3.2 Eastern City District Plan Implementation Report

Of the nine councils in the Eastern City District, Bayside, Canada Bay and Inner West councils are currently set to deliver LEP updates by mid-2020, following NSW Government funding to support an accelerated program to implement the District Plan. The City of Sydney, Burwood, Randwick, Waverley, Strathfield and Woollahra council LEP updates are due by mid-2021.

The following provides an overview of District-specific programs and planning using the four District Plan themes and the District Structure Plan Map:

**Infrastructure and collaboration**
- **Collaboration Areas**: Stakeholders from the Randwick and Camperdown–Ultimo Collaboration Areas transitioning to implementation of the Place Strategies (completed in 2018).
- **School Infrastructure**: Construction underway or complete for two new public schools and one new high school, as well as upgrades to seven public schools and four high schools in the district to meet growing needs. Four existing primary schools and three high schools are sharing open space with the public under the Share Our Space Program.

**Liveability**
- **A place-based approach**: is being developed by councils in the preparation of Local Strategic Planning Statements which are due to commence exhibition by 1 October 2019.
- **Local Housing Strategies**: being developed by councils will identify their response to housing need and help inform 6-10 year housing targets.
- **Housing targets**: As a combined, the Eastern City District is on track to meet the 0–5 year housing target for mid-2016–mid-2021 of 39,850 new dwellings.
- **District Arts, Culture and Sport**: Investments include Sydney Opera House Stage 1 renewal, Stage 1 Australian Museum redevelopment, Sydney Football Stadium redevelopment, Darling Harbour public domain upgrades and planning for a creative industries precinct in Ultimo.

**Productivity**
- **Harbour CBD**: Construction commenced for the new Barangaroo and Pitt Street metro stations, as well as upgrades to Central and Martin Place stations.
- **Sydney Innovation and Technology Precinct Taskforce**: Camperdown–Ultimo Collaboration Area work provided a foundation for the taskforce announced by the Premier in August 2018.
- **Bondi Junction Strategic Centre**: Waverley Council working towards goal for a low-carbon precinct.

**Sustainability**
- **Five Million Trees Program**: funding of $1.5 million for Bayside, Canada Bay, City of Sydney, Inner West, Strathfield, Waverley and Woollahra to expand urban tree canopy.
- **Bondi to Manly Walk**: A partnership has been established between City of Sydney, Mosman, North Sydney, Northern Beaches, Waverley and Woollahra councils and State and Australian agencies to create the Bondi to Manly Walk – stretching 80km around the foreshore of Sydney Harbour.
- **The GreenWay Master Plan**: was adopted by Inner West Council on 14 August 2018.

Key focus areas emerging for local strategic planning in the District as advised by councils include:
- **Collaboration** on cross-LGA issues including the Eastern Economic Corridor
- **Importance** of location and timing of key infrastructure projects for staging of growth
- **Changing demographics** shaping demand for more diverse housing
- **Growing and supporting** the night time economy and creative industries
- **Optimising** existing use of open space and recreation facilities, including shared use and upgrades, to meet future demand
- **Urban renewal** as opportunity to revitalise centres, improve public domain and deliver low-carbon outcomes
- **Delivering** adequate new open space and social infrastructure, including community facilities.
Sydney Metro West: 2019 NSW Budget announced $6.4 billion over four years towards new metro line linking Harbour CBD to Greater Parramatta

WestConnex: M4 East corridor expected completion late 2019; work progressing for new M5, M4-M5 Link Tunnels and Rozelle Interchange

Cooks River Open Space Corridor Green Grid Priority Project

Parramatta Road Urban Transformation Corridor Strategy: Transport study underway

Rockdale Wetlands Open Space Corridor Green Grid Priority Project

Collaboration Area: Kogarah health and education precinct underway, with key stakeholder workshop held March 2019 and productivity workshop held April 2019

F6 Extension Stage 1: Preferred Infrastructure Report exhibited for community consultation April–May 2019

Waterloo Precinct including Waterloo Estate: Visioning and redevelopment options released for consultation August 2018

Waterloo Metro Quarter: State Significant Precinct Study exhibited Nov 2018 to Jan 2019

CBD and South-East Light Rail track testing underway

Bayside West: Rezoning of Arncliffe and Banksia precincts finalised in October 2018, with a draft Special Infrastructure Contributions plan exhibited Oct–Nov 2018

Sydney Gateway Project: $7.5 million funding commitment for 2018–19 planning, including upgraded freight connections from Port Botany and Sydney Airport
Tree Canopy Cover

- **Canada Bay**: 16% Urban tree canopy, 66% of homes within 400 m walk to open space.
- **City of Sydney**: 14% Urban tree canopy, 94% of homes within 400 m walk to open space.
- **Woollahra**: 29% Urban tree canopy, 73% of homes within 400 m walk to open space.
- **Randwick**: 14% Urban tree canopy, 86% of homes within 400 m walk to open space.
- **Bayside**: 11% Urban tree canopy, 72% of homes within 400 m walk to open space.
- **Strathfield**: 16% Urban tree canopy, 56% of homes within 400 m walk to open space.
- **Burwood**: 15% Urban tree canopy, 64% of homes within 400 m walk to open space.
- **Waverley**: 15% Urban tree canopy, 65% of homes within 400 m walk to open space.

Notes:
1. Tree Canopy and Access to Open Space are mapped for the Urban Area only.
2. Walking distance to a local open space measured along the road network.
3. Tree canopy cover data is from NSW Urban Vegetation Cover to Modified Mesh Block 2016, Office of Environment and Heritage.
4. Open space data is from the Public Open Space Audit 2016, Department of Planning and Environment.
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PI 1 Jobs, education and housing

The Eastern City District is home to 38% of the Region’s jobs and 22% of the Region’s population. In 2016, 78% of the District’s working residents worked within the District. Between 2006–2016 the Eastern City District attracted 44% of the Region’s jobs growth and 26% of the Region’s population increase. This means District job growth has been faster than population increase.

In 2016, 70% of the District’s jobs were located in metropolitan or strategic centres and 10% were in industrial precincts. Growing centres and supporting new industries will help strengthen jobs growth in the District.

PI 2 30-minute city – network capability

The network capability tool measures 30-minute travel by public transport (based on current infrastructure and 2018 timetabled service provision in the 6am–10am morning peak). It shows:

- 91% of the District’s dwellings are within 30-minutes by public transport to a metropolitan centre or cluster; and
- 100% of the District’s dwellings are within 30-minutes by public transport to a metropolitan or strategic centre.

PI 3 Walkable places

In 2017, 32% of all trips in the Eastern City District were walking trips, while 18% of all trips across the region were walking trips. Walking distance to open space becomes more important as densities increase, as does the need for public spaces. Measured using the street network, across the District:

- 73% of low-medium density dwellings are located within 400 metres walk to open space; and
- 44% of high-density dwellings are located within 200m walk to open space.

PI 4 Addressing urban heat

Over the 2018–19 summer the Harbour CBD (Observatory Hill) experienced 9 days over 35ºC and Sydney Airport experienced 6 days over 35ºC. Green infrastructure including trees and other vegetation as well as water in the landscape are important parts of place-making and can also help mitigate urban heat.

Currently, the Eastern City District has a lower proportion of tree canopy cover in the urban area (15%) compared to the Greater Sydney Region as a whole (21%).

For details of data source please refer to Greater Sydney Dashboard.