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### **BACKGROUND AND APPROACH**

The draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents were placed on public exhibition on 17 May 2017 until 5.00 pm on 14 June 2017. Advertisements were placed in print media advising of the exhibition period. As well, the City's social media channels (Twitter and LinkedIn) also advised their respective followers of the exhibition period.

The key digital platform used was Sydney Your Say website [www.sydneyyoursay.com.au](http://www.sydneyyoursay.com.au). Printed copies were also made available for inspection at the City's neighbourhood service centres and at Town Hall House.

The approach to the exhibition period was one of 'testing' the draft documents – Sustainable Sydney 2030, the Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Resourcing Strategy.

In addition to facilitating document downloads and make submissions on each document, the Sydney Your Say site was designed to encourage visitors to step through each of the ten strategic directions in Sustainable Sydney 2030 and respond to the overarching question "In your opinion, are there any issues we have missed to achieve the vision of a green, global and connected city by 2030". Responses to each of the ten directions were also invited.

Visitors to the site were also encouraged to identify one or more of the issues and opportunities that informed the updated Sustainable Sydney 2030 and explain why it resonated with them. There was also an opportunity to tell us of any other issues or opportunities that should be taken into account in finalising Sustainable Sydney 2030. As well, there was space for visitors to the site to make any other comments they wished to on the draft Sustainable Sydney 2030.

### **SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED**

A total of 2,644 visits to [www.sydneyyoursay.com](http://www.sydneyyoursay.com) took place between 17 May and 5.00 pm on 14 June 2017.

During this time:

- 142 copies of Sustainable Sydney 2030 were downloaded or viewed and 23 people provided comment via the survey on the site;
- 76 copies the Delivery Program were downloaded or viewed and with no comments provided;
- 100 copies of the Operational Plan were downloaded or viewed and 1 person provided comment;
- 84 copies of the Resourcing Strategy were downloaded or viewed with no comments provided; and
- 349 copies of the Fees and Charges 2017-2018 were downloaded.

In addition, 7 submissions were received via email at [corporateplan@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:corporateplan@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au). The details of these submissions are included in part B of this section of the report.

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Details of the comments and the City's proposed responses follows.

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## SUSTAINABLE SYDNEY 2030 – COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

### Feedback on Strategic Directions

In response to the question “In your opinion are there any issues we have missed to achieve the vision of a green, global and connected city by 2030?” the following comments were received. The Sydney Your Say comments are provided verbatim unless otherwise noted:

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<p>The affordable housing issue hasn't been missed, however the search for solutions is not very clear. New housing concepts should be explored, e.g. co-housing, the German concept of 'Baugruppen' etc. These 'innovative' housing concepts (although they have been around for over 30 years, in particular in Denmark) should be explored further. Maybe a pilot project could be done, advocacy for these types of housing concepts. Co-housing concepts could provide a solution for the un-affordable housing markets in many ways: cultural diversity, sustainability, creating lively communities and more.</p> <p><i>(Note that while exactly the same comment was submitted multiple times it has been recorded only once in this report.)</i></p>	<p>The City is focused on the delivery of affordable housing, as part of a diverse housing supply that sustains a socio-economically diverse society. We classify affordable rental housing as that which costs no more than 30% of a lower income household's gross income. Our <u>Housing Issues Paper</u> sets out our position on these issues – including the exploration of new models of housing.</p> <p>The City is striving to deliver more affordable housing, within the limits of our control. For example, we have established an Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund to fund new developments. We have made land available to the community housing sector at a subsidised rate. The first project supported by the fund is a 166 crisis and affordable housing unit development by the Salvation Army in Surry Hills.</p> <p>The City is using development levies to generate additional funding for affordable housing. This approach has financed 880 affordable housing units in Ultimo/Pymont, Green Square and the new Southern Employment Lands, with an additional 430 dwellings proposed, or in the development pipeline. We continue to advocate with state government to permit us to do more in this area.</p> <p>The City is working within the mechanisms available to us, but delivery of affordable housing and social housing at the scale required for a sustainable Sydney requires much stronger action and investment by state and federal governments. No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.</p>
<p>Enforcement of noise control. For example not allowing loud motorcycles in the city</p>	<p>The City works hard to balance the amenity of the city for all users including residents, visitors and business in an active 24 hour urban environment. Planning for and monitoring noisy activity is an important activity.</p>

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	<p>With regard to noisy vehicles, the City advises that motorbikes are designed in accordance with the Australian Design Rules to ensure vehicle noise is not excessive. The police and the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) are the agencies responsible for monitoring vehicles thought to be exceeding appropriate noise limits.</p> <p>No change to Sustainable Sydney 2030 is proposed.</p>
<p>Saving the trees, saving taxpayers \$1 Billion, finishing the Eastern Suburbs Railway and making George St completely bus, tram and car free (have an electric 555 loop service if desired)</p> <p>As recommended by the EMM report into the light rail commissioned by Randwick Council, not only completing the eastern suburbs railway to Kingsford via UNSW, but extending on to Sydnham via Mascot - this will also do away with the need for WestCONnex.</p> <p>Replant trees killed for light rail.</p>	<p>The City supports the implementation of light rail in George Street. Light rail provides the catalyst to improve the urban amenity of central Sydney, deliver high quality and reliable public transport and increase space for active transport. Light rail will, when completed, offer people a convenient way to move through the city centre.</p> <p>The City supports increasing the use of public transport, walking and cycling as alternatives to car use, and in particular the continuing increase in car use.</p> <p>No change to Sustainable Sydney 2030 is proposed.</p>
<p>I support 'greening', global and connected Sydney, we need all transport to be placed underground. Projects like the westconnex and Sydney Metro should be supported by the city and added to. Greening of Sydney and reducing greenhouse emissions means taking slow cars and public transport from our overcrowded surface, to fast and efficient underground tunnels. Our ground should be for humans and trees not slow transport.</p>	<p>The City supports increasing the use of public transport, walking and cycling as alternatives to car use.</p> <p>The City supports the Sydney Metro which will deliver a considerable increase in public transport capacity serving central and inner Sydney.</p> <p>The City does not support WestConnex. While the tunnels are underground there is a need for vehicles to come to the surface and use local streets. The impacts of major intersections, portals and ventilation stacks are detrimental to a liveable city and directly conflict with the vision to be green, global and connected. Surface traffic increases as cars travel to and from the motorway infrastructure which impacts local amenity and air quality and increases local traffic congestion.</p> <p>No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.</p>
<p>Improved recycling, awareness of what can be recycled or not. Perhaps an incentive to recycle (or</p>	<p>The City's Draft waste strategy and action plan <i>Leave Nothing to Waste</i> sets out a series of actions to improve recycling outcomes by optimising</p>

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disincentive) beard on waste to impact your council rates?	existing City services, reducing contamination, and exploring the introduction of new services. Increasing our community's understanding of what can be recycled as well as encouraging the uptake of recycling will be part of the strategy. By 2030, we want our city to divert more than 90% of all waste from landfill. No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.
No, this seems to cover it.	The comment is noted.

In addition to the general responses above, the following specific comments were received in relation to the 10 Strategic Directions:

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1	Put car and public transport underground.	The City supports underground rail in the form of the Sydney Metro which will deliver a considerable increase in public transport capacity serving central and inner Sydney. Underground vehicle tunnels still have a need for vehicles to come to the surface and use local streets. The impacts of major intersections, portals and ventilation stacks are detrimental to a liveable city and directly conflict with the vision to be green, global and connected. Surface traffic increases as cars travel to and from the motorway infrastructure which impacts local amenity and air quality and increases local traffic congestion.
	We are part of the capitalist economy, so being creative (we don't have much choice about being global) is the way to go to staying prosperous.	The City notes the comments regarding creativity and its role in economic competitiveness. No change to Sustainable Sydney 2030 is proposed.
	Be a Sydney.it comes the best, promise. not so big,moderate be.good nature	The comment is noted.
	We already have this as a value. I think this is a pretentious idea	The comments are noted. The City acknowledges that the attraction of global

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	<p>in the neoliberal context. It has negative implications for many local people.</p> <p><i>(Note that while exactly the same comment was submitted twice it has been recorded only once in this report.)</i></p>	<p>talent, ideas and investment to our area can provide our residents and workforce with on-going economic security, jobs and prosperity. However, not all of our residents automatically share the benefits of this global imperative. This requires us to give attention to the diversity of our local economy and its drivers as well as its positive socio-economic outcomes through fostering inclusive economic growth. No change to Sustainable Sydney 2030 is proposed.</p>
2	<p>There is one water bubbler at circular quay that leaks and doesn't work properly. This is an international disgrace. There are coke/mount franklin machines on train stations, but no bubblers. Brisbane has filtered water bubblers everywhere you go. The fact that we don't is really shameful.</p>	<p>As Circular Quay and train stations are managed by the NSW government, the suggestion will be forwarded to the appropriate agencies. No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.</p>
	<p>less constructive to pave the way, feeding What you needs less -</p>	<p>The comment is noted.</p>
	<p>This is really impressive: Emissions across our local government area have reduced by an estimated 17 per cent between 2006 and June 2015. During the same period, the economy grew by 32 per cent, new dwellings by 18 per cent, total new floor space 10 per cent, residents 25 per cent, workers 19 per cent and 16 per cent more visitors.</p>	<p>The comment is noted.</p>
	<p>The environment is the elephant in the room with every other issue.</p>	<p>The comment is noted.</p>
	<p>Long way to go but great to see good recycling initiatives getting a foothold.</p>	<p>The comment is noted.</p>



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	<p>This is an important priority.</p> <p><i>(Note that while exactly the same comment was submitted twice it has been recorded only once in this report.)</i></p>	<p>The comment is noted.</p>
3	<p>This is unfortunately a poorer result area. Footpaths are crucial. Why cant the City just widen them? In Glebe this is really needed - and it would have the effect of reducing traffic flow, which is a positive. If it annoys people in vehicles maybe they would get out of them.</p>	<p>The City has adopted the Cycling Strategy and the Walking Strategy and Action Plan. Both documents set out targets and actions to encourage walking and riding. The actions include improving and extending the footpath and cycleway networks. Footpath improvement projects are undertaken in consultation with State Government and the local community and in line with available resources. No change to Sustainable Sydney 2030 is proposed.</p>
	<p>regulate tracking numbers,done,</p>	<p>The comment is noted.</p>
	<p>We have And - the big question - where are the bike paths?????"</p>	<p>The City advises that cycleway projects are undertaken in line with the adopted Cycling Strategy and in consultation with State Government and the local community. No change to Sustainable Sydney 2030 is proposed.</p>
	<p>to be able to get around and there is much that can be done to improve transport infrastructure and keep polluting vehicles out of the city.</p>	<p>The City is committed to encouraging active transport and providing walking and riding paths and facilities. The City continues to support car share which enables households to avoid car ownership. No change to Sustainable Sydney 2030 is proposed.</p>
	<p>This is an important priority.</p> <p><i>(Note that while exactly the same comment was submitted twice it has been recorded only once in this report.)</i></p>	<p>The comment is noted.</p>
4	<p>Hopeless. Better footpaths, more bike paths needed.</p>	<p>The City has adopted the Cycling Strategy and the Walking Strategy and Action Plan. Both documents set out targets and actions</p>

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		<p>to encourage walking and riding. The actions include improving and extending the footpath and cycleway networks. Footpath improvement projects are undertaken in consultation with State Government and the local community and in line with available resources. Cycleway projects are undertaken in line with the City's Cycling Strategy and in consultation with State Government and the local community.</p> <p>No change to Sustainable Sydney 2030 is proposed.</p>
	Garden city planning	The comment is noted.
	The light rail down George Street is too big, over-engineered, and too slow to build. Why do we do these projects so badly?	<p>The comment is noted.</p> <p>The City advises that the implementation of the CBD and South East light rail project is the responsibility of the NSW Government. These comments will be passed onto the relevant agency.</p> <p>The City continues to advocate for the optimum integration of the light rail on George Street and surrounding streets.</p>
	Keep our pedestrians and cyclists safe and free of at risk behaviours on the roads! It's much greener!	The comment is noted.
	It's good to see more and more cyclists	The comment is noted.
	Important for cyclists to feel safe in the city. Car drivers can be too aggressive. I really appreciate the staff who perform free bike check ups and give free lights and raise awareness of bike safety.	<p>The City is also concerned for the safety of cyclists and is committed to extending the cycleway and shared path network. Cycleway projects are undertaken in line with the City's Cycling Strategy and in consultation with State Government and the local community.</p> <p>No change to Sustainable Sydney 2030 is proposed.</p>
5	Westfields killed oxford st. shut down westfields. Encourage diverse small business, not global gucci stores.	As part of our economic development strategy, the City is committed to fostering a diverse and robust economy, which is recognised as an important feature for

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		<p>sustainable, resilient long-term economic growth. This includes diversity in business type and scale of business – from small local businesses to global businesses – all have a role to play in our city economy. The City sees small business as crucial to creating vibrant and sustainable precincts. Small businesses deliver benefits, including variety in products and services and offer diverse employment opportunities. The City of Sydney has a wide range of tools and resources to help small business, including seminars on skills development, helping navigate regulations, assistance with compliance and resources to help businesses understand their potential customer base.</p> <p>No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.</p>
	design smart,built will,well.	The comment is noted.
	Would love to see more here for children	<p>The City acknowledges the comment and has committed to improving the city’s accessibility for children and families. A new city centre inclusive play space is currently being investigated.</p> <p>No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.</p>
	I can walk into the city for world class entertainment.	The comment is noted.
	Live music venues open till late is important for the music scene. Keep these venues in operation.	<p>The City agrees and has a diverse program a support available for live music and performance venues. It includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one-on-one liaison services</li> <li>• dedicated priority planning process</li> <li>• significant planning and regulatory reform projects</li> <li>• industry development projects delivered in partnership with industry</li> <li>• funding options for music programs and venues, including dedicated funding for all ages activities to grow future audiences</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• strong advocacy to the NSW Government in support of venues</li> <li>• research to support industry-led advocacy and evidence based policy</li> </ul> <p>Full details of the City’s activities to support live music and performance are available in annual reports published in February/March each year. The latest report is available here - <a href="http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/vision/towards-2030/communities-and-culture/culture-and-creativity/live-music-and-performance">http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/vision/towards-2030/communities-and-culture/culture-and-creativity/live-music-and-performance</a></p> <p>No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.</p>
6	This is hard - inequality is growing. Anything that can stop this slide is to be welcomed.	<p>The City acknowledges the comment and is concerned about rising inequality and impacts on the social and economic sustainability of the city – issues shared by other global cities.</p> <p>We advocate to state and federal government on a range of structural policy matters that impact this issue, which are within their remit. This includes taxation levers; investment in social infrastructure and services, and investment in social and affordable rental housing supply for lower income earners – recognising that social and economic diversity is underpinned by housing supply diversity.</p> <p>Our research and strategies to address this issue from a local government perspective are set out in our <u><a href="#">Social Sustainability Policy and Discussion Paper – A City for All, and the evidence paper that accompanies this.</a></u></p> <p>Through our delivery of the <i>City for All</i> policy, which is informing the delivery of our wide range of social services, programs and initiatives – including delivery of affordable rental housing and affordable facilities and services for lower income earners – we are seeking to respond to this issue directly.</p> <p>No change to Sustainable Sydney 2030 is proposed.</p>

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	<p>Services must be sensitive to need. They have to be based on respect for people. Technological advances generally do not do anything to promote service provision in my view and they are everywhere in service provision. A focus on real connections has to be the focus of any attempt to build wellbeing in society. Words leave me cold for a start like 'resilient and inclusive communities' to do anything to begin the real work of what it means to feel valued in a society. The words are little more than a photocopy of government speak. They suggest empty self promotion.</p> <p><i>(Note that while exactly the same comment was submitted twice it has been recorded only once in this report.)</i></p>	<p>The City acknowledges and agrees with this comment.</p> <p>Our overarching approach to service delivery that is sensitive to changing community needs over time is set out <a href="#">Social Sustainability Policy and Discussion Paper – A City for All, and the evidence paper that accompanies this.</a></p> <p>We agree that individuals' and communities' sense of belonging, local social connections and ability to influence decisions that impact their lives are at the core of a sustainable society.</p> <p>We are addressing these issues directly through a range of social services, programs and initiatives. You can read more about <a href="#">our range of local community services and programs here</a>. These are designed to appeal to diverse community members, providing opportunities for local social connections.</p> <p>Targeted initiatives include community development activities to strengthen communities at a neighbourhood level and among residents of apartment buildings. Our approaches to these issues are developed in close consultation with communities.</p> <p>No change to Sustainable Sydney 2030 is proposed.</p>
	<p>leave alone,ignore,keep together.love each other,provoke enthusiasm,</p>	<p>The comment is noted.</p>
7	<p>Enable up and coming arts groups to use dark days at city performing venues</p>	<p>The City of Sydney does not currently operate any performing arts venue, rather it has third party organisations managing the venues owned by the City. The usage is controlled by the venue operators and reviewed annually.</p> <p>No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.</p>
	<p>emphasize on people who were detoured,</p>	<p>The comment is noted.</p>

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	Free and accessible cultural and creative events are great for the community.	The comment is noted.
8	More affordable housing. Don't let developers build student housing under the guise of providing affordable housing.	<p>The City is focused on the delivery of affordable housing, as part of a diverse housing supply that sustains a socio-economically diverse society. Our <a href="#">Housing Issues Paper</a> sets out our position on these issues – including the matter of student housing delivered through the NSW Government's Affordable Rental Housing State Environmental Planning Policy (ARHSEPP) not necessarily being affordable, but rather providing for a particular sector of the housing market. We classify affordable rental housing as that which costs no more than 30% of a lower income household's gross income. The City is striving to deliver more affordable housing, within the limits of our control. For example, we have established an Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund to fund new developments. We have made land available to the community housing sector at a subsidised rate. The City is using development levies to generate additional funding for affordable housing. We continue to advocate with the state government to permit us to do more in this area.</p> <p>The City is working within the mechanisms available to us, but delivery of affordable housing and social housing at the scale required for a sustainable Sydney requires much stronger action and investment by state and federal governments. No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.</p>
	Low cost housing is urgently needed.	Refer to the response above.
	Over it you all do what you eant anyway. Your decisions are ruled buy your own personal budget	The comment is noted.

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	teach them to absolve,tenderness,soleness, co-housing together.	The comment is noted.
9	YOUR NEW LIBRARIES POOLS AND ALL THE TRENDY LOOKS IN DESIGN DONT DELIVER A COMMUNITY OF EQUALITY. THEY SEPERATE PEOPLE MORE THOSE THAT HAVE CAN. THOSE THAT CARNT DONE. O BUT IT IS SOOO TRENDY.	<p>The City strives to ensure that our facilities and services are affordable and accessible for all.</p> <p>We invest in design with a view to ensuring that people of all income levels have access to high quality facilities that support quality of life and wellbeing.</p> <p>We provide fee discounts and fee waivers for those experiencing financial hardship, as set out in our <u>Fees and Charges Policy</u>. We provide for subsidised places through our early childhood education and care centres, and we also provide many free facilities – including our network of community centres and libraries.</p> <p>Our aquatic centres also provide residents who are low income earners and (dependents 16 years and under and under living with them) a swim for \$2 or access to fitness centres for \$5.50.</p> <p>No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.</p>
	be smart,be moderate,	The comment is noted.
	Keep making things better in the best designed and most energy efficient way.	<p>Sustainable Sydney 2030 sets targets for the construction of new homes, consistent with NSW Government directions, to accommodate Sydney’s growing population in places close to transport, jobs and services. Planning controls require green space, energy efficiency and amenity for apartments, including light and ventilation.</p> <p>Our design excellence processes ensure major developments achieve the highest design quality. The City is accelerating environmental actions including developing a pathway for net-zero carbon buildings.</p> <p>We have also submitted proposals to the NSW Government to apply affordable housing levies across the council area, which could deliver over 2,000 new affordable homes.</p>

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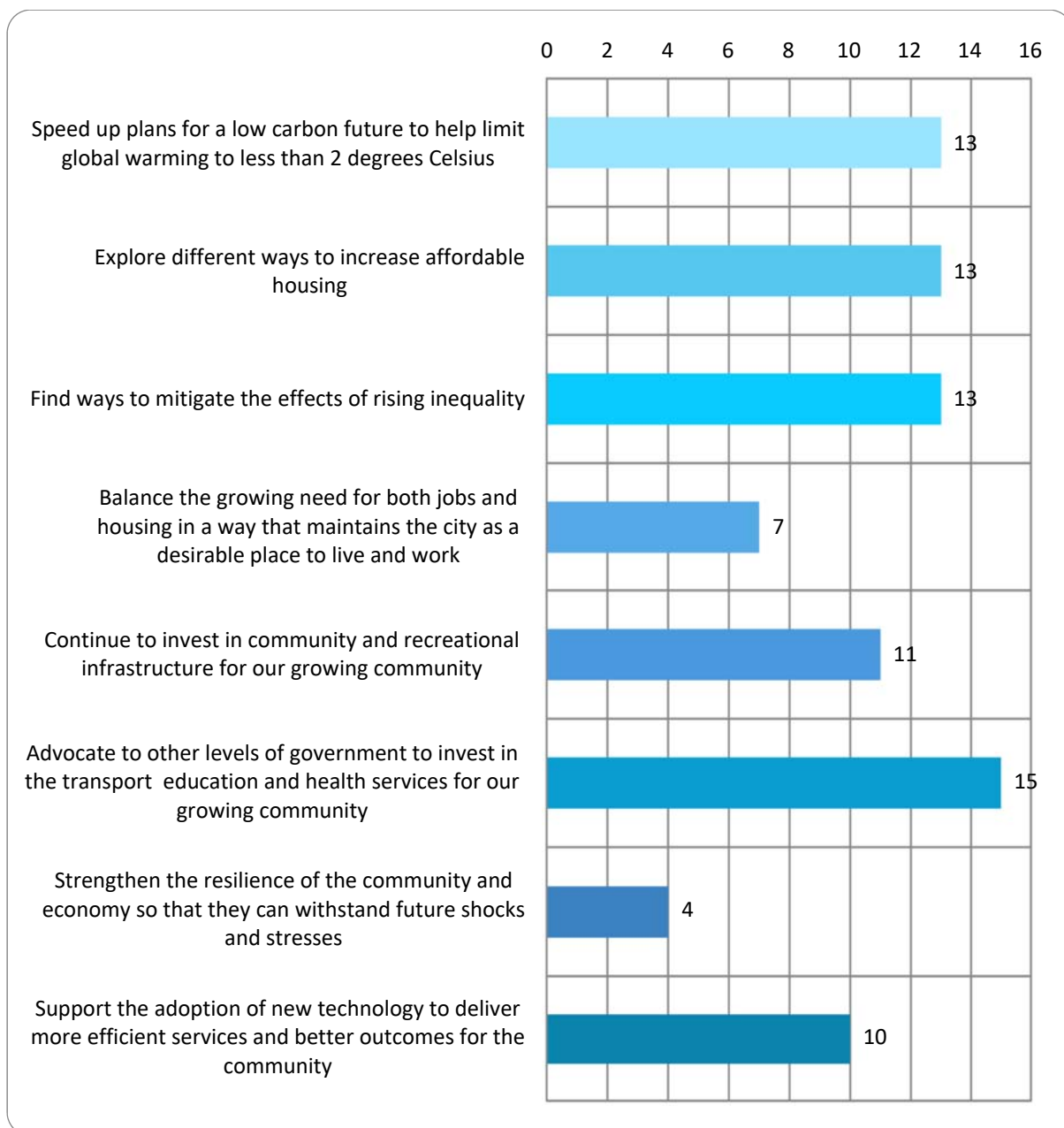
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		<p>In addition, the City is implementing sustainable design guidelines to ensure all its own capital works projects consider environmental criteria.</p> <p>No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.</p>
10	<p>Democracy and transparency is extremely important in this process especially as we have a corrupt state government.</p>	<p>The comment is noted.</p>
	<p>affordable minds to be,</p>	<p>The comment is noted.</p>
	<p>This consultative process is an exclusive one.</p> <p><i>(Note that while exactly the same comment was submitted twice it has been recorded only once in this report.)</i></p>	<p>The City uses a range of consultation approaches. These are outlined in the Community Engagement Strategy included in Resourcing Plan, part of the Integrated Planning and Reporting documents. The development of the plans and strategies that make up Sustainable Sydney 2030 has engaged the community in a variety of ways to ensure the process is inclusive and accessible and that we hear the diverse perspectives of our communities.</p> <p>The public exhibition of the Community Strategic Plan and Integrated Planning and Reporting documents has been hosted on <a href="http://sydneyyoursay.com.au">sydneyyoursay.com.au</a>, a platform which meets or exceeds the WCAG 2.0 accessibility standard. Copies were also available in alternative formats such as braille upon request. Printed copies of the Integrated Planning and Reporting documents were made available at the City's neighbourhood service centres and at Town Hall House.</p> <p>No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.</p>

## Feedback on challenges and opportunities

Visitors to the Sydney Your Say website were invited to identify one or more of the issues that resonated with them. A summary of the responses follows.



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There was also an opportunity for people to identify why particular challenges and opportunities resonated with them as well as to identify any that had not been addressed in Sustainable Sydney 2030. The following responses were received:

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LOOK OUT SIDE AUSTRALIA WHAT OTHER NATIONS ARE DOING.	The City supports the practice of learning from international cities and countries. Our membership of organisations such as the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group and the 100 Resilient Cities program are just two examples where we have benefited from the expertise and knowledge of other city governments. We have implemented programs in Sydney that have been piloted in other cities that have

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	<p>been shown to deliver environmental, social and economic benefits.</p> <p>No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.</p>
<p>As above, the major opportunities and challenges that have not been addressed are that Sydney's population is being driven to increase by 2,000 people per week for at least the next 40 years. Will this help solve housing affordability? homelessness? green space? traffic congestion? pressure on infrastructure? this is the rhino in the room!</p> <p>At least having a city talk on population could be useful. Speakers could include Ken Henry, Jane O'Sullivan and George Megiolinis, who recently featured in <a href="https://www.google.com.au/search?q=the+economics+of+immigration+abc&amp;oq=the&amp;aqs=chrome.5.69i60l3j69i65l2j69i59.2535j0j7&amp;sourceid=chrome&amp;ie=UTF-8">https://www.google.com.au/search?q=the+economics+of+immigration+abc&amp;oq=the&amp;aqs=chrome.5.69i60l3j69i65l2j69i59.2535j0j7&amp;sourceid=chrome&amp;ie=UTF-8</a>"</p> <p>The Liberal Party, ALP and Greens are driving Australia's net overseas migration rate at 200,000 per year. It needs to be 70,000 or less as per the sustainable australia party.</p> <p>The state and federal Liberal governments are driving the Sydney population growth by 2,000 people per week for at least the next 40 years. Will this help the City of Sydney achieve any of its environmental aims?</p> <p>We are just mucking around with the symptoms, and need to treat the causes: Stop Global (and local) population growth, stop waste and pollution and stop killing trees and animals. Transition jobs to these areas.</p> <p>Stop global population growth, stop Sydney population growth. Stop global and sydney waste and pollution</p>	<p>The City notes the comments regarding immigration policy as a driver of growth.</p> <p>There are many drivers of residential, workforce and visitor growth in the City of Sydney local government area, one of which is immigration. Others include net population growth due to births and deaths, domestic population movement which in recent years has tended to be toward the inner parts of capital cities, as well as job creation and visitor destination which has also latterly centred on the inner parts of Sydney.</p> <p>Of these drivers, the key policy area is immigration and that is led by the federal government.</p> <p>The NSW Government is then responsible for setting dwelling and jobs growth targets to manage the distribution of metropolitan wide growth.</p> <p>The City engages with other levels of government on many of the outcomes and impacts of such decisions, particularly the environmental, social, housing and infrastructure requirements for our area.</p> <p>No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.</p>

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<p>stop killing sydney and global trees and animals.</p> <p><i>(Note that while exactly the same comment was submitted multiple times it has been recorded only once in this report.)</i></p>	
water-cycles	The comment is noted.
<p>Rental restrictions. The City should use whatever powers at its disposal to improve the situation for renters. More renters rights advocacy centres, incentives for real estate agents who abide by a code of conduct - whatever creative solutions to reduce rental increases, require repairs and maintenance and improve the respect real estates have for renters.</p>	<p>The City supports the principle of improvements to rights for renters, as set out in our <a href="#">Housing Issues Paper</a>. This is an important issue for the city, where more than half of all households are renters. The City can only advocate for reform in this area, as this sector is regulated through NSW Government legislation. We recently made a formal submission to state government on these issues, through its Statutory Review of the <i>Residential Tenancies Act 2010</i>, through which we advocated for more stable and secure tenure options for renters. No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.</p>
<p>Green bins for organic waste. Communities like Kiama on the South Coast issue bins larger than red waste bins for food and plant material. It would be great to see a garbage initiative such as this in Sydney City</p>	<p>The City's Draft Waste Strategy sets out an action plan to improve recycling outcomes by optimising existing City services, reducing contamination, and exploring new services. The largest single waste stream in our red bin is food waste. This represents up to 35% of the bin contents. This waste is currently sent to a resource recovery facility along with the other non-recyclable items. At this facility, all of the food and organic waste is separated to produce compost suitable for use as mine rehabilitation material. In addition, the City will be developing a subsidised trial food waste collection scheme for residents in 2018 for implementation by 2019 in response to residents' requests for flexible waste services that deliver high levels of resource recovery. No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.</p>
<p>Population density. I live in Chippendale and has seen the suburb change, as more people live here, I see more waste on the streets, illegal dumping. Also around where I live on Wiley St there is very little greenery.</p>	<p>The <a href="#">Greening Sydney Plan</a> sets out the City's commitments to a green urban environment. In Chippendale, this has resulted in hedges n Cleveland Street, 781 street trees and 135 street gardens. The Sustainable Chippendale group also undertake verge gardening in the area. Unfortunately Wiley St is very narrow with footpaths of approximately 1 metre in</p>

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	width which provides little opportunity for tree and garden planting. No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.
<p>Working with residents and local workers to improve 'micro' living environments... these tiny areas, smaller than villages, are much loved and can be tweaked to make them better... with advice from those who live and work there. These may include streetscapes, green cover, social activities, safety, etc etc. Even 50 meters of footpath can be improved.</p> <p><i>(Note that while exactly the same comment was submitted twice it has been recorded only once in this report.)</i></p>	<p>The City regularly seeks feedback from the community on our services, including social activities, and always welcome suggestions for improvement. One of the key focus areas for the Greening Sydney Plan is community greening. City staff are happy to meet with local residents to look at greening opportunities in their area.</p> <p>No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.</p>
No, this seems to cover it.	The comment is noted.
Importance of finding common ground between the generations to foster a sense of community	<p>The City acknowledges and agrees with this comment.</p> <p>Our <a href="#">Social Sustainability Policy and Discussion Paper – A City for All</a>, and the <a href="#">evidence paper that accompanies this</a> set out our approach to strengthening the social fabric, including intergenerational connections.</p> <p>These documents describe how individuals' and communities' sense of belonging, local social connections and ability to influence decisions that impact their lives are at the core of a sustainable society.</p> <p>We are addressing these issues directly through a range of social services, programs and initiatives. These are designed to appeal to community members of diverse ages, backgrounds and interests, providing opportunities for local, intergenerational and intercultural social connections. You can read more about <a href="#">our range of local community services and programs here</a>.</p> <p>No change to Sustainable Sydney 2030 is proposed.</p>
Looking after, maintaining & improving our urban landscape. That is: streets with trees & plants, parks & open spaces.	The City notes the comment. The <a href="#">Greening Sydney Plan</a> is delivering an additional 700 new street trees and 10,000 square metres of street gardens each year.

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	No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.
Reducing waste, especially plastic waste	<p>The City's Draft waste strategy and action plan <i>Leave Nothing to Waste</i> sets out a series of actions so that by 2030, our city residents and businesses are diverting more than 90% of all waste from landfill. Included amongst the actions are those that seek to minimise the use of plastic packaging and where it is used, to ensure it is recycled and diverted from landfill wherever possible.</p> <p>No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.</p>
<p>The dominance of neoliberal values are at the root of our current mess.</p> <p><i>(Note that while exactly the same comment was submitted twice it has been recorded only once in this report.)</i></p>	The comment is noted.
Despite the obvious digital solutions, council still sends rate notices and other correspondence to residents via mail. Purporting to support a sustainable Sydney whilst operating with last century solutions does not inspire much confidence in the councils ability to deliver here	<p>The City advises that many of the City's services have already been digitalised and more are being progressively added in order to meet community expectations, achieve efficiencies and improve sustainability. This is a continual process of transformation that is underpinned by the key principle of digital inclusion. The City aims to transition to digital technology as the primary method of communication while understanding that some service areas may need to stay non-digital for some time.</p> <p>No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030</p>
I am directly affected by the rising housing prices, which in my opinion nurtures an attitude of 'each on their own' and works against a thriving and lively community. Community must be more important than money. I also believe (as mentioned above) that new housing concepts, such as co-housing could support a number of aspects important for a healthy city: cultural diversity, sustainability, creating lively communities, etc.	<p>The City is also concerned about the unaffordability of market housing impacting rising inequality and social dislocation. We advocate to state and federal government on reforms to address inequities in the housing market, which are within their remit. Additionally, we are focused on ways the City can directly enable the delivery of a diverse supply of housing types and tenures – including co-housing – to sustain social and economic diversity. Our work in this area is discussed in our <a href="#">Housing Issues Paper</a>. Our <a href="#">Social Sustainability Policy and Discussion Paper – A City for All</a> - set out our approach to sustaining a socially just and inclusive city, including through housing supply diversity and a range of other issues.</p> <p>No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.</p>

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<p>Inequality equals violence</p>	<p>The City is concerned about rising inequality and the need to strengthen community wellbeing and social cohesion.</p> <p>Our research and strategies to address this issue are set out in our <u><a href="#">Social Sustainability Policy and Discussion Paper – A City for All</a></u>, and the <u><a href="#">evidence paper that accompanies this</a></u>.</p> <p>We are undertaking this work in close consultation with communities. Individuals’ and communities’ sense of belonging, local social connections and ability to influence decisions that impact their lives are at the core of a sustainable society.</p> <p>Through our delivery of the City for All policy, which is informing the delivery of our wide range of social services, programs and initiatives, including delivery of affordable rental housing for lower income earners, we are seeking to respond to this issue directly.</p> <p>No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.</p>
<p>I work with young people hey dont have a chance in owning their own space.</p> <p>Look at container living around tje world. Tiny houses there are many ways to combat the lack of affordable houseing. Realy I dont think local or state or federal give a thought it does not get them vote= more money</p>	<p>The City is concerned about the unaffordability of market housing impacting rising inequality and social dislocation. We advocate to state and federal government on reforms to address inequities in the housing market, which are within their remit.</p> <p>Additionally, we are focused on ways the City can directly enable the delivery of a diverse supply of housing types and tenures – including affordable rental housing – to sustain a social and economic diversity. Our work in this area is discussed in our <u><a href="#">Housing Issues Paper</a></u>.</p> <p>Our <u><a href="#">Social Sustainability Policy and Discussion Paper – A City for All</a></u>, set out our approach to sustaining a socially just and inclusive city, including through housing supply diversity and a range of other measures.</p> <p>No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.</p>
<p>I'm 30 years old, recently married (dual income no kids), I don't spend frivolously, I'm born and raised in Sydney, in a decent paying job in a stable company - yet somehow housing affordability appears to be an unattainable goal. String infrastructure and roads and public transport is crippling our ability to navigate around the Sydney region, there is no longer a "peak hour" as this is all the time.</p>	<p>The City is also concerned about the unaffordability of market housing impacting rising inequality and social dislocation (refer to the response above).</p> <p>The City also supports increasing the use of public transport, walking and cycling as alternatives to car use.</p> <p>The City supports the Sydney Metro which will deliver a considerable increase in public transport capacity serving central and inner Sydney with fast and reliable rail connections to outer areas.</p> <p>No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.</p>

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<p>We need government and council to work together for the benefit of Sydneysiders and visitors, getting in and out of Sydney.</p> <p>Looking at new tunnelling technologies, like the machine created by Elon Musk, to make efficient services and better outcomes for humans.</p>	<p>The City collaborates with the NSW Government on a range of transport initiatives, including those associated with public transport, the efficient movement of freight and regional cycleway networks. The City supports emerging transport technologies which facilitate environmentally sustainable travel. No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.</p>
<p>Because despite whatever efforts CoS is making, housing in the City is basically unaffordable to most people and also the quality of the new apartments appears to be extremely low, with many experiencing defects in the first couple of years of life. The City needs to radically lift its requirements for energy efficiency, natural light, and green spaces in new developments and reduce their bulk and dominating presence in neighbourhoods, which have recently been approved in many cases. There should be greater insistence on affordable housing and social housing - really large numbers, not just one or two apartments out of 300.</p>	<p>The City is concerned about the unaffordability of market housing impacting rising inequality and financial stress among lower income earners. We advocate to state and federal government on reforms to address inequities in the housing market, which are within their remit.</p> <p>Additionally, we are focused on ways the City can directly enable the delivery of a diverse supply of housing types and tenures – including affordable rental housing – to sustain a social and economic diversity. Our work in this area is discussed in our <a href="#">Housing Issues Paper</a>.</p> <p>The City’s planning controls require green space, energy efficiency and amenity for apartments, including light and ventilation. Our design excellence processes ensure major developments achieve the highest design quality. The City is accelerating environmental actions including developing a pathway for net-zero carbon buildings. We have also submitted proposals to the NSW Government to apply affordable housing levies across the council area, which could deliver over 2,000 new affordable homes.</p> <p>No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.</p>
<p>This is what we need most right now</p>	<p>The comment is noted.</p>
<p>Transport is a huge issue, i walk 3km to work because it takes the same time by public transport.</p>	<p>The City supports public transport services and advocates to Transport for NSW for improvements. The bus network is limited by the capacity of the city centre at peak times during light rail construction. The City has adopted the Walking Strategy and Action Plan. This document sets out targets and actions to encourage walking and make it pleasant and enjoyable, recognising that it is at times a quicker option than public transport in the inner city. Footpath improvement projects are undertaken in consultation with State Government and the local community and in line with available resources.</p>

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	No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.
They are all strategic advances towards a better city for all...	The comment is noted.
Climate change is the BIG issue that needs tackling. After that it is inequality and housing affordability. All these things have a major impact on what life will be like in the future.	The comments are noted.
All these issues are important. I especially would like to see public transport improved by making the buses about twice as frequent. It would also be nice to have bus stops a bit closer together, like they used to be. What's happening with trains at Erskineville?	The City supports public transport services and advocates to Transport for NSW for improvements. The bus network is limited by the capacity of the city centre at peak times during light rail construction. The City supports Sydney Metro and continues to advocate for improvements through the alternate servicing for Erskineville and St Peters stations following the conversion of the Bankstown Line to metro operation. No change to Sustainable Sydney 2030 is proposed.
They are important.	The comment is noted.
Being a student and living in the city, it can be a very difficult balance between working enough, studying enough and having enough money to pay rent. So affordable (safe) housing is a big issue after having lived in a soon to be condemned house just because it was what I could afford. Investing in infrastructure and making it affordable is also important. Every day I catch the bus and train to work, I am weighing up whether it's worth the \$7 each way or whether I should just drive and park for \$7. Increasing incentives to use public transport is vital to connecting this	The City is also concerned about the unaffordability of market housing impacting rising inequality and financial stress among lower income earners. We advocate to state and federal government on reforms to address inequities in the housing market, which are within their remit. Additionally, we are focused on ways the City can directly enable the delivery of a diverse supply of housing types and tenures – including affordable rental housing – to sustain a social and economic diversity. Our work in this area is discussed in our <a href="#">Housing Issues Paper</a> .  The City is also concerned about the safe and efficient movement of people and cyclists and has adopted the Cycling Strategy and the Walking Strategy and Action Plan. Both documents set out targets and actions to encourage walking and riding. The actions include



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<p>growing city and reduce congestion and pollution on the roads.</p> <p>I would also love to cycle around the inner west as it would take half as long as a bus but it is still relatively unsafe. I would love to see improvements in dedicated cycle ways.</p> <p>Also community resources, such as libraries, are such a privilege and I love seeing the continued progression and use of libraries as community spaces. Libraries have always been a bit of a refuge for me and it's amazing to be able to get such incredible books and resources at any library I go to.</p>	<p>improving and extending the footpath and cycleway networks.</p> <p>Footpath improvement projects are undertaken in consultation with State Government and the local community and in line with available resources.</p> <p>Cycleway projects are undertaken in line with the City's Cycling Strategy and in consultation with State Government and the local community.</p> <p>The City notes and supports the comment regarding the importance of libraries as community spaces. The use of the City's libraries and the provision of core services is free to all patrons.</p> <p>No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.</p>
<p>I'm already impressed by councils capacity to do this so more please</p>	<p>The comment is noted.</p>
<p>To create an ever increasingly vibrant, exciting &amp; ecologically friendly neighbourhood/environment to live in.</p>	<p>The comment is noted.</p>
<p>Climate change is the most urgent issue that the world needs to address.</p>	<p>The comment is noted.</p>
<p>Inequality is increasing and this method of addressing it is another aspect of it. Inequality is in fact a very simple issue, and requires a headon response which acknowledges the fact of it, that it is not acceptable. Thinking about responses should not be this hard. Fees for library provisions are a further indictment of our society and should be rejected in principle. This country is wealthy and such notions for 'change' are a disgrace.</p> <p><i>(Note that while exactly the same comment was submitted twice it has</i></p>	<p>The City is concerned about rising inequality and impacts on the social and economic sustainability of the city.</p> <p>We advocate to state and federal government on a range of structural policy matters that impact this issue, which are within their remit. This includes taxation levers; investment in social infrastructure and services, and investment in social and affordable rental housing supply for lower income earners – recognising that social and economic diversity is underpinned by housing supply diversity.</p> <p>Our research and strategies to address this issue from a local government perspective are set out in our <u>Social Sustainability Policy and Discussion Paper – A City for All</u>, and the evidence paper that accompanies <u>this</u>.</p>

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<p><i>been recorded only once in this report.)</i></p>	<p>Through our delivery of the <i>City for All</i> policy, which is informing the delivery of our wide range of social services, programs and initiatives, including delivery of affordable rental housing for lower income earners, we are seeking to respond to this issue directly.</p> <p>The use of the Libraries and the provision of core services is free to all patrons, except for value added services such as inter-library loans and the replacement of lost items.</p> <p>In 2015, the Library introduced a policy to remove membership fees for members who live outside the City of Sydney local government area. In June 2016, the Library introduced a trial no-fine policy which replaced a financial imperative with a behavioural one. Fines for overdue items were removed and members were encouraged to return their items. This is currently under review.</p> <p>No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.</p>
<p>Important for a healthy and thriving community.</p>	<p>The comment is noted.</p>

Other comments regarding Sustainable Sydney 2030 were also invited. The following were received:

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<p>Its a joke .if you seriously think joe blow is really thinking about the environment and not trying to survive in this very expensive city your delusional.</p> <p>I see waste everywhere. You pay to have a FREE BUS drive 2 people around to shops.</p> <p>Ad if this government hasnt got rippoff public servants.</p>	<p>The comments regarding the cost of living and importance of the environment are noted.</p> <p>The City runs a transport service to support older people at risk of isolation to attend community facilities and go on social outings. It also transports children from school to after school care, and during school holiday programs. The City also funds the Village to Village bus service two days per week targeted to people who experience transport disadvantage to access essential services such as shops and hospitals. Routes are reviewed regularly to target areas of highest need.</p> <p>No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.</p>

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<p>miss the trees [<i>next part of comment deleted due to inappropriate language</i>], very disappointed. and promised less attractive to visit than being before.</p>	<p>The comment is noted.</p>
<p>I would like to see the City stopping its endless concreting of parks, walk ways, paths etc and planting way more trees. Tidy smooth paths are not a priority in a City where green space is under such pressure. The arborists in the City spend far more energy cutting down trees than replanting them, and they make it impossible to challenges their decisions.</p>	<p>The City's Greening Sydney Plan is planting over 700 new trees, 10,000 square metres of landscaping with over 50,000 new plants each year. Trees are only removed as a last resort due to poor health, structural defects or public risk. No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.</p>
<p>More cheap, public transport. More greenery, plants, flowers, community gardens.</p>	<p>The City supports increasing the use of public transport, walking and cycling as alternatives to car use. The City supports the Sydney Metro which will deliver a considerable increase in public transport capacity serving central and inner Sydney. The Greening Sydney Plan is delivering more trees, landscaping and community gardens each year. No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.</p>
<p>You have sent me a thoroughly confusing form. I'm still looking for the fees and charges for libraries???</p>	<p>The comment is noted.</p>

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## PART B

### SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED DIRECTLY VIA EMAIL

#### ISSUE 1

#### SUBMISSION RELATING TO REDFERN OCCASIONAL CARE FEE INCREASE

#### Issue

An increase in fees for Redfern Occasional Care Centre for 2017/2018 year budget

#### Background

A submission has been received raising concern about the increase cost of fees at Redfern Occasional Care and the impact this will have on low income families.

The submission notes that while the letter informing families of the fee increase and the changes to the Integrated Planning and Reporting Documents invites families to provide feedback, she believes that the fee increases will be applied regardless of feedback.

#### Response

The City of Sydney's seven Education and Care Services charge fees to partially recover the costs of providing education and care.

Daily fees for Redfern Occasional Care Centre are proposed to increase in 2017/18 by CPI to partially cover the operating costs of the service.

Redfern Occasional Care has a range of fees that are lower than its standard daily rate, including an Indigenous Support Fee and a Reduced Rate fee for low income families. While these fees are proposed to increase by CPI, families accessing Redfern Occasional Care are able to claim the child care benefit (CCB) and child care rebate (CCR) which also offsets the costs of fees. Some vulnerable families may also be eligible for a special child care benefit (SCCB) which covers the full out of pocket costs for eligible families for a period of time.

The City values feedback from families and takes this into consideration before endorsing fees.

#### Recommendation

That the submission is noted.

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## ISSUE 2

### SUBMISSION RELATING TO HILDER BOOLER KINDERGARTEN FEE INCREASE

#### **Issue**

The increase in fees for the Hilder Booter Kindergarten in 2017/18.

#### **Background**

A submission has been received raising concern about the cost of the Hilder Booter preschool program. The submission compares the cost of the preschool program of \$67 per day from 8.30 am – 4.30 pm with the cost of nearby long day care at \$95 per day from 7 am – 6 pm. The submission notes that the per day cost of long day care would be less for families after Commonwealth Government rebates than the preschool day fee.

The submission notes that the NSW Government's Start Strong Program for preschool funding will be implemented from July 2017 and hopes that this will reduce the fees for all children.

#### **Response**

The operational costs of long day care and preschool have increased over recent years which has resulted in fee increases. In some years, the City has increased the fee by CPI while in other years, fee increases were greater than CPI to cover specific costs such as implementation of new quality requirements which resulted in the need for additional staff. The City is mindful that fee increases impact families in various ways and proposes minimal increases whenever possible.

The State Government's Start Strong Funding initiative, aims to make preschool more affordable and encourage increased preschool attendance – with a recommended minimum attendance of 600 hours per year per child.

The funding will affect different preschools in different ways, depending on the demographics of the children attending and their hours of attendance. As a result, some preschools will receive an increase in funding, while others may receive the same or less funding.

Only services who receive additional funding will be required to pass on fee decreases to families. Additionally, under the program's funding guidelines, the fee reduction can only be passed onto children in the year before school and 3 year old children who are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander or who come from low income families.

The City has not yet been advised of the amount of funding it will receive under the Start Strong program for the Hilder Booter Kindergarten and has therefore not yet been able to assess the impact on fees.

#### **Recommendation**

That the submission is noted.

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## ISSUE 3

### SUBMISSION RELATING TO CONTRIBUTION TO GAMBLING REFORM

#### **Issue**

Request for City of Sydney to make a statement and join the campaign to become a financial supporter of the Alliance for Gambling Reform.

#### **Background**

Alliance for Gambling Reform is asking the City of Sydney to make a statement and also join the campaign to tackle issues of gambling and the advertising associated with broadcasts by becoming a financial supporter of the Alliance for Gambling Reform and making a contribution to Tier 1 membership, pointing out the City of Melbourne's contribution was \$25,000 to this membership.

#### **Response**

The City receives many requests for support. These requests are managed through the City's Grants and Sponsorships Policy. Staff will contact the Alliance for Gambling Reform to discuss their requests.

#### **Recommendation**

That the submission is noted.

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## ISSUE 4

### SUBMISSION RELATING TO CEASED MEMBERSHIP SYDNEY COASTAL COUNCILS GROUP

#### **Issue**

Sydney Coastal Councils Group provided an overview of the benefits of membership and expresses its disappointment on the City's recommendation to cease membership as of 31 December 2017.

#### **Background**

A submission was received by Sydney Coastal Councils Group (SCCG) expressing its disappointment on the City's recommendation to not renew its membership as of 31 December 2017. The submission provides an *"overview of the benefits from the 27 years of membership and selected SCCG activities assisting the City with its implementation of the 10 strategic directions within Sustainable Sydney 2030, and the six focus areas of the Environmental Action 2016 – 2021, Strategy and Action Plan."*

Cr. Lynne Saville, as Chairperson of the SCCG, spoke to Council at the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee on 8 May on this matter and has requested a meeting with the Lord Mayor to *"better understand the context and rationale of the decision to cease membership of the SCCG"*. The meeting has been accepted.

#### **Response**

The City of Sydney has considered this matter; Council have been briefed and have decided not to continue with the membership.

#### **Recommendation**

That the submission is noted.

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## ISSUE 5

### **SUBMISSION RELATING TO COUNCILS CONSULTATION PROCESS, GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK AND PROVISION OF FUNDING FOR SPORTING FACILITIES.**

#### **Issue**

Council of Ultimo and Pyrmont Associations (CUPA) have requested the City of Sydney to change administrative structure to assign a dedicated position to provide oversight and assist with the provision of sports infrastructure within the LGA and that the budget does not provide any explicit funding for such infrastructure

#### **Background**

A submission raising concern that the document is complex and lacks specific information in relation to specific spending areas. Council's administrative structure has no dedicated position with responsibility for the oversight and provision of sporting facilities.

The submission notes that 'Sport' by implication is included under 'Parks and Open Space' and that the words 'sports' and 'sporting facilities' only occur in the Plan in relation to fees and charges; they are not mentioned in the Budget.

Specific concerns related to the reduction of budget in the following areas:

- Funding allocated for Johnston's Canal Master Plan and Harold Park Works has reduced from a prior year's total of \$13.8M to \$3.0M in 2017/18.
- Funding allocated in the Asset Enhancement section of Capital Programs for Open Spaces and Parks has reduced from a prior year's total of \$24.6M to \$16.6M.
- Figure for in the Asset Renewal section of Capital Programs for Open Spaces and Parks is only available for 2017/18 financial year.

General question related to how much is funding for parks and open space as opposed to sporting facilities.

#### **Response**

The City is a large and complex organisation providing a wide range of services to the community, managing in the order of \$12 billion of assets, and delivering a 10 year capital works program of \$1.7 billion. Any major planning document seeks to satisfy the needs of the community but must balance the demand to provide information that is both relevant and easy to understand, while not becoming extremely large and dense. The City always



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welcomes feedback of the quality and usefulness of its documents and will consider the level of granularity of future iterations of the Resourcing Strategy.

The City of Sydney has a dedicated Open Space and Parks team whose remit includes the management of sports fields. The City has limited resources that provide services across a large range of activities for the community. It is not considered an effective and efficient allocation of resources to have a dedicated sports field administration position.

As noted in the body of the Long Term Financial Plan document the City is *“investigating the installation of synthetic sportsfield surfaces to improve capacity, and large provisional sums budgeted to deliver the new Open Space envisaged by the City’s Developer Contributions Plan, addressing increasing future demand created by the City’s new population”*

Funding for an individual capital works project is driven by the various phases of its life cycle. The reduction in the expenditure of the Johnston’s Canal Master Plan and Harold Park Works project is reflects the fact the project is nearing completion.

The funding allocated in the Asset Enhancement section of Capital Programs for Open Spaces and Parks has reduced from a prior year’s total of \$24.6M to \$16.6M. The figure of \$24.6M is a multi-year figure while the \$16.6M represents only a single year and is close to double the 2016/17 allocation. Individual projects within this category include Perry Park Recreational Facility Upgrade, Hyde Park Works and Urban Skate Park Works.

Figures for the Asset Renewal section of Capital Programs for Open Spaces and Parks are shown for the 10 years of the plan.

## **Recommendation**

That the submission is noted.

## ISSUE 6

### SUBMISSION RELATING TO FRIENDS OF THE PYRMONT COMMUNITY CENTRE

#### **Issue**

The Friends of the Pyrmont Community Centre made some general comments and also raised a number of items ranging from community consultation, the proposed budget and community facilities and infrastructure.

#### **Background**

The submission raised the following concerns and questions.

1. The community could not be expected to identify and respond to massive documents by themselves. The submission proposed that in future, forums are conducted to allow the community to ask questions and make suggestions on the proposed documents.

#### **Response**

The development of the plans and strategies that make up Sustainable Sydney 2030 has engaged the community in a variety of ways to ensure the process is inclusive and accessible and that we hear the diverse perspectives of our communities.

The City uses a range of consultation approaches to engage our community. These are outlined in the Community Engagement Strategy included in Resourcing Plan, part of the Integrated Planning and Reporting documents. The Community Engagement Strategy provide current case studies against each of the strategic directions to demonstrate how the City engages across Sustainable Sydney 2030.

The public exhibition is the final step in the process of adopting the Community Strategic Plan and Integrated Planning and Reporting documents as required by the Local Government Act.

2. There was a question regarding the City's Community Wellbeing Indicators and the current status of this project.

#### **Response**

The community indicators framework was developed in 2011 in partnership with the Institute for Sustainable Futures (University of Technology, Sydney) and the McCaughey Research Centre (University of Melbourne). It went on public exhibition

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in early 2012, was amended in response to public feedback and adopted by Council later that year.

In October 2016, Council endorsed the Community Wellbeing Indicators 2016 report.

More information and a copy of the report can be found on the City's website.

<http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/learn/research-and-statistics/community-indicators>

3. There was question regarding the Operational Plan item 6.4.3 seeking more information on the management of the City's community facility portfolio.

## **Response**

This activity relates to the delivery of community facilities that enable quality community outcomes but also requires significant financial investment. Opportunities arise driven by the ongoing property development activity across the local government area that enables the City to take advantage to create or re-purpose community assets whilst minimising the capital investment required by the City.

The City has the dual challenge of providing community facilities but within in a financially sustainable framework that doesn't compromise the ability to provide quality services.

4. A specific question related to the Operational Plan budget for the Strategic Direction 6 which is "Resilient and inclusive local communities"

## **Response**

One of the requirements of the Integrated Planning and reporting legislation is to provide a summary of the budget using the same principle activities used for the Community Strategic Plan.

This category includes Parks Maintenance and Aquatics Services (\$27M), Grants and Sponsorships (\$17M), Library Services and Programs (\$9.7M), City Projects Administration and Program Support (\$9.6M), Childcare, After School Care and Youth Programs (\$8.6M), Venue Management (\$4.4M), Neighbourhood Service Centres (\$2.0M), Meals on Wheels and Food Services (\$1.8M), and other social programs (\$1.8M)

5. There was a question as to the reduction in budget assigned to the Community, Cultural and Recreation Property Related projects in the Capital Works program.

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## Response

Expenditure in individual capital works categories does vary from year to year depending on the timing of construction works. The prior year's expenditure in the Community, cultural and recreation property related projects category contained a number of significant community projects that were completed in 2016/17 including

- East Sydney Community and Arts Centre - \$ 9.4M
- Prince Alfred Park - Pool Works - \$ 21.3M
- Juanita Nielsen Centre - \$ 10.1M

2017/18 sees the commencement of the fit out of Darling Exchange Live Library which is expected to incur \$ 2.7M in the first year of the project and \$7.3M in the following year.

6. There was a question on the funds allocated to previous years for the Capital Works Program and the rolling programs category for Community, Cultural and Recreation Property Related projects.

## Response

The rolling programs reflects capital expenditure that is driven by the needs and priorities identified in the City's asset management plans. An example is the City's extensive footway renewal program. By their nature these programs involve smaller individual assets, like a section of footpath, where the construction and resultant expenditure are not multi year. As a result, prior year expenditure is not shown.

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7. There was a question regarding the Sydney City News July 2016 edition which lists: \$925,000 for "Upgrade of community facilities including toilets at Pymont Point Park (sic) and amenities at Ultimo Community Centre." To what does this refer? Can you provide us with details?

## Response

The budget referred to in the July 2016 edition of the Sydney City News includes the following items and their total project budgets within the 2016/17 Financial year.

	<b>Total Project Budget</b>
<b>Ultimo Community Centre</b>	
Green Courtyard Upgrade	\$100,000
Children's Program Upgrade	\$160,000
Renovation of bathrooms ground floor	\$260,000
Top court replacement	\$325,000
<b>Pymont Point Park</b>	
Toilet – New Facility	\$80,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$925,000</b>

## Pirrama Park Demountable Toilets - Strategy:

The City's Public Toilet Strategy (2014) does include a recommendation to remove these toilets (subject to community feedback). Based on community concerns and feedback, total funds of \$80,000 have been allocated to create a new facility in this location, with initial pre-planning to commence in 2017/18.

8. There is a specific request for the inclusion of funding in the 2017/18 budget for an additional room at the Pymont Community Centre.

## Response

There are no funds allocated to this project within the proposed Capital Works Program.

## Recommendation

That the submission is noted.

## ISSUE 7

### SUBMISSION RELATING TO SYDNEY BUSINESS CHAMBER

#### **Issue**

The Sydney Business Chamber has endorsed generally the draft Sustainable Sydney 2030 and commented specifically on issues relating to economic competitiveness, environmental policies, transport infrastructure, the renaissance of the city centre and the need for affordable and diverse housing supply

#### **Background**

A submission has been received from the Sydney Business Chamber endorsing the draft Sustainable Sydney 2030. The submission supports the goal for a sustainable city by 2030 and endorses the 10 strategic directions to achieve this outcome.

In particular, the submission notes that “Sydney must be competitive and attract and embrace innovative industries to enhance its status as a global city, support existing businesses and grow its economy.” The Chamber notes that the achievement of Objective 1.5 is supported by the City’s Economic Development Strategy and sectoral action plans.

The submission also identifies that “Businesses are increasingly identifying the need for cohesive, integrated and certain environmental policies, which achieve emissions reductions and other environmental outcomes for least cost”. In acknowledging the City’s environmental policies, the Chamber recommends that these be frequently monitored and if needed, updated to ensure they are complementary and consistent with both Federal and State environmental and climate policies.

The submission also acknowledges the important role transport infrastructure plays in Sydney to support cycling, walking, public transport and car travel. The submission made note of the importance of the integration of new investment into the existing network. While noting that much of the responsibility for transport policy rests with the NSW Government, the City’s role in informing and influencing CBD transport policies was acknowledged. The Chamber also recommended that the City ensure its transport policies are complementary to NSW Government transport policies.

The continuing redevelopment of the city centre as a destination that attracts large and small businesses, visitors, cultural activities, entertainment and retail was acknowledged. However, the need to grow the night time economy has been identified by the Chamber as a key priority. The submission noted that the City has also identified this as a desired outcome through Objective 5.3.

# ATTACHMENT A

The business community has identified that “affordable and diverse housing helps support a diverse workforce” and that this has “fast become a key issue for Sydney”. The Chamber notes that if housing is too unaffordable in Sydney, businesses and other key institutions such as hospitals and schools will not be able to secure their workforce. Given the proximity to jobs, the City of Sydney LGA perhaps has the greatest need for affordable housing. The Chamber endorsed the direction and objectives set out in Sustainable Sydney 2030 in relation to this issue.

## **Response**

The City of Sydney has reviewed the submission and in response to questions raised by the Chamber can confirm the following:

- The City’s environmental target of net zero emissions by 2050 is aligned with that of the draft commitment by the NSW government, the commitment by the Greater Sydney Commission and is in accordance with the Federal Government’s commitment to the Paris Climate Agreement;
- The City’s Environmental Strategy and Action Plan 2016-2021 is reviewed annually and revised after five years;
- The City’s transport strategies are generally aligned with the NSW Government’s City Centre Access Strategy and plans to enhance public transport capacity through the city centre.

## **Recommendation**

That the submission is noted. No change is proposed to Sustainable Sydney 2030.