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AGENDA

ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Environment Strategic Reference Group will be held online via TEAMS on

THURSDAY 20 AUGUST 2020

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

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Cr Pat Daley

Cr Stuart Sprott

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Quorum

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

**Agenda for Environment
Strategic Reference Group Meeting
to be held online via TEAMS
Commencing at 6:00pm**

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NEXT MEETING Thursday 19 November 2020

1.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As a sign of respect, Northern Beaches Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and pays respect to Elders past and present.

2.0 APOLOGIES

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

3.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Members should disclose any "**pecuniary**" or "**non-pecuniary**" interests in matters included in the agenda. The [Northern Beaches Council Code of Conduct](#) (the Code) provides guidance on managing conflicts of interests.

A **pecuniary interest** is defined in Section 4 of the Code as:

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4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP MEETING HELD 21 MAY 2020

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Environment Strategic Reference Group meeting held 21 May 2020, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM 6.1	SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT PROJECT
REPORTING OFFICER	SENIOR SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER
TRIM FILE REF	2020/437974
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE

To present to the Environment Strategic Reference Group on Council's Sustainable Procurement Project (Project).

REPORT

Council has commenced a project to advance sustainable procurement across the organisation. Through a strategic and risk-based approach, specific short, medium and longer term actions will be identified to achieve best practice in accordance with the Sustainable Procurement International Standard ISO 20400:17.

The Project involves two stages - the first is a heat mapping process to analyse sustainability risks, opportunities and costs related to Council's procurement activity and supply chains; the second stage involves a gap analysis of Council's existing processes against ISO 20400:17 and the preparation of a road map which identifies strategic actions to address high value gaps.

Under the Department of Planning, Infrastructure & Environment's Sustainability Advantage Program, Council is entitled to 30 hours consultancy time each year and we will be using this to assist facilitation of this process, including two internal workshops for each project stage.

RECOMMENDATION OF SENIOR SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER

That the Environment Strategic Reference Group note the presentation.

ITEM 6.2	NORTHERN BEACHES LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM
REPORTING OFFICER	MANAGER, STRATEGIC AND PLACE PLANNING
TRIM FILE REF	2020/464865
ATTACHMENTS	1 ↓ Northern Beaches LEP and DCP Engagement Presentation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE

To brief the SRG on the draft engagement program for the Northern Beaches Local Environmental Plan (LEP) and Development Control Plan (DCP) and to seek input on the most effective means to engage the community.

REPORT

The first stage of developing a new land use planning framework for the Northern Beaches was completed in March 2020 with the adoption and commencement of Council's first Local Strategic Planning Statement - *Towards 2040*. This new statutory document outlines our planning vision and establishes a range of priorities, principles and actions; confirming our commitment to a sustainable future.

The next stage of the process is to bring together the four current Local Environmental Plans (LEPs) and Development Control Plans (DCPs) into a single Northern Beaches LEP and DCP which reflects the priorities and implements the actions in *Towards 2040*, and is consistent with the regional directions set by the Greater Sydney Commission in the *North District Plan*.

This complex process has already commenced with Council staff undertaking an analysis of the similarities and differences between current LEPs and DCPs, identifying key issues, and consulting with a range of internal stakeholders.

Council has also commissioned a number of studies to inform the preparation of the new LEP and DCP. These include:

- Environment Study
- Local Character Study
- Social Infrastructure Study
- Employment Study
- Strategic Bushfire Assessment (Deferred Lands)
- Biodiversity Study (Deferred Lands)
- Urban Design Guidelines

In addition, Council in conjunction with SGS Planning and Economics, is preparing a Local Housing Strategy. This Strategy, which must be approved by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, will outline Council's preferred approach to the supply of new housing to 2036 to meet the needs of the Northern Beaches Community. This Strategy is currently in draft form and is being tested with focus groups to identify any gaps, improve understanding, and clarify messaging. It is proposed to present the draft to Council this year and subsequently exhibit it publicly for comment. Once adopted, the Strategy will also inform LEP and DCP drafting.

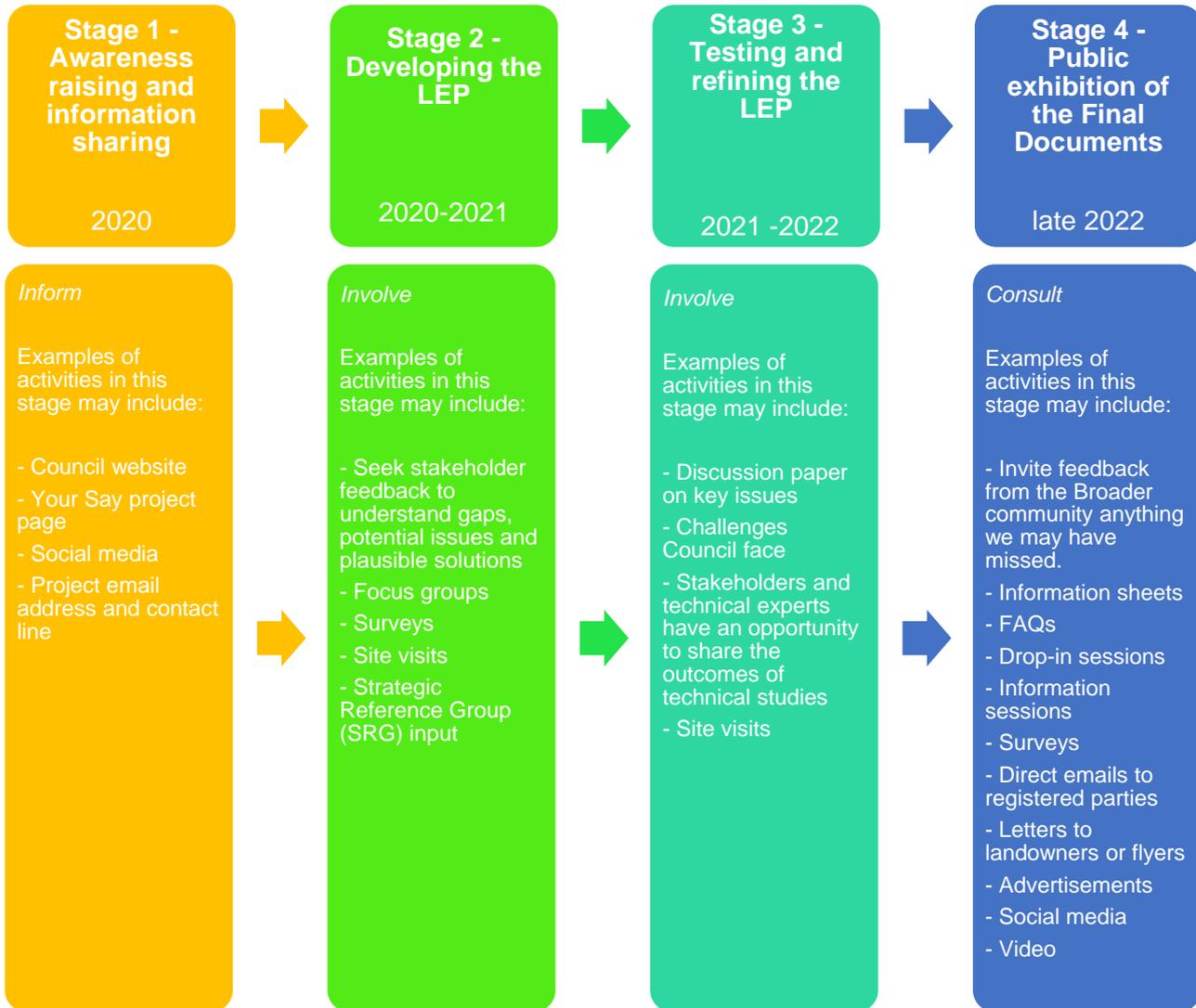
Community engagement in the LEP/DCP process will be crucial to ensure the LEP and DCP are reflective of community concerns, readily and easily understood, legally accurate, and supported. The engagement undertaken by Council for *Towards 2040* involved a range of techniques including:

- Focus groups with strategic reference groups, youth and community groups
- Drop-in sessions throughout the LGA
- Surveys
- Video presentations
- Advertising through Facebook, Instagram, Manly Daily and Peninsula Living
- 80,000 notifications in Council's rates notice

The variety and reach of communications used covered a diversity of ages and abilities with technology. It resulted in 337 submissions to the formal public exhibition; a good response given the strategic nature of the document. The vast majority of responses were favourable, indicating Council had identified and addressed most of the issues of concern to the community.

LEPs and DCPs address many development-related issues and must be drafted in accordance with State Government directions (particularly LEPs). This poses unique difficulties in engaging the community, particularly when preparing a new Council-wide LEP and DCP which must also implement *Towards 2040* and the *North District Plan*.

Draft Engagement approach for the Northern Beaches LEP and DCP



The draft engagement approach for the LEP/DCP involves 4 stages and utilises a number of engagement techniques. The draft approach is intended to provide diverse opportunities and mechanisms for stakeholders to contribute to the LEP, beyond the minimum standards required under Council's Community Participation Plan and the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

It is requested that the Environment Strategic Reference Group consider the following questions and provide feedback by email by 3 September 2020:

1. What does the community need to know from us to make informed decisions?
2. How do we help the community better understand the issues?
3. How do we best get the community to contribute? (Considerations for Covid-19) e.g. via online survey, targeted stakeholder groups, other?
4. What are reasonable expectations of us to engage?

RECOMMENDATION OF MANAGER, STRATEGIC AND PLACE PLANNING

That the Environment Strategic Reference Group note the above report and that feedback on the above questions be provided by email by 3 September 2020.



Planning Our Sustainable Future

Creating one new
planning framework

*Local Environmental Plan
Community Engagement*

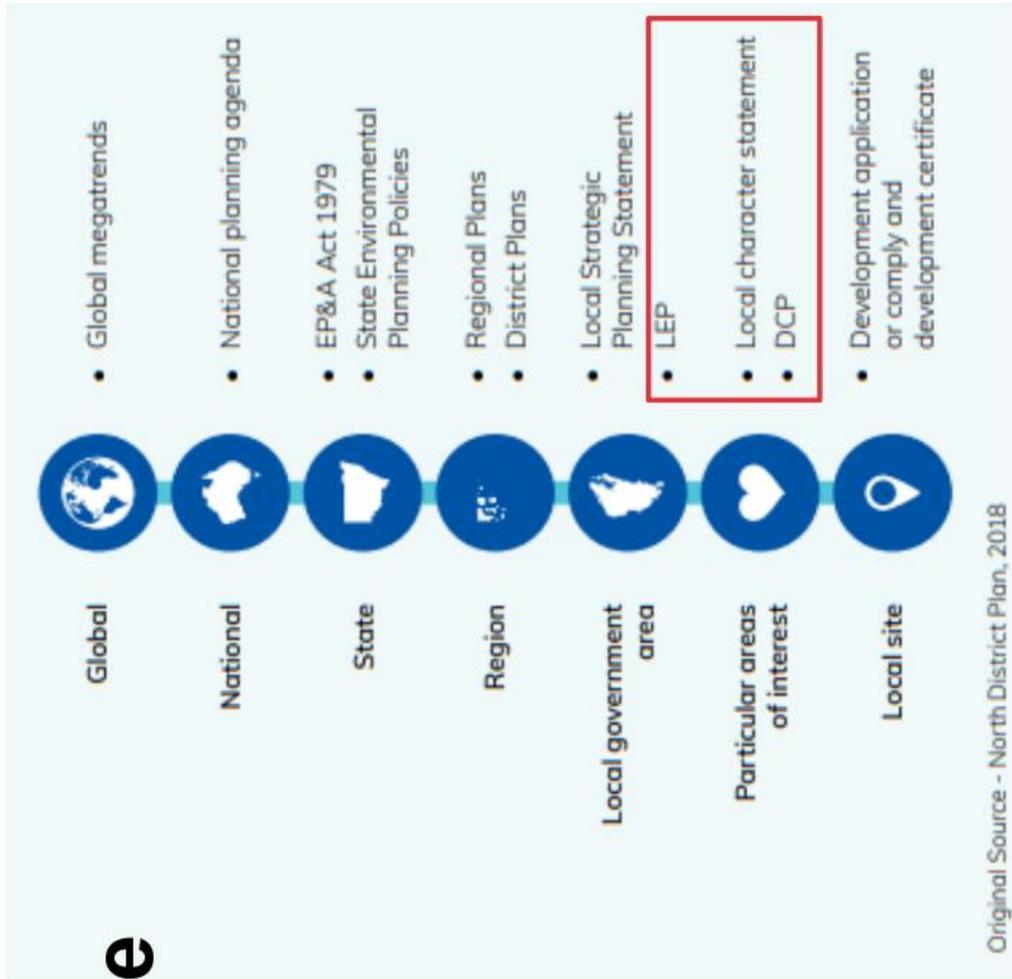
Presentation
Strategic Reference Group
August 2020

What we will cover

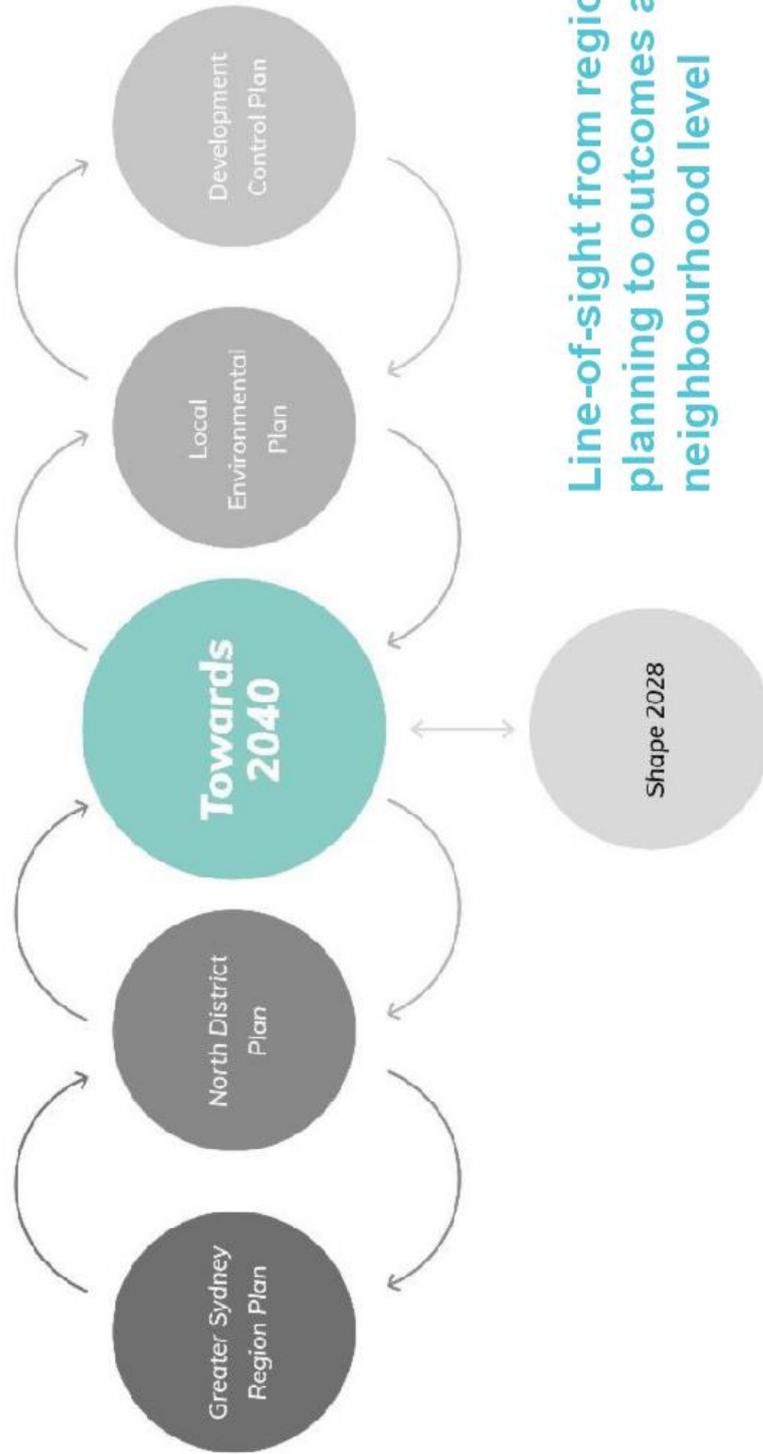
- Project overview
- *Towards 2040* engagement recap
- LEP / DCP draft engagement approach

Introduction

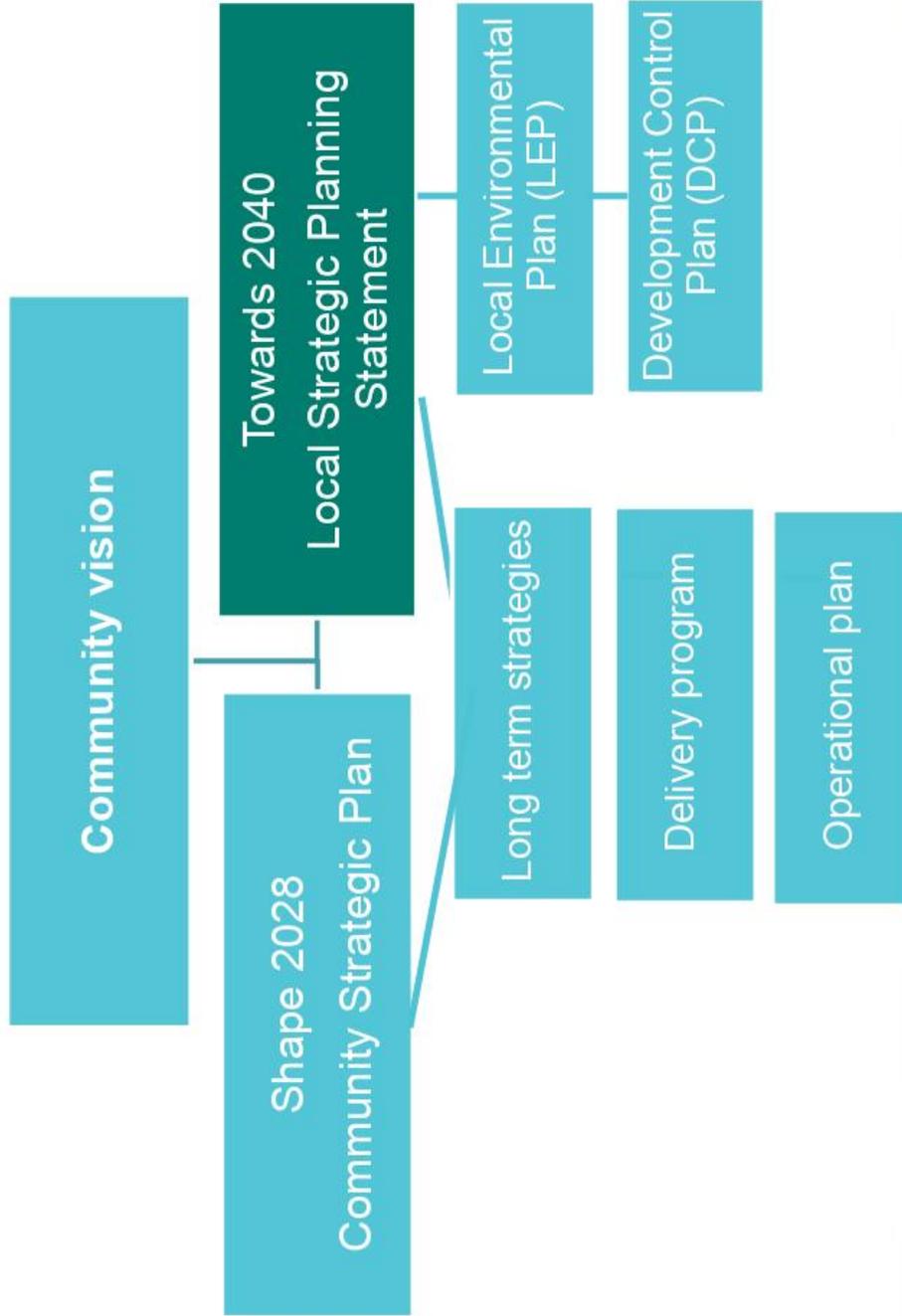
The Big Picture



New Strategic Planning Framework



Council Policy Framework



Project overview

Planning our sustainable future

1st Stage: Local Strategic Planning Statement – Towards 2040

2nd Stage: Local Housing Strategy

3rd Stage: Northern Beaches LEP & DCP & Technical Studies

Sustainability Studies

Livability Studies

Productivity and
Infrastructure Studies

Technical Studies

Sustainability	Liveability	Productivity & Infrastructure
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Environment study	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Housing Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/> Employment Study
<input type="checkbox"/> E-Zone criteria	<input type="checkbox"/> Local character study	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Infrastructure Study
<input type="checkbox"/> Bushfire study	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Design (DCP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan
<input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity Planning Analysis		
<input type="checkbox"/> Riparian Lands Study		
<input type="checkbox"/> Stormwater quality strategy		

Towards 2040

Community engagement recap

Pre-exhibition Engagement

Scoping and analysis

- Community preferences survey (172 responses)
- SRG presentations
- Information booklet
- Videos
- Webinar

Drafting

- Placscore analysis (over 3,000 responses)
- Community engagement outcomes analysis (47 projects since 2016)
- Community workshop with 40 attendees (video)

Testing and refining

- Seven focus groups with 51 participants
- Survey testing draft priorities (245 responses)



Public exhibition:

27 September – 10 November (six weeks)

Drop-in sessions 5 sessions	Community group meetings 5 meetings	Newspapers 8 advertisements & 3 editorials
Council e-news & engagement emails	Schools flyer distribution	Flyers >70,500 with rates notices
Videos promoted on Council website & social media	SRG presentation 6 meetings	Emails to stakeholders

Exhibition Package

Technical studies

Evidence base and supporting documentation.

Demographic Analysis
Strategic context
[Download now >](#)

Housing Strategy
Issues and opportunities paper
[Read it here >](#)

Employment Study
Background report
[View the document >](#)

Social Infrastructure Study
Issues and opportunities background paper
[Access it now >](#)

Planning For Our Environment
Background paper
[Check it out >](#)

Have Your Say

 **Got 5 minutes?**
Discover our 20 year priorities
[View page >](#)

 **Got 10 minutes?**
Your Towards 2040 snapshot
[Access it now >](#)

 **Got 15+ minutes?**
Review the complete statement
[Read the document >](#)



SUSTAINABILITY: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following priorities?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
1. Healthy and vibrant coastal and over-ways	<input type="radio"/>				
2. Protected and enhanced natural and biodiversity	<input type="radio"/>				
3. Protected water and natural landscapes	<input type="radio"/>				
4. Protected Metropolitan Ring Road	<input type="radio"/>				
5. Greener urban environments	<input type="radio"/>				
6. High quality open space for recreation	<input type="radio"/>				
7. A low-carbon community with high energy, water and waste efficiency	<input type="radio"/>				
8. Greater community resilience to natural hazards and climate change	<input type="radio"/>				

Drop in Information Sessions



Community Meetings



Towards 2040

Results: who we reached



LEP / DCP Program

Draft engagement approach

Why do we need to engage?

Community engagement in the LEP/DCP process will be crucial to ensure the LEP and DCP:

- **Are reflective of community concerns**
- **Readily and easily understood**
- **Legally accurate, and supported**

Community Engagement Objectives

Provide accessible information so community and stakeholders can participate in a meaningful way (inform)

Communicate to community and stakeholders how their input was incorporated into the planning and decision making process (inform)

Facilitate inclusive and ongoing dialogue using context appropriate spaces and platforms (consult-involve)

Identify community and stakeholder concerns, local knowledge and values (consult)

Community Engagement Objectives

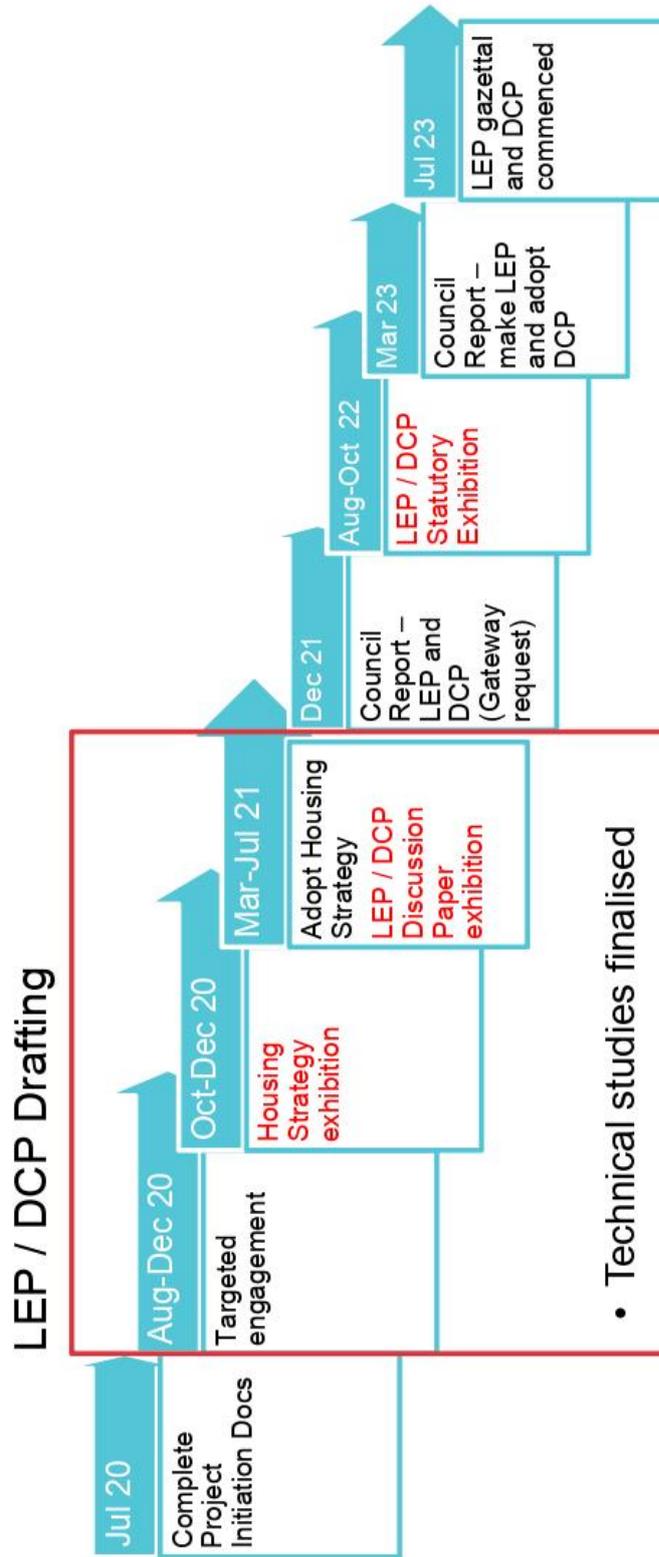
Be clear upfront about how public participation will affect the decision (report back)

Build capacity and educate the community to achieve meaningful participation (higher conversions, more articulate responses)

Involve hard to reach groups e.g. smaller landowners (everyone has the opportunity to understand the project and have their say)

Ensure outputs reflect both Council and the community's aspirations for the LGA (balanced outcomes)

Implementation – Timeline



Draft Engagement Approach

- Utilise a series of engagement techniques
- Provide diverse opportunities and mechanisms for stakeholders to contribute to the LEP
- Beyond the minimum standards required Council's CPP and the EP&A Act 1979
 - Discussion paper as non-statutory engagement and 6 week exhibition

Draft Engagement Approach

- Reviewed and adjusted throughout the course of the project
- Agile approach based on best-practice community engagement and typical for large projects

Technical Studies

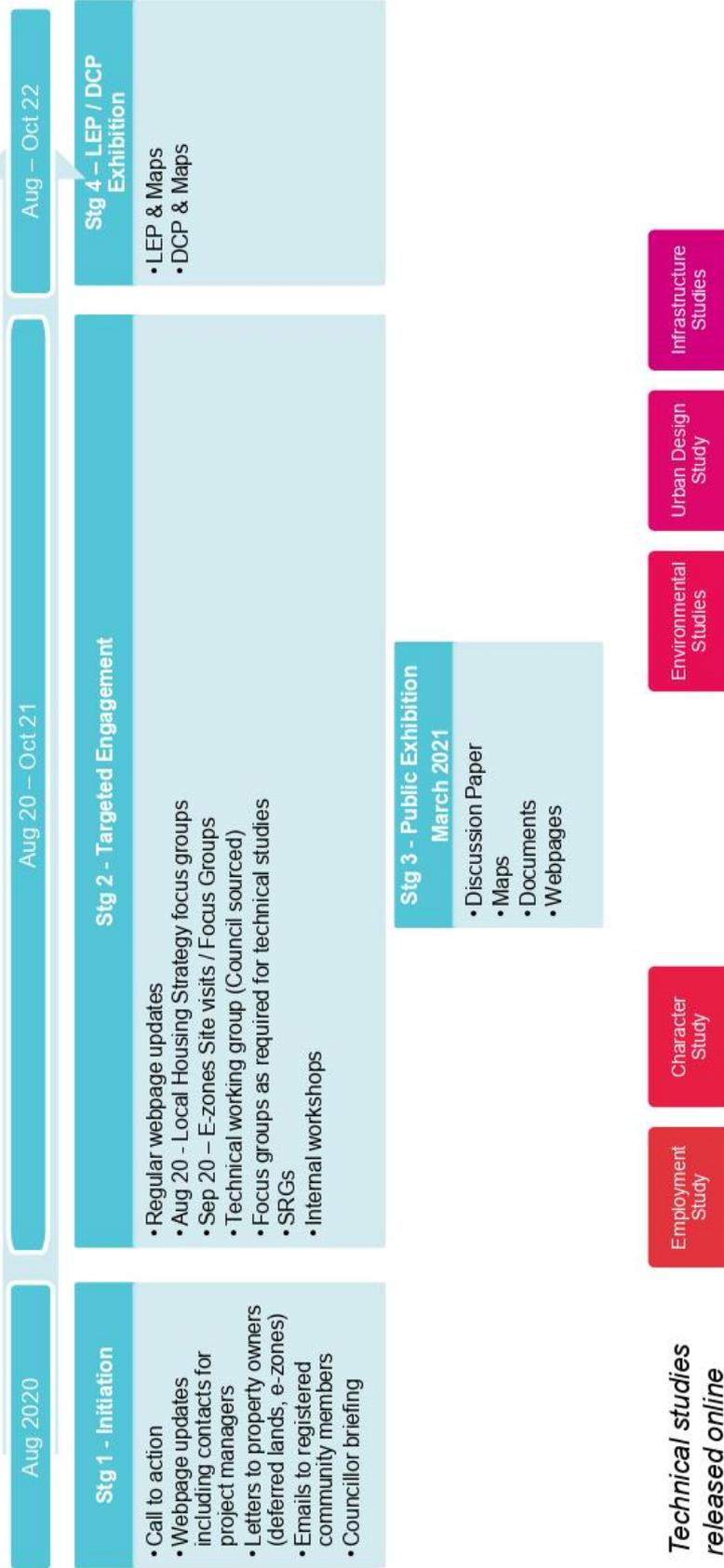
Proposed Approach

- Published online as completed
- Deadline for comments – e.g. 28 days
- Potentially tested with focus / working groups to tease out any issues (before or after publication)
- Supported by 5 / 10 / 15 min options:
 - 5 mins - short summary
 - 10 mins – survey to seek quantitative feedback
 - 15+ mins – read report and potential consultant webinar

Advantages

- Community kept informed as work progresses
- Community can comment on more manageable sizes of information

Draft Engagement Approach



- Stages and timing are indicative and may change as the project progresses

ITEM 6.3	STAFF UPDATE TO SRG
REPORTING OFFICER	SENIOR SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER
TRIM FILE REF	2020/466725
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE

To provide an update to the Environment Strategic Reference Group (ESRG) on the Cities Power Partnership and Sustainability Advantage programs and development of the Action Plans.

SUMMARY/REPORT

Cities Power Partnership (CPP) - First Pledge Achieved

Council has met the first of its five pledges as part of the national Cities Power Partnership. The pledge to 'set city-level renewable energy or emissions reduction targets' was achieved by adoption of the *Protect. Create. Live. – Northern Beaches Environment and Climate Change Strategy 2040*. Our other pledges can be reviewed on Council's [CPP webpage](#).

Other key achievements moving us closer to meeting our other pledges include:

- Installing over 800kW of solar on 40 of our buildings including Manly Andrew 'Boy' Charlton Aquatic Centre, our depots, many children's centres, lifesaving clubs and administrative centres;
- Continually growing our electric vehicle fleet, now with five battery electric and eight plug-in or hybrid vehicles;
- Reducing energy usage with more efficient air conditioning systems and lighting upgrades in buildings, car parks and sports grounds;
- Implementing the residential street light LED replacements, now more than 80% complete;
- Making it easier for our community to use sustainable transport options by implementing the Move 2038: Northern Beaches Transport Strategy; and
- The 'Swap for Good' program that supports local businesses to swap out single-use plastic.

To bring our pledges back to five, staff are currently reviewing the list of available pledges and will propose a new one for consideration by Council.

Sustainability Advantage Program – Progress to Silver

Council achieved the Bronze partner status as part of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's (DPIE) Sustainability Advantage program in June 2019. Since then Council has been working hard to meet the criteria to progress to Silver. Key activities for this include the adoption of the Environment and Climate Change Strategy and subsequent staff engagement, improved data capture around Council's procurement and continued monitoring and reporting on Council's corporate emissions and water use. We have been progressing well against these criteria and as such, staff have commenced preparing the application to be considered a Silver partner.

Development of ECC Strategy Action Plans

Following feedback from the ESRG, the structure of the draft Climate Change Action Plan was revised and content updated. The primary focus of this was to improve the flow and therefore readership of the document so that it is easily understood by the community. Further internal consultation was undertaken to confirm accuracy of the changes, with final comments currently being received. Once final updates are made, the document will be placed on the internet.

The remaining action plans are currently being developed internally, following a similar structure to that set by the draft Climate Change Action Plan, and will be brought to the SRG over the next 6 months for consideration and comment.

Policies

Water Management for Development Policy and associated DCP amendments

This draft Policy provides a set of clear and consistent guidelines for development across the Northern Beaches, simplifying and improving the application and assessment process in relation to water management. It also harmonises the existing water management related policies of the three former councils.

The ESRG was briefed on the draft Policy at its meeting on 29 August 2019. The draft Policy was on public exhibition from 26 October to 28 November 2019 following a Council resolution of 22 October 2019. Council received one submission in relation to the draft Policy and one in response to the amendments to the Pittwater DCP 2014 (on public exhibition between 4 May 2019 and 2 June 2019) that related to water management. Both submissions were reviewed by Council staff in the context of the draft Policy.

Minor changes were made to the draft Policy as a result of the exhibition period, including improved wording, the removal of a requirement that developers pay a bond on stormwater assets that would remain privately owned, and the addition of a clause requiring developers to minimise impervious surfaces (as required under the Manly LEP 2013).

Reporting of the results of the draft Policy exhibition to Council was delayed due to Council's full agenda in March following the Christmas period, and their full agenda since then due to management of the COVID-19 pandemic response.

The draft Policy and associated DCP amendments are being recommended for adoption at the August Council meeting.

Amendments to Flood Prone Land Planning Requirements

Council harmonised much of the planning requirements for developments on Flood Prone Land in 2017. A review of this integrated set of requirements has now been undertaken and identified a number of minor changes which produce requirements that are more concise, simpler to follow and therefore simpler for applicants and residents. These housekeeping amendments are now proposed to be placed on public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days. The changes do not change the number of flood prone properties, or change the information required to be submitted with Development Applications.

Draft Protection of Waterways and Riparian Land Policy (the Policy)

This draft Policy combines two existing policies relating to waterway management into a single policy without introducing any new positions of Council and has been prepared in accordance with Council's policy harmonisation process.

The draft Policy will be consistent with Council's *Community Strategic Plan 2018-2028, Towards 2040 - Local Strategic Planning Statement* and *Northern Beaches Environment and Climate Change Strategy 2040*.

The purpose of this draft Policy is to address Council's commitment to:

- Protecting our waterway network and its associated riparian land
- Providing guidelines for development, private property protection and compliance.

The ESG was briefed on the draft Policy at its meeting on 29 August 2019. A Council report is being prepared by staff for the Council meeting on 29 September 2020 with recommendation for the draft Policy to be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days.

RECOMMENDATION OF SENIOR SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER

That the Environment Strategic Reference Group note the Staff Update report.

ITEM 6.4	ZERO WASTE TO OCEAN CHARTER
REPORTING OFFICER	STORMWATER, FLOODPLAIN ENGINEERING
TRIM FILE REF	2020/467161
ATTACHMENTS	1 ↓ Draft Charter - Zero Waste to Ocean

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Environment Strategic Reference Group (ESRG) about the draft Zero Waste to Ocean Charter (the Charter) that will be presented to the Council meeting on 25 August 2020 for consideration by Council for adoption.

BACKGROUND

The Charter has been developed following adoption of Notice of Motion No. 44/2019 – Zero Waste to our Waterways. A workshop was conducted with the ESRG on 20 February 2020 to develop the principles and objectives of the Charter. Following this meeting, staff have subsequently prepared the draft Charter.

Zero Waste to Ocean Charter Principles

The Charter aims to protect and enhance the environment as an integrated system, connecting built, natural and cultural elements. Northern Beaches Council commits to the following principles to enhance our environment and to set the community on the path to contribute zero waste to our ocean:

- Principle 1 - Support our community in adopting waste reduction in our waterways;
- Principle 2 – Develop and implement waterway waste & stormwater quality targets;
- Principle 3 - Improve waste removal in our existing stormwater network through sustainable asset management; and
- Principle 4 - Integrate best practice litter reduction and stormwater quality controls in future development.

REPORT

Council staff forwarded the draft Charter to the members of ESRG for comments by email on 5 August 2020. Staff will consider all comments received from the ESRG prior to submitting the draft Charter to Council for consideration by Council for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION OF STORMWATER, FLOODPLAIN ENGINEERING

That the Environment Strategic Reference Group note the presentation and indicate their support for the Charter.

Northern Beaches Council Zero Waste to Ocean Charter

Northern Beaches Council recognises the importance of reducing the impact of waste on our environment. Unfortunately, discarded waste can still make its way into our sensitive waterways via our creeks, streets, and stormwater network. In response, Council has developed a *Zero Waste to Ocean* charter that demonstrates Council's role in leading our community, providing enhanced education and setting targets to drive towards zero waste to our oceans.

Principles

Northern Beaches Council has set out a series of commitments in its Environment and Climate Change Strategy to ensure our catchments and waterways will be healthy and resilient, valued and enjoyed by our community.

Council recognises that zero waste to oceans (or any waterway) is an aspiration rather than a commitment. With the best of interventions, it is likely that waste may still make it into our waterways from a variety of sources, however with focus on the main principles set out below, Council will set the community on the path to contributing zero waste to our ocean:

Principle 1 - Support our community in adopting waste reduction in our waterways

- Source control - develop education and engagement programs that help our community understand and reduce impact at the source
- Build understanding - integrate waste education into the community, with interactive learning within business precincts, community spaces (parks and fields) and signage at water quality devices and systems
- Remove accumulated waste - encourage community participation in litter removal/reduction projects and activities (e.g. Clean Up Australia Day)
- Build support - encourage neighbouring Councils and other stakeholders to manage their runoff to the ocean
- Increase capacity - help commercial and residential community members maintain privately-owned water treatment systems
- Establishing and enhancing policies for developments to prevent pollution from private sources to public areas
- Promote achievements - report positive outcomes Council has achieved

Principle 2 – Develop and implement waterway waste & stormwater quality targets

- Set targets – research, develop and implement targets that support Council and the community moving towards zero waste to oceans (including definitions of “waste” associated with this Charter)
- Embed targets – maintain visibility of relevant policies and procedures to seek opportunities to drive down waste to oceans
- Support broad uptake – engage with stakeholders and partners to support them in the development and implementation of their own targets including State Government and local business.
- Maintain best practice - continue to review targets and outcomes to ensure efficient direction of resources and expertise

Principle 3 - Improve waste removal in our existing stormwater network through sustainable asset management

- Integrate across assets – review and embed opportunities for minimising waste generation and transport across Council's various assets
- Improve assets - establishing and planning for appropriate stormwater treatment for outlets into all waterways
- Sustainable funding – identify stormwater treatment opportunities and potential funding within asset management plans
- Maintenance – identify and improve key maintenance activities that can reduce waste distribution (e.g. cleansing of public spaces, street sweeping etc).

- Resource recovery - where feasible, facilitate and promote the re-use and re-purposing of waste captured in stormwater treatment devices
- Site planning – identify opportunities to upgrade/modify existing waste control structures to improve performance, and utilise materials that minimise waste being produced
- Monitoring and reporting – ensure regular monitoring and inspection regimes are in place for installed stormwater treatment systems to demonstrate they are having positive outcomes for the environment

Principle 4 - Integrate best practice litter reduction and stormwater quality controls in future development

- Planning controls – review planning requirements to accommodate water sensitive urban design principles and minimise waste generation and transport to waterways
- Improve future practices - continually develop and use best practice methods for water capture and reuse and for capture and recycling of waste
- Lead - ensure new Council facilities are exemplars of best practices with respect to waste generation, treatment and removal

Implementation

This Charter provides a series of principles to guide Council in relation to managing the generation and transport of waste to our local waterways and ultimately the Tasman Sea, Pittwater and greater Sydney Harbour. It does not take precedent over Council's adopted plans, policies and procedures, but should inform future reviews and documentation.

Responsibility and Review

Executive Manager, Environment and Climate Change
Review Date: August 2025

ITEM 6.5	NORTHERN BEACHES WASTE STRATEGY
REPORTING OFFICER	EXECUTIVE MANAGER WASTE MANAGEMENT AND CLEANSING
TRIM FILE REF	2020/469802
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to discuss the timing of and process for the development of a Waste Strategy for Northern Beaches.

REPORT

In 2018, NSW generated 21.4 million tonnes' of waste and this is expected to increase in line with population and economic growth. However, we know that our natural resources are finite and the impacts of increasing amounts of waste on our health and the environment are considerable.

Our community demands improved environmental performance; however, this can be challenging as affluence and desire for convenience often shapes our behavior. Cheaper household goods, rapid changes in technology, poor design and obsolescence means that we are throwing away more than ever before.

Waste management is everyone's responsibility. Developing a Waste Strategy is an opportunity for us to influence the way we create and manage our waste. We need a smarter approach that makes use of the opportunities available to us and we need to drive more sustainable, affordable and reliable outcomes based upon the Waste Hierarchy and underpinned by the principles of a circular economy.

Developing a Waste Strategy for the northern beaches community will set the future direction for our waste and resource recovery systems and the Environment SRG has a pivotal role in the development of this Strategy.

The timing of and process for the development of the Waste Strategy is to be discussed at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION OF EXECUTIVE MANAGER WASTE MANAGEMENT AND CLEANSING

That the report be received and noted.