## NORTHERN BEACHES

## **NOTES**

## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP MEETING

held in the Flannel Flower Room, Civic Centre, Dee Why on

**THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2017** 

# Notes of the Natural Environment Strategic Reference Group Meeting held on Thursday 9 February 2017 in the Flannel Flower Room, Civic Centre, Dee Why Commencing at 5:00pm

#### ATTENDANCE:

#### **To Committee Members**

Alex McTaggart (Chair) Social Local Representative Committee
Wayne Gobert Social Local Representative Committee

Narelle Berry Resident – Manly Ward Phillip Colman Resident – Narrabeen Ward

Roberta Conroy Bayview Church Point Residents Association

Jo Cooper North Steyne Surf Lifesaving Club

Rebecca Eddington Resident – Curl Curl Ward Jacqueline French Manly Community Forum

Paul Hackney Resident – Frenchs Forest Ward

Tom Hazell Resident – Curl Curl Ward Edwina Laginestra WIRES Northern Beaches

Whitney-May Lever Resident – Frenchs Forest Ward
Marita Macrae Pittwater Natural Heritage Association
Jacqueline Marlow Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment

Yvonne Pflieger Resident – Curl Curl Ward Kathryn Ridge Resident – Manly Ward

Merinda Rose Palm Beach & Whale Beach Association

David Thomas ECO Divers

#### **Council Officer Contacts**

Louise Hardy Research Officer

Todd Dickinson Executive Manager Natural Environment & Climate Change

Melissa Lee Governance Manager

Anne-Maree Newbury Principal Officer Strategic Planning

#### Quorum

Majority of members (excluding vacant positions)

NOTE: Alex McTaggart Chairperson of the Natural Environment Strategic Reference Group (SRG) welcomed the members to the meeting and gave an Acknowledgement of Country

#### 1.0 APOLOGIES

#### DISCUSSION

That apologies from Rebecca Eddington (has advised of her resignation), Kathryn Ridge, Wayne Gobert, Jo Cooper, Yvonne Pfleiger, Sue Matthews (represented by Jacqueline French) and David Thomas be noted.

#### 2.0 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

#### 3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

## 3.1 MINUTES OF NATURAL ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP HELD 27 OCTOBER 2016

#### **DECISION**

That the Minutes of the Natural Environment Strategic Reference Group held 27 October 2016, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

#### 4.0 COUNCIL UPDATES

#### 4.1 COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP - 40 MINS

#### **DISCUSSION**

L Hardy gave a presentation to the group advising that the Stage 1 report (Issues Paper) went to Council on 13 December 2016, and the organisation is now moving into Stage 2, comprising of a discussion paper, due to go out in March 2017. The team is now seeking input from the SRGs (around goals and aspirations). Stage 3 draft CSP is due in August 2017, with the final CSP to be presented to Council in September 2017, for the incoming council to adopt.

Stage 1 Outcomes:

Draft vision statement (for strategic plan)

Based on community feedback, the priority areas are:

- Environment (46% by theme)
- Social (20%)
- Economic (34%)

#### Stage 2:

L Hardy advised of the purpose and objectives of the discussion paper and workshop.

Themes and community aspirations were outlined, and SRG members were invited to provide Page 3 of 8

feedback on, which themes/ aspirations people were supportive/ not supportive of (why) / and what's missing?

The group had several discussions around how strategic goals/strategies interact with, and influence the operations of Council. T Dickinson advised that Council's budgets are largely fixed by having to provide the regular services of Council (i.e. business as usual). The intention of the strategic work in the CSP is to provide direction so that Council can adjust its resourcing in its Operational Plans accordingly.

A McTaggart requested the following comment / discussion be noted:

 Within the Natural Environment SRG, we need a mechanism for the future to be able to bring significant environmental issues such as impending destruction of bushland due to redevelopment to Senior Management within the organisation as a matter of urgency as they arise. T Dickinson advised he would look into the most appropriate mechanism for this.

Following the workshop, M Lee to receive hard copy notes (where taken), scan and return to members as required.

NOTE: The presentation on this item is appended at Attachment 1.

#### **DECISION**

That the Natural Environment Strategic Reference Group participate in a workshop assist in the development of the Community Strategic Plan.

That feedback from the workshop be used to refine Stage 2 discussions.

#### 4.2 GREATER SYDNEY COMMISSION DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN - 20 MINS

#### **DISCUSSION**

AM Newbury gave a presentation to the group, advising that the District Plan and the amended Metropolitan Plan is out on exhibition at this time on the Greater Commission Sydney website.

She outlined that the District Plan divides Sydney into 6 districts (Northern Beaches Council resides in North District, comprising of 9 Local Government areas) containing a high percentage of National Parks and other open space reserves. North District is growing (9,800 people each year), with an ageing population in particular. We need more housing and diversification in housing, that supports an ageing population. We also have large growth in single person households, which requires greater housing choice, and how we cater for this shift. The District contains 20% of all jobs in greater Sydney.

The draft Plan on exhibition until late March 2017 and includes summary document, full document, background papers (available on dashboard on Greater Sydney website), maps and amendments to the Metropolitan Plan.

What does the plan mean for local government? It will inform the draft LEPs, inform planning proposals, guide strategic land use, transport and infrastructure planning and inform infrastructure planning and investment.

There are 5 sections to the Plan:

- (S1) Introduction / framework, how it relates to metropolitan plan (multiple CBDs in Sydney)
- (S2) Vision, how we achieve it
- Strategies and specific actions (S3-5)

#### Key priorities:

- Grow jobs in centres and in urban service land
- Use the Northern Beaches Hospital as a catalyst for a new urban centre at Frenchs Forest
- Leverage investment in transport infrastructure (the B line)
- Create affordable and diverse housing
- Manage natural hazards
- Protect heritage character and liveability of the area
- Plan for demographic change
- Protect the natural landscape

What targets have been set?

- Job targets
- Housing targets

Lastly, AM Newbury advised that the group could get involved in this process by lodging a submission.

There were a number of questions raised as follows:

- How do the Plans interact with State Acts and legislation?
- How much power does the Greater Sydney commission actually have?
- How do community members get the opportunity to object to something?
- Who is on the panel for North District (that individuals can make representations to)?

#### Action:

1. AM Newbury advised she would source this information and circulate it to the group

NOTE: The presentation on this item is appended at Attachment 2.

#### **ACTION**

A McTaggart requested that a copy of the plans put into each of the libraries. AM Newbury advised that the documents are all on-line, but that she would look into whether they could go into the libraries.

#### **DECISION**

That the Natural Environment Strategic Reference Group note the information presented.

#### 4.3 DRAFT STRUCTURE PLAN FOR INGLESIDE - 10 MINS

#### DISCUSSION

AM Newbury gave a presentation to the group, advising of background, plan highlights, the environmental emphasis and where to from here.

#### Background:

Identified as early as 1960's as a key development site

- Council resolution in 2013 to plan for the release area
- Included in Metro Plan for Sydney in District Plan
- Listed as a priority growth area in the State Environment Planning Policy (2006)
- Vision connected, liveable sustainable community that embraces and respects its landscape settings

AM Newbury discussed the structure plan, what the area will look like and discussed elements including environmental conservation, Aboriginal heritage, housing (types), playing fields, schools, etc.

#### Plan highlights:

- 700 hectares
- 40% development
- 30% conservation
- 30% remains in its current state
- 3400 new dwellings
- Affordable housing (10%)
- 6 sportsfields
- 1 primary school
- 2 community centres
- Neighbourhood centre with local ships
- Diverse mix of housing product

Strong environmental emphasis – green star building rating being sought which will aim for:

- 4 star rating
- Water target
- Beyond basix sustainability targets
- Bio-certification to reduce / offset net environmental impact
- Fauna connectivity

#### Where to from here?

- Currently on exhibition
- Drop in sessions Feb 2017 (11, 16, 22)
- Post exhibition
  - Exhibition of zoning package (April 2017)
  - Adoption of S94 plan by council (before land is rezoned)
  - Adopted S94 to IPART
  - Land is formally rezoned (mid-late 2017)

J Marlow advised the group that there needed to be funding of corridors over road (wildlife), especially with the plan for widening of road (with no dedicated funds), and flagged her disappointment with some aspects of the planning done to date..

NOTE: The presentation on this item is appended at Attachment 3.

#### **ACTION**

The group asked if J Marlow could email the group about some of the points of concern that she raised within the discussion so they can include this information in their submissions? J Marlow to email M Lee with the details who will forward this information on to group members.

#### **DECISION**

That the Natural Environment Strategic Reference Group note the information presented.

#### 4.4 CONNECTING THE NORTHERN BEACHES - 10 MINS

#### DISCUSSION

L Hardy advised the group that a discussion paper was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

By way of background, she advised the group that Council was given funding through the Stronger Communities Fund, and council officers looked at how best to spend the funds to make a much more connected Northern Beaches. The decision (ratified by Council at an extraordinary meeting on 16 December 2016) was to create an all weather, off / on road bike and walking trail from Palm Beach to Manly.

#### **DECISION**

That the Natural Environment Strategic Reference Group note the information presented.

#### 5.0 STRATEGIC DISCUSSION TOPICS

Nil

#### 6.0 STRATEGIC WORKSHOPS

#### 6.1 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT SRG DIRECTIONS PAPER - 40 MINS

#### **DISCUSSION**

Due to time constraints, this item was held over until the next meeting. T Dickinson advised, that he wants the group collectively over the next few months to come up with a directions paper that can guide the incoming Council on strategic environmental matters.

There was a question raised as to whether the group could meet between now and the next meeting? T Dickinson said that they could meet informally.

#### **DECISION**

That this item be deferred to the next meeting where the Natural Environment Strategic Reference Group will review their aspirations list in preparation to commence work on the Directions Paper.

#### 7.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

#### **SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

#### **ACTION RESPONSIBLE OFFICER**

A McTaggart requested that a copy of the Greater Sydney Commission draft District Plan be placed in all council libraries

Principal Officer Strategic Planning

AM Newbury advised she would source information around who is on the -North District Planning Panel and circulate it to the group.

Principal Officer Strategic Planning

For those that handwrote separate notes at Item 4.1, M Lee to receive hard copy notes, scan and return to members if required.

Governance Manager

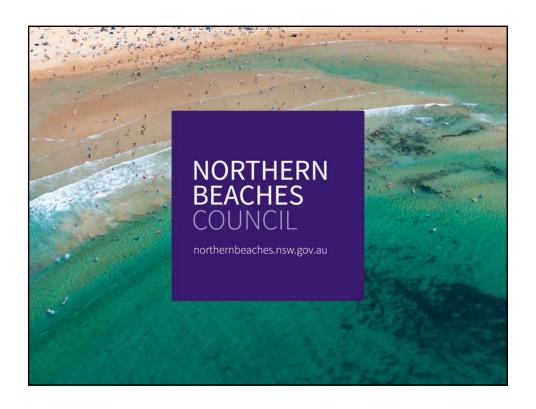
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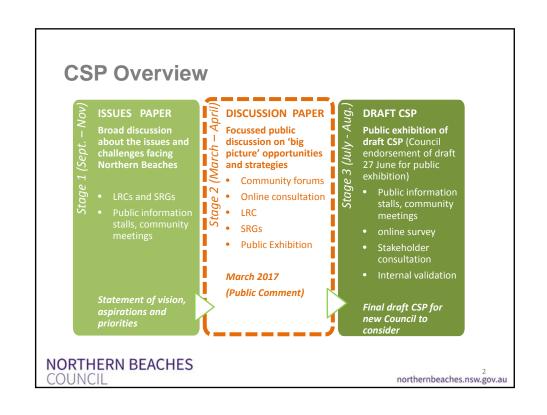
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The meeting concluded at 7.15pm

This is the final page of the Notes comprising 8 pages numbered 1 to 8 of the Natural Environment Strategic Reference Group meeting held on Thursday 9 February 2017 and confirmed on Thursday 13 April 2017





## **Stage 1 Outcomes**

- ✓ Strong vision statement (draft) supported and informed by clear community aspirations
- ✓ Well defined priorities providing a solid foundation for the Discussion Paper
- ✓ Good community participation: more than 1,000 community members, LRCs and SRGs provided input
- ✓ Overall support for the new Council expressed during the engagement

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Northern Beaches:

a safe, inclusive and connected community that values the natural and built environment

Priority areas	Comments (N=2467)	By Theme	
Environment Management & Protection (incl. climate change, natural hazards & biodiversity)	16%	Environment or 46%	
Clean Environment	4%		
Planning for Future communities  Built Environment interactions	26%		
Open space & Diverse recreation Arts/culture/creative activities & spaces Community, health, well being & safety	7% 6% 7%	Social or 20%	
Transport, Infrastructure & Connectivity	20%	Economic	
<ul> <li>Economic Development (diversity, innovation &amp; growth, local employment &amp; education, tourism and visitors)</li> </ul>	14%	or 34%	

# **Discussion Paper:** Purpose and objectives

The purpose of the Discussion Paper is to inform discussions with the community on how to work toward their vision

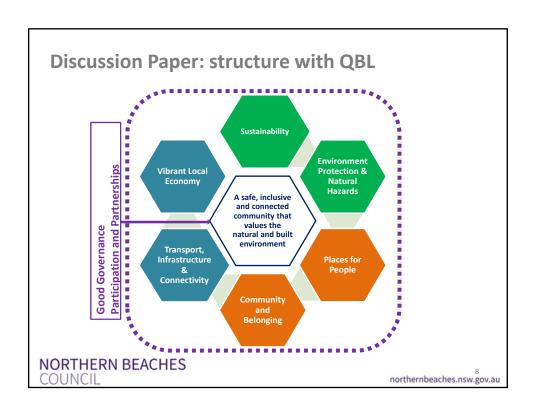
- To reflect back what we have heard is important to the community (confirm vision and aspirations)
- To identify goals and strategies
- To facilitate open and constructive dialogue on 'the big picture' and on balances
- To consider interrelationships between issues
- To consider the policy context and trends



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Community Priorities from consultation	Discussion Paper: Themes
Environment Management & Protection (incl. natural hazards, climate change, bushland & biodiversity)	1. Environmental sustainability
Clean Environment	2. Natural Values
<ul><li>Population growth, development &amp; infrastructure</li><li>Housing Affordability</li></ul>	3. Places for People
<ul> <li>Open space &amp; Diverse recreation</li> <li>Arts/culture/creative activities &amp; spaces</li> <li>Community Connectedness</li> <li>Health, Well Being, Safety</li> </ul>	4. Community and Belonging
<ul><li>Transport &amp; connectivity</li><li>Traffic, roads and congestion</li></ul>	5. Integrated Transport Planning
Economic Development	6. Vibrant Local Economy
<ul><li>Leadership</li><li>Transparency</li><li>Accountability</li></ul>	7. Good Governance
Local area representation	8. Participation and Partnerships
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#### Outcomes (themes) and community aspirations

#### Sustainability

Growth is sustainable and well balanced

#### **Environmental Protection & Natural Hazards**

We are inspired by bush, beaches & waterways
Development is balanced with our lifestyle and environment

#### **Places for People**

Our streets & neighbourhoods are safe, clean & family friendly

We celebrate local villages and communities

Our communities and businesses are connected and inclusive

#### **Community and Belonging**

We have vibrant spaces with diverse arts & cultural experiences

#### Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

Transport is seamless and integrated

#### **Vibrant Local Economy**

Businesses have the infrastructure to grow locally and globally Local businesses thrive and grow

#### **Good Governance**

We demonstrate strong community leadership and environmental stewardship Our governance is open and transparent

#### **Participation and Partnerships**

We have a say in what happens in our local area

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- Opportunities for creating a more connected and inclusive community
- 2. INTRODUCTION
- 3. A SNAPSHOT OF THE NORTHERN BEACHES
- 4. WHAT THE COMMUNITY HAVE SAID

#### 5. POLICY CONTEXT

- Integrated Planning and Reporting
- Key policies and plans (e.g. District Plan)

#### 6. COMMUNITY OUTCOMES (8 THEMES)

- How the outcome area contributes to the vision
- Why it is a priority to the community?
- Benefits to the community
- Where are we now? Where should we be heading?
- Goals and strategies

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## **WORKSHOP** objectives

To consider the goals and strategic considerations; Flag if there are any issues:

1. Do the goal and strategic considerations reflect community needs:



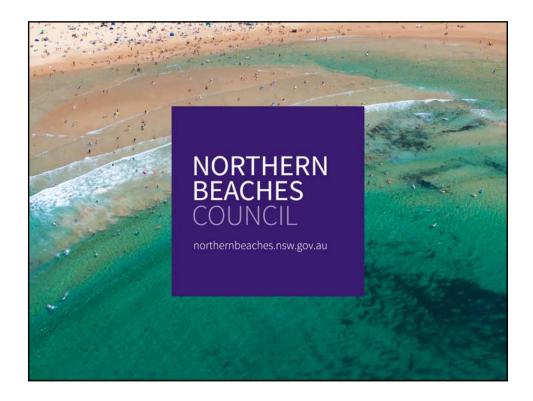
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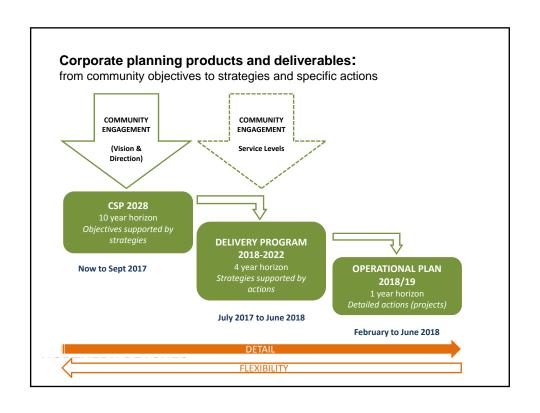
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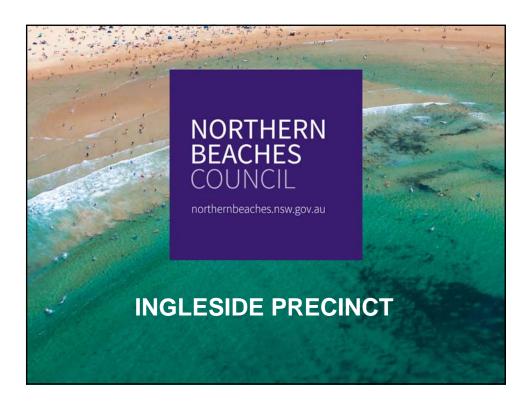
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VISION & PRIORITIES	Sep - Nov 2016 Community engagement: Issues Paper
STRATEGIES	Mar - Apr 2017 Community engagement: Discussion Paper Staff and stakeholder engagement
PUBLIC EXHIBITION DRAFT CSP	Jul - Aug 2017 Community engagement: Feedback on draft
FINAL CSP ADOPTED	Adoption post September 2017 by the newly elected Council







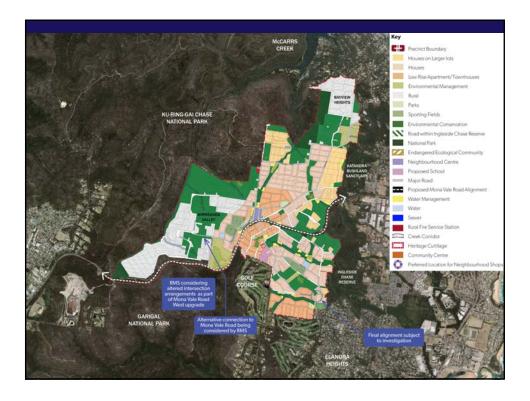
## **Background**

- Identified for Land Release as early as 1960s
- Many stops and starts since then
- Council resolution of 18 February 2013
- Included in the Metropolitan Plan for Sydney and in District Plan.
- Listed as a "Priority Growth Area" under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Sydney Region Growth Centres) 2006
- Vision A connected, liveable and sustainable community that embraces and respects its landscape setting.

# Planning for a sustainable future: The Ingleside Precinct

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## **Plan Highlights**

- 700 hectares
- 40% development
- 30% conservation
- 30% remain in current state
- 3,400 new dwellings
- Affordable housing up to 10%
- Diverse mix of housing product
- 6 sports fields
- 1 primary school
- 2 community centres
- Neighbourhood centre with local shops

## **Strong Environmental Emphasis**

- Green Building Council of Australia Target: 4 Star (Australian Best Practice)
- Water Target: +/-5% environmental flows & +/-10% groundwater across whole precinct
- Beyond BASIX water and energy targets
- The Precinct will be "bio-certified land". No net loss of flora or fauna
- Fauna connectivity

## Where to from here?

#### **Exhibition until 28 February 2017**

- Pin Your Ideas using Social Pinpoint
- ICRG in December
- Drop in sessions scheduled in February

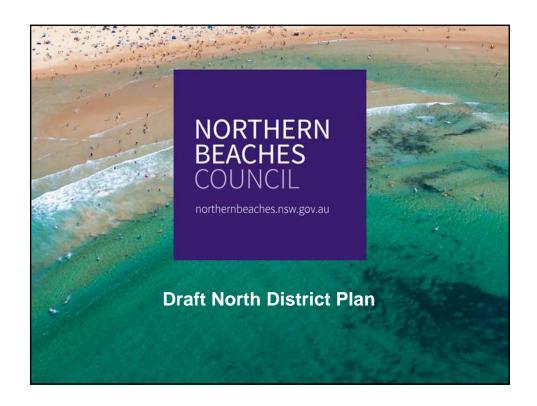
#### Post - Exhibition

Formal Exhibition of Zoning Package (April 2017)

Adoption of Section 94 Plan by Council (before land is rezoned)

Forward adopted Section 94 Plan to IPART Land is formally rezoned (Mid-late 2017)





## **Greater Sydney Commission**

#### What is the Greater Sydney Commission?

The Greater Sydney Commission (GSC) was established by the NSW Government in 2016 to focus
on the coordination and alignment of planning that will shape the future of Greater Sydney.

It is responsible for metropolitan planning in a partnership between State and local government.

Greater Sydney is divided into 6 Districts

Central

North

West Central

West

South West

South



## **Greater Sydney Commission**

#### Who are the members of the Greater Sydney Commission?

■ The membership of the GSC consists of 4 Greater Sydney Commissioners, being

Chief Commissioner – Lucy Hughes Turnbull

Economic Commissioner - Geoff Roberts

Environment Commissioner - Roderick Simpson

Social Commissioner - Heather Nesbitt

- Chief Executive Officer Sarah Hill
- 3 Ex-Officio members, being Secretaries of

**NSW Treasury** 

**NSW Planning** 

Transport for NSW

## **North District**

#### What is the North District?

- The North District is 1 of 6 Districts of Greater Sydney
- The District consists of 9 Local Government Areas, being:

Northern Beaches

Hornsby

Hunter's Hill

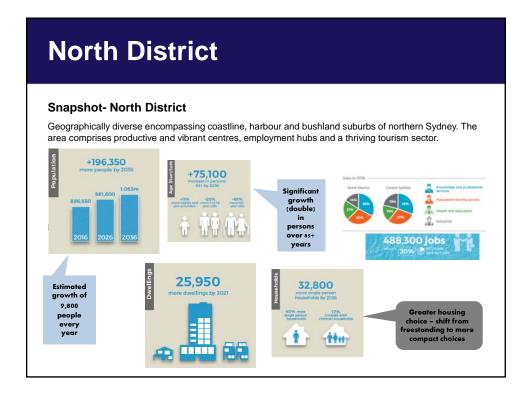
Ku-ring-gai

Lane Cove Mosman

Ryde

Willoughby





## **Draft North District Plan**

#### **Draft Plan on Exhibition**

 The draft North District Plan and the draft amendment to update A Plan for Growing Sydney is currently on exhibition until March 2017



## **Draft North District Plan**

#### What the draft North District Plan Means for Local Government

- Proposes priorities and actions that will influence the role of local government, specifically how local government plan for future growth.
- The draft Plan will:
  - · Inform the preparation of local environmental plans
  - · Inform planning proposals
  - Guide strategic land use, transport and infrastructure planning and investment across local government areas,
  - · Inform infrastructure planning and investment
- Status of the draft North District Plan
  - Guide the preparation of Planning Proposals under Part 3 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979
  - Once the draft District Plan is made, Council's are required to give effect to the District Plan as soon as practicable
  - The Draft District Plan/ District Plan is not a mandatory matter for consideration (S79C) for determination of development applications under Part 4 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.

## **Draft North District Plan**

#### What is the Structure of the Plan?

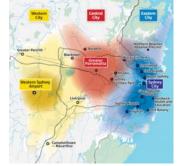
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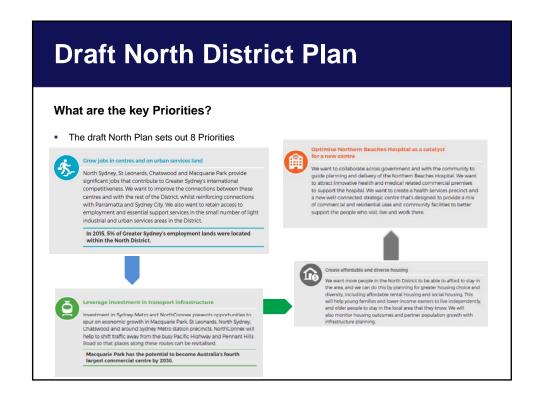
Section 1 – Introduction: sets the framework for the Plan including the role of district plans, implementation and a preamble of the evolution of the 4 goals of the *A Plan for Growing Sydney*, into 3 new interconnected concepts of a Productive city, A liveable city and a sustainable city

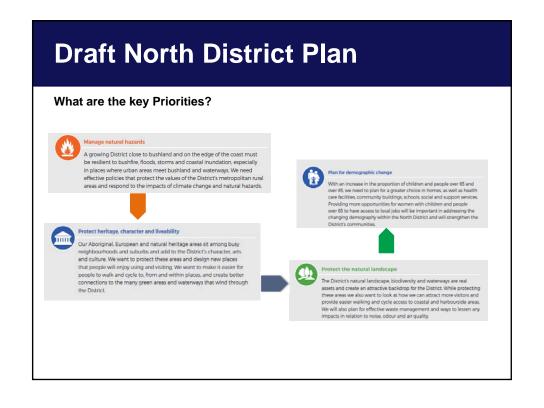
Section 2 – Our vision Towards our Greater Sydney 2056: outlines the proposed draft amendments to A Plan for Growing Sydney to allow it to align with the vision established by the draft District Plan. This section also raises the 3 city concept for Greater Sydney, being Western Sydney, Central City and Eastern City.

Sections 3 to 5 - Outlines a range of strategies and specific actions designed to achieve the draft District Plans vision of a Productive/ Liveable/Sustainable City

a growing city	an equitable polycentric city	A city in its landscape
a city with smart jobs	a city of housing choice & diversity	An efficient city
a 30-minute city	a collaborative city	A resilient city







#### **Darft North District Plan** What are the key Productivity Actions? Productivity actions Action Pl: Develop better understanding of the value and operation of employment and urban services land Increase in total jobs A Productive City an economic development strategy for the Eastern City Increase in total jobs and increase in health and education and knowledge and professional services jobs P3: Create a sense of place, grow jobs and diversify activity in Macquarie Park **(** Increase in total jobs and increase in health and education and knowledge and professional services jobs P4: Facilitate place making and the growth and diversification of job opportunities in St Leonards DPE, Councils P5: Coordinate planning and infrastructure delivery in the Northern Beaches Hospital Collaboration Area CSC P6: Crow and manage the visitor economy within the District Increase visitation osc



## **Draft North District Plan**

#### What are the key Sustainability Actions?

A Sustainable City



Action	Outcome	Lead agency	Partners
S1: Review criteria for monitoring water quality and waterway health	Improved water quality and waterway health	OEH	csc
S2: Update information on areas of high environmental value	Protection and management of areas of high environmental value	OEH, DPE	Councils
S3: Use funding programs to deliver the North District Green Grid priorities	Delivery of the Green Grid priorities	GSC, TfNSW, OEH	Councils
S4: Develop support tools and methodologies for local open space planning	Improved utilisation of open space and increased provision of open space	csc	
S5: Update the Urban Green Cover in NSW Technical Guidelines to respond to solar access to roofs	Protection of solar access to roofs	OEH, DPE	
\$6: Identify land for future waste reuse and recycling	Identification of land for waste management	EPA, DPE	Councils
S7: Embed the NSW Climate Change Policy Framework into local planning decisions	Contribute to energy efficiency, reduced emissions and improved environmental performance	osc	Councils, OEH
S8: Support the development of initiatives for a sustainable low carbon future	Contribute to energy efficiency, reduced emissions and improved environmental performance	GSC, Councils, DPE	
S9: Support the development of environmental performance targets and benchmarks	Contribute to improved environmental performance	csc	NSW Climate Council, Australian Government, utility provider
\$10. Incorporate the mitigation of the urban heat island effect into planning for urban renewal projects and Priority Crowth Areas	Contribute to reductions in ambient temperatures	DPE	
511: Review the guidelines for air quality and noise measures for development near rail corridors and busy roads	improved land use and transport decision making	EPA, DPE	
\$12: Identify and map potential high impact areas for noise and air pollution	Improved land use and transport decision making	EPA	DPE. Councils

## **Draft North District Plan**

#### What Targets have been set?

**Job Targets** 

Centre	Centre Type	2036 Baseline Target
Northern Beaches Hospital precinct	Strategic	12,000
Brookvale-Dee Why	District	23,000
Manly	District	6,000
Mona Vale	District	5,000

**Housing Target** 



5 Year Housing Targets 3,400

20 year Strategic target to be set via local Residential Housing Strategy

Affordable Rental Housing Target (5% to 10%)



