
10 CITY OF RYDE LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY – ADOPTION

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REPORT SUMMARY

At the May 2024 Ordinary Meeting, Council considered a revised draft Local Infrastructure Strategy to serve as a comprehensive framework for addressing infrastructure gaps, enhancing service delivery, and promoting resilience in the face of future challenges. The strategy outlines the challenges to be addressed to ensure appropriate management future population growth and demand for infrastructure. The draft strategy incorporates the different needs of the City of Ryde community in both the present as well as the needs of the future. This strategy is intended to be flexible, to be applicable to the unknowns of the future.

Following its consideration, Council resolved that:

- (a) That Council approves the draft Local Infrastructure Strategy being placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, commencing 30 May 2024.*

Following endorsement from Council at its May 2024 meeting, the Draft Local Infrastructure Strategy was placed on exhibition on Council's Have You Say Public website since Thursday 30 May 2024, and was available for review and comment until Sunday 30 June 2024.

In addition to the strategy being exhibited on Council's website, City Fabric actively engaged with the community to receive as much feedback as possible from the community and other government and non-government organisations. This includes:

- Promoting the draft Local Infrastructure Strategy to state bodies via email correspondence and follow up correspondence through the contact points provided.
- Presentation at the combined Ryde Business Chambers event held on Thursday 13 June 2024.
- Seeking feedback from Council's partnerships with tertiary education providers such as Macquarie University and the University of Technology Sydney.

Following consultation, feedback from all stakeholders has been considered, and minor amendments to the previously exhibited draft documents have been incorporated into the final document for adoption (**ATTACHMENT 1 – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER**).

ITEM 10 (continued)**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council notes the public submissions received as per the Stakeholder Engagement Insights Report (**ATTACHMENT 2**).
- (b) That Council adopt the Local Infrastructure Strategy, as considered by Council in May 2024 with minor amendments (**ATTACHMENT 1**).

ATTACHMENTS – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

- 1 Local Infrastructure Strategy
- 2 Local Infrastructure Strategy - Stakeholder Engagement Insights Report

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Discussion

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There has currently been limited feedback to the strategy, with only three (3) written submissions received from Council's Have Your Say Page and two (2) submissions received from Council's university partnerships (one of which was recorded within the Have Your Say page) despite Council's attempts to generate greater interest and buy-in from the community and businesses.

Feedback given by the community includes the following:

- Inclusion in the document of Eastwood as a major town centre, as this was not mentioned in the highlight section of the document. This will need to be rectified and changes in the final version of the document.
- Modification to some infographics

The Strategy document has been reviewed and updated with the limited feedback, and the graphic design has been completed in house by Council's Communications and Engagement Department. There have been some minor amendments to the document since being on draft, including:

- Updated infographics on page 32 and 33 in place of a table that presented the requirement for Open Space within the LGA.
- Spelling and grammar amendments

The Stakeholder Engagement Insights Report (**ATTACHMENT 2 – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER**) is provided as reference for the submissions received as part of the exhibition of the strategy.

ITEM 10 (continued)**Financial Implications**

All stakeholder engagement activities were undertaken using existing resources, with no additional cost of engagement through third parties.

The future provision of infrastructure determined by this strategy will be allowed for as part of Council's asset management planning framework and will be reflected in Council's Strategic Asset Management Plan and related Long Term Financial Planning for Assets.