

## **RELEVANT INFORMATION FOR COUNCIL**

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**TO:** Lord Mayor and Councillors  
**FROM:** Kim Woodbury, Chief Operating Officer  
**THROUGH:** Monica Barone, Chief Executive Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Information Relevant To Item 7.3 - Open Space Sport and Recreation Needs Study 2016 - Final Adoption - At Council 21 November 2016

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That Councillors note the following information.

### **Background**

Councillors requested further information regarding whether appropriate safeguards are in place in this Study (or other relevant City policies, codes and standards) to ensure that access to playgrounds for children with disability/the installation of inclusive play equipment is considered as part of the design process for new or upgraded playgrounds in the City's parks, or if the Study requires amendments to address this issue more explicitly.

The Draft Study sets out nine strategic directions to guide the ongoing provision, use, and management of the City's open space, sport and recreation facility network.

Relevant strategic directions include:

- *Direction 3 Improve the Provision and Diversity of Sport and Recreation Facilities*

Under this direction the Study advocates an appropriate range and distribution of recreational and sporting opportunities. This includes inclusive play elements and/or experiences at every park.

- *Direction 4 Access to Recreation in the City will be Inclusive and Accessible for All*

Under this direction the Study advocates that facilities and open space will be designed and managed to be accessible and inclusive of all people regardless of age, income, ability or background.

Under these directions relevant actions include:

Action No	Volume 1 Page Ref	Direction/Action
3.13	Page 53	<p><b>Inclusive Play</b></p> <p>Ensure that playgrounds are inclusive and meet the needs of children.</p> <p>Every playground development to offer a choice for users with a disability to find something that gives pleasure, success and allows interaction with others.</p>
4.1	Page 57	<p>Ensure equitable access to the City's open space, sport and recreation facility network. The delivery of inclusive play opportunities at the following locations has been identified as actions within the strategy.</p> <p><b>Inclusive Play Opportunities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Federal Park ( construction to commence 2017)</li> <li>• City Centre ( design investigation commenced)</li> <li>• Sydney Park ( complete)</li> <li>• Pirrama Park (complete)</li> </ul>

The purpose of these directions and actions is to embed and reinforce the principles of inclusive design and access into playground project briefs. Design responses in terms of play equipment selection would be articulated in the development of individual projects, rather than be prescribed in the draft Strategy. Accordingly, no changes are recommended to the draft Open Space Sport and Recreation Needs Study.

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