

Sydney 2050

A letter to the future...



Participatory governance





There are currently concentrated power structures making decisions for citizens, rather than citizens holding the power.

We want a city influenced by diverse views, needs, and wants. We want to rectify imbalances and inequities.



Participatory budgeting, citizens' panels of sizeable scale for true representation, innovative online voting system and data to be used by council to generate economic benefit, and help communities.

First Peoples of Australia – Leadership and Representation





We recognise that our history has displaced the First Peoples of Australia, and that current systems don't adequately allow First Nations perspectives, values, and priorities.



We need to promote First Nations' self-determination and empowerment so that ideas are not imposed on people and we don't repeat the mistakes of the past.

Innovative and future ready







Our current built environment in the City of Sydney stifles the attraction of new innovators and creators - the current rules of our city's development and administration are rigid and risk becoming outdated.



The City of Sydney should ensure a focus on buildings and spaces with adaptive uses. The City should take charge to make space for innovation instead of allowing for developer's narrow interests to dominate the development of Sydney.

Housing for all







Sydney is currently an unaffordable city to many and is at risk of losing the diversity of its people and neighbourhoods in its villages. Sydney does not provide a safety net nor adequate supply of accessible housing for people at risk of homelessness. People who provide essential services in Sydney are being pushed out of the city.



Planning incentives for developers to include affordable housing in new developments.

Stimulate supply of collaborative/ co-operative living projects and the number of affordable single/family residences

Advocate for the introduction of financial penalties, taxation and incentives to curb the amount of unused space in the city

Encourage community cohesion through the development of mixed affordable housing for diverse demographics.

Regenerative Ecosystem







To combat the climate emergency, we need to be regenerative and beyond sustainable. The City has finite access to natural and financial resources, the built environment and space. Air pollution, water pollution and water scarcity must be addressed for a healthy city.



energy, circular economy, an educated environmentally conscious society, sustainable building construction standards with integrated recycling and waste management, policy to incentivise and support regenerative practices, green transport.

Moving Efficiently and Sustainably







Congestion

Pollution

Physical health

Mental health & social cohesion



Car-free, green spaces

Connected green corridors

Active transport - walking and bikes

Accessible public transport

Electric vehicles for freight and people moving

Embed creative arts in everyday life







We don't feel that art and culture are valued enough in our community.

Making art accessible fosters an understanding of art as a professional highly skilled and valued practice.



Foster creative expression through community cultural development

Support professional and emerging artists

Artist led creative industry consultations with the City and commercial interests

Creatives to live, practice and be exhibited publicly in the city

Artists creating art in Sydney for Sydney

24-Hour City







Sydney has lost its night time identity, and global standing, as well as jobs and opportunities. People are becoming more sedentary and isolated, leading to social disharmony. We need to increase the liveability of the city by creating a true 24-hour city. The rigid 9-5 city is missing the economic benefits of the night-time economy.



24-hour public transport system

Dedicated night mayo

Law reform around trading hours and licensing of night time venues

Cap on empty shops

Increased safety measures to increase night time participation

Introduce late night precincts to more easily manage night time economy

Citizens' Jury Concepts to be realised by 2050

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