

# **Attachment D**

## **Community Feedback Summary Report (Concept Design)**

# Engagement Report

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## New city centre playground at Cook + Phillip Park

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## Summary

From 5 February to 1 March 2019, we asked the community for feedback on a concept design for a new playground at Cook + Phillip Park, Sydney. The consultation was an opportunity for stakeholders and the community to provide feedback on the proposed design. Consultation activities included online engagement, a letter to residents, project signage in the park, and face to face engagement at a pop-up session in the park. The Sydney Your Say webpage attracted strong interest and the City received **19** formal submissions.

This report outlines the community engagement activities that took place to support the consultation and summarises the key findings from the consultation.

Early consultation was conducted with two local schools and a range of nearby stakeholders, including the Australian Museum. Feedback was incorporated into the concept designs we placed on public exhibition.

## Background

The City of Sydney Council is building a new City Centre Playground in Cook + Phillip Park. The new playground will deliver an important new play space for the City's residents and visitors, and address an undersupply of child-inclusive places in the City. It will also activate the park, and provide an inclusive and educational place, where children of all ages and abilities can explore and engage with their environment.

# Engagement Summary

## Purpose of the engagement

The purpose of the engagement was to:

- Gather feedback from stakeholders and the community about the new city centre playground to help inform any amendments to the proposed concept design
- Determine the level of satisfaction with the proposed concept design

## Outcomes from the engagement

### 1. Sydney Your Say

The Sydney Your Say page was visited 547 times during the consultation period and consultation documents were downloaded 285 times. This result indicates a high level of interest and that a significant number of people were engaged over the consultation period.

### 2. Submissions

We received **19** submissions/feedback forms via Survey Monkey during the public exhibition period.

# Key findings

## Repeated topics

Some topics were repeated across several submissions. These topics were presented as concerns, suggestions and/or requests. Repeated topics are listed below.

Repeated topics	Submission number
Include a fence around playground for safety from roads and to separate dogs and children	9, 10, 11, 18
Don't include cubby houses (and other covered spaces like tunnels) as they will be used by homeless, for drug use/drinking	8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 18
Not an ideal place for a playground (homelessness, anti-social behaviour and crime in the area)	2, 18
Sandpit - risk of syringes, broken glass etc.	3, 18
Bottom of C+P damp, wet after rain	6, 18
Manage dog poo	10, 11, 16,
Ensure sensory and physical accessibility is considered	4, 14
Don't take what's left of the general public's space	16
Need to have vision of children in city playgrounds	13, 18
Don't want trees removed for playground	17, 18

The survey also asked respondents to comment on several elements proposed for the playground including nature play, amenities (toilets, bubblers), safety, planting, seating and areas to rest, and other. Repeated topics raised in comments about some elements are listed below.

Playground element	Topic	Submission number
Amenities (toilet, bubblers)	Toilets needed	4, 6, 8, 15
Safety	Fencing around playground	4, 8, 9, 11, 16, 19
Planting	Need shade	7, 15

### Reference to other parks and playgrounds

Respondent's referred to a number of parks and playgrounds to support comments in their submission.

Other parks and playgrounds referred to in submissions	Submission number
Queens Park	4
Albert Sloth Reserve, Darlinghurst	9
Boorowa playground	11
Prince Alfred Park playground.	11
The Ian Potter Children's Wild Play Garden, Centennial Parklands	13, 18
Campbell Street Playground, Surry Hills	9

A letter was received from the Strata Committee of Park Lane Residential Towers objecting to the creation of the new playground. The Strata object to the loss of open public space and suggested the City instead upgrade the existing park close by.

# Activities to support and promote the consultation

## a. Early engagement activities

### i. Bourke St and Plunkett St primary school students

In late 2019, ASPECT Studios and the City facilitated workshops with Bourke Street Primary School and Plunkett Street Primary School to discuss the new city centre playground. During the workshops, students were asked to complete four different types of activities. Each activity was chosen to better understand the children’s preferences for various typologies of play experience. Feedback from the students at these workshops contributed to the concept design.

### ii. Engagement with key stakeholders

Pre-design consultation meetings were held in 2017 with the following stakeholders:

Art Gallery of NSW (AGNSW)

CatholicCare (St Mary’s Cathedral)

PCYC

KU Childcare Centre

Bodhi Restaurant

Sydney Living Museum

In December 2018, the City had face-to-face meetings with the Australian Museum and KU Childcare Centre to provide an update on the concept design and seek feedback. PCYC asked to be updated when the concept was further refined. St Mary’s Cathedral was contacted for a project update meeting, but did not respond to the City’s invitation.

The following peak inclusivity groups were notified that the concept design was available for viewing online, and invited to provide feedback via the SYS web page:

- Ability Links
- Accessible Arts
- Aboriginal Disability Network NSW
- Australian Network on Disability
- Beyond Blue
- Brain Injury Association NSW
- Deaf NSW
- Carers NSW
- Association for Children with Disabilities
- Down syndrome NSW
- Gig Buddies
- Guide Dogs NSW
- Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association NSW
- NSW Centre for Intellectual Disability

- People with Disability Australia
- Physical Disability Council of NSW
- Vision Australia
- Spinal Cord Injuries Australia
- Transport for NSW – Disability Inclusion
- 2RPH – Radio
- Cerebral Palsy Alliance

It was also recommended that the City reach out to children with a disability and their carers, via an organisation such as Creativity Inc. The project team intends to carry out this consultation during the next phase of the design.

## **b. Sydney Your Say webpage**

A Sydney Your Say webpage <https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/council/your-say/new-city-centre-playground-proposal> was created. The page included an electronic copy of the proposed concept design and other key information about the consultation.

## **c. Online feedback form via Survey Monkey**

The community and stakeholders were able to give feedback using an online feedback form. A link to the feedback was provided on the Sydney Your Say website.

## **d. Sydney Your Say e-News**

The consultation was included in the Sydney Your Say February e-Newsletter (4,138 subscribers)

## **e. Notification letter**

A letter was posted to residents, inviting them to give feedback on the proposal. 251 letters were sent.

## **f. Notification board**

Three project boards were installed at Cook + Phillip Park, inviting people visiting the playground to give feedback on the proposal.

## **g. Pop-up consultation at Cook + Phillip Park**

The project team engaged with the community about the proposed design at Cook + Phillip Park on Saturday 23 February 2019. The project team engaged with approximately 50 community members. The pop up was an opportunity for the community to speak to the project managers and designers about the proposal. The community was encouraged to complete the survey on Sydney Your Say.