

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA

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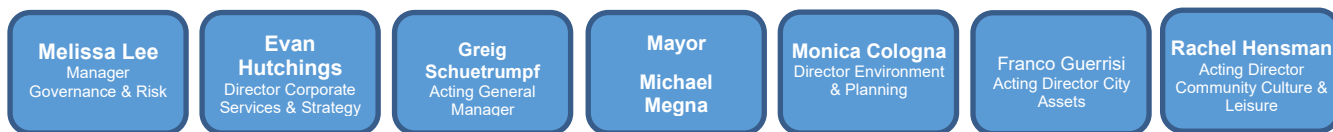
Council Chambers, City of Canada Bay Civic Centre, Drummoyne

Tuesday, 21 October 2025

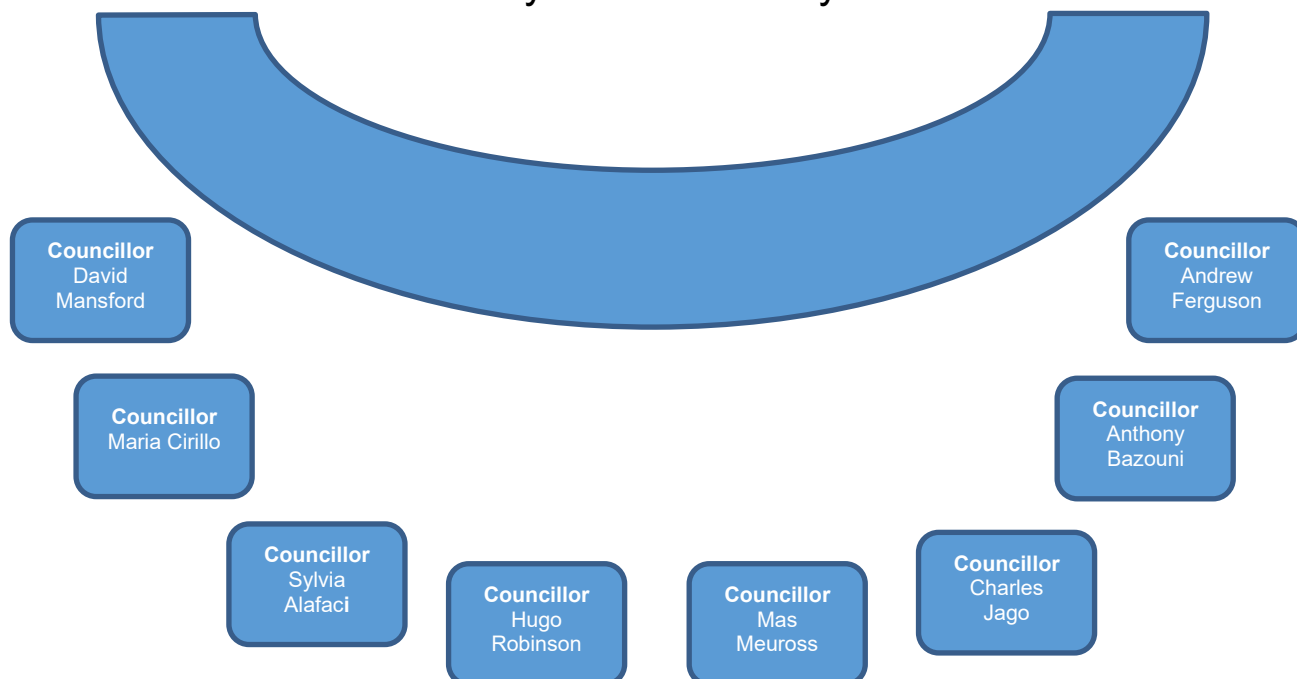
Beginning at 6:00 PM for the purpose of considering and determining matters included in this agenda.



Greig Schuettrumpf
Acting General Manager



Councillors City of Canada Bay



Statement of Ethical Obligations

The Mayor and Councillors are bound by the Oath/Affirmation of Office made at the start of the Council term to undertake their civic duties in the best interests of the people of the City of Canada Bay and to faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the Local Government Act or any other Act, to the best of their skill and judgement.

It is also a requirement that the Mayor and Councillors disclose conflicts of interest in relation to items listed for consideration on the Agenda or which are considered at this meeting in accordance with Council's Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice.

**Agenda for an Ordinary Council Meeting
to be held on Tuesday 21 October 2025
at the Council Chambers, City of Canada Bay Civic Centre, Drummoyne
Commencing at 6:00 PM**

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The City of Canada Bay acknowledges the Wangal clan, one of the 29 tribes of the Eora nation and the traditional custodians of this land.

The City's Council pays respect to Elders past and present and extends this respect to all Aboriginal people living in or visiting the City of Canada Bay.

2 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

In accordance with clauses 6.3, 6.4 and 6.5 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, apologies must be received and accepted from absent Councillors and a leave of absence from the Council Meeting may be granted.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 16 SEPTEMBER 2025

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 16 September 2025 copies of which were previously circulated, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

In accordance with Part 16 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, all Councillors must disclose and manage any conflicts of interest they may have in matters being considered at the meeting.

5 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)**ITEM 5.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - SANTINO GRIECO**

Submitted by: Councillor Michael Megna (Mayor)

MOTION

That Council congratulates Santino Grieco on being awarded the Vince & Val Laws Medal at Football Canterbury's 2025 Volunteer Awards.

BACKGROUND

Council extends our congratulations to Santino Grieco on being awarded the Vince & Val Laws Medal at Football Canterbury's Volunteer Awards.

Football Canterbury is one of the largest community sporting associations in Australia, comprising 31 member clubs across six LGAs, representing more than 20,000 participants.

The Vince & Val Lewis Medal recognises an individual amongst Football Canterbury's 3,500 volunteers who has been dedicated to football across their lifetime and has exceeded expectations of what would normally be expected of a volunteer.

This honour recognises Santino's dedication to his club Inter Lions FC, and his service to grassroots football.

Over many years, Santino has been a driving force in our local sporting community, generously giving his time and expertise as a coach, mentor, organiser and advocate. His contribution has supported countless players, nurtured young talent, and strengthened the foundations of football in the City of Canada Bay and beyond.

Council congratulates Santino on this well-deserved recognition.

6 PUBLIC FORUM

In accordance with Part 5 of the Code of Meeting Practice, residents, ratepayers, applicants or other persons may request to address Council in relation to any one matter related to the general business of Council but not the subject of a report on the agenda (Public Forum) and no more than two matters listed for consideration on the agenda (Public Address).

7 ITEMS RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

In accordance with Part 13 of the Code of Meeting Practice, items that are dealt with by exception are items where the recommendations contained in the staff reports in the agenda are adopted without discussion.

8 EXECUTIVE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM 8.1 MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA POLICIES

Reporting Manager Manager Communications and Engagement

Attachments:

1. **Media Policy** [↓](#)
2. **Social Media Policy** [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATION OF GENERAL MANAGER

That Council adopt the Media and Social Media Policies attached to the report.

PURPOSE

To present the revised Social Media Policy and Media Policy to Council for endorsement. Both policies provide a framework to guide the City of Canada Bay's use of social and traditional media, ensuring that all communication activities are consistent, responsible, and aligned with Council's strategic objectives.

REPORT

The Social Media Policy and Media Policy have been reviewed by the Communications and Engagement team in consultation with the Consultative Committee, Executive Team, and Leadership Team.

The policies aim to:

- Strengthen governance around how Council communicates with the community through media and social media channels.
- Provide clear direction to staff and Councillors regarding authorised spokespersons and the use of official communication channels.
- Support staff and Councillors in managing personal and professional engagement in online and media contexts.

Both policies have been updated to reflect current best practice in local government communication, legislative requirements, and Council's ongoing commitment to transparency and civic leadership.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 5: Civic Leadership

Goal CL 1: Council is accountable, efficient, and ready to meet future challenges

TIMING / CONSULTATION AND / OR RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Consultation has been undertaken with the Consultative Committee, the Executive Team, and the Leadership Team. Feedback from these groups has informed the final drafts of both policies.

It is noted that these Policies do not conflict with the LGNSW Guideline on free speech in local government in NSW (the Free Speech Guideline.)

Adoption of the updated policies will mitigate reputational and operational risks by ensuring clear protocols are in place for staff and Councillors when engaging with the media and community online.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations associated with this report.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The Social Media Policy and Media Policy are consistent with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

They also align with related City of Canada Bay policies, including:

- Code of Conduct
- Code of Meeting Practice
- Code of Business Ethics
- Sponsorship Policy
- Volunteers and Community Representatives Policy

The Policies do not conflict with LGNSW's Guideline on free speech in local government in NSW (the Free Speech Guideline.)

Media Policy

1. Purpose

The City of Canada Bay's public image is influenced by the way we communicate, and all media relations should support Council in achieving its strategic objectives.

A mutually beneficial and trusting relationship between Council and the media is essential in maintaining and protecting Council's reputation. All media representatives should be treated in the same manner as any other customer of Council, with timeliness, transparency, and respect.

This Policy provides a framework for Councillors and staff to promote positive media coverage of Council affairs that is fair, accurate, and reliable.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all Council officers, elected representatives, volunteers, contractors, consultants, and suppliers.

3. Definitions

Term	Meaning
Media	includes all forms of print, published, broadcast, online and social media
Communications and Engagement Team	refers to the team within Council with authority, expertise, and experience in media relations.

4. Policy Principles

The Media Policy has the following objectives:

- To build Council's reputation through positive media coverage
- To limit the publication of unapproved or inaccurate information, miscommunication and therefore risk to Council's reputation
- To ensure consistency among Councillors and staff in dealing with the media
- To ensure all communication from Council to the media is consistent, accurate, timely, and appropriate
- To promote positive media relationships and an open exchange of information between Council and the media
- To clearly indicate Council's authorised spokespersons
- To ensure appropriate authorisation and responsibility for information provided to the media
- To clarify procedures for non-Council organisations and volunteers that work with Council.



5. Roles and Responsibilities

Council Staff

- 5.1 The Mayor and the General Manager are Council's official spokespersons on all matters.
- 5.2 The Mayor may nominate another spokesperson to speak on a particular matter.
- 5.3 The General Manager may nominate other staff members to act as spokespeople for Council.
- 5.4 The Communications and Engagement team is responsible for coordinating media liaison and issuing information to media and has been delegated authority to respond to media enquiries on behalf of Council, following the correct sign-off procedure.
- 5.5 Only the Communications and Engagement team, or staff members authorised by the General Manager, are to handle an enquiry from the media.
- 5.6 Information provided to the media that is of a controversial, legal or ethical nature requires the approval of the General Manager and/or the Mayor.

Authorised Officer	Roles and Responsibilities
Mayor	Council's Official Spokesperson on all policy matters. Authorised signatory for Letters to the Editor on policy issues.
Deputy Mayor	Act as the Mayor's delegated spokesperson if the Mayor is not available.
Councillors	If providing the media with comment, identify that their comments are provided as their own personal opinion and not representing the official position of Council. May be delegated by the Mayor to act as a spokesperson for
General Manager	To make statements on behalf of Council to the media where relevant. Council's Official Spokesperson on all policy, operations, and administration issues. Authorised signatory for Letters to the Editor on these issues
Managers including Manager, Communications and Engagement	To make statements on behalf of Council to the media following prior consultation with the General Manager and statements are made in conformity with any directions given by the General Manager.
Manager, Communications and Engagement	To provide guidance to the Communications and Engagement Team on proactive media stories and responses to media queries, provide guidance to Council on any potential issues that arise, check and authorise responses to media as part of sign-off procedure.

Communications Engagement team	and	Responsible for coordinating responses and providing information to the media on behalf of Council. Responsible for writing and distributing media releases, event listings, and media queries as required.
Staff		No direct media role unless requested by General Manager to provide comment. May be asked by C&E team to provide information as background.

Non-Council Staff and Organisations

Volunteers

- 5.7 Under no circumstances can volunteers and/or community representatives discuss staff, confidential legal advice or commercial in-confidence matters with the media.
- 5.8 On occasion, volunteers and committee representatives may be contacted by the media for information or comment on an issue or decision taken by Council. Individuals are free to make personal comments to the media, however they should not be identified as representing Council or expressing views on behalf of a Council committee or group.

Contractors, Consultants and Suppliers

- 5.9 Under no circumstances can contractors, consultants or suppliers discuss Council, staff, confidential legal advice or commercial in-confidence matters with the media.
- 5.10 Should contractors/consultants/suppliers wish to contact the media regarding a story that involves Council, then Council asks that they work with Council to approve the story, content, and any quotes to support that story.
- 5.11 Where a media release is prepared by or contributed to by a team within Council other than Communications and Engagement, it must be forwarded to the Communications and Engagement team to go through the sign-off procedure.
- 5.12 Should contractors, consultants or suppliers have a potential media issue arise that could impact Council, they should refer the issue to the Communications and Engagement team.

6. Dealing with the Media

- 6.1 All media enquiries should be directed to the Communications and Engagement team by using the email media@canadabay.nsw.gov.au.
- 6.2 To ensure respectful and positive media relationships, the Communications and Engagement team will respect any deadlines provided by journalists or if none provided will endeavour to provide a response to the media queries within 24 hours. If background information is required from staff, information must be provided to the Communications and Engagement team in a timely manner to ensure these deadlines can be met.
- 6.3 Council staff must not speak to the media about matters related to Council unless authorised to do so by the Communications and Engagement team and General Manager. If contacted by a media organisation, Council staff are to refer the media organisation or journalist to the Communications and Engagement team for comment.



- 6.4 Council employees may not provide any comment or information to the media with the intention of contesting or undermining Council policy or casting Council, Councillors or Council staff in a negative light.
- 6.5 Council employees may speak to the media or write Letters to the Editor as private individuals or as a spokesperson for a volunteer organisation with the following restrictions:
 - a. They do not comment on Council business or policy
 - b. They are not identified as Council employees and are clear that they are not representing Council
 - c. Their comments are not and could not be perceived as representing official Council position or policy
 - d. Are lawful and compliant with Councils policies and procedures.
- 6.6 In the event of an industrial dispute (or an incident likely to lead to an industrial dispute), statements made on behalf of Council employees should be issued via the relevant union.
- 6.7 When an appropriate member of Council staff is authorised by the General Manager to be the spokesperson on a specific issue, event or initiative, they must work with and have any statements approved by the Communications and Engagement team to ensure consistency of message.
- 6.8 If approved as a spokesperson, staff other than the Communications and Engagement team must not provide information 'off the record' or as background during media interviews. It is best to assume that everything said to any media representative may appear in a news story.
- 6.9 Contractors, consultants or service providers employed by Council should refer all media enquiries relating to Council to the Communications and Engagement team via media@canadabay.nsw.gov.au.

7. Councillors and the Media

- 7.1 Every Councillor has a right to express a private opinion on any issue, whether or not that opinion reflects Council's official position. However, Councillors must carefully identify the role in which they speak or write — that is, all views expressed are their own and not that of Council. This extends to personal social media accounts.
- 7.2 Councillors have an obligation to present factual information to the public.
- 7.3 Councillors must not release Council information that is private or confidential in nature. For example, the details of internal meetings or Councillor workshops unless express approval has been provided by the General Manager.
- 7.4 Whenever Councillors publicly express their own opinions, they must make it clear they are speaking for themselves and not for Council, unless delegated by the Mayor.
- 7.5 When Councillors speak 'for the Council' when delegated by the Mayor, they must express and support Council's entire policy on the issue discussed.
- 7.6 Councillors should not make personal criticism of other Councillors or Council Staff in external comments either to media or on social media platforms.



- 7.7 To ensure information provided to the public or to the media is accurate and up to date, Councillors should seek information from the General Manager, the Communications and Engagement Manager or appropriate Director before making public comment.

8. Written Material for Media Distribution

Media Releases

- 8.1 Staff may prepare draft media releases. Draft media releases must be sent to the Communications and Engagement team for editing, approval and distribution to ensure they maintain Council's messaging, style and look.
- 8.2 City of Canada Bay media releases, or external media releases quoting Council staff or representatives, should never be issued without the Communications and Engagement team's knowledge and the prior approval of the General Manager, the Mayor or delegated authority.
- 8.3 A media release should never be issued quoting a Councillor or member of staff without that person's prior knowledge and agreement.
- 8.4 Staff with specialist knowledge may be quoted in media releases with the permission of the General Manager.
- 8.5 Media releases must be approved by the General Manager or the delegated authority before being distributed.
- 8.6 Media releases on operational matters can be prepared by the Communications and Engagement team without quotes from the Mayor and distributed with approval from the General Manager.
- 8.7 If approval from the Mayor is unable to be obtained in the timeframe for generating coverage, the General Manager (or delegate) can approve the media release so Council does not miss an opportunity to gain media coverage.
- 8.8 All new employees are to be given Council's Media Policy as a part of the induction process.

Events

- 8.9 Council staff should advise the Mayoral Office and Communications and Engagement team of forthcoming public events to allow time for the Mayor to attend and media to be notified of any potential photograph opportunity.
- 8.10 Any Council officer who is aware of an occurrence that may be of interest to the media or Mayor, should contact the Mayoral Office and Communications and Engagement team.
- 8.11 Event listings can be prepared and distributed by the Communications and Engagement team to media outlets without formal approval if the information on which they are based is only relating to the event and has already been approved by the content area manager or Director.

Letters to the Editor

- 8.12 Letters to the Editor are considered responses to media and are covered by the Media Policy.
- 8.13 Consideration should be given to whether a Letter to the Editor is from the General Manager (for operational matters) or Mayor.



9. Crisis and Issues Communication

- 9.1 Any potential media issues should be raised with the Manager, Communications and Engagement as soon as possible. The Mayoral Office should also be notified – this may be done by the Manager, Communications and Engagement.
- 9.2 In the event of an emergency, disaster, crisis, or when dealing with a sensitive issue, advice of the Manager, Communications and Engagement or Communications team should be sought.
- 9.3 It is imperative in these situations that only the Mayor and General Manager are authorised to speak to the media.

10. Responsibilities

Role	Responsibility
Mayor	Council's Official Spokesperson on all policy matters. Authorised signatory for Letters to the Editor on policy issues.
Deputy Mayor	Act as the Mayor's delegated spokesperson if the Mayor is not available.
Councillors	If providing the media with comment, identify that their comments are provided as their own personal opinion and not representing the official position of Council. May be delegated by the Mayor to act as a spokesperson for Council on a particular issue or concern.
General Manager	To make statements on behalf of Council to the media where relevant. Council's Official Spokesperson on all policy, operations, and administration issues. Authorised signatory for Letters to the Editor on these issues.
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11. Laws and Standards

- Local Government Act 1993
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2021

12. Related Policies and Procedures

- Council Code of Conduct
- Council Code of Meeting Practice
- Council Sponsorship Policy
- Council Code of Business Ethics
- Council Social Media Policy
- Council Volunteers and Community Representatives Policy
- Office of Local Government (OLG) Guideline on free speech in local government in NSW (the Free Speech Guideline.)

13. Consultation

In preparing this policy, the Communications & Engagement team consulted with the Consultative Committee, the Executive Team, and the Leadership Team and their comments were considered in the development of this Policy.

It was confirmed that this Policy does not conflict with the Guideline on free speech in local government in NSW (the Free Speech Guideline.)

14. Approval Status

The Council approved this policy on TBC

15. Approval History

Stage	Date	Comment	ECM ID
Original Policy	21/10/2025	TBC	TBC
Next Review	21/10/2029		

16. Ownership and Approval

Responsibility	Role
Author	Manager, Communications and Engagement
Owner	Manager, Communications and Engagement
Endorser	City of Canada Bay Executive
Approver	City of Canada Bay Council

Social Media Policy

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to:

- provide Council staff (including temporary staff and contractors) and Councillors with guidance when using social media
- ensure responses to issues raised through Council's social media channels are addressed in a consistent and timely manner and referred to the correct business area.

2. Scope

The aim of this Policy is to respect everyone's right to free speech; while also recognising that Council staff have obligations in their personal use of social media in order to avoid the potential to directly or indirectly bring Council's reputation into disrepute, breach council's code of conducts or, create conflicts of interest or undermine the ability to carry out its role effectively.

3. Definitions

Term	Meaning
Council	City of Canada Bay Council
Post	Any item (image, written content, event) shared through a social media platform.
Platform	A social media channel such as Facebook is a platform.
Page	Council's owned asset e.g. City of Canada Bay Council Facebook's Page.
Social Media	The use of online tools for communication, promotion, and conversation. Including but not limited to blogs, social networks (e.g. Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn), podcasts and video (e.g. YouTube) are all types of Social Media.

4. Policy Principles

Social media is a tool used in both business, government, and personal contexts. It presents opportunities to provide information, engage residents and community members, listen to views and better understand community sentiment.

Social media allows Council to directly connect with customers and community members, to present an open and direct platform for real time, engaging communication. Using social media also presents risks and challenges to Council and this policy aims to address some areas of concern such as inappropriate use and resourcing.



5. Council's use of Social Media

Council has official social media accounts used to share information with the public and answer general queries. Only authorised staff can communicate to the public on Council's behalf on social media.

In rare instances additional pages created for business units or projects of Council may be established with approval from the Manager, Communications and Engagement. If approved, Communications and Engagement will remain an administrator of any pages created to ensure appropriate management.

Whilst an effective tool, social media should not be used in isolation. It must be used within the framework of one or more of the following:

- a communications strategy
- a media strategy
- a community engagement / consultation strategy
- a social media strategy or
- at the discretion of communications partners.

6. Council Staff Using Social Media

Staff representing Council on social media are required to have the appropriate authority and delegations in accordance with Council's delegations register.

Should a staff member be given authorisation to provide information or comment on behalf of Council, the following guidelines must be adhered to:

- only publish content that is public information
- content must not disclose confidential, private or personal information or any information that may infringe privacy or copyright
- content should be unbiased
- major announcements should be made in conjunction with or by Communications and Engagement team
- comments will be respectful of the community and portray Council in a positive way
- all posts and links will be Council-related
- all content is politically impartial and/or representative of a formal Council position
- approval of content requests will be determined by the Communications and Engagement team

7. Personal use of Social Media by Staff

The right of staff to use social media in their private lives is respected. In doing so, staff must conduct themselves in a way that does not call into question their capacity to act politically impartially in their work.



It is also important that staff do not risk Council's reputation with posts or comments they make online. Staff can generally make public comment in a personal or private capacity if the comment is lawful and a reasonable person couldn't perceive it to be:

- made on behalf of Council
- affecting their ability to fulfil their duties in an impartial manner
- so harsh or extreme in its criticism or endorsement of Council, State or Federal Government, a Councillor from any political party, or their respective policies, that they are no longer able to work professionally or impartially
- damaging to the integrity or reputation of Council
- so strong in its criticism of Council's administration that it could seriously disrupt the workplace
- a gratuitous personal attack that connects them to Council
- compromising public confidence in Council.

When staff are using social media, it is not acceptable at any time to:

- promote a brand or business on social media when identified as a Council employee, such as wearing a uniform or mentioning Council in that post. This also includes with an identifiable Council building in view, even if not in uniform. Council cannot be seen to endorse or promote one brand or business over another
- post comments or images that are obscene, offensive, threatening, harassing or discriminatory in relation to work, another staff member, a stakeholder or Council
- create a social media page to protest policies that staff are responsible for implementing or promoting
- comment on policy matters that Council is involved with
- post inappropriate images that reference or involve Council in some way. This could be photos taken of employees engaging in misconduct that breaches the Code of Conduct, or otherwise damages Council's reputation. Staff concerns over matters of this nature should be pursued via the relevant complaints procedure, grievance procedure or reported directly to a Manager or relevant officer of Authority
- engage in comments that breach legislation or Council policies
- release sensitive, personal or confidential information without proper authority
- use an official work email address, or anything else that connects the post to Council, when making public comment
- Post or share any material that might otherwise cause damage to Council's reputation.

Posting information online is a public activity and no different from publishing information in a newspaper. For both staff and Councillors it is advisable not to post anything to social media they would not want published and/or attributed to them in traditional media.

Posts – even deleted posts – are considered 'publication' and are subject to the same defamation laws as any other media.



8. Posting

Content and information on Council's social media platforms should either, where appropriate:

- be available on Council's websites
- or include links directing users back to Council's website for more detailed information, relevant documents, forms or online services necessary to conduct business with Council. Council may post to third party sources for information, promotion or service delivery activity or to provide factual clarification.

9. Responding

Council does not conduct customer service through social media. Residents and community members should always contact Council's Customer Service Team by phone, email, in person or via live chat on Council's website. Council's social media channels should direct residents where possible to Council's Customer Service Team.

In rare occasions such as in an emergency Council's Communications and Engagement team may respond to questions on social media channels under the direction of the General Manager.

10. Use of Social Media by Councillors

In their role, Councillors may choose to engage with the City of Canada Bay community through various forums including social media. Councillors have the responsibility to ensure that their use of social media is appropriate.

The obligations of Councillors with respect to their presence on social media, whether made in a personal capacity or in their capacity as a Councillor, must be factual and lawful, including avoiding infringement of copyright, privacy, defamation or harassment laws.

Posting information online is a public activity and no different from publishing information in a newspaper. For both staff and Councillors it is advisable not to post anything to social media they would not want published and/or attributed to them in traditional media.

Councillors are responsible for the administration and moderation of their own social media platforms and ensuring they comply with record keeping obligations.

Councillors who engage, or intend to engage, on social media must receive induction training on the appropriate use of social media. Induction training can be undertaken either as part of the councillor's induction program or as part of their ongoing professional development program.

Councillors must identify themselves on their social media platforms in the following format:

Councillor "First Name and Last Name".

If a councillor becomes or ceases to be the mayor, deputy mayor, or the holder of another position (for example, chairperson of a committee), this must be clearly stated on the councillor's social media platforms.

A Councillor's social media platform must include a disclaimer to the following effect:

"The views expressed, and comments made on this social media platform are my own and not that of the Council".



Despite the above, mayoral or council media releases and other content that has been authorised according to the Council's Communications and Engagement protocols may be uploaded onto a councillor's social media platform.

Councillors may also upload publicly available Council information onto their social media platforms.

A Councillor must advise the General Manager of any social media platforms they administer on which content relating to the Council or council officials is, or is expected to be, uploaded within two months of becoming a councillor or becoming the administrator.

11. Monitoring Council's Social Media

The Communications and Engagement Team will supervise content posted on all official social media platforms to ensure adherence to the Social Media Policy for appropriate use, message and consistency in branding. Council may delete comments that are:

- knowingly false, mischievous or vexatious complaints or statements about individuals, companies or Council.
- misleading, obscene, off-topic, sexist, racist or spam.
- promotional or commercial in nature.
- unlawful or incite others to break the law.
- defamatory or harassing of Council employees, volunteers or the participants in Council programs.
- information that may compromise the safety or security of the public.
- repetitive posts copied and pasted or duplicated by single or multiple users.
- any other inappropriate content or comments as determined by Council.

12. Recording of Information

Council will collect and retain social media content in line with the State Records Act 1998 and Council's Records Management Policy.

13. Grievances

Any grievances in relation to this Policy or its application should be forwarded in writing to the General Manager.

Non-compliance with the Social Media Policy by will be managed through the relevant Code of Conduct and related processes.

14. Responsibilities

Role	Responsibility
Manager Communications and Engagement	Oversee and administer Council's social media output

Communications and Engagement Team	Create, moderate and administer content for Council's social media
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15. Laws and Standards

- Local Government Act 1993
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2021

16. Related Policies and Procedures

- Council Code of Meeting Practice
- Council Code of Conduct
- Council Sponsorship Policy
- Council Code of Business Ethics
- Council Media Policy
- Council Volunteers and Community Representatives Policy
- Office of Local Government (OLG) Guideline on free speech in local government in NSW (the Free Speech Guideline.)

17. Consultation

In preparing this policy, the Communications & Engagement team consulted with the Consultative Committee, the Executive Team, and the Leadership Team and their comments were considered in the development of this Policy.

It was confirmed that this Policy does not conflict with the Guideline on free speech in local government in NSW (the Free Speech Guideline.)

18. Approval Status

The Council approved this policy TBC

Approval History

Stage	Date	Comment	ECM ID
Original Policy	21/10/2025	TBC	TBC
Next Review	21/10/2029		

19. Ownership and Approval

Responsibility	Role
Author	Manager, Communications and Engagement
Owner	Manager, Communications and Engagement



Endorser	City of Canada Bay Executive
Approver	City of Canada Bay Council

9 ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM 9.1 DA DETERMINATIONS BY THE LOCAL PLANNING PANEL AND STAFF UNDER DELEGATION

Reporting Manager Manager Statutory Planning

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

That Council receive and note the information contained in the report on development application determinations by the Local Planning Panel, and Staff, under delegation for the period 1 September 2025 to 30 September 2025.

PURPOSE

This report outlines development application (DA) determinations by the Canada Bay Local Planning Panel (CBLPP) and Staff under delegation for the period from 1 September 2025 to 30 September 2025.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides Development Application statistical data in accordance with Council's resolution of 6 February 2018 on applications received, determined, and applications considered by the Canada Bay Local Planning Panel (CBLPP).

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 3: Vibrant Urban Living

Goal VUL 4: Ensure the built environment respect the unique neighbourhood character and responds deftly to evolving community needs

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

This report provides DA statistical data in accordance with Council's resolution of 6 February 2018 on applications received, determined and applications considered by the Canada Bay Local Planning Panel (CBLPP).

Items for CBLPP Meeting on 24 September 2025

The following applications were listed for consideration at the CBLPP meeting on 24 September 2025:

- DA2025/0124 - 9/40 St Georges Crescent, Drummoyne - Alterations and additions including the installation of an external terrace awning, external door to the terrace and the extension of the existing balustrades – *approved subject to conditions*.
- DA2025/0134 - 1/1 Teviot Avenue, Abbotsford - Alteration to the top level of a residential apartment unit. Demolition of the existing eastern wall of the living room to allow minor extension of the living room onto the existing terrace - *approved subject to conditions*.
- DA2025/0090 – 56-60 Burton Street, Concord - Amalgamation of the existing 8 into 2 lots, no physical works- *approved subject to conditions*.

Items for CBLPP Meeting on 29 October 2025

At the time of writing this report, the following applications are listed for consideration at the CBLPP meeting on 29 October 2025:

- MOD2025/0073 – 118-128 Tennyson Road, Mortlake - S4.56 Modification for alterations to internal layouts of units and structural/plant elements.
- MOD2025/0096 – 1 Nullawarra Avenue, Concord (The Concord Community Club) - S4.55(2) modification for extension of hours, allowing for some morning trade and extended night trade after midnight, and seeks approval to extend the external live music hours from 10pm until midnight during the weekends.

Development Applications - Determined

The following Development Applications have been determined by staff under delegation between 1 September 2025 and 30 September 2025:

DA NO	DATE LODGED	PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	DATE DETERMINED & DECISION
DA2025/0147	30.07.2025	2 Harris Road, Five Dock	Replacement of four business identification signs previously approved for an automotive workshop	Approved 01.09.2025
DA2025/0062	04.04.2025	2 Duchess Avenue, Rodd Point	Demolition of existing dwelling and related structures, and construction of new two-storey dwelling with basement and related landscaping	Approved 02.09.2025
DA2025/0166	02.09.2025	54 Wrights Road, Drummoyne	Replacement of existing leaning retaining wall section and associated tree removal	Approved 04.09.2025
DA2025/0167	04.09.2025	19-19A Roseby Street, Drummoyne	Fitout of tenancy 178-179 at Birkenhead Point	Approved 04.09.2025
DA2025/0169	05.09.2025	10-19A Roseby Street, Drummoyne	Fitout of Tenancy (Shop 203) as a retail premises (footwear shop) to be occupied by ECCO	Approved 05.09.2025
DA2025/0101	02.06.2025	8 The Terrace, Abbotsford	Construction of a Waterfront Access Stairs and Landing	Approved 09.09.2025
DA2025/0008	20.01.2025	36 Clermont Avenue, Concord	Demolition of existing heritage listed building, construction of a double storey dwelling	Refused – LPP 09.09.2025

DA NO	DATE LODGED	PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	DATE DETERMINED & DECISION
			and related landscaping	
DA2025/0146	31.07.2025	26 Lancelot Street, Five Dock	Alterations and additions and replacement of the garage	Approved 10.09.2025
DA2025/0009	22.01.2025	14 Mons Street, Russell Lea	Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling house, including first floor addition	Approved – Court 10.09.2025
DA2024/0180	14.10.2024	6 Norman Street, Five Dock	Demolition of existing single storey dwelling and erection of two storey dwelling with swimming pool, basement and related landscaping	Approved – Court 11.09.2025
DA2025/0144	29.07.2025	387 Concord Road, Concord West	Removal of 'First Choice Liquor' signage and to replace with 'Liquorland Warehouse' signage	Approved 11.09.2025
DA2025/0152	08.08.2025	14 Park Avenue, Concord	Removal of a Gumtree from front of property	Refused 11.09.2025
DA2025/0155	25.08.2025	3 Bouvardia Street, Russell Lea	Supply and install skillion patio, scyon segura deck, aluminium privacy screen and steel handrail.	Approved 16.09.2025
DA2025/0162	27.08.2025	15 Fitzroy Street, Abbotsford	Proposed alfresco roof structure, attached garage, in ground swimming pool with associated landscaping works	Approved 17.09.2025
DA2025/0177	23.09.2025	19-19a Roseby Street, Drummoyne	Minor Fitout Works for tenancy 189 including fitting room partitions and a counter	Approved 23.09.2025
DA2025/0134	15.07.2025	1/1 Teviot Avenue, Abbotsford	Alterations and additions including demolition of eastern wall of living room and extension of the living	Approved - LPP 24.09.2025

DA NO	DATE LODGED	PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	DATE DETERMINED & DECISION
			room onto existing terrace	
DA2025/0090	21.05.2025	56-60 Burton Street, Concord	Amalgamation of the existing 8 lots into 2 lots, no physical works	Approved - LPP 24.09.2025
DA2025/0124	3.07.2025	9/40 St Georges Crescent, Drummoyne	Alterations and additions including the installation of an external terrace awning	Approved - LPP 24.09.2025
DA2025/0143	24.07.2025	46 Ada Street, Concord	Conversion of existing garage to a secondary dwelling	Approved 25.09.2025
DA2025/0105	11.06.2025	13 Hospital Road, Concord West	Demolition of all existing structures and construction of a two-storey attached dual occupancy and strata title subdivision	Approved 26.09.2025
DA2025/0150	11.08.2025	128 Henley Marine Drive, Drummoyne	Construct a timber terrace above the existing attached garage.	Approved 26.09.2025

Total Number of DAs Determined = 22

Development Applications - Lodged

The following Development Applications were lodged with Council during the same period, 1 September 2025 and 30 September 2025:

DA NO	DATE LODGED	PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT
DA2025/0166	02.09.2025	54 Wrights Road, Drummoyne	Replacement of existing leaning retaining wall section and associated tree removal
DA2025/0165	04.09.2025	10 Nullawarra Avenue, Concord West	Ground floor alterations and first floor addition to an existing dwelling
DA2025/0167	04.09.2025	19-19A Roseby Street, Drummoyne	Fitout of tenancy 178-179 at Birkenhead Point
DA2025/0168	04.09.2025	79 Kings Road, Five Dock	Demolition of existing garage and reconstruction of garage with secondary dwelling above
DA2025/0169	05.09.2025	19-19A Roseby Street, Drummoyne	Fitout of Tenancy (Shop 203) as a retail premises (footwear shop) to be occupied by ECCO

DA NO	DATE LODGED	PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT
DA2025/0170	12.09.2025	25 Burnell Street, Russell Lea	Demolition of existing structures and construction of a new two-storey dwelling with basement, detached garage and swimming pool
DA2025/0171	12.09.2025	27A St Georges Crescent, Drummoyne	Construction of a rooftop swimming pool and deck
DA2025/0172	12.09.2025	127 Queen Street, North Strathfield	Demolition of existing 2 storey building and associated structures, construction of a 5 storey residential flat building with basement parking and associated landscaping works
DA2025/0174	18.09.2025	4 Napier Street, Drummoyne	Repair works to existing car park area in a residential flat building
DA2025/0173	23.09.2025	1 Broughton Street, Drummoyne	Removal of one tree in front yard.
DA2025/0176	23.09.2025	114a Gipps Street, Drummoyne	New pool fence, barbecue bench with canopy, and pergola
DA2025/0177	23.09.2025	19-19a Roseby Street, Drummoyne	Minor Fitout Works for tenancy 189 including fitting room partitions and a counter
DA2025/0175	24.09.2025	46 Plunkett Street, Drummoyne	Two storey rear addition
DA2025/0178	30.09.2025	1 Duchess Avenue, Rodd Point	Demolition of existing structures, and construction of a two-storey dwelling, with basement carparking and associated landscaping.
DA2025/0179	30.09.2025	65 Edenholme Road, Russell Lea	Replacement of a portion of the front lawn to create a single uncovered car space

Total Number of DAs Lodged = 15

Variations to development standards

There were three (3) variations made to a development standard (e.g. Building Height, Floor Space Ratio) under the provision of Clause 4.6 of the *Canada Bay Local Environmental Plan, 2013* for the period 1 September 2025 and 30 September 2025.

DA NO	PROPERTY	LEP DEVELOPMENT STANDARD	JUSTIFICATION	EXTENT	DATE APPROVED
DA2025/0090	56-60 Burton Street, Concord	Floor Space Ratio, Clause 4.4	No physical works are proposed by the DA and the proposed lot boundaries will generally follow the physical outline of the	667sqm (38%)	24.09.2025

			existing approved land uses and building configurations on the site, with the School and Church to occupy one lot and the residential aged care on the other		
DA2025/0124	9/40 St Georges Crescent, Drummoyne	Building Height, Clause 4.3	The development will not result in any increase to the existing building heights, the highest points of the existing built form, the roof and eaves will be retained unchanged by the development.	1.4sqm (16%)	24.09.2025
DA2025/0134	1/1 Teviot Avenue, Abbotsford	Building Height, Clause 4.3	The proposal presents as a minor infill addition to an existing terrace area. The perceived height and scale of the building remain consistent with the existing development and do not represent a significant change to the built form.	5.44m (64%)	24.09.2025

Land and Environment Court Appeals

The following provides an update on Land and Environment Court appeals as at 30 September 2025:

DA/APPEAL NO	PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	CURRENT STATUS
DA2024/0203	1 and 7 Ramsay Road and 5-7 Harrabrook Avenue, Five Dock	Class 1 appeal against the refusal of a development application for a boundary adjustment, demolition of the existing structures and construction of a residential flat building and shop top housing development and associated car parking	No agreement reached between the parties, awaiting possible amendments from the applicant.

DA/APPEAL NO	PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	CURRENT STATUS
DA2025/0009	14 Mons Street, Russell Lea	Class 1 appeal against the refusal of a development application for the alterations and additions to an existing dwelling house, including a first-floor addition.	Proposal amended enabling the Court to approve the development on the 10 September 2025
DA2024/0183	65 Byrne Avenue, Russell Lea	Class 1 appeal against the refusal of a development application for the demolition of all structures and construction of an attached two-storey dwelling	S34AA convened on 8 September 2025. Proposal amended in principle agreement reached. Awaiting decision from the Commissioner.
DA 2024/0180	6 Norman Street, Five Dock	Class 1 appeal against the refusal of development application for the demolition of existing dwelling and construction of a two-storey dwelling with swimming pool, basement and related landscaping works.	Proposal amended enabling the Court to approve the development on 11 September 2025
DA2024/0250	176 – 184 George Street, Concord West	Class 1 appeal against the deemed refusal of development for the Demolition of existing structures and construction of a six to eight-storey Infill Affordable Housing Residential Flat Building Development, comprising 183 units including 32 affordable units, with 2 x basement levels containing 198 car parking spaces, plus neighbourhood shop, with Torrens title subdivision (consolidation of lots).	S34 convened 29 September 2025. Awaiting possible amendments by the applicant.
DA2025/0062	2 Duchess Avenue, Rodd Point	Class1 appeal against the deemed refusal of a development application for the demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new two-storey dwelling over basement car park and related landscaping	Appeal discontinued by the owner

Of the six matters listed, three of them are active appeals before the Land and Environment Court.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations associated with this report.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

This report is provided for Council's information in response to the Council resolution of 6 February 2018.

10 CITY ASSETS DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM 10.1 CHANGES TO THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

Reporting Manager Manager Roads and Traffic

Attachments: 1. 2025 Instrument of Authorisation and Delegation [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR CITY ASSETS

That:

1. Council accepts the 2025 Instrument of Authorisation and Delegation issued by Transport for NSW attached to the report, outlining the sub-delegation of authority to the General Manager or relevant Council staff.
 2. Pursuant to 1 above, Council notes the change of governance arrangements from the Local Traffic Committee to the Local Transport Forum, as outlined in the report.
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PURPOSE

This report provides a summary of the changes to the Local Traffic Committee (LTC) following the release of the Authorisation and Delegation Instrument by Transport for NSW (TfNSW) in August 2025.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TfNSW has introduced significant changes to the operation and governance of LTC's across NSW, replacing them with a new model known as the Local Transport Forum (LTF). The new framework is designed to streamline decision making processes and clearly define the delegation arrangements between TfNSW and local Councils.

This report outlines the key changes, details the delegations now provided to Council under the new LTF framework, identifies matters requiring referral to the forum and seeks Council endorsement for the transition to the LTF.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 4: Infrastructure and Transport

Goal IT 2: Manage traffic and parking to minimise congestion and increase road safety

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Under the Transport Administration Act 1988 and NSW Roads Act 1993, TfNSW retains regulatory control over traffic management and road safety on public roads. Historically, local traffic related matters were considered by the LTC, a technical advisory committee composed of representatives from:

- Council (Chairperson)
- NSW Police
- TfNSW
- Local State Member of Parliament

Following a statewide review, TfNSW concluded that the LTC model no longer aligned with the evolving governance frameworks and recommended its replacement with the LTF.

Local Transport Forum

The LTF will continue to perform a similar advisory role to the former LTC while operating under an expanded scope that enables consideration of active transport and public transport integration. The LTF framework also provides greater flexibility for councils to engage a broader range of stakeholders where appropriate.

Key features of the LTF include:

- Retention of the existing governance and administrative processes from the former LTC.
- Broader membership opportunities to incorporate representatives for active transport, accessibility and community interests.
- Ongoing delegation from TfNSW for specified traffic control and management matters.
- A more streamlined referral and endorsement process.

Delegations to Council

TfNSW has reaffirmed and updated delegations to Council to enable efficient decision making on local traffic matters. Council, through the General Manager or Director City Assets, may approve the following under the LTF framework:

- Road/Parking Regulation – No Stopping, Disabled Parking, Work Zones etc.
- Pedestrian Infrastructure – Crossings, refuges, zebra to wombat crossings, footpaths (including continuous footpaths), buildouts, kerb modifications, traffic calming (ramps, humps, chicanes).
- Active Transport Infrastructure – Bicycle lanes, shared paths, contra flow access.
- Streetscape Enhancements – Alfresco dining spaces, landscaping, median islands, water sensitive urban designs.
- Localised Street Events – Temporary Road closures for events.

It should be noted that any relevant matters may be referred to the LTF for review and advice.

Matters Requiring Referral to the Local Transport Forum

The following types of proposals must continue to be referred to the LTF for review and comment prior to Council adoption:

- Works restricting vehicle movements for more than 6 months – Right turn bans, Conversion from two-way to one-way, 'Closing' a road.
- Works impacting public transport safety for more than 24 hours – Preventing access to any public transport station or any service.

Governance and Reporting

While the Forum remains advisory in nature, Council is responsible for implementing resolutions consistent with the approved delegations and for maintaining records of LTF decisions and recommendations.

All recommendations endorsed by the LTF will be reported to Council for adoption where required by the delegations. Council will also continue to convene the LTF monthly with agenda preparation, minute-taking and distribution managed by Council's Traffic and Transport team.

Benefits

The new LTF framework provides greater transparency and consistency in local transport decision making. It supports more efficient assessment and approval of traffic and transport matters, reduces administrative duplication and encourages a more strategic approach to transport planning that better aligns with Councils long term objectives.

Implementation Strategy

The proposed changes will come into effect immediately upon adoption of this report.

CONSULTATION

The LTF provides an opportunity for enhanced community and stakeholder engagement, particularly on matters relating to road safety, accessibility and active transport. Council will continue to consult with affected residents and businesses as part of its existing engagement protocols.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no direct financial implications associated with the establishment of the LTF. Administrative costs will be met within existing operational budgets.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

No major legislative and policy implications. The transition to the LTF will require updates to Council's internal procedures and templates referencing the former Local Traffic Committee.



AUTHORISATION AND DELEGATION
PRESCRIBED TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AND
REGULATION OF TRAFFIC

Roads Act 1993
Road Transport Act 2013

On behalf of Transport for NSW, I, Josh Murray, Secretary of the Department of Transport:

- a) **REVOKE** the instrument of 31 October 2011 titled "*Roads and Maritime Services – Delegation to Councils*"; and
- b) **REVOKE** the instrument of 12 December 2023 titled "*Instrument of Delegation and Authorisation – Traffic Management and Pedestrian Works – Temporary Delegation to Councils No.2*"; and
- c) **DELEGATE** under section 31(1) of the *Transport Administration Act 1988* and all other enabling powers, the functions set out in **Schedule 1** to the delegates set out in **Schedule 2**, subject to the conditions and limitations set out in **Schedule 4**; and
- d) **AUTHORISE** those delegates, under section 31(2) of the *Transport Administration Act 1988*, to sub-delegate the functions set out in **Schedule 1** to the persons set out in **Schedule 3**; and
- e) **AUTHORISE** the delegates set out in **Schedule 2**, under section 122(b) of the *Road Transport Act 2013*, to install or display (or interfere with, alter, or remove) any prescribed traffic control device required to give effect to the carrying out of traffic control work except where indicated as restricted in the Transport for NSW "*Traffic Signs Register*", subject to the conditions and limitations set out in **Schedule 4**; and
- f) **CONSENT**, under s.87(4) of the *Roads Act 1993*, to the construction, installation, maintenance, repair, removal, or replacement of a portable traffic control light used temporarily by a delegate in the context of carrying out road work or traffic control work, subject to the conditions and limitations set out in **Schedule 4**; and

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- g) **DIRECT** that failure to comply with the conditions and limitations set out in **Schedule 4** renders the prescribed traffic control device authorisation and delegation inoperative with respect to the functions exercised.

Note: the authorisation at (e) above is referred to in this Instrument as “the prescribed traffic control device authorisation”.

This Instrument commences on 1 August 2025 and continues in force until revoked.



Josh Murray
Secretary
Department of Transport

Date: 21/07/2025

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SCHEDULE 1 – FUNCTIONS

- (a) The functions and powers of Transport for NSW under section 115(2) of the *Roads Act 1993* to regulate traffic on a public road for purposes other than those set out in that section.
- (b) The power to establish and operate a special event parking scheme for a road under Part 8, Division 3 of the *Road Transport (General) Regulation 2021*.

SCHEDULE 2 – DELEGATES

A council constituted under the *Local Government Act 1993*.

SCHEDULE 3 – SUB-DELEGATES

The general manager of a council, or an employee of the council.

SCHEDULE 4 – CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS

Note: Reference to a delegate in this Schedule includes reference to a sub-delegate.

1. Scope of Authorisation and Delegation

A delegate must not exercise a function listed in Schedule 1 of this Instrument and may not use the prescribed traffic control device authorisation:

- (a) outside its local government area as constituted under the *Local Government Act 1993*;
- (b) on a road or part of a road classified as a Freeway, Controlled Access Road, Tollway, or Transitway; or
- (c) on any road identified with the 'Administrative Category' of 'State' in the '*Schedule of Classified Roads and Unclassified Regional Roads*' (as published and amended from time to time by Transport for NSW), except with the written consent of Transport for NSW

Note: The prescribed traffic control device authorisation allows delegates to install, display, etc. those devices and extends to the engagement of third parties (such as developers, road construction contractors, etc.) to install and display any such devices as a consequence of a delegate's decision and approval under this Instrument.

2. Local Transport Forum

- (a) A delegate must convene a Local Transport Forum to which a representative from each of the following is invited to attend:

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- (i) the delegate
 - (ii) Transport for NSW
 - (iii) NSW Police Force
 - (iv) The local Member(s) of NSW Parliament
 - (v) The operator of any public passenger service likely to be affected by traffic control work proposed by the delegate
- (b) A delegate may invite any other person to attend the Local Transport Forum.
- (c) A delegate may seek technical advice from the Local Transport Forum regardless of whether this Instrument is being used.
- (d) The Local Transport Forum is to provide advice to the delegate on any matter put before it for advice.
- (e) A delegate must consider any advice provided by the Local Transport Forum.

3. Mandatory prior referral of some proposals

- (a) A delegate must refer to the Local Transport Forum any proposal to exercise a function listed in Schedule 1 of this Instrument or to use the prescribed traffic control device authorisation where that proposal would:

for a period exceeding **6 months**:

- (i) restrict or prohibit passage along a road of any persons, vehicles, or animals;
or
- (ii) compel or prevent a turn from one public road to another public road;

or

for a period exceeding **24 hours**:

- (iii) prevent, impede, or hinder the safe or efficient operation of a public passenger service; or
- (iv) prevent access to a public transport station, stop, wharf, or service; or
- (v) remove or render less effective any bus priority measure.

- (b) Following consideration of advice provided by the Local Transport Forum, the delegate may proceed with the proposal unless the Transport for NSW representative advises the meeting of the Local Transport Forum that Transport for NSW will be submitting a Statement of Concern within seven (7) days.

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- (c) If a Statement of Concern has been provided to the delegate in accordance with clause (b) above, the delegate may not exercise the relevant function until a further seven (7) days after it has circulated to the members of the Local Transport Forum, a written response addressing the Statement of Concern and setting out the delegate's reasons for proceeding to exercise the function.

4. Keeping of records

- (a) The proceedings of the Local Transport Forum must be recorded and made public as soon as practicable.
- (b) A post facto record of any use of the prescribed traffic control device authorisation (excluding any instance that has already been the subject of prior referral per condition 3) must be tabled at the Local Transport Forum as soon as practicable and no later than three (3) months after the fact.

5. Coordination

- (a) A delegate must consult any public passenger service operator – either directly or via the Local Transport Forum – before exercising any function listed in Schedule 1 of this Instrument or using the prescribed traffic control device authorisation where it is likely to affect the operation of a public passenger service provided by that operator.
- (b) Details of such consultation undertaken outside of the Local Transport Forum must be tabled at the Local Transport Forum as soon as practicable.
- (c) A delegate must give not less than seven (7) days' notice to NSW Police Force and Transport for NSW – either directly or via the Local Transport Forum – before regulating traffic under this Instrument for the purposes of a public event.

6. References

- (a) A delegate must use the NSW Design of Roads and Streets Manual (TS 00066, as amended from time to time) as a primary reference when exercising a function listed in Schedule 1 of this Instrument or using the prescribed traffic control device authorisation.
- (b) Use of a portable traffic control light or R4-212n roadwork speed limit sign under this Instrument must be in accordance with the Transport for NSW Traffic Control at Work Sites Manual (TS 05492, as amended from time to time).

7. Preservation of head of power

Notwithstanding this Instrument, Transport for NSW reserves all and any rights and powers, including to:

- (a) Direct a public authority under clause 8I of Schedule 1 of the *Transport Administration Act 1988*, or alter or remove, or direct the alteration or removal of any prescribed traffic control device, under Part 5.3, Division 2 of the *Road Transport Act 2013*; and

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- (b) Carry out road work in accordance with Part 6 of the *Roads Act 1993*; and
- (c) Carry out traffic control work on any public road, including exclusive power to carry out or consent to the construction, erection, installation, maintenance, repair, removal or replacement of a traffic control light under section 87 of the *Roads Act 1993*; and
- (d) Regulate traffic under Part 8 of the *Roads Act 1993*.
- (e) Revoke or withdraw this delegation, authorisation, or any component of it at any time with respect to any or all delegates.

ITEM 10.2 CITY OF CANADA BAY LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE - 11 SEPTEMBER 2025**Reporting Manager Manager Roads and Traffic****Attachments: Nil**

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR CITY ASSETS

That Council notes that no reports were submitted for the City of Canada Bay Traffic Committee for the month of September 2025.

PURPOSE

To advise Council that no reports were submitted to the City of Canada Bay Traffic Committee for the month of September 2025.

REPORT

It is noted that there were no reports submitted to the City of Canada Bay Traffic Committee for the month of September 2025 and the next Traffic Committee meeting will be scheduled for Thursday 16 October 2025.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 4: Infrastructure and Transport

Goal IT 2: Manage traffic and parking to minimise congestion and increase road safety

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations associated with the report.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The City of Canada Bay Local Traffic Committee meetings are held in line with Transport for NSW guidelines.

ITEM 10.3 FIVE DOCK PARK MASTERPLAN**Reporting Manager** Manager Project Management Office

Attachments:

1. Masterplan for Five Dock Park (*Provided in Attachment Booklet*)
2. [⇒](#) Public Ex Feedback Schedule Five Dock MP (*Provided in Attachment Booklet*) [⇒](#)

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR CITY ASSETS

That:

1. Council adopts the draft Masterplan for Five Dock Park attached to the report.
 2. All stakeholders who made a submission in relation to the master plan be notified of Council's decision.
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PURPOSE

This report outlines the outcomes from the public exhibition of the draft Masterplan for Five Dock Park and seeks Council adoption of the Masterplan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The draft Masterplan for Five Dock Park (MP) has been publicly exhibited. This report provides details on the response to and outcomes from the public exhibition and recommends the adoption of the final MP.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 1: Connected Community

Goal CC 5: Provide open space, facilities, and programs that promote active lifestyles

Goal CC 4: Promote a community where residents feel safe and enjoy good health

Goal CC 3: Provide the community with equitable access to a range of programs, services, and facilities

Direction 2: Sustainable and Thriving Environment

Goal STE 2: Increase urban tree canopy

Goal STE 4: Enhance and protect native flora and fauna to support local biodiversity

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

At the meeting of 15 July 2025, Council resolved that:

1. Council endorse the draft Masterplan for Five Dock Park for public exhibition
2. Following public exhibition, a report be prepared and submitted to Council detailing the outcomes of the public exhibition process referred to in (1) above and to consider the adoption of the final Masterplan for Five Dock Park.

Process

The draft MP was developed following an extensive engagement process with the community and stakeholder groups.

Following Council's endorsement, the draft MP was placed on public exhibition from 24 July until 21 August 2025.

The draft document was advertised on Council's 'Collaborate' community engagement portal. Respondents were asked to provide their comments / feedback on the future plans and facilities proposed in the MP. In addition to the promotion through Council's Collaborate site and social media, the public exhibition process included two on site drop-in sessions, engagement with key stakeholders and the placement of notices on site at both parks.

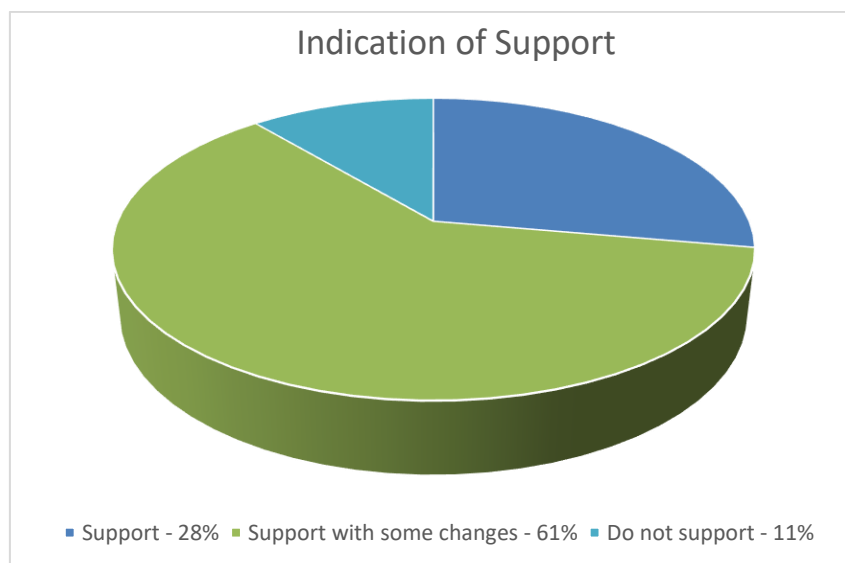
This report details the submissions from the public exhibition process and presents the draft Five Dock Park Masterplan(**Attachment 1**) to Council for adoption.

TIMING / CONSULTATION AND / OR RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Council received a total of 34 submissions during the public exhibition period and indicated a high level of overall support for the draft MP.

Council received 18 submissions through Council's Collaborate page, a further 15 submissions via email and a Resolution resulting from a Notion of Motion from the August 2025 Council Meeting.

The Collaborate survey asked for an indication of the level of support for the draft MP and the results are detailed below:



The overall level of support on Collaborate was high with 89% supporting or supporting with some changes.

All submissions (Collaborate and email) were grouped by 'theme', the most frequently mentioned of which are listed below:

- Parking / Pedestrian and Road Safety (13)
- Skatepark (5)
- Cycling (5)
- Dog Off Leash Area (5)
- Memorials (5)
- Lighting (4)

- Support (4)

The responses submitted through the public exhibition process resulted in a number of amendments to the final draft MP:

- Inclusion of a traffic study to inform the need for future pedestrian safety, parking and traffic management and an additional item to action the outcomes from the study;
- An action to investigate options to manage the impact of stormwater runoff;
- An item to action appropriate outcomes from the proposed lighting audit / study;
- The inclusion of the enlargement of the DOLA in long-term goals (5 – 10 years) in response to an increased population in Five Dock;
- Better articulating in the draft MP that the deep bowl and snake run elements of the skatepark are likely to fail (structurally) within the life of the MP and that Council will engage with young people on replacing / replicating deep bowl and snake run with new infrastructure;
- Clearer distinction between the Regional Shared Path and Parking proposed in the next 12 months along Barnstaple Rd, and the longer-term option (5 – 10 years) for additional parking in response to an increased population in Five Dock;
- Amend references to the leased facility to reflect the 'Home Grounds Restaurant'.

Attachment 2 contains the Schedule of Feedback for all submissions received during the public exhibition, Council's response to each and any resulting changes to the draft MP.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The development of the draft plans includes the development of an 'opinion of probable cost' for all elements of the draft MP which will inform the development of future projects for inclusion in the capital works programs and external funding applications over the next 10 years. This is not included in the draft documents to avoid conferring any commercial advantage on future contractors or service providers.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The draft MP is consistent with the adopted Five Dock Park Plan of Management (2021) and has been developed based on a robust engagement process which identified community and stakeholder needs.

It will provide a sound strategic platform on which to base the planning, delivery and funding of future facilities and projects for the next 10 years.

11 COMMUNITY CULTURE AND LEISURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Nil

12 CORPORATE SERVICES AND STRATEGY DIRECTORATE REPORTS**ITEM 12.1 LICENCE TO THE SCOUTS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA NSW BRANCH ABN 42 460434054 FOR UHRS POINT RESERVE, 484P CONCORD ROAD, RHODES.****Reporting Manager** Manager Property Strategy and Leasing**Attachments:** Nil

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES AND STRATEGY

That:

1. Pursuant to s47A of the Local Government Act 1993, Council enter a Licence agreement with the Scouts Association of Australia (NSW Branch) for a period of 5 years commencing 1 December 2025 including the terms and conditions contained in the body of the report and subject to compliance with the public notice provisions of s47 of the Local Government Act 1993.
 2. In the event that no submissions are received in response to the public notice process referred to in (1) above, the General Manager be authorised to finalise any matters contained within the body of the report and execute the licence on behalf of Council.
 3. In the event of submissions being received in response to the public notice process referred to in (1) above, a further report, including details of such submissions, be prepared, and submitted to a future meeting of Council.
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PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is seeking Council's approval to enter a licence with the Scouts Association of Australia NSW Branch (ABN 42 460 434 054) over a portion of Council managed Crown Land within Uhrs Point (R.59906) Reserve, described as Lot 7051 in DP 1059395 and Lot 504 DP 752023, for a period of five (5) years for the purpose of allowing vehicular access through the Uhrs Point Reserve.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Canada Bay (Council) is the Crown Land Manager for the Crown Land Reserve, Uhrs Point (R.59906), known as Uhrs Point Reserve (the Public Reserve). Located at 484P Concord Road, Rhodes, described as Lot 7051 in DP 1059395 and Lot 504 DP 752023, the Public Reserve is located along the Parramatta River foreshore and is home to the Dragon Sports Association boating club (DSA) and the 1st Yaralla Sea Scouts Group (the Sea Scouts), which has a Scout Hall (the Hall) and boatshed in the northwestern corner of the Public Reserve.

The parcel of land the Hall is located on, being Lot 494 in DP 704503 and Lot 509 in DP 729627, is not a part of the Crown Reserve managed by Council and is instead in the care and control of the Sea Scouts, which leases these parcels directly from Crown Lands. As a result, Council has no agreement in place with the Sea Scouts and has no responsibility for the Hall or the parcels of land that it sits on.

In early 2025 Council was notified that the Sea Scouts have been crossing the Public Reserve with road vehicle in order to access the boatshed below the Hall to load and unload equipment.

Council Officers consider this access to be essential to the operation of the Sea Scouts but recommend a Licence be approved to formalise the access arrangement through the Public Reserve.

Council Officers have negotiated a Heads of Agreement with the Sea Scouts formalising the access arrangements and are now seeking approval from Council to enter a 5-year licence granting access through the Public Reserve.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 1: Connected Community

Goal CC 5: Provide open space, facilities, and programs that promote active lifestyles

Goal CC 3: Provide the community with equitable access to a range of programs, services, and facilities

Direction 5: Civic Leadership

Goal CL 1: Council is accountable, efficient, and ready to meet future challenges

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Council is appointed under the Crown Land Management Act 2016 as the Crown Land Manager for Uhrs Park Reserve (R59906) notified in the Government Gazette for the purpose of public recreation on 19 April, 1996 and described as Lot 7051 in DP 1059395 and Lot 504 in DP 752023.

Located along the Parramatta River foreshore, the Public Reserve is home to two (2) recreational boating clubs, the Sea Scouts and DSA. Both clubs have their own facilities within the Public Reserve and share use of the boat ramp facilities.

The Sea Scouts facilities, include a Hall and boatshed, located in the northwestern corner of the Reserve. The Hall sits on a parcel of land, described as Lot 494 in DP 704503 and Lot 509 in DP 729627, which is separate from the Council managed Public Reserve. Instead, this land is under the care and control of the Sea Scouts, which hold a direct lease with Crown Lands.

Below the Hall is a boatshed where the Sea Scouts store boats and other items required for its operations and activities, some of which can only be moved by trailer or car. Due to the location of the Hall and its position within the Public Reserve, the only way the Sea Scouts can access the boatshed and move boats in and out is by driving through the Public Reserve.

The establishment of a formal licence agreement recognising the access requirements of the Sea Scouts through the Public Reserve ensures that there are appropriate processes and procedures in place to protect pedestrian safety and recreational users of the Public Reserve.

The proposed Licence Agreement will specify the approved access route, ensure that the Sea Scouts are liable for any damage caused to the Public Reserve during their use and that appropriate insurances are held.

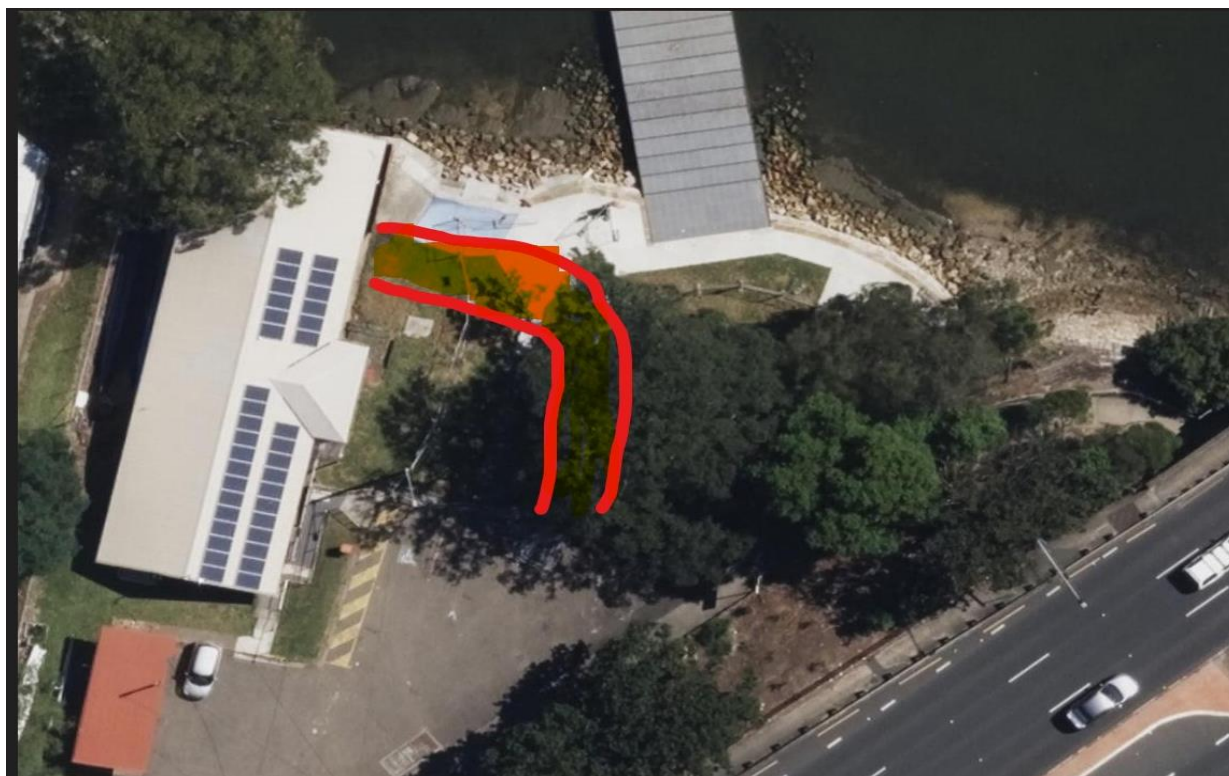
It is proposed Council enters a new Licence with the Sea Scouts based on the below key terms.

Key Licence Terms

Premises	Uhrs Park Reserve (R59906) - Part Lot 7051 DP 1059395 & Part Lot 504 DP 752023 as shown on lease plan
Commencement Date	1 December 2025
Expiry date	30 November 2030
Market Rent	\$604 (ex. GST) per annum (Crown Land Minimum)
Term	5 years

Option	Nil
Rent Reviews	Annual CPI reviews
Insurances – Public Liability	For not less than \$20M with the interests of City of Canada Bay Council noted
Insurances – Other	Any other insurance required by law
Repairs and maintenance	The Licensee is responsible for any damage to Council's or others property caused by representatives of the Licensee, whether caused by accident or negligence.
Permitted use	Vehicular access through Uhers Point Reserve.
Access Route	The licensee agrees access through Uhers Point Reserve is only allowed for the Licensee to access their Scout Hall. Access is only allowed along the route indicated on the attached Licensed Area plan.
Costs	Each party to meet their own cost in relation to the negotiation, preparation and execution of the Agreement.

Licensed Area



A Heads of Agreement for a new licence, subject to final approval by Council, has been prepared. The Sea Scouts have approved the proposed Heads of Agreement.

TIMING / CONSULTATION AND / OR RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Prior to entering into any agreement, Council is required to publicly notify for a period of 28 days of the intention to enter a licence for Crown Land under Section 47a of the Local Government Act 1993.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

With the proposed licence fee being the Crown Lands minimum, the financial return to Council is minimal. However, with vehicular access to the Public Reserve required by the Sea Scouts, it is

essential that the licence be in place to protect public safety and ensure appropriate processes and procedure are adhered to.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Section 47A of the Local Government Act 1993 allows Council to lease Community Land for a period of 5 years or lease without going to tender.

ITEM 12.2 ANNUAL PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS FOR COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS - 2024-2025**Reporting Manager Manager Governance and Risk****Attachments: Nil**

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES AND STRATEGY

That the tabling of the annual pecuniary interest returns for Councillors and designated persons for 2024-2025 report be noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to table the register of annual pecuniary interest returns for the period 2024-2025.

REPORT

Clause 4.21 of Council's Code of Conduct, based on the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW requires that Councillors and those staff members deemed to be 'designated persons', annually lodge with the General Manager, within 3 months after 30 June, a return disclosing interests, in the form prescribed by Schedule 2 of the Code.

Clause 4.8 of the City of Canada Bay Code of Conduct defines designated persons to include:

- a) *the general manager*
- b) *other senior staff of the council for the purposes of section 332 of the LGA*
- c) *a person (other than a member of the senior staff of the council) who is a member of staff of the council or a delegate of the council and who holds a position identified by the council as the position of a designated person because it involves the exercise of functions (such as regulatory functions or contractual functions) that, in their exercise, could give rise to a conflict between the person's duty as a member of staff or delegate and the person's private interest*
- d) *a person (other than a member of the senior staff of the council) who is a member of a committee of the council identified by the council as a committee whose members are designated persons because the functions of the committee involve the exercise of the council's functions (such as regulatory functions or contractual functions) that, in their exercise, could give rise to a conflict between the member's duty as a member of the committee and the member's private interest.*

Further, that the General Manager keep a register of the returns received and that this be tabled at an appropriate meeting of Council.

In accordance with the Legislation, the Register is hereby tabled.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 5: Civic Leadership

Goal CL 1: Council is accountable, efficient, and ready to meet future challenges

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations associated with this report.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Clause 4.21 and clause 4.8 of Council's Code of Conduct, based on the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

There are no risk considerations associated with this report.

ITEM 12.3 OPTIONS FOR THE PAYMENT OF RATES - BILL SMOOTHING**Reporting Manager Chief Financial Officer****Attachments: Nil**

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES AND STRATEGY

That Council note the implementation of the bill smoothing initiative.

PURPOSE

This report is in response to the Council resolution of the June Council meeting in relation to cost-of-living support for Canada Bay residents by means of bill smoothing. Bill smoothing provides residents with the ability to spread the payment of rates evenly across the year.

REPORT

This report provides an update on Council's investigations into the introduction of a bill smoothing initiative.

Council has experienced community demand for more flexible payment options. Ratepayers have been seeking payment alternatives to the suite of options currently available. Two options in particular have been highly represented, these being Direct Debit by Credit Card and Bill Smoothing.

In response to this demand and Council's resolution, investigations have been undertaken which have identified a provider that has been leading the way with a bill-smoothing solution including options for Debit and Credit Card payments. The solution offered by "Payble" addresses these challenges, with the platform designed for local government, integrating directly with Council's property and rating system (TechnologyOne) and banking facilities (Commonwealth Bank).

The Payble Solution has been selected as the most appropriate solution to provide a self-service flexible payment system. Residents increasingly expect fast, convenient and mobile-friendly services comparable to those offered in the private sector. The proposed solution will close current capability gaps in self-service, payment flexibility, and real-time communication

The proposed system will provide flexible payment options with early reminders, bill smoothing suggestions, and proactive notifications about upcoming payments or dishonours enabling customers to address issues before debts escalate. It will also automate payment management to reduce manual handling, minimise delays and errors, and ensure timely, cost-effective processing

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 5: Civic Leadership

Goal CL 3: Council works with partners to actively shape the City's future

Goal CL 4: The City of Canada Bay community is well informed and eager to engage in issues and decisions that impact them

TIMING / CONSULTATION AND / OR RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Communication materials will be developed including updates to Rates Notices, website content and other channels to effectively promote the initiative to the community with an anticipated availability date of January 2026.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The introduction of bill smoothing is expected to result in reduced arrears, stronger cash flow certainty.

The proposed costs for the implementation - \$18,400 with the estimated annual ongoing costs commencing at \$60,000 which can be met in current and future operational budgets. Some of these costs will be offset by rate payers opting for the Payble payment method over the traditional methods. This payment method will be available commencing from the current year's third rate instalment.

ITEM 12.4 CASH AND INVESTMENTS REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2025**Reporting Manager** Chief Financial Officer**Attachments:** 1. **Investment Report - September 2025** (*Provided in Attachment Booklet*) [⇒](#)**RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES AND STRATEGY**

That the Cash and Investments Report for September 2025, attached to the report, be received and noted.

PURPOSE

To present Council's Investment portfolio performance for September 2025.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's investments are reported monthly to Council in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 and Council's Investment Policy.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 5: Civic Leadership

Goal CL 1: Council is accountable, efficient, and ready to meet future challenges

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

This report incorporates the September 2025 Cash and Investments Reports, for Council's consideration.

Certification - Responsible Accounting Officer.

Evan Hutchings as the Responsible Accounting Officer have certified that the investments listed in the attached report have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, clause 212 of the Local Government General Regulation 2021 and Council's Investment Policy.

TIMING / CONSULTATION AND / OR RISK CONSIDERATIONS**Summary position as of 30 September 2025**

The Cash at Bank and Cash Investments are summarised below:

Month	Cash At Bank	Cash Investments	Total Cash
30 September 2025	\$1,605,645.40	\$205,218,071.28	\$206,823,716.68

The detailed Schedule of Investments held, for September are also provided over the next page.

STATEMENT OF CASH INVESTMENTS							
Maturity Date	Bank/Issuer	Long Term Rating	Fair Value	Term	Interest	Issue Date	Investment Type
02/10/25	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	99	4.30%	25/06/25	Term Deposits
09/10/25	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,500,000.00	105	4.25%	26/06/25	Term Deposits
16/10/25	ING	A	\$2,000,000.00	364	5.03%	17/10/24	Term Deposits
23/10/25	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	120	4.30%	25/06/25	Term Deposits
30/10/25	ING	A	\$2,000,000.00	366	5.10%	29/10/24	Term Deposits
30/10/25	Bank of Queensland	A-	\$4,000,000.00	182	4.50%	01/05/25	Term Deposits
06/11/25	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	275	4.80%	04/02/25	Term Deposits
13/11/25	ANZ	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	204	4.62%	23/04/25	Term Deposits
19/11/25	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,500,000.00	76	3.96%	04/09/25	Term Deposits
27/11/25	Bank of Queensland	A-	\$3,000,000.00	155	4.30%	25/06/25	Term Deposits
03/12/25	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	139	4.15%	17/07/25	Term Deposits
04/12/25	ANZ	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	301	4.78%	06/02/25	Term Deposits
10/12/25	State Bank of India, Sydney Branch	BBB	\$2,500,000.00	145	4.50%	18/07/25	Term Deposits
18/12/25	ANZ	AA-	\$4,000,000.00	239	4.64%	23/04/25	Term Deposits
07/01/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	134	4.10%	26/08/25	Term Deposits
14/01/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	132	4.13%	04/09/25	Term Deposits
22/01/26	ANZ	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	378	4.88%	09/01/25	Term Deposits
29/01/26	ANZ	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	281	4.53%	23/04/25	Term Deposits
04/02/26	State Bank of India, Sydney Branch	BBB	\$2,000,000.00	195	4.35%	24/07/25	Term Deposits
05/02/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	366	4.72%	04/02/25	Term Deposits
12/02/26	Bank of Queensland	A-	\$4,000,000.00	287	4.30%	01/05/25	Term Deposits
16/02/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	364	1.04%	16/02/21	Term Deposits
04/03/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	202	4.12%	14/08/25	Term Deposits
12/03/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	260	4.23%	25/06/25	Term Deposits
18/03/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	208	4.13%	22/08/25	Term Deposits
19/03/26	ANZ	AA-	\$2,500,000.00	265	4.27%	27/06/25	Term Deposits
25/03/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	240	4.20%	28/07/25	Term Deposits
25/03/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	208	4.10%	29/08/25	Term Deposits
01/04/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	243	4.15%	01/08/25	Term Deposits
01/04/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,500,000.00	209	4.13%	04/09/25	Term Deposits
08/04/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	243	4.20%	08/08/25	Term Deposits
15/04/26	ANZ	AA-	\$2,500,000.00	216	4.19%	11/09/25	Term Deposits
22/04/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	268	4.20%	28/07/25	Term Deposits
30/04/26	ANZ	AA-	\$2,500,000.00	307	4.20%	27/06/25	Term Deposits
07/05/26	ING	A	\$4,000,000.00	371	4.18%	01/05/25	Term Deposits
20/05/26	ANZ	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	251	4.19%	11/09/25	Term Deposits
27/05/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	252	4.15%	17/09/25	Term Deposits
25/06/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	365	4.15%	25/06/25	Term Deposits
31/08/26	ING	A	\$2,000,000.00	367	4.58%	29/08/24	Term Deposits
10/09/26	ING	A	\$2,000,000.00	374	4.63%	30/08/24	Term Deposits
17/09/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	365	4.16%	17/09/25	Term Deposits
28/10/26	ING	A	\$2,000,000.00	737	4.74%	21/10/24	Term Deposits
05/11/26	ING	A	\$16,500,000.00	737	4.94%	29/10/24	Term Deposits
04/02/27	ING	A	\$4,000,000.00	644	4.10%	01/05/25	Term Deposits
18/03/27	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	678	4.09%	09/05/25	Term Deposits
01/04/27	ING	A	\$4,000,000.00	700	4.08%	01/05/25	Term Deposits
06/05/27	ING	A	\$2,500,000.00	728	4.03%	08/05/25	Term Deposits
12/05/27	Rabobank Aus Limited	A	\$2,000,000.00	730	4.22%	12/05/25	Term Deposits
20/05/27	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	741	4.07%	09/05/25	Term Deposits
11/05/28	Rabobank Aus Limited	A	\$2,000,000.00	1095	4.37%	12/05/25	Term Deposits
20/11/25	Westpac	AA-	\$1,500,000.00	93	1.87%	19/11/21	Tailored Deposit
17/02/26	Westpac	AA-	\$2,500,000.00	183	2.24%	18/02/22	Tailored Deposit
24/02/26	Westpac	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	183	2.31%	25/02/22	Tailored Deposit
03/03/26	Westpac	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	181	2.22%	04/03/22	Tailored Deposit
17/10/25	Suncorp Covered	AAA	\$1,000,000.00	92	4.59%	17/10/22	Floating Rate Notes
09/12/25	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$2,000,000.00	91	4.06%	02/06/21	Floating Rate Notes
13/01/26	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$1,500,000.00	183	4.62%	13/01/23	Floating Rate Notes
24/02/26	RACQ Bank	BBB+	\$2,300,000.00	183	5.05%	24/02/23	Floating Rate Notes
15/05/26	Bendigo Adelaide Bank	A-	\$1,000,000.00	273	4.86%	15/05/23	Floating Rate Notes
15/06/26	Teachers Mutual Bank	BBB+	\$850,000.00	272	4.24%	16/06/21	Floating Rate Notes
19/08/26	ING Bank Covered	AAA	\$500,000.00	365	3.98%	19/08/21	Floating Rate Notes
14/09/26	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$1,600,000.00	364	4.43%	14/09/23	Floating Rate Notes
23/12/26	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	456	3.97%	23/09/21	Floating Rate Notes
22/03/27	ING	A	\$1,000,000.00	546	4.50%	22/03/24	Floating Rate Notes
14/05/27	Bendigo Adelaide Bank	A-	\$800,000.00	638	4.61%	14/05/24	Floating Rate Notes
18/08/27	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$1,100,000.00	730	4.61%	18/08/22	Floating Rate Notes
13/09/27	AMP	BBB+	\$1,300,000.00	728	4.85%	13/09/24	Floating Rate Notes
01/11/27	Great Southern Bank	BBB+	\$1,150,000.00	822	4.72%	01/11/24	Floating Rate Notes
13/01/28	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$1,500,000.00	913	4.87%	13/01/23	Floating Rate Notes
19/01/28	Rabobank Aus Branch	A+	\$1,000,000.00	912	4.86%	19/01/23	Floating Rate Notes
16/02/28	Westpac	AA-	\$1,000,000.00	911	4.57%	16/02/23	Floating Rate Notes
09/05/28	Bank of Queensland Covered	AAA	\$1,250,000.00	1002	4.86%	09/05/23	Floating Rate Notes
17/08/28	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$1,250,000.00	1095	4.54%	17/08/23	Floating Rate Notes
20/08/29	ING	A	\$1,800,000.00	1461	4.60%	20/08/24	Floating Rate Notes
27/09/29	ANZ	AA-	\$2,100,000.00	1459	4.51%	27/09/24	Floating Rate Notes
18/03/30	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$1,600,000.00	1642	4.39%	18/03/25	Floating Rate Notes
21/05/30	ANZ	AA-	\$700,000.00	1734	4.50%	21/05/25	Floating Rate Notes
19/06/30	Westpac	AA-	\$1,200,000.00	1734	4.38%	19/06/25	Floating Rate Notes
10/07/30	Rabobank Aus Branch	A+	\$1,000,000.00	1826	4.60%	10/07/25	Floating Rate Notes
17/07/30	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$1,100,000.00	1826	4.53%	17/07/25	Floating Rate Notes
15/08/30	ING	A	\$500,000.00	1826	4.41%	15/08/25	Floating Rate Notes
24/08/26	Suncorp Covered	AAA	\$2,000,000.00	364	3.25%	20/04/22	Fixed Rate Bond
21/01/30	Westpac	AA-	\$1,800,000.00	1645	4.95%	21/01/25	Fixed Rate Bond
21/05/30	ANZ	AA-	\$500,000.00	1826	4.60%	21/05/25	Fixed Rate Bond
17/07/30	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$1,000,000.00	1826	4.37%	17/07/25	Fixed Rate Bond
15/08/30	ING	A	\$500,000.00	1826	4.28%	15/08/25	Fixed Rate Bond
	AMP	BBB+	\$9,999,975.00		4.25%		AMP
	AMP	BBB+	\$1,000,025.00		2.00%		AMP
	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$2,962.20		3.90%		Macquarie Bank
	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$3,815,109.08		3.60%		CBA BOS
	30/09/25		\$205,218,071.28		4.26%		
Item	TOTAL INVESTMENTS at 31/08/2025		\$202,369,309.97				
	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Investments		\$2,848,761.31				

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Council's adopted budget for 2025-26 forecasts interest earnings of \$7.225 million. Investment income earned for September 2025 amounted to \$739,845.47, which is better than the monthly phased budget.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Council's investments are made in accordance with the Local Government Act (1993), the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 and Council's Investment Policy. Section 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 states:

- (1) The responsible accounting officer of a council:
 - (a) must provide the council with a written report (setting out details of all money that the council has invested under section 625 of the Act) to be presented;
 - (i) if only one ordinary meeting of the council is held in a month, at that meeting, or
 - (ii) if more than one such meeting is held in a month, at whichever of those meetings the council by resolution determines, and
 - (b) must include in the report a certificate as to whether or not the investment has been made in accordance with the Act, the regulations and the council's investment policies.
- (2) The report must be made up to the last day of the month immediately preceding the meeting.

ITEM 12.5 PENSIONER CONCESSION POLICY - RATES AND DOMESTIC WASTE CHARGES

Reporting Manager Chief Financial Officer

Attachments:

- Existing Pension Policy-Rates and Domestic Waste Charges**
(Provided in Attachment Booklet) ➡
- Pensioner Concession Policy – Rates and Domestic Waste Charges**
(Provided in Attachment Booklet) ➡

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES AND STRATEGY

That:

1. The Pensioner Policy – Rates and Domestic Waste Charges adopted by Council in 2009 be rescinded.
2. The draft Pensioner Concession Policy – Rates and Domestic Waste Charges attached to the report be adopted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider rescinding an outdated policy (Pensioner Policy – Rates and Domestic Charges) and adopt a contemporary Pensioner Concession Policy - Rates and Domestic Waste Charges.

REPORT

Council has an existing Pensioner Policy – Rates and Domestic Charges. This Policy (copy attached) was adopted by Council in 2009 and due to the passing of time it is appropriate that it be reviewed. A draft of the proposed Policy is also attached to this report. The key variations between the existing and proposed Policies are as follows:

- Change to the year of the Local Government (General) Regulation from 2005 to 2021
- Removal of the reference to Hardship Assistance provisions of the Policy which is now included in the Rates Charges and Other Debts Recovery and Hardship Assistance Policy which was adopted by Council in November 2023.
- Conversion into the current corporate policy template.

It is important to note that, if adopted, the proposed Policy will not alter the rebate amount, the procedures relating to processing of Pensioner Rebate Applications, or the existing annual verification process. It is also noted that the Local Government Act 1993 provides concessions for eligible pensioners. The mandatory rebate for eligible pensioners is a maximum of \$250.00 per annum.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 5: Civic Leadership

Goal CL 1: Council is accountable, efficient, and ready to meet future challenges

TIMING / CONSULTATION AND / OR RISK CONSIDERATIONS

It is good practice for policies to be reviewed regularly, and this has been identified by Council's auditors. This report responds to that issue and mitigates the risk.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Office of Local Government (OLG) provides a pensioner concession subsidy to Council of 55% of the total rebate granted. The 2025/26 pensioner subsidy claim is due to be lodged with the OLG by 3 October 2025 and claims a subsidy of \$468,458.61, being 55% of the total \$851,743 rebate granted relating to the 2025/26 rate levy.

The net cost to Council of compliance with the mandatory pensioner concession legislation is approximately \$383,000 for 2025/26.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Council is required to comply with the:

- *Local Government Act, 1993*
- *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.*

13 NOTICES OF MOTION**ITEM 13.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - CR FERGUSON - NAMING OF POMEROY STREET ROAD BRIDGE**

Submitted by: Councillor Andrew Ferguson

MOTION

That:

1. Council notes the important history of the 'Cattle Bridge' and the merit in its celebration of posterity.
 2. Council officers investigate the feasibility and process for the naming and sign posting of the 'Cattle Bridge', including consultation with the Canada Bay Heritage Society.
 3. The outcomes of the investigation referred to in 2. above be presented to a Councillor Workshop.
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BACKGROUND FROM COUNCILLOR ANDREW FERGUSON

The City of Canada Bay rightfully celebrates its rich history including our original indigenous inhabitants, European settlement, industrial and agricultural history, and our natural and built environments.

One little road bridge in North Strathfield provides an opportunity to continue this celebration. We all cross over our local rail line on Pomeroy Street without a thought, on a bridge known to early Concord Settlers as the 'Cattle Bridge'

Local oral histories recall cattle and livestock being driven or moved in the general vicinity toward the abattoirs and stockyards in the early 20th century, and as a result of that, the bridge's colloquial name stuck. Concrete documentary proof of livestock being herded over that exact span is almost non-existent in digitised records, but the name is well attested to in community memories, and there are references to it by locals in the Canada Bay Heritage Society newsletters.

The simple name of the bridge is a celebration of daily life. The Cattle Bridge is the historical footprint of a time when North Strathfield, Concord and the wider Canada Bay area was more rural and industrial brickworks, abattoirs and rail-led commerce and much less suburban and certainly not high rise as our future unfolds.

Recording the bridge's name, uses and the memories attached to it helps complete the picture of the community in transition.

ITEM 13.2**NOTICE OF MOTION - CR MANSFORD - TRAFFIC LIGHTS**

Submitted by:

Councillor David Mansford

MOTION

That Council:

1. Recognises the importance of pedestrian safety and convenience in the LGA.
 2. Writes to TfNSW requesting pedestrian traffic signals within the City of Canada Bay be altered so that they display pedestrian green "walk" signals between the hours of 6am to 10pm without the requirement for a pedestrian to press a button.
 3. Notes that similar traffic signalling referred to in (2) above is already in place in other parts of Sydney, including the CBD.
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BACKGROUND FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID MANSFORD

This motion proposes a subtle change to traffic signals that prioritises pedestrians and makes them safer but does not inconvenience motorists and other road users.

It is frustrating and sometimes dangerous for our residents to get stuck at a set of lights because somebody has forgotten to press the button to cross the road. This change will simply mean that pedestrians will be able to legally and safely cross at traffic light intersections more often.

Council's Local Movement Strategy 2019 recognises this. It lists as a Recommended Action (7.2.2):

- Work with TfNSW to investigate pedestrian crossing facilities, including potential impacts and benefits of additional signalised crossing and refuges to increase safety; and the Strategic Objective,
- Provide safe walking and cycling facilities by investigating new facilities.

The strategy also notes in Table 5.2, "Issues and opportunities related to walking across Canada Bay LGA ":

- Long waiting time for pedestrians to cross Great North Road in Five Dock town centre potentially encourages jaywalking...and the resultant "Opportunity":
- Review traffic signal timings and prioritise pedestrians.

The report also notes the incidence of, "pedestrian crashes at the Great North Road/ Ramsay Street intersection."

Other Jurisdictions

Since 1994, at all intersections across the Sydney CBD, the "green men" get set to "automated pedestrian phases" that disable the button signals during set hours.



Studies in America ¹, and New Zealand ² found delaying pedestrians at lights for more than a minute results in more illegal crossings and 30 seconds seems to be the threshold that both children and adults are willing to wait.

When somebody forgets to press the button, it follows that the wait time doubles.

Jan Gehl is a professor of urban design from Denmark and an international expert on creating walkable cities. When he visited Sydney a few years ago he noticed the wait time in the CBD was up to two minutes, and he said it was one of the worst [wait times] he'd seen in the world. According to The Sydney Morning Herald ("*What the man who revamped George Street plans next for Sydney*", November 27, 2023), Gehl is appalled that Sydney's pedestrians need to ask for "consent" to cross city roads.

References:

1. *Reducing Pedestrian Delay at Half Signals in the City of Portland, Oregon*, Stefan Bussey
2. *Reducing pedestrian delay at traffic signals*, NZ Transport Agency research report 440, Vallyon and Turner.

ITEM 13.3**NOTICE OF MOTION - CR JAGO - RESPONSE TO THE NSW GOVERNMENT'S REGRESSIVE PLANNING BILL OF SEPTEMBER 2025**

Submitted by: Councillor Charles Jago

MOTION

That Council:

1. Notes with concern that the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Planning System Reforms) Bill 2025 reduces local planning control and transparency, increases risk of corruption in planning processes, and will decrease community input and confidence in planning decisions.
 2. Reaffirms that Canada Bay Council has already supported and continues to support new development in response to the housing crisis, including density in the Parramatta Road Corridor, Rhodes Peninsula, the Homebush TOD, the North Strathfield TOD, and the Burwood North Metro Precinct.
 3. Undertakes an extensive public awareness campaign regarding the impacts of the Bill following the release of the related Regulations.
 4. Writes to the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, the Minister and Shadow Ministers for Planning and Public Spaces, and the Member for Drummoyne opposing the passage of the bill in its current form and requesting the opportunity for formal public consultation on these reforms.
 5. Writes to the President and CEO of Local Government New South Wales (LGNSW) to express Council's concern that the statement issued by LGNSW on 18 September 2025 welcoming these reforms is not consistent with the LGNSW policy platform and was released without consultation with the Board.
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BACKGROUND FROM COUNCILLOR CHARLES JAGO

The Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Planning System Reforms) Bill 2025, while presented by the government as a housing supply measure, makes sweeping changes to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 which would impact all types of development across NSW, including large-scale commercial, industrial and infrastructure projects. While the NSW government describes its Bill as "reform", the new measures can be better described as regressive changes.

This Bill represents the biggest change to the NSW planning system in decades, with no consultation with the public nor with local government. Rather than acknowledging the expertise that exists within council staff and councillors, the Bill seeks to centralise significant planning powers in a few easily influenced bureaucrats. Arguably, councils would then have less planning powers than at any time in their history.

New arrangements

The Bill centralises planning powers and reduces the role of councils, independent panels, and community consultation. It legislates two new authorities: the Development Coordination Authority (DCA, in fact solely the Planning Secretary) and the Housing Delivery Authority (HDA, comprising the Planning Secretary and two members appointed by the Minister, with no requirements for specific skills or experience). The DCA is a new entity while the HDA already exists, but is now being enshrined in legislation. with the role of circumventing councils in local decision-making through enabling state significant development.

The new arrangements give enormous power to a small number of people but create the illusion of significant organisations overseeing development decisions. In particular, the arrangements create a conflict of interest where the Development Coordination Authority (i.e. the Secretary of the Department of Planning) reviews its/his/her own decisions. The arrangements undermine safeguards recommended by the Independent Commission Against Corruption regarding accountability, transparency and probity in the planning system. Former Supreme Court judge Anthony Whealy has commented on this Bill, saying that: "The bill strips away safeguards that are amply supported by the NSW ICAC to prevent corruption in relation to planning and development matters." He noted that: "you come out with a situation where ICAC's wishes for accountability, transparency and oversight are in real jeopardy."

The proposed new arrangements are in addition to the powers given comparatively recently to the state planning structures in creating Transport Oriented Development (TOD) zones, the Low and mid-rise housing program, and State Significant Development. These powers override local council powers.

Note that State Significant Development bears a strong resemblance to the notorious "Part 3A" planning provisions introduced in 2005 by the NSW Labor government of the day for "State significant sites" and "State significant infrastructure". Not only does the current State Significant Development cover the same ground on fast-tracking approvals on key sites, but also has similar problem with concentrated power in the hands of the Minister – and now also the Secretary of Planning.

Changes to planning rules

The Bill introduces a new "streamlined" assessment pathway called "Targeted Assessment Development" (TAD) that is unconstrained and expressly prohibits consideration of environmental impacts, site suitability, and the public interest – making that consideration unlawful. Previously, planning law has aimed to view and manage developments and their impacts holistically.

Giving such unrestrained powers to a small group of bureaucrats is both contrary to good governance and to the intent and operation of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 which has historically led to the development of more sustainable land use, development, and building.

The Bill also:

- removes the requirement to consult with the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water before making an environmental planning instrument that would adversely affect critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats (by omitting s3.25 of the EP&A Act).
- restricts assessment of cumulative and indirect impacts of a proposed development
- requires councils to assess variations to complying developments within 10 days, or 20 days if the council is also assessing the complying development certificate, after which time the variation will be deemed to be approved. This places increased pressure on Council staff, likely requiring an increase in staff numbers or engagement of private consultants, with no commitment to increase State Government funding for this financial impost.
- removes protections for building occupant health and safety, by deleting the inclusion of "protection of the health and safety of [building] occupants" as part of "the proper construction and maintenance" of buildings"
- restricts community participation, cutting consultation requirements and removing objects in the Act that emphasise community involvement in environmental and planning decisions.
- has not been subject to significant public consultation.

Many people would accept some streamlining of the democratic checks and balances and consideration of environmental outcomes in our current planning system, but this Bill removes them altogether.

Further, a growth in conflict arising from this Bill will likely – contrary to the government's claims – lead to an increase in litigation, not a decrease.

But will the government's plan lead to more housing or lower-cost housing?

To effectively address the housing crisis the following is needed:

- a) a greater supply of housing,
- b) with dwellings at reduced prices, and
- c) good livability for all new housing.

Unfortunately, the government's plans on housing to meet this rest on two assumptions:

1. That there is a shortage of available sites for development, caused by council delays.
2. That private developers would be willing to increase their output of new developments if the supply of sites increased.

But neither of these assumptions is correct. New housing development is dominated by large corporate developers, who all have a substantial reserve of undeveloped properties (this is called land banking) that they can put forward for development if they are confident they will be able to gain top dollar on those developments. However, if they believe that new developments would depress the market leading to decreased returns, they simply defer those developments. They do this because their priority is high returns, not solving the problems of the housing market. Relying on private sector developers – even with generous incentives – will not work.

Private developers will never build the number of dwellings sufficient to meet the scale of new dwellings needed by the market, or to bring housing prices down. And in fact they will not build the kind of housing wanted by the majority of people in the market, because developers can make more money through building more expensive properties than most people want. So housing supply will not significantly improve, and prices will not come down. And with the government's poor zoning rules, livability will get worse with greater traffic and other issues.

ITEM 13.4 NOTICE OF MOTION - CR JAGO - MOTION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE FORTHCOMING LGNSW CONFERENCE IN RESPONSE TO THE NSW GOVERNMENT'S REGRESSIVE PLANNING BILL OF SEPTEMBER 2025

Submitted by: Councillor Charles Jago

MOTION

That Council submit the following motion and background to the forthcoming LGNSW Conference:

1. That LGNSW conveys to the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, the Minister and Shadow Ministers for Planning and Public Spaces, and the Minister for Local Government serious concerns with the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Planning System Reforms) Bill 2025, including that the Bill:
 - a) Centralises power and reduces of the role of councils and community consultation through the formation the Development Coordination Authority
 - b) Enshrines in legislation the Housing Delivery Authority as a means to circumvent the input of councils;
 - c) Introduces a new “streamlined” assessment pathway known as “targeted assessment development” that is unconstrained and expressly prohibits consideration of environmental impacts, site suitability, and public interest;
 - d) Undermines safeguards recommended by the Independent Commission Against Corruption regarding accountability, transparency and probity in the planning system;
 - e) Diminishes environmental and bushfire risk considerations in decision making and limits the independence of Rural Fire Service advice;
 - f) Removes considerations of cumulative impacts, especially dangerous in fire and flood affected communities;
 - g) Purports to be focussed on delivery of housing but instead affects all types of development;
 - h) Requires councils to assess variations to complying developments within 10 days, or 20 days if the council is also assessing the complying development certificate, after which time the variation will be deemed to be approved, an unreasonable expectation for most councils across NSW;
 - i) Is not consistent with community expectations and will decrease community input and confidence in planning decisions;
 - j) Places unreasonable strain on councils with no consideration of cost impacts.
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BACKGROUND FROM COUNCILLOR CHARLES JAGO

The Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Planning System Reforms) Bill 2025, while presented by the government as a housing supply measure, makes sweeping changes to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 which would impact all types of development across NSW, including large-scale commercial, industrial and infrastructure projects. While the NSW government describes its Bill as “reform”, the new measures can be better described as regressive changes.

This Bill represents the biggest change to the NSW planning system in decades, with no consultation with the public nor with local government, who will bear the brunt of increased costs and public outrage. Yet the evidence supporting the government's approach is poor, with the Bill implicitly assuming that councils represent the greatest constraint on the completion of new dwellings, despite

substantial evidence to the contrary, especially in regard to land banking. In addition, the Bill will apply to all kinds of developments beyond housing: mines, industry, land-clearing... – anything.

Leaving no significant checks and balances on its power, the Bill extends the dictatorial centralisation of planning, allowing the government to ignore or dismiss any reasonable check on its wishes. councils would now have less planning powers than at any time in their history. Deeply undemocratic and anti-community, the Bill removes science, good governance and the public interest from the planning system.

Worst of all, the Bill introduces “targeted assessment development” (TAD) which switches off a range of environmental and oversight requirements, including public interest, with no constraint on the types of development eligible. TAD sets NSW up for a return to the bad old days of Part 3A determinations and flies in the face of anti-corruption measures called for by ICAC.

Almost as bad, the Bill removes consideration of cumulative impacts on developments. In urban settings, this means that the traffic implications of any single development – despite all the expensive studies – can be ignored. In rural settings the consequences of removing cumulative impacts of developments and key bushfire protection provisions are potentially deadly. The Bill assumes that somehow all new development will automatically be good development.

In summary, the government’s Bill is an extreme measure dressed up as a solution to the housing crisis but imposed with only the shallowest of justifications. We must push back against this loss of community and council control.

14 NOTICES OF MOTION OF RESCISSION

Nil

15 MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil

16 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

17 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council moves into closed session to deal with the matters listed below, which are classified as confidential under section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act, 1993* for the reasons specified:

ITEM 17.1 LEASE TO CITY OF CANADA BAY MENS SHED INC - PART OF CONCORD COMMUNITY CENTRE, 1A GIPPS STREET, CONCORD NSW 2137

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (c) of the Local Government Act, as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Further it is considered that discussions of this matter in open Council would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it would prejudice Council's ability to secure the optimum outcome for the community.

ITEM 17.2 LICENCE TO DRC ROWERS INCORPORATED ABN 41 675 109 769 FOR ROADS RESERVE ADJACENT TO 131P HENLEY MARINE DRIVE, DRUMMOYNE

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (d) (i) of the Local Government Act, as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Further it is considered that discussions of this matter in open Council would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it would prejudice Council's ability to secure the optimum outcome for the community.

ITEM 17.3 VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT FOR 25 - 27 LEEDS STREET, RHODES

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (c) of the Local Government Act, as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Further it is considered that discussions of this matter in open Council would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it would prejudice Council's ability to secure the optimum outcome for the community.

ITEM 17.4 MAYORAL MINUTE - CR MEGNA - GENERAL MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW

This matter is considered to be confidential under - .

2. Pursuant to section 10A(1), 10(2) and 10A(3) of the Local Government Act, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified as confidential under section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act.
 3. The correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from the media and public as provided by section 11(2) of the Local Government Act.
 4. The resolutions made by the Council in Closed Session be made public after the conclusion of the closed session and such resolutions be recorded in the minutes of the Council meeting.
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BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

In accordance with section 10A(2) of the Act, Council may close part of its meeting to deal with business of the following kind:

- (a) Personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).
- (b) Personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer.
- (c) Information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.
- (d) Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
 - (i) Prejudice the commercial position of a person who supplied it: or
 - (ii) Confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of Council;
 - (iii) Reveal a trade secret.
- (e) Information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law.
- (f) Matters affecting the security of Council, Councillors, Council staff and Council property.
- (g) Advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the grounds of legal professional privilege.
- (h) Information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on community land.
 - (i) Alleged contraventions of any Code of Conduct requirements applicable under section 440.

It is considered that the business listed in the recommendation is of a kind referred to in section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 and, under the provisions of the Act and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, should be dealt with in a part of the meeting that is closed to members of the public and the media.

Pursuant to section 10A(4) of the Act and clauses 14.9–14.10 of the City of Canada Bay Code of Meeting Practice, members of the public may make representations to the meeting immediately after the motion to close part of the meeting is moved and seconded, as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

18 CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS

In accordance with Part 14 of the Code of Meeting Practice, resolutions passed during a meeting, or a part of a meeting that is closed to the public must be made public by the chairperson as soon as practicable. The resolution must be recorded in the publicly available minutes of the meeting.
