# Attachment C

Engagement Report

# CITY OF SYDNEY

# Engagement report – Hoisting and Construction Activities On and Above Roads

# Overview

## Background

The Hoisting and Construction Activities On and Above Roads – Local Approvals Policy provides the framework for regulating and approving the carrying out of hoisting operations and construction-related activities on and over public roads.

Updates include minor editorial edits to the policy and code of practice.

## Engagement summary

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

## Purpose of engagement

The purpose of the engagement was to:

- undertake a statutory public exhibition of the Hoisting and Construction Activities On and Above Roads – Local Approvals Policy and code of practice.
- Explain the key aspects in plain English
- Notify key stakeholders

## Outcomes of engagement

We received one emailed submission during the consultation period.

The Sydney Your Say page was visited 152 times, the draft policy was downloaded 4 times, and the code of practice was downloaded 13 times.

## Emailed Submission

The 1 emailed submission from a local resident has been included below:

Attention: Peter Conroy

Thank you for taking this work on board Peter.

In particular stating that only minor tree pruning will be approved and **only** under exceptional circumstances will street tree removal be permitted to facilitate the establishment of a works zone and/or hoarding.

This is FULLY Supported with the additions of, when such pruning and removal is required:

The City of Sydney's Ecologist (grown the team) is the best person to evaluate pre-dawn, at dawn, plus pre-dusk, at dusk...ALL trees subject to pruning or removal. As each and every street tree is part of a green network of trees which are critical to urban wildlife movement (young birds learning to fly, one tree at a time to avoid the roads), housing (nests), or a meeting spot to share the stores birds, insects and bats share by their conversation noises and movements. These conversations and movements tell the stories to the group of the same urban wildlife species, where to find access to fresh water (critical in summer with extended dry periods and increased length of heat waves – bats are one the first to dye from heatstroke), or shelter from intense storm episodes (increasing) or food stories of where to find the berries or pollen.

ALL applications and approvals for tree pruning and removal must look for urban wildlife nests PRIOR to any changes to street trees.

The contact details for WIRES must be in clear print on the City of Sydney's applications and approvals for Tree pruning and removal.

BEST PRACTICE by the City of Sydney, would include an Urban Toolbox Talk for all Construction Activities involving trees (street trees and private trees). Here is an example of a Pyrmont Toolbox talk, developed and used in Pyrmont by a major construction company and similar was used for the NSW Gov contractor in Pyrmont. TOOLBOX TALK LINK

I appreciate your time.

Local City of Sydney Resident

# 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-on-hoisting-and-construction-activities-on-and-above-roads. The page included key information on what the policy is for, and the draft policy and code of practice for download.

**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 2025 and a reminder on 27 May 2025.