and attached Local Environment Plan Review and Health Check.
  - B. Commits to provide input into the vision, priorities and actions for the draft Local Environment Plans via extraordinary meetings to be scheduled early 2019.
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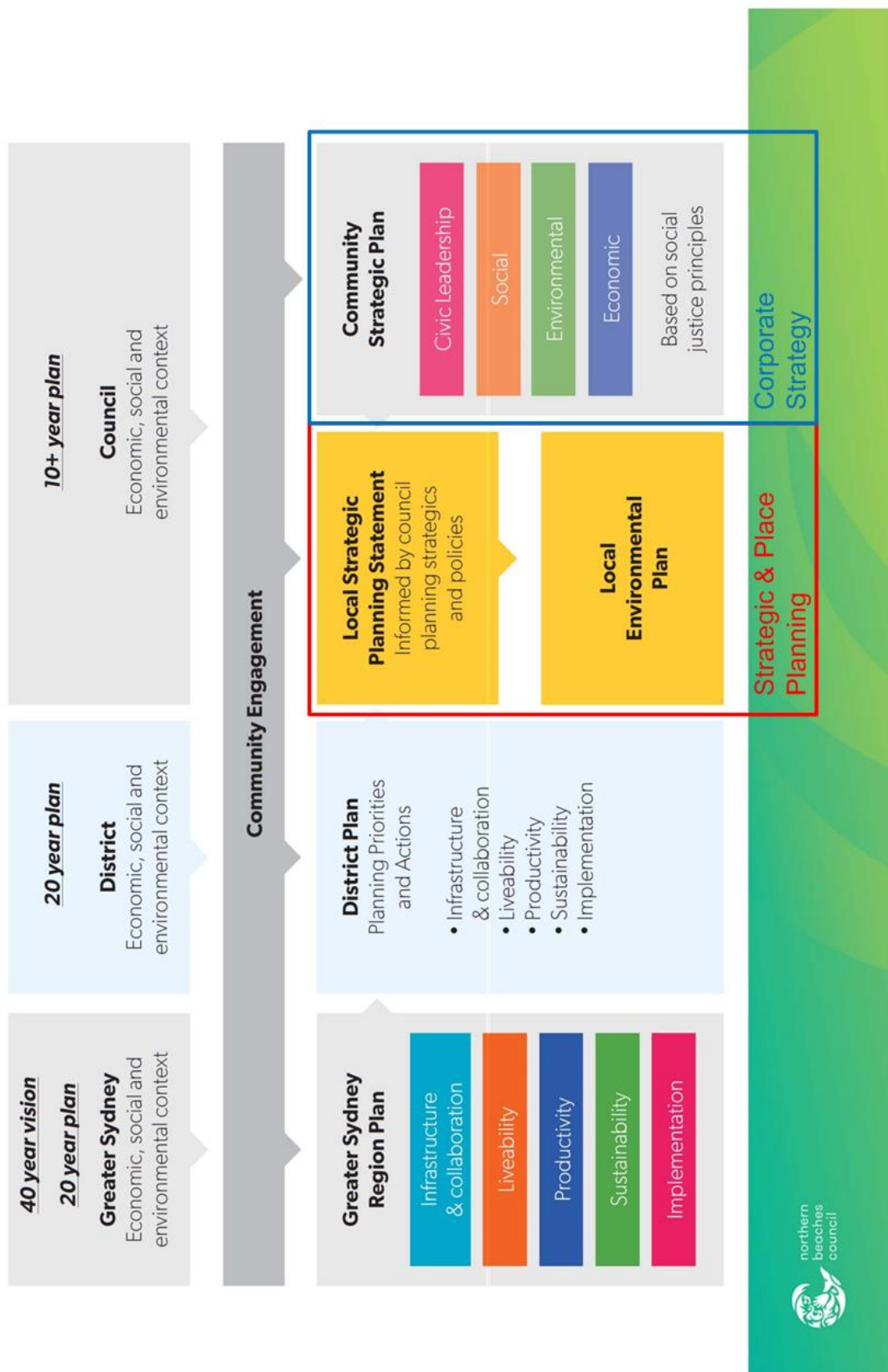


# Northern Beaches Local Environmental Plan





# Planning Framework for Greater Sydney



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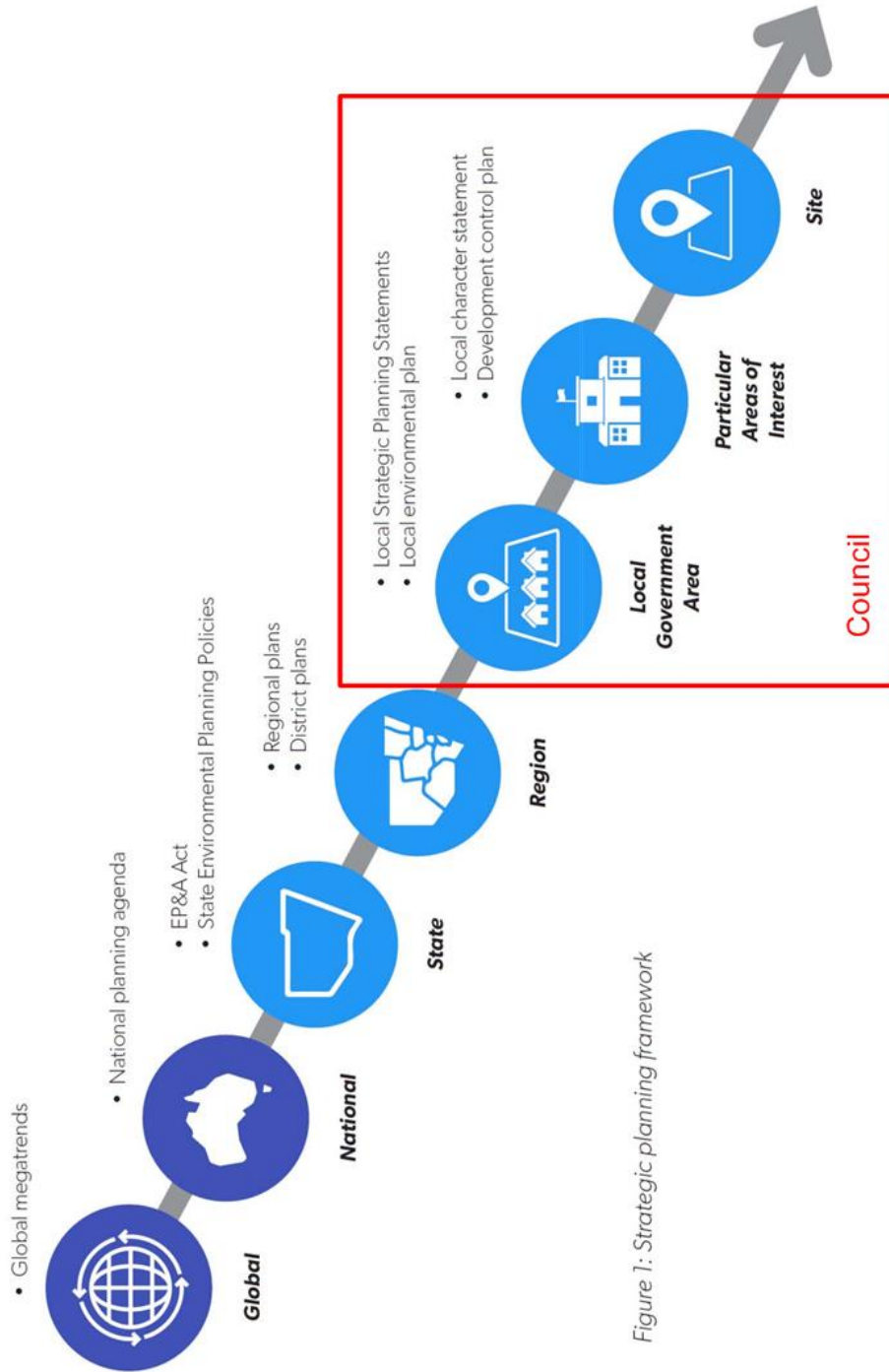
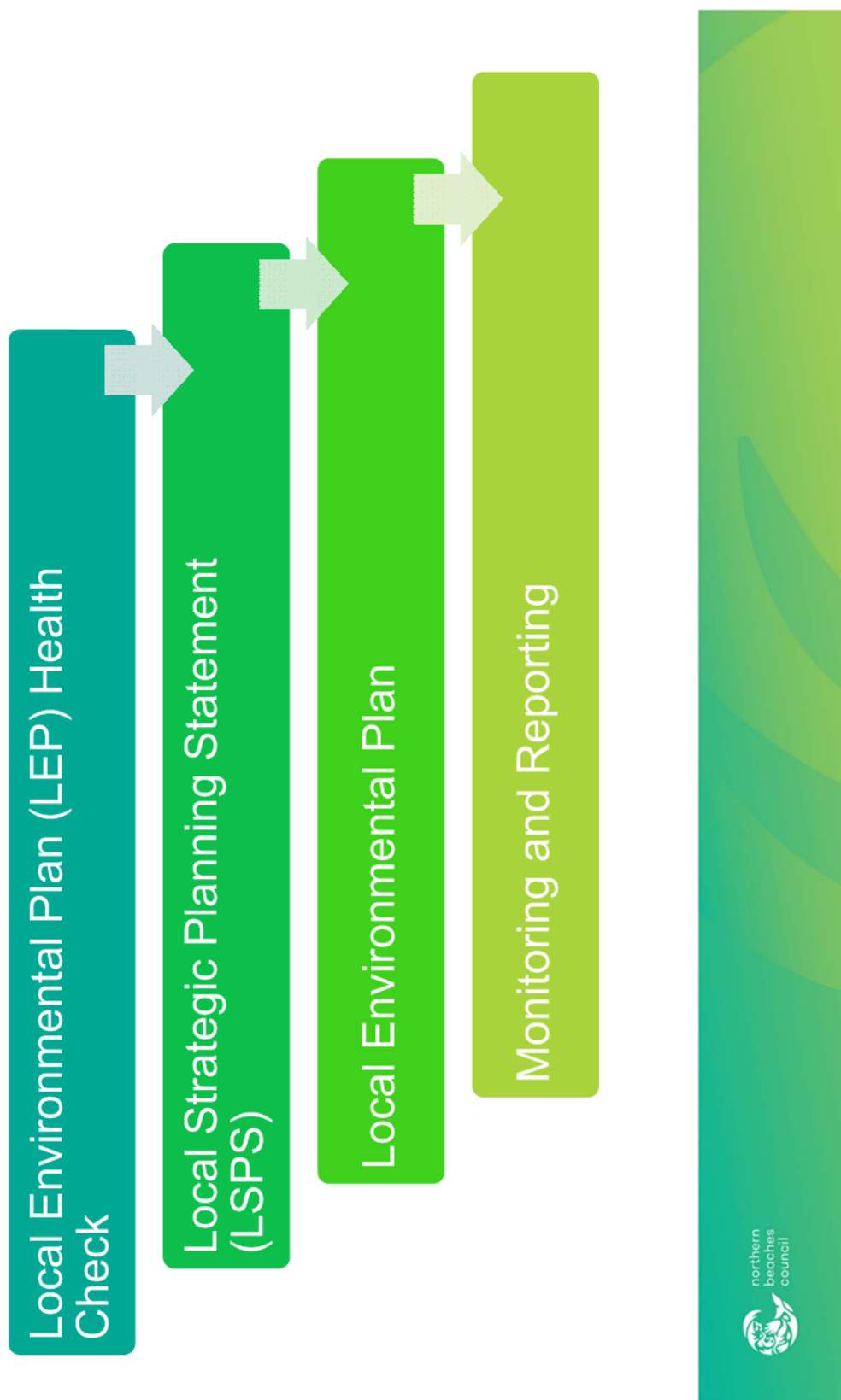
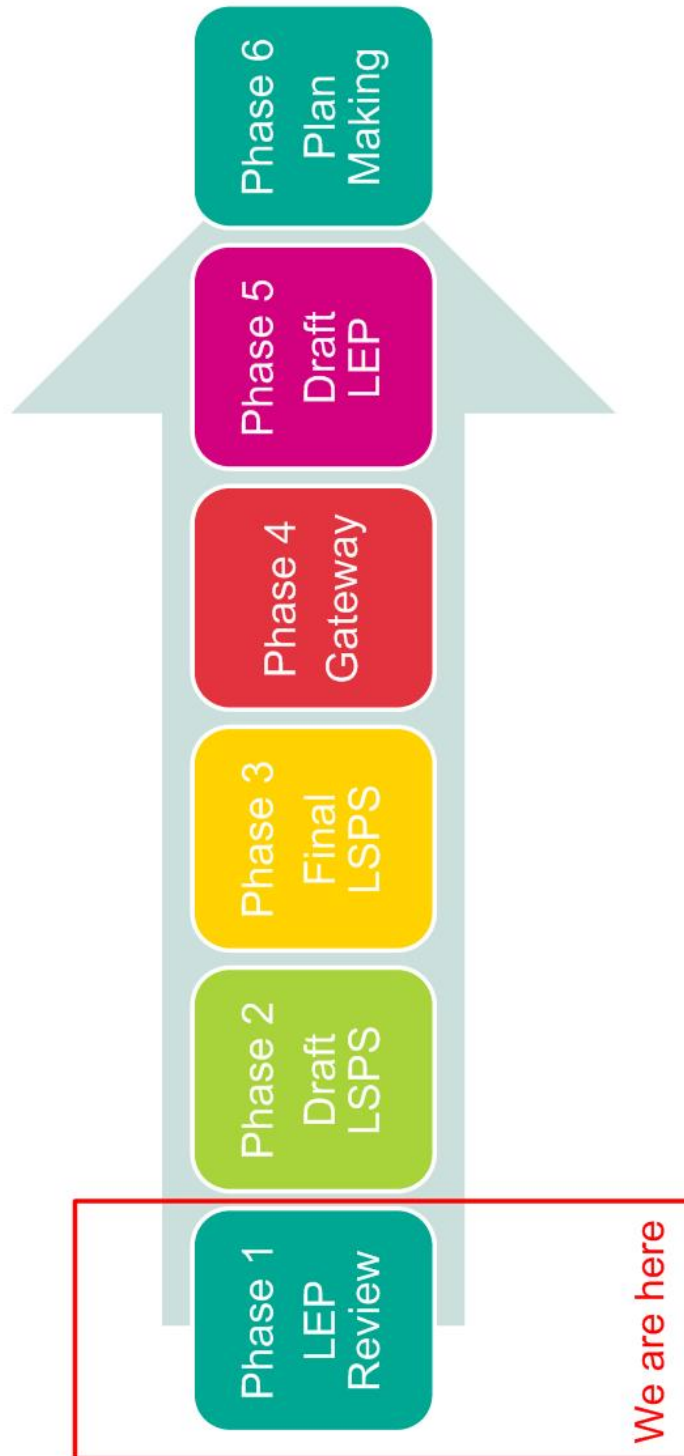


Figure 1: Strategic planning framework

# District Plan Actions for Strategic and Place Planning



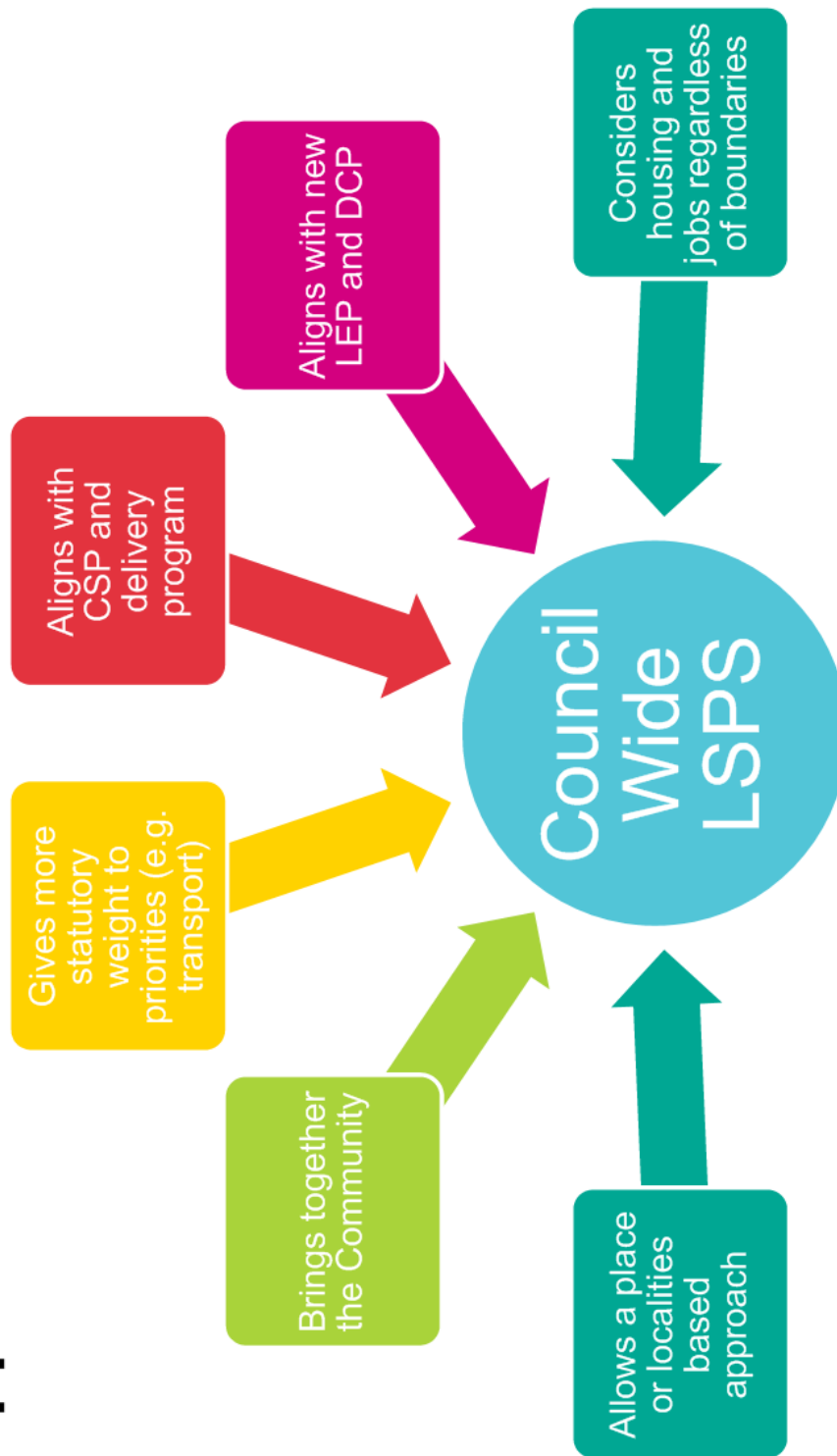
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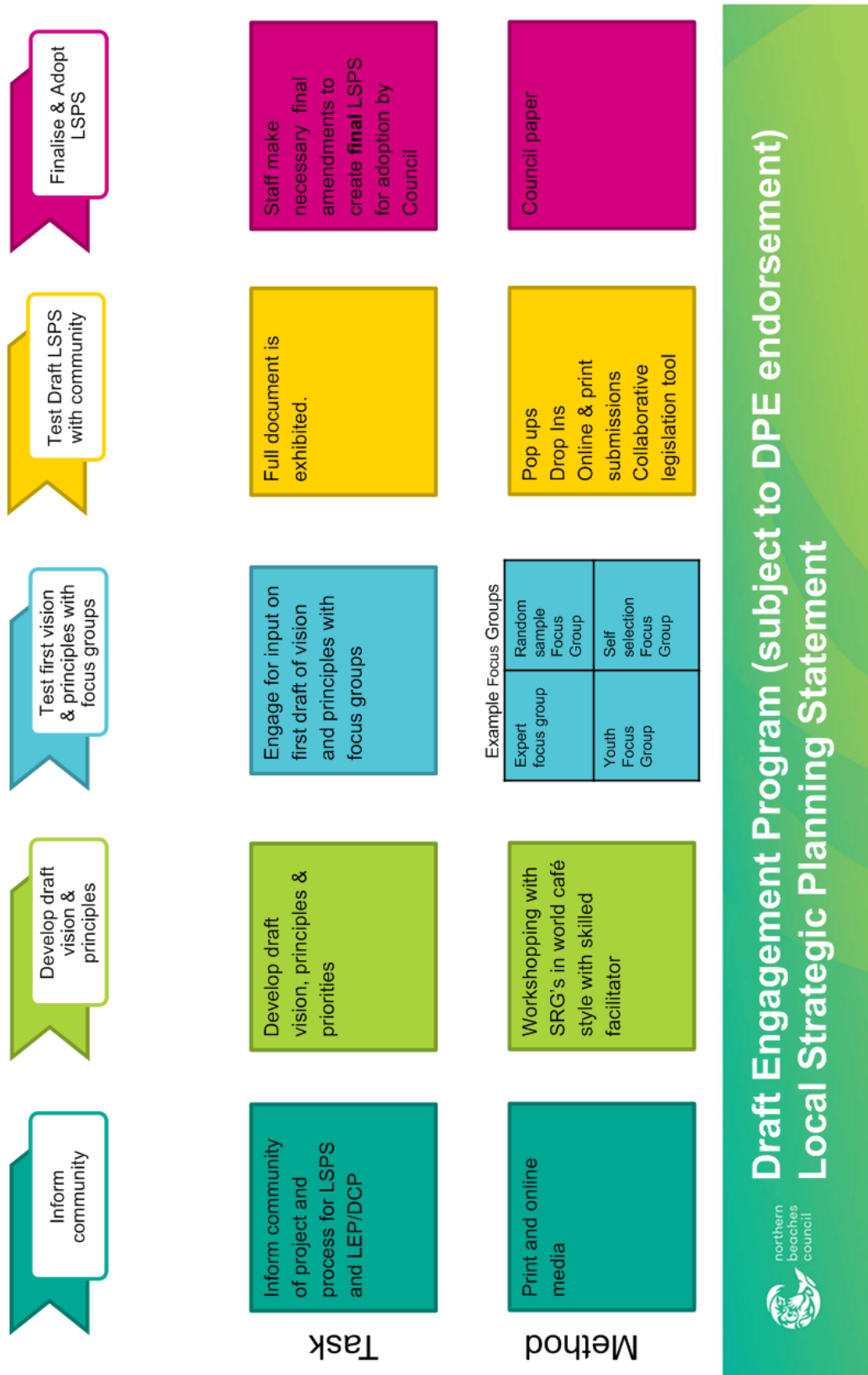


# Local Strategic Planning required to inform the LSPS and LEP

Technical Studies			Planning Controls
Stage 1	Stage 2 (As Required)	Stage 3	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1A - Community Engagement Strategy</li> <li>1B - Demographic Analysis</li> <li>1C - Employment Study</li> <li>1D - Housing Strategy</li> <li>1E - Social Infrastructure Study</li> <li>1F - Transport Investigations</li> <li>1G - Character Study</li> <li>1H - Environment Study</li> </ul> <p>* includes recommended planning controls</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2A - Infrastructure Investigations (Utilities incl digital)</li> <li>2B - Infrastructure Investigations (Water cycle)</li> <li>2C - Contributions Plans</li> <li>2D - Feasibility Studies</li> <li>2E - Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3A - Heritage</li> <li>3B - Public Places</li> <li>3C - Built Form</li> <li>3D - Sustainability</li> <li>3E - Environment</li> <li>3F - Transport</li> </ul>	

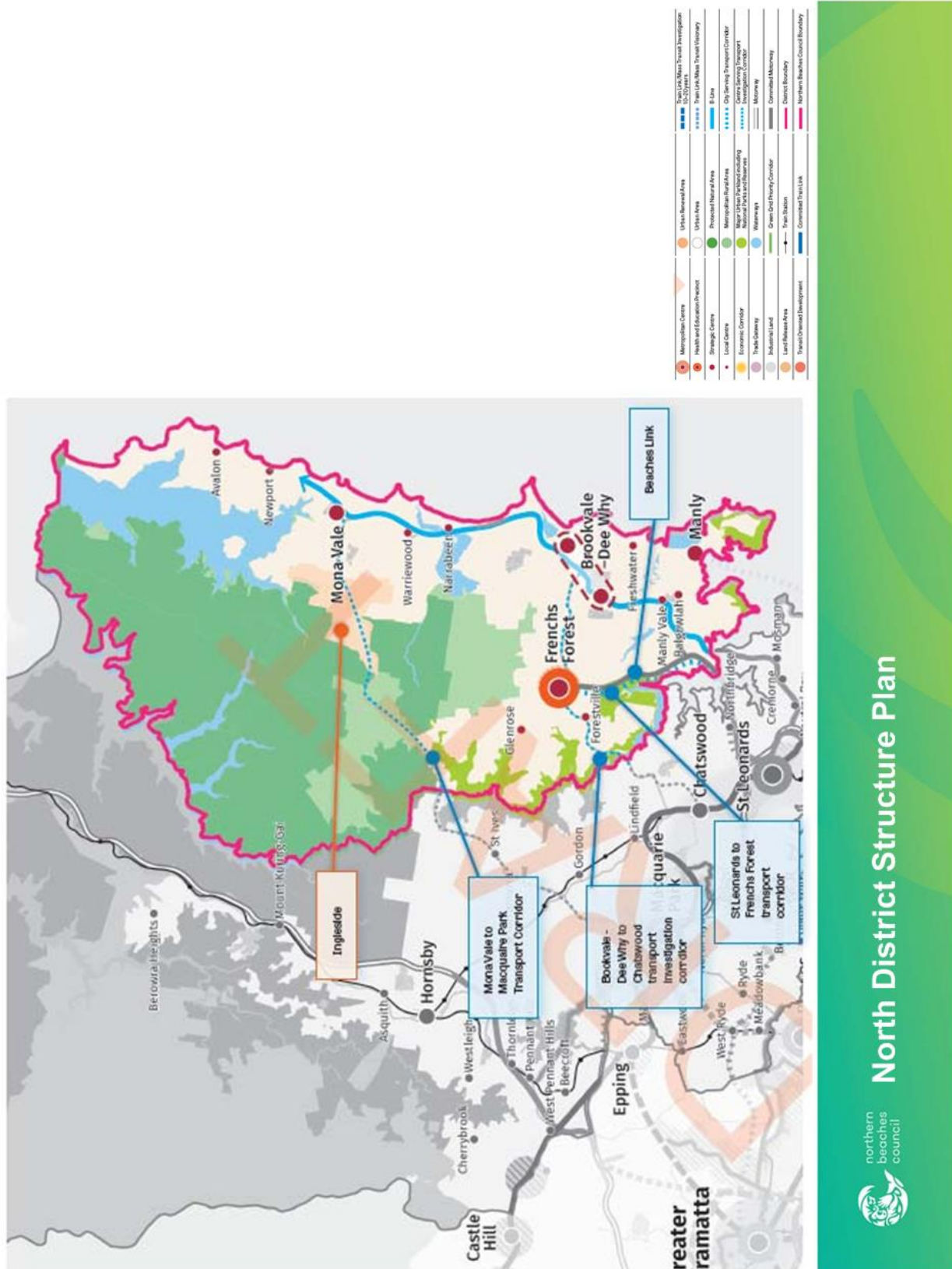
# Local Strategic Planning Statement Approach







# Housing Strategy



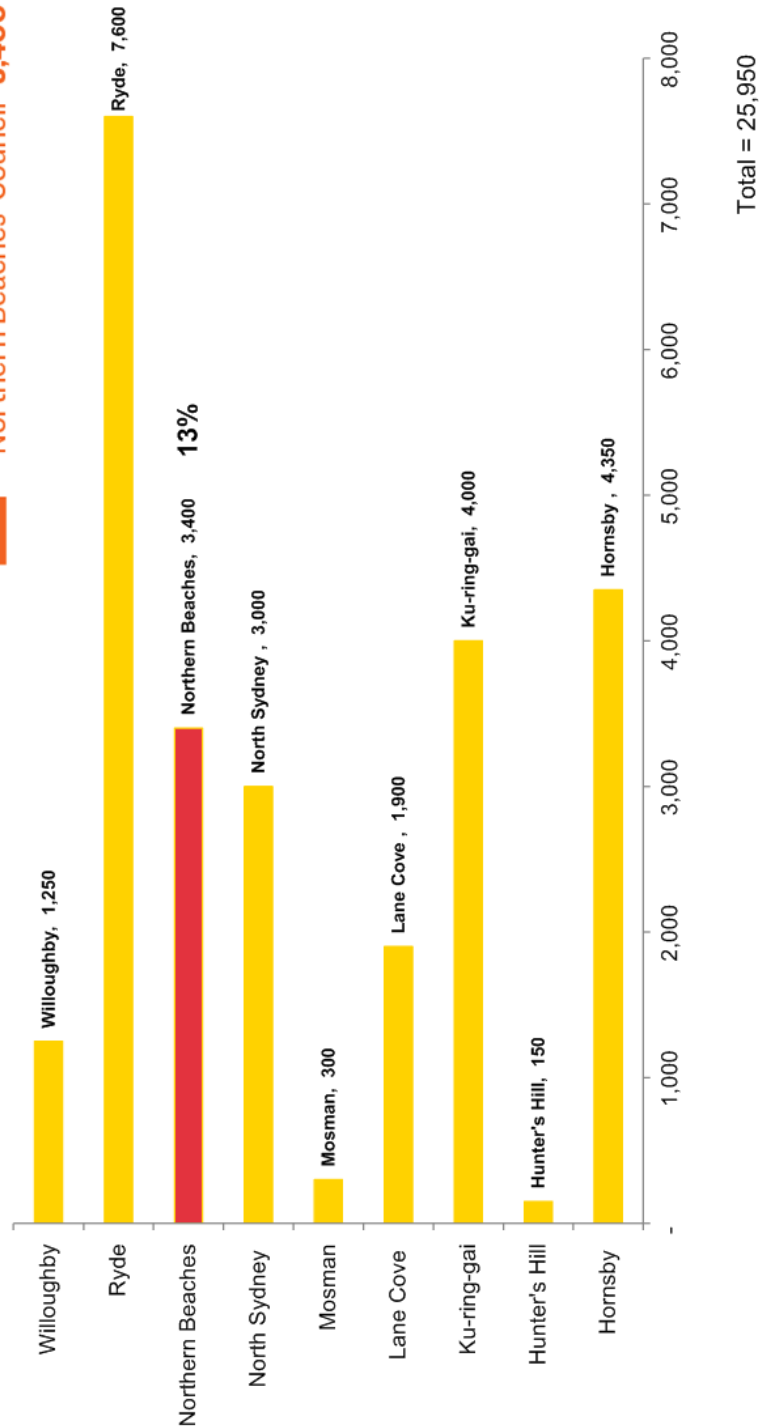
## North District Structure Plan

# 5 Year Housing Targets North District

Housing Supply Target 2016-2021



Northern Beaches Council **3,400**



Housing Targets

## Housing Strategy to address

- Delivery of 5 year housing target (3,400)
- Delivery of 6-10 year housing target
- Capacity to contribute to 20 year target (92,000)

Strategic Housing Target 2016-2036
North District 92,000



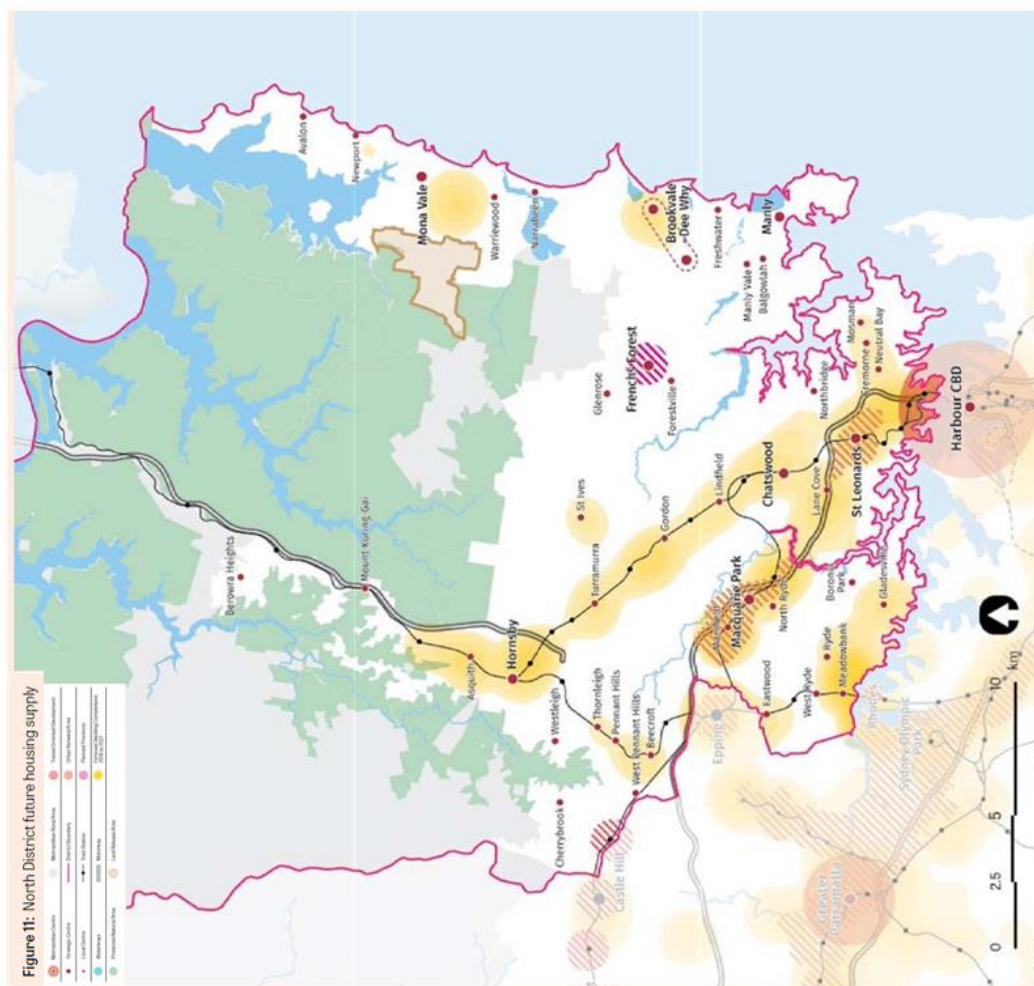
## Housing Strategy to address

- ✓ Create capacity for more housing in the right locations
- ✓ Support growth areas and planned precincts
- ✓ Align with investment in regional and district infrastructure
- ✓ Support the role of centres



Housing Strategy





### 0-5 Year Target Existing/Likely Zoned Housing Capacity

- ✓ Frenchs Forest
- ✓ Warriewood Valley
- ✓ Ingleside
- ✓ Dee Why Town Centre
- ✓ Residential Flat Buildings
- ✓ Secondary Dwellings
- ✓ Shop Top Housing

# Questions?



<b>ITEM 5.2</b>	<b>DUNES CONDITION TECHNICAL REPORT</b>
<b>REPORTING OFFICER</b>	<b>MANAGER, COAST &amp; CATCHMENTS</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2018/580603</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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### PURPOSE

To present information on the Northern Beaches Council Dunes Condition Technical Report.

### REPORT

As there has been variance in historic management practices, Council recently sought to gain current and consistent information on the condition of all the coastal dunes within the LGA so as to formulate a strategic focus for dune management including future bush regeneration and stabilisation. Council commissioned consultants to undertake a dune condition and vegetation assessment, which contributes to this process by capturing current information on the condition of all dunes within the LGA. This baseline information can be used to compare with future monitoring using repeatable methodology and will be invaluable tool for assessing the success of future management.

This was achieved through a survey of dune bays at 16 beaches within the LGA to capture attributes including geomorphology (formations), flora species, strata ratios, weed cover and proportion of blowout areas. A multicriteria analysis was developed specific to the coastal dunes of the LGA by assigning scores to three criteria: (1) strata ratio (canopy/shrub cover to groundcover); (2) weed cover; and (3) proportion of blowout areas. This multicriteria analysis was applied to determine the condition of each dune bay.

Dune condition within the LGA and within the majority of beaches varied widely across the condition range (i.e. poor to good). However, in some beaches there was a higher ratio of dune bays in poor condition (e.g. Turrimetta and North Narrabeen) and at other beaches a higher ratio of bays in good condition (e.g. Dee Why and Avalon). The range of conditions were the result of varying contributions of scores from the three condition criteria.

The dune conditions measured in this study, particularly the main contributing factors, will inform Council on the best approach to maintain and improve these natural assets and the most effective allocation of resources. Poor and moderate condition dune bays are likely to require targeted rehabilitation in response to low criteria score, including weed removal in dune bays with low weed cover scores (high weed cover) and/or dune stabilisation in dune bays with low blowout scores (high proportion of blowout areas). Maintenance and monitoring of good condition dunes would ensure conditions are maintained.

Dune condition within the LGA varied widely across the condition range (i.e. poor to good). Dune bays in some beaches were mostly poor (e.g. Turrimetta and North Narrabeen) while other beaches were mostly in good condition (e.g. Dee Why and Avalon). Dune bays in the majority of beaches within the Study Area were in a range of conditions. The range of conditions were the result of a variety of scores for the three criteria (strata ratio, weed cover and blowouts) and varied between beaches as well as within beaches (i.e. dune bays).

Council will routinely reassess the Study Area using the same methodology to measure the effectiveness of current or future maintenance and/or improvement works. To assist with this process, Council will develop aspirational targets (considering available resources) for improving and/or maintaining levels of poor, moderate and good condition within dune bays at individual beaches. The targets (or performance indicators) may consider it sufficient to simply maintain the

high ratios of moderate or good condition in dune bays at some beaches, but at other beaches it may be appropriate to set targets for reducing the ratio of dune bays in poor condition in the short (1 to 2 year), medium (5 year) and longer terms (10+ years).

After internal consultation, a workshop will be held with the Environmental SRG to consider and refine targets for dune conditions.

Unfortunately, at this stage, we cannot provide the Technical Report as a public document as it is likely to be used in the procurement of professional contracting services for delivery of dune revegetation works.

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### **RECOMMENDATION OF MANAGER, COAST & CATCHMENTS**

That the Environment Strategic Reference Group note the presentation.

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<b>ITEM 5.3</b>	<b>NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT CENTRES</b>
<b>REPORTING OFFICER</b>	<b>MANAGER, ENVIRONMENT RESILIENCE &amp; CLIMATE CHANGE</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2018/765138</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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**PURPOSE**

Further to the minutes of the 27 September Environment Strategic Reference Group meeting, a presentation will be provided to members on the two Environment Centres operated by Northern Beaches Council.

**SUMMARY/REPORT**

Council operates two Environment Centres, namely the Manly Environment Centre (Belgrave St, Manly) and the Coastal Environment Centre (North Narrabeen). Both of these centres have a proud history of offering services to their local communities. With amalgamation comes the opportunity to review the functions of these centres and the services they provide to ensure they continue to be relevant into the future. A short presentation will be provided on the background to these two centres to give members an opportunity to have an open discussion about their own ideas for environmental education, advice and engagement to our community with the intention of reflecting these in our Environment Strategy.

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**RECOMMENDATION OF MANAGER, ENVIRONMENT RESILIENCE & CLIMATE CHANGE**

That the Environment Strategic Reference Group note the presentation.

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<b>ITEM 5.4</b>	<b>DRAFT NORTHERN BEACHES ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY</b>
<b>REPORTING OFFICER</b>	<b>MANAGER, ENVIRONMENT RESILIENCE &amp; CLIMATE CHANGE</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2018/763066</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the draft Northern Beaches Environment Strategy to the Environment Strategic Reference Group (SRG).

#### SUMMARY

Council has been developing the draft Northern Beaches Environment Strategy over the past 12 months. The document is being prepared following consultation with the Environment SRG, internal stakeholders, local Environment Groups and community focus groups.

The draft strategy is being developed to align with Council's Community Strategic Plan 'Shape 2028', the Greater Sydney Commissions North District Plan, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and Resilient Sydney Strategy and the framework was revised to reflect this.

This presentation will provide feedback to the Environment SRG from the consultation that has been undertaken to date and how this information is being incorporated into the draft strategy.

The draft strategy (text only version) will be forwarded to you for comment by 19 December 2018.

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#### RECOMMENDATION OF MANAGER, ENVIRONMENT RESILIENCE & CLIMATE CHANGE

That the Environment Strategic Reference Group provide comments on the draft Northern Beaches Environment Strategy by 18 January 2019.

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## REPORT

### BACKGROUND

Over the past 12 months Council has been developing the draft Northern Beaches Environment Strategy. At two previous Environment SRG meetings we have reviewed the draft framework for the strategy; and presented our community and corporate carbon and water profile information.

Since then we have refined the framework and its alignment to the “Shape 2028: Northern Beaches Community Strategic Plan” (CSP), Northern Beaches Council, 2018. From this we identified key subject areas and conducted internal workshops with staff across Council. The workshops helped to inform the development of objectives, aspirations and future directions and further refinement of the framework into the three key areas of ‘Protect, Create, Live’.

Following on from this internal consultation we held a workshop with local Environment Groups and Environment SRG representatives. We also held focus groups with the general community. This consultation is helping to form the draft strategy.

### DRAFT NORTHERN BEACHES ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY

The draft Environment Strategy is a long term, strategic document that aligns with two community outcomes in Council’s Community Strategic Plan – Protection of the Environment and Environment Sustainability. The draft strategy includes challenges, objectives, aspirations and future directions for specific themes aligned under ‘Protect’, ‘Create’ and ‘Live’ as shown below.

Protect	Bushland
	Biodiversity
	Coast
	Waterways and catchments
Create	Sustainable built environment
	Green neighborhoods (green grid)
Live	Sustainable living
	Adaptation and resilience
	Northern Beaches Council operations

Consultation to date has been undertaken with the Environment SRG, with internal staff through a series of workshops, with local Northern Beaches Environment Groups and with a demographically representative sample of the general community through a series of focus groups.

A summary of the feedback from this initial consultation will be presented to the Environment SRG. The presentation on the draft Strategy will discuss how this feedback is being incorporated into the Strategy.

### CONSULTATION & TIMING

A copy of the draft strategy (text version only) will be provided to the group by 19 December 2018. Comments are required back by Friday 18 January 2019. Once your comments have been considered and the text finalised, graphics and design will be completed prior to presentation to Council for approval for public exhibition in March/April 2019.

<b>ITEM 5.5</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2019</b>
<b>REPORTING OFFICER</b>	<b>COORDINATOR GOVERNANCE</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2018/708022</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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#### PURPOSE

To note the Environment Strategic Reference Group (SRG) meeting schedule for 2019.

#### REPORT

Section 8 of the Environment Strategic Reference Group's Terms of Reference requires the group to meet at least 4 times per year, with the possibility of two (2) extraordinary meetings which may be called by the Chair with a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice.

The 2019 proposed meeting schedule is as follows:

Meeting	Meeting Date	Location
Environment	28 Feb	Coastal Environment Centre, Narrabeen
Environment	30 May	Coastal Environment Centre, Narrabeen
Environment	29 August	Coastal Environment Centre, Narrabeen
Environment	7 November	Flannel Flower Room, Civic Centre Dee Why

As per the Terms of Reference, once the meeting schedule for 2019 has been confirmed it will be distributed to members and placed on Council's website.

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#### RECOMMENDATION OF COORDINATOR GOVERNANCE

That the Environment Strategic Reference Group note the meeting schedule for 2019.

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