

Attachment C

Engagement Report

Engagement report – Construction-related Temporary Structures On and Above Roads



Overview

Background

The draft Construction-related Temporary Structures On and Above Roads Policy, currently the adopted Hoardings and Scaffolding Policy, provides the framework for regulating the design, approval and installation of construction-related temporary structures on and above public roads.

The proposed policy and code of practice (currently Guidelines for Hoardings & Scaffolding) need to be expanded to capture additional forms of construction-related temporary structures.

Engagement summary

From 17 April 2025 to 9 June 2025, we asked the community for their feedback on the policy via an online survey.

Comprehensive responses to the submissions have been included in Attachment D of the committee report.

Purpose of engagement

The purpose of the engagement was to:

- undertake a statutory public exhibition of the Construction-related Temporary Structures On and Above Roads – Local Approvals Policy and code of practice.
- seek feedback on the amendments to the provisions in the current guidelines and incorporation in a new code of practice.

Outcomes of engagement

Quantity	Description of activity
6	Total submissions received
4	Survey submissions
2	Email submissions
280	Sydney Your Say webpage visits
117	People downloaded the policy, code of practice or supporting summary
51	Stakeholder emails were sent

Submissions were received from the following organisations:

- Speedy Gantry Hire Pty Ltd

- Total Hoardings Pty Ltd
- saveBoard
- Transport for NSW

Submissions

The six submissions received have been summarised below or included in their entirety (refer to Attachment D):

Organisations:

1. “Transport suggests all drawings/ diagrams show a width of 600mm (without stating “min”) between the kerb face and vertical elements, with notes explaining concessions available and the notes also stating a preferred 800mm gap adjacent to bus corridors.”
2. “The only thing I have to comment on is item 50 of the attached document. All our vertical counterweights 2250 in height, I know for a fact Total Hoardings are 2200 in height. Can we please have item 50 amended to 2250 to save on mass production of this item across multiple companies.”
3. Concerns over the proposed 2.1m height limit for vertical counterweights contradicting the long-standing use of 2.2–2.3m counterweights in Sydney and may create practical issues, especially in busy areas where taller counterweights could reduce kerbside space usage. Additional concerns over the new limit of three columns in a line (Section 3.8.2, Note 2(d)), noting that in many situations four columns are needed to work around obstructions. Also, that enforcing this limit may force the use of larger structural members, reducing clear pedestrian space and contradicting the policy’s emphasis on maintaining footpath clearance.
4. Suggestion for the code of practice to be updated to include sustainable alternatives to plywood, specifically Engineered Recycled Composite Panels such as saveBOARD, for use in site hoardings and temporary structures.

Works in the city:

“The policy is comprehensive and well structured. It addresses all of the obvious and not so obvious matters that one comes across when undertaking the design and erection of temporary structures associated with work on multi-storey projects.”

Local resident:

Concerns about the lack of time limits on hoardings, allowing developers to occupy public footpaths and shared spaces - often for years - without progressing construction, noting safety issues this causes.

Engagement activities

Overview of engagement undertaken

Sydney Your Say webpage

A Sydney Your Say webpage was created - <https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/policy-planning-changes/have-your-say-standards-construction-related-temporary-structures>. The page included key information on what the policy is for, the draft policy and code of practice for download, and a document summarising the changes.

Online feedback form Survey Monkey

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

Sydney Your Say e-news

The consultation was included in the Sydney Your Say (May 2025) e-newsletter (5,122 subscribers).

Notification email

Email notifications of the consultation were sent to 51 contacts of construction, hoarding and scaffolding companies, government authorities and disability groups on 29 April and a reminder on 27 May.

