

## **Post Exhibition - A City for All: Community Safety Action Plan 2019-2023**

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### **Summary**

On 13 August 2018, Council approved the draft Community Safety Action Plan 2018-2023 for public exhibition. The draft plan was developed through engagement with residents, community groups, government and non-government agencies, academics and peak bodies.

The plan sets out the City of Sydney's contribution to making Sydney a safe and resilient place to live, visit, work and study. It describes the City's commitment to safety and our areas of focus for the next five years.

The draft plan was placed on exhibition from 14 August to 4 September 2018 to allow an opportunity for the community to provide feedback. Consultation activities included direct engagement with stakeholders and online through the Sydney Your Say page.

During the public exhibition period, the City received submissions from local residents, members of the City's Inclusion (Disability) Advisory Panel and government and non-government agencies. The overall feedback indicated positive support for the City's commitment to increasing actual and perceived safety in Sydney. Submissions suggested minor improvements to the plan and identified additional actions or themes for inclusion.

The final Community Safety Action Plan 2019-2023 is provided at Attachment A. The plan has been amended to incorporate all feedback from the public exhibition. A Summary of the Public Exhibition Submissions is provided at Attachment B

It is recommended that Council adopt the Community Safety Action Plan 2019-2023.

## **Recommendation**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council adopt the final Community Safety Action Plan 2019-2023 , as shown at Attachment A to the subject report:
- (B) Council note the amendments and additions to the draft Community Safety Action Plan 2018-2023 made in response to the public consultation process, as detailed in Attachment B to the subject report; and
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make amendments to the Community Safety Action Plan 2019-2023 in order to correct any minor drafting errors and finalise design, artwork and alternative format translations.

## **Attachments**

**Attachment A.** Community Safety Action Plan 2019-2023

**Attachment B.** Summary of Public Exhibition Submissions

## Background

1. The plan outlines the City's role in increasing actual and perceived safety in our Local Government Area for the five years 2019-2023. The plan sets out four priority areas for action:
  - (a) Safe streets and spaces - working with partners to increase actual and perceived public safety in Sydney's streets and spaces;
  - (b) Crime prevention and response - contributing to reducing local crime and initiatives that address domestic and family violence, sexual assault and safeguarding children from abuse;
  - (c) Ready and resilient - working together to better prepare for and respond to emergencies that may arise, and strengthening community resilience; and
  - (d) A safe global destination - supporting visitors and international students to feel welcome and experience the city safely, and promoting Sydney as a safe place to visit, study and invest.
2. If endorsed, the Community Safety Action Plan 2019-2023 will guide the City of Sydney's contributions to making Sydney a safe and resilient place to live, visit, work and study over the next five years.

## Public Consultation

3. The draft plan was endorsed by Council for public exhibition on 13 August 2018.
4. It was placed on exhibition from 14 August until 4 September 2018 to allow an opportunity for the community to provide feedback. Consultation activities included direct engagement with stakeholders and online through the Sydney Your Say page. The Sydney Your Say page was visited 276 times during the consultation period and consultation documents were downloaded 92 times.
5. During the public exhibition period the City received eight submissions from local residents, the City's Inclusion Disability Advisory Panel and government and non-government agencies.
6. The overall feedback indicated positive support for the City's commitment to increasing actual and perceived safety in Sydney. Some submissions suggested minor improvements to the plan and identified additional actions or themes for inclusion.
7. The City has formulated a response to the submissions, and amendments to the plan have been made accordingly.
8. There have been no significant changes made to the overall content of the plan.
  - (a) Community Safety Action Plan 2019-2023 (final) is provided at Attachment A
  - (b) Summary of Public Exhibition Submissions is provided at Attachment B

**Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030 Vision**

9. The City's Community Strategic Plan: Sustainable Sydney 2030 is a vision for the sustainable development of the City to 2030 and beyond.
10. The plan includes 10 strategic directions to guide the future of the City, as well as 10 targets against which to measure progress. The Community Safety Action Plan 2019-2023 is aligned with the multiple objectives of Sustainable Sydney 2030, particularly:
  - (a) Strategic Direction 1 - A Globally Competitive and Innovative City
  - (b) Strategic Direction 4 - A City for walking and Cycling
  - (c) Strategic Direction 6 - Vibrant Local Communities and Economies
  - (d) Strategic Direction 9 - Sustainable Development, Renewal and Design and
  - (e) Strategic Direction 10 - Implementation through Organisational Impact.
11. The Community Safety Action Plan 2019-2023 contributes to Resilient Sydney - A Strategy for City Resilience 2018, in particular:
  - (a) Strategic Direction 1 - People Centred City
  - (b) Strategic Direction 3 - Connect For Strength
  - (c) Strategic Direction 4 - Get Ready
  - (d) Strategic Direction 5 - One City.

**Social / Cultural / Community**

12. Safety is fundamental to the cultural and social sustainability of communities. The City uses community development approaches to build social cohesion and to empower communities to participate in decision-making processes.
13. The plan has a focus on strengthening informal networks and enhancing community structures with the potential to build community capacity. This provides opportunities to mobilise communities to address local issues and increase safety.

**Economic**

14. The plan also supports the City's objectives for a city that is globally competitive, offering an attractive and safe destination for investment in business, education, tourism and entertainment.

**Budget Implications**

15. Nil. Actions arising from the plan will be included in annual budgets adopted by Council.

### **Relevant Legislation**

16. Local Government Act 1993.
17. Liquor Act 2007.
18. Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
19. Roads Act 1993.
20. Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998 (NSW).
21. Government Sector Employment Act 2013.
22. Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012.
23. Advocate for Children and Young People Act 2014.

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