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COMMON ABBREVIATIONS

AEP	Annual Exceedence Probability
AHD	Australian Height Datum
BCA	Building Code of Australia
CLEP	Camden Local Environmental Plan
CP	Contributions Plan
CRET	Camden Region Economic Taskforce
DA	Development Application
DCP	Development Control Plan
DDCP	Draft Development Control Plan
DoPE	Department of Planning & Environment
TfNSW	Transport for NSW
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EP&A Act	Environmental Planning & Assessment Act
EPA	Environmental Protection Authority
EPI	Environmental Planning Instrument
FPL	Flood Planning Level
GSC	Greater Sydney Commission
LAP	Local Approvals Policy
LEP	Local Environmental Plan
LGA	Local Government Area
HNSW	Housing NSW
OLG	Office of Local Government
REP	Regional Environmental Plan
PoM	Plan of Management
RL	Reduced Levels
RMS	Roads & Maritime Services
S10.7 CERTIFICATE	Certificate as to zoning and planning restrictions on properties
S603 CERTIFICATE	Certificate as to Rates and Charges outstanding on a property
S73 CERTIFICATE	Certificate from Sydney Water regarding Subdivision
SEPP	State Environmental Planning Policy
SREP	Sydney Regional Environmental Plan
STP	Sewerage Treatment Plant
VMP	Vegetation Management Plan

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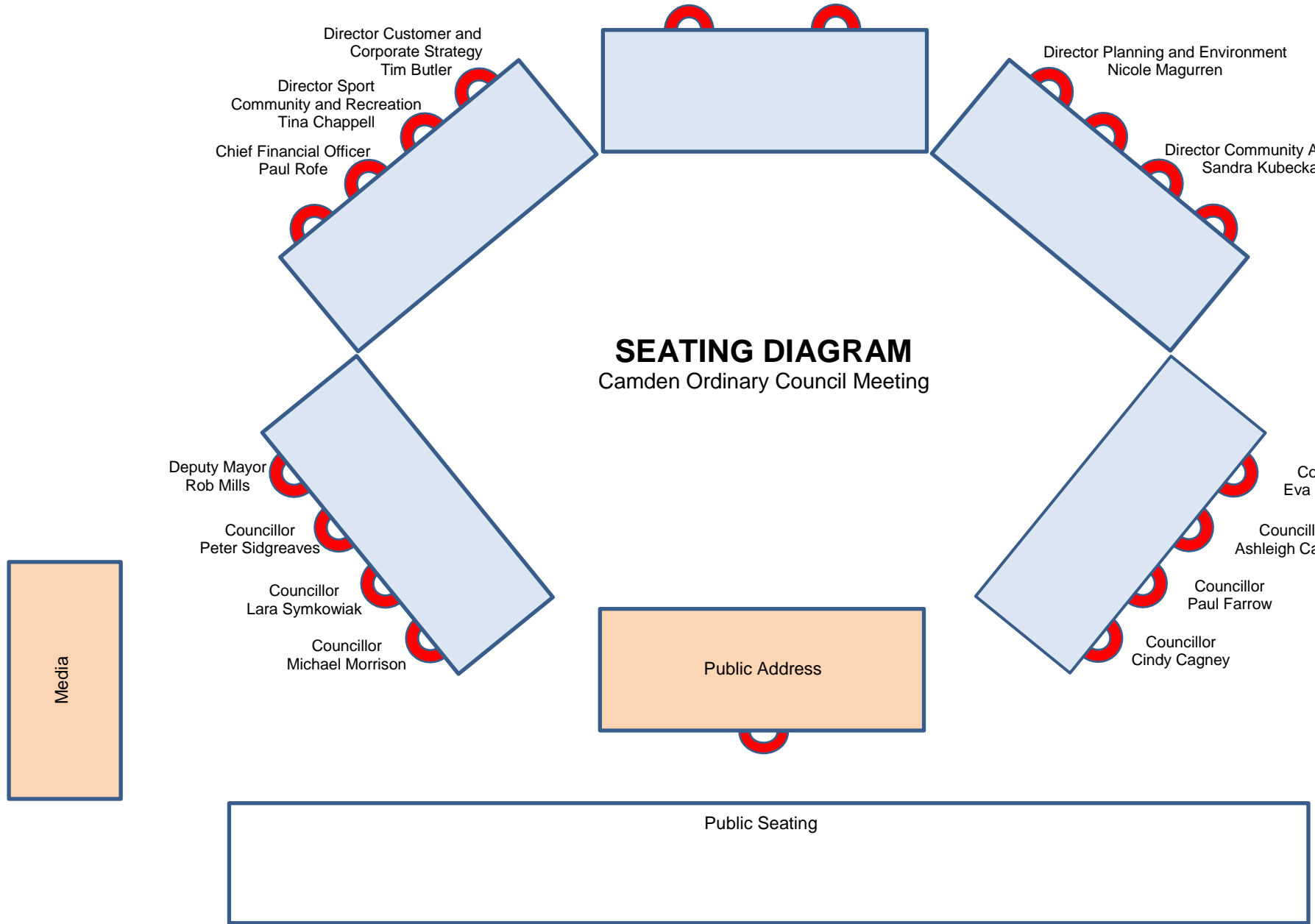
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ORDINARY COUNCIL

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ORDINARY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: PRAYER

PRAYER

Almighty God, bless all who are engaged in the work of Local Government. Make us of one heart and mind, in thy service, and in the true welfare of the people we serve: We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Almighty God, give thy blessing to all our undertakings. Enlighten us to know what is right, and help us to do what is good: We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Almighty God, we pause to seek your help. Guide and direct our thinking. May your will be done in us, and through us, in the Local Government area we seek to serve: We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

AFFIRMATION

We affirm our hope and dedication to the good Government of Camden and the well being of all Camden's residents, no matter their race, gender or creed.

We affirm our hope for the sound decision making by Council which can improve the quality of life in Camden.

Either – “So help me God” or “I so affirm” (at the option of councillors)

We pledge ourselves, as elected members of Camden Council, to work for the provision of the best possible services and facilities for the enjoyment and welfare of the people of Camden.

Either – “So help me God” or “I so affirm” (at the option of councillors)

ORDINARY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land on which we meet and pay our respect to elders both past and present.



ORDINARY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

In accordance with Camden Council's Code of Meeting Practice and as permitted under the *Local Government Act 1993*, this meeting is being audio recorded by Council staff for minute taking purposes.

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ORDINARY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Leaves of absence tendered on behalf of Councillors from this meeting.

RECOMMENDED

That leaves of absence be granted.

ORDINARY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: DECLARATION OF INTEREST

NSW legislation provides strict guidelines for the disclosure of pecuniary and non-pecuniary Conflicts of Interest and Political Donations.

Council's Code of Conduct also deals with pecuniary and non-pecuniary conflict of interest and Political Donations and how to manage these issues (Clauses 4.28-5.19).

Councillors should be familiar with the disclosure provisions contained in the Council's Code of Conduct.

This report provides an opportunity for Councillors to disclose any interest that they may have or Political Donation they may have received relating to a Report contained in the Council Business Paper and to declare the nature of that interest.

RECOMMENDED

That the declarations be noted.

ORDINARY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: PUBLIC ADDRESSES

The Public Address session in the Council Meeting provides an opportunity for people to speak publicly on any item on Council's Business Paper.

The Public Address session will be conducted in accordance with the Public Address Guidelines. Speakers must submit an application form to Council's Governance team no later than 5.00pm on the working day prior to the day of the meeting.

Speakers are limited to one topic per Public Address session. Only seven speakers can be heard at any meeting. A limitation of one speaker for and one speaker against on each item is in place. Additional speakers, either for or against, will be identified as 'tentative speakers' or should only be considered where the total number of speakers does not exceed seven at any given meeting.

Where a member of the public raises a question during the Public Address session, a response will be provided where Councillors or staff have the necessary information at hand; if not, a reply will be provided at a later time. There is a limit of one question per speaker per meeting.

Speakers should ensure that their statements, comments and questions comply with the Guidelines.

All speakers are limited to four minutes, with a one minute warning given to speakers prior to the four minute time period elapsing. The commencement and conclusion of time shall be advised by the Mayor/Chairperson.

Public Addresses are recorded for administrative purposes. It should be noted that speakers at Council meetings do not enjoy any protection from parliamentary-style privilege. Therefore they are subject to the risk of defamation action if they make comments about individuals. In the event that a speaker makes potentially offensive or defamatory remarks about any person, the Mayor/Chairperson will ask them to refrain from such comments.

The Mayor/Chairperson has the discretion to withdraw the privilege to speak where a speaker continues to make inappropriate or offensive comments about another person, or make a point of order ruling if a speaker breaches the Guidelines.

RECOMMENDED

That the public addresses be noted.

ORDINARY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirm and adopt Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting of 4 June 2019 and Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 25 June 2019.

RECOMMENDED

That the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting of 4 June 2019 and the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 25 June 2019, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.



ORDINARY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: MAYORAL MINUTE

Consideration of Mayoral Minute (if any).



ORDINARY COUNCIL

ORD01**SUBJECT: CAMDEN LOCAL STRATEGIC PLANNING STATEMENT****FROM:** Director Planning and Environment**TRIM #:** 19/157847**PREVIOUS ITEMS:** ORD01 - Comprehensive LEP Review 2020 - Project Update - Ordinary Council - 23 Oct 2018 6.00pm

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the draft Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) and to seek Council's endorsement to publicly exhibit the draft LSPS. The draft LSPS is provided as an **attachment** to this report.

BACKGROUND

In March 2018, the Greater Sydney Commission (GSC) released the Greater Sydney Region Plan – A Metropolis of Three Cities (Region Plan) and the Western City District Plan (District Plan), which includes the Camden Local Government Area (LGA).

To align local plans with the strategic directions of the Region and District plans, all councils are required to review and update their Local Environmental Plans (LEPs) and prepare a LSPS.

On 26 June 2018, Council resolved to participate in the Accelerated LEP Review Program and accept up to \$2.5 million from the State government to review the Camden LEP 2010. The LEP review commenced in June 2018 and will be completed in June 2020.

The LEP review program developed by Greater Sydney Commission (GSC) and Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the Department) identified six phases for the completion of the LEP review:

- Phase 1 – LEP Review.
- Phase 2 – Draft LSPS.
- Phase 3 – Final LSPS.
- Phase 4 – LEP Amendment Gateway Determination.
- Phase 5 – Exhibition of Planning Proposal.
- Phase 6 – LEP Amendment Plan Making.

The first phase, to prepare a LEP Review Report, was endorsed by Council on 30 October 2018 and submitted to the GSC. The LEP Review Report provided a snapshot of how the Camden LEP 2010 and Council's plans, policies and programs align with the priorities and actions within the District Plan.

On 21 December 2018, the GSC provided confirmation that Council's LEP Review Report complied with the Phase 1 Assurance for the LEP review program. The response from the GSC is provided as an **attachment** to this report.

Phase Two of the LEP review program includes the drafting of the draft LSPS. The draft LSPS must be placed on exhibition prior to 31 October 2019 and finalised by the

GSC prior to 1 March 2020. The LSPS has been described as: ‘a *planning vision, emphasising land use, transport and sustainability, clearly demonstrating how the area will change to meet the community’s needs over the next 20 years*’.

The Department has issued guidelines for preparing the LSPS. The guidelines (**attached** to this report) highlight the links between the Region Plan, District Plan, Council’s Community Strategic Plan (CSP) and Council’s operational/delivery plan.

Council commenced the preparation of the draft LSPS with community and stakeholder engagement between November 2018 and February 2019. The outcomes of this engagement are discussed later in this report.

The Region and District Plans, the CSP and the community engagement have informed the preparation of the draft LSPS. The draft LSPS priorities and actions have been prepared around the four key themes from the District Plan: infrastructure and collaboration, liveability, productivity and sustainability.

A series of regular Councillor briefings has been held to update Councillors on the status of the LEP review project.

MAIN REPORT

The LSPS must respond to the objectives and directions of the Region Plan and in particular the 10 key directions and the priorities and actions within the District Plan. The LSPS must include:

- LSPS Vision - 1 page vision statement;
- LSPS Structure Plan – highlight key productivity, liveability and sustainability features and placed based priorities;
- LSPS Context of the local economic, social and environmental matters;
- Local Priorities and Actions; and
- Implementation Plan - identifying how Council will monitor and report on the implementation of the actions.

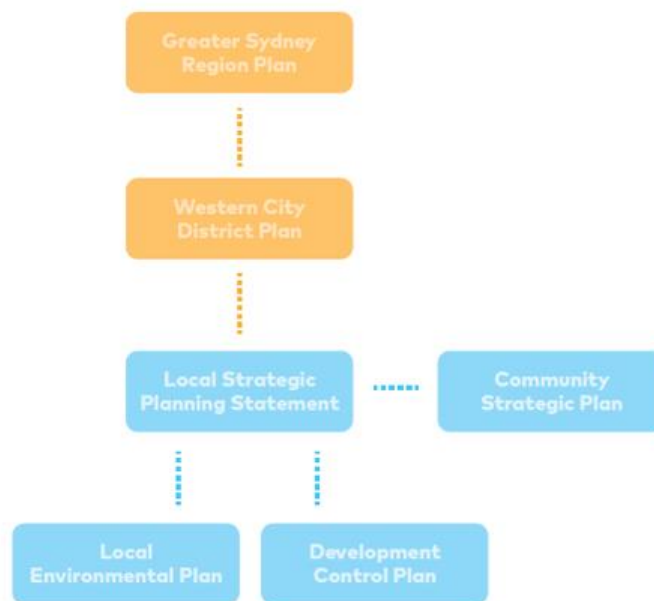


Figure 1: State and Local Plan Linkages



Community and stakeholder engagement

The initial engagement occurred between November 2018 and March 2019. The first phase of the engagement was intended to generate awareness of the LSPS and to identify the community's views and priorities. This phase involved a presence and surveying at local events, schools, shopping centres and an online survey and ideas wall.

Phase 1 engagement activities summary:

- 252 interactions at local pop-up events;
- 346 completed online surveys;
- 90 comments on the Digital Ideas Wall; and
- 4 local primary school visits with 200 school children.

The second phase included four community and stakeholder workshops. The workshops were an opportunity to explain the bigger picture and to test options and invite community and stakeholder input on specific issues and challenges to be addressed in the LSPS.

Phase 2 – Exploring and discussing ideas engagement summary:

- 13 participants at Central Ward Workshop;
- 27 participants at South Ward Workshop;
- 30 participants at North Ward Workshop;
- 60 participants at Productivity Workshop.

The community and stakeholder workshops were structured around the four themes of the LSPS. The Engagement Report for the preparation of the LSPS is provided as an **attachment** to this report.

A summary of the feedback from the community is outlined below:

Infrastructure and Collaboration - The planning and delivery of transport infrastructure to meet growth was identified as an important factor in supporting the creation of local jobs and, in particular rail, was recognised as a key opportunity for improved connections and a catalyst for growth.

Social infrastructure, such as more parks and open space was identified as a positive response to a changing climate and rising urban heat.

Liveability - Local food production and access to the natural environment and open space were considered high priorities in relation to liveability. The local community spirit is also highly valued, and people want to remain engaged in decision making for their LGA.

The relationship between local jobs and transport was highlighted by the business community as a major barrier to connectivity between housing, jobs and services.

Productivity – There are opportunities to grow and diversify the health and education industries, especially around new growth areas. Tourism was identified as having the potential to grow and further align with the rural heritage of the area.

Newer suburbs and centres like Oran Park and Leppington have the potential for economic growth and were identified as locations for commercial and professional

hubs. The business community saw opportunities for innovation in youth employment, business collaboration and the local agricultural industry.

Sustainability - Rural landscapes are highly valued and associated with local identity. The Nepean River was identified as a key natural asset to be protected and promoted. Native bushland was also identified as a significant feature which should be preserved. Pedestrian access to the environment was a high priority.

Draft LSPS 20 year vision and Structure Plan

The draft LSPS 20-year vision for Camden is summarised below:

- Camden's existing rural and natural assets are protected and celebrated.
- Green spaces and waterways are accessible and healthy.
- Heritage sites and vistas are protected and promoted.
- Camden is well connected by integrated public transport, pedestrian and cycle networks and a cohesive road network.
- Housing is affordable, accessible and diverse, reflecting the characteristics that make Camden special.
- Camden's residents have the choice to work locally.
- Camden's centres are walkable and well connected, providing services and facilities for all age groups.
- Public spaces are well-designed, inclusive and family friendly, encouraging social interaction and cultural engagement.

The draft structure plan illustrates key infrastructure, productivity, liveability and sustainability features and placed based priorities within the Camden LGA.

LSPS Local Priorities and Actions

Within the draft LSPS, each theme includes a mini structure plan based on the key strengths and opportunities identified in the LSPS. A summary of the priorities and actions for each theme is provided below:

Infrastructure and Collaboration

Infrastructure planning requires collaboration between all levels of government, industry and the community, and this theme provides opportunities for this collaboration to continue in the future. Key issues include:

- the types of key infrastructure required to support Camden's growing population; and
- identifying opportunities to collaborate with stakeholders to assist in the early delivery of infrastructure.

Under infrastructure and collaboration, the draft LSPS identifies 4 priorities and 30 actions. The priorities and key actions are outlined below:



Local Priority	
I1	Aligning infrastructure delivery with growth.
I2	Connecting Camden through integrated public transport solutions.
I3	Planning for the delivery of the North South Rail and South West Rail Link Extension.
I4	Working in partnership to deliver a more liveable, productive and sustainable Camden.

Key Actions	
Short Term 0 - 5years	Council will prioritise the delivery of infrastructure in Leppington.
	Council will prepare a strategy to advocate for key infrastructure to support growth in Camden LGA.
Medium Term 5 - 10years	Council will continue to implement the Western Sydney City Deal Commitments.
Ongoing Advocacy	Council will continue to advocate for a commitment by the State government for the delivery of the North South Rail Line and other key transport linkages to the centres of Campbelltown, Liverpool, Greater Penrith and the Aerotropolis, in order to achieve a 30-minute city.

Liveability

This theme acknowledges Camden's growth and, in particular, Camden's contribution to housing supply for the Western City District and Sydney more broadly. The key issues include:

- The provision of housing, social infrastructure and services to meet the needs of the community;
- The provision of a range of housing types in the right locations, with measures to improve affordability.
- Ensuring neighbourhoods and town centres provide the social services and infrastructure required by a growing and changing community, and
- Preserving the features that make Camden unique, including the heritage and rural assets.

The draft LSPS identifies five liveability priorities and 29 actions. The priorities and key actions are outlined below.

Local Priority	
L1	Providing housing choice and affordability for Camden's growing and changing population.
L2	Celebrating and respecting Camden's proud heritage
L3	Providing services and facilities to foster a healthy and socially connected community.
L4	Encouraging vibrant and connected centres which reflect Camden's evolving character.
L5	Supporting cultural infrastructure to create better cultural and creative spaces.

Key Actions	
Short Term 0-5years	Council will investigate the development of an Affordable Housing Strategy and Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme.
	Council will review non-indigenous heritage items and update the Camden LEP and DCP.
	Council will investigate planning controls that encourage the activation of public spaces for civic, community and cultural uses.
Medium Term 5-10years	Council will develop a Cultural and Social Infrastructure Plan to determine the cultural and social infrastructure needs of the Camden community.
Ongoing Advocacy	Council will continue to promote the importance of Camden's unique heritage through the Heritage Advisory Committee.

Productivity

The draft LSPS identifies priorities and actions for improving opportunities for investment, business and jobs growth and encouraging economic diversity. The key issues include:

- Promoting local industries, growing investment and business activity in centres;
- Planning for and managing industrial and urban services land, which play an important role in the local economy.
- Maximising local opportunities for investment from the Western Sydney Airport.

The draft LSPS identifies six productivity priorities and 20 actions. The priorities and key actions are outlined below.

Local Priority	
P1	Increasing the quantity and diversity of local jobs and improving access to jobs across the Western City District.
P2	Encouraging successful centres through a clearly defined centres hierarchy.
P3	Strengthening the Strategic Centres of Narellan and Leppington.
P4	Ensuring a suitable supply of industrial and urban services land.
P5	Leveraging industry opportunities created by Camden's proximity to the Western Sydney Airport and Aerotropolis.
P6	Leveraging Camden's natural and cultural assets to promote local agricultural production and increase tourism.

Key Actions	
Short Term 0-5years	Council will prepare an Economic Development Plan
	Council will prepare an Employment Lands Strategy to inform future land use controls to ensure there is a sufficient amount of zoned and serviced employment land.
	Council will work with the Camden Regional Economic Taskforce to investigate opportunities to leverage off the future industrial and commercial hub of the Aerotropolis, and to capitalise on new industry opportunities created by Camden's proximity to the Western Sydney Airport.
Medium Term 5-10years	Council will prepare a vision for Narellan, which considers Narellan's role as a Strategic Centre.
	Council will work to implement the recommendations in the Macarthur Destination Management Plan and Camden Destination Management Plan.
Ongoing Advocacy	Council will work with Transport for NSW to confirm the future station location for Narellan.



Sustainability

The draft LSPS identifies opportunities to improve sustainability by protecting Camden's natural assets and maximising the efficient use of resources, including energy, water and waste. The key issues include:

- Opportunities to protect Camden's native bushland and natural assets, including the Nepean River, and
- effective waste management, water and energy efficiency to support the efficient use of resources and lower emissions.

The draft LSPS includes six sustainability priorities and 42 actions. The priorities and key actions are outlined below.

Local Priority	
S1	Improving the accessibility and connectivity of Camden's Green and Blue Grid and delivering high quality open space.
S2	Protecting and enhancing the health of Camden's waterways and strengthening the role and prominence of the Nepean River.
S3	Protecting Camden's rural land.
S4	Protecting and restoring environmentally sensitive land and enhancing biodiversity.
S5	Reducing emissions, managing waste and increasing energy efficiency.
S6	Improving Camden's resilience to natural hazards and extreme weather events.

Key Actions	
Short Term 0-5years	Council will prepare a Green and Blue Grid Analysis for Camden and identify mechanisms to implement the Green and Blue Grid.
	Council will investigate the NSW Government's Canopy Cover targets and identify opportunities to implement improved canopy cover in line with these.
	Council will investigate opportunities to activate and enhance the Nepean River.
	Council will investigate a Community Garden and Urban Food Policy to encourage local food production.
Medium Term 5-10years	Council will investigate opportunities for infrastructure to support the management of waste at a local and regional level.
Ongoing Advocacy	Council will continue to implement the recommendations and actions within the Camden Rural Lands Strategy.

Implementation Plan

The draft LSPS provides the land use strategy for Camden over a 20-year planning horizon. To realise the vision, amendments to other policies and plans will be required, including the Sydney Region Growth Centres SEPP, Camden LEP 2010 and Development Control Plan (DCP).

Council officers will monitor, review and report on the LSPS to ensure the actions are achieved. The Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework under the *Local Government Act 1993* will be used to monitor and report on the implementation of the LSPS.

NEXT STEPS

Subject to Council endorsement, the draft LSPS will be placed on public exhibition. A further report to Council will be prepared to outline the results of the public exhibition and for endorsement of the LSPS prior to submission to the GSC and DPIE.

The public exhibition will include information displayed on Council's website, public information sessions, local pop up stalls, online comments/feedback and attendance at various Council hosted events.

LEP Review Project

Council has completed the first phase of the LEP program with the LEP Review Report. Phases Two and Three will be completed with the finalisation of the LSPS. The next phase for Council will be an amendment to the Camden LEP 2010.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The LEP Review is funded by the \$2.5 million Accelerated LEP Review Program Funding Agreement from the DPIE.

The short-term actions in the draft LSPS are funded within existing budgets and the delivery plan. The medium and long-term actions will require consideration for funding in future budgets.

CONCLUSION

All councils in NSW are required to prepare a LSPS. The draft LSPS aligns with the strategic directions of the Region and District plans. The preparation of the draft LSPS is the second phase within the overall LEP Review Project for Council and is required to be placed on exhibition by 31 October 2019.

The draft LSPS includes Camden's 20-year planning vision and local priorities and actions and includes an implementation plan for achieving the vision and actions. Subject to Council endorsement, the draft LSPS will be placed on public exhibition. A further report will be prepared for Council to consider the outcome of the public exhibition and finalisation of the draft LSPS.

RECOMMENDED

That:

- i. Council endorse the draft LSPS for public exhibition in accordance with the provisions of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's Local Strategic Planning Statement Guideline for Councils; and**
- ii. a further report be prepared for Council to consider the outcome of the public exhibition and finalisation of the draft LSPS.**

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement
2. Camden LEP Review GSC Assurance Letter
3. LSPS Guideline for Councils
4. Camden LSPS Engagement Report



ORDINARY COUNCIL

ORD02

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF ABORIGINAL PROTOCOLS POLICY
FROM: Director Sport, Community & Recreation
TRIM #: 19/180232

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to recommend that Council adopt the Aboriginal Protocols Policy.

BACKGROUND

The Camden Local Government Area (LGA) is located within the traditional lands of the Dharawal people. The area has a long and significant history with regards to Aboriginal culture and heritage.

The draft Aboriginal Protocols Policy (provided as an **attachment** to this report) is a new policy for Council and reflects Council's ongoing commitment to pay respect to and build strong partnerships with our Aboriginal community.

Councillors were briefed on the draft policy on 25 June 2019.

MAIN REPORT

Cultural protocols are customs, values and codes of behaviour that are important to the identity of a cultural group. Protocols are an important part of all cultures and provide guidance on how to treat and work with people in a respectful and useful way.

The draft policy seeks to:

- Guide Council interactions with the local Aboriginal community by outlining acceptable protocols;
- Provide guidance on protocols to acknowledge the Aboriginal community;
- Promote inclusive best practice with regards to protocols; and
- Promote a greater understanding and acceptance of general cultural awareness.

The key protocols that can easily be adopted are the Welcome to Country and Acknowledgement of Country, the appropriate utilisation and representation of the Aboriginal Flag, and traditional smoking ceremonies.

These protocols will apply to all Council staff, consultants, contractors, volunteers and delegates.

The protocols were developed based on a review of the government guidelines and examples of similar protocols adopted with the local government sector.

During the development of the draft policy, officers consulted with local Aboriginal organisation, Tharawal Local Aboriginal Land Council, which has provided support for Council's adoption of the policy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

CONCLUSION

Protocols as outlined in the draft policy will provide an opportunity to pay respect, build relationships and share in Aboriginal Culture.

Council's formal adoption of the Aboriginal Protocols Policy will strengthen Council's existing practices and provide a consistent framework.

RECOMMENDED

That Council adopt the Aboriginal Protocols Policy as attached to this report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Aboriginal Protocols Policy



ORDINARY COUNCIL

ORD03

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF PUBLIC ART POLICY
FROM: Director Sport, Community & Recreation
TRIM #: 19/180480

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to recommend that Council adopt the Public Art Policy (provided as an **attachment** to this report).

BACKGROUND

Camden Council's draft Public Art Policy has been developed to ensure a coordinated and strategic framework is in place to integrate art and design in the public domain. Public Art plays an integral role in expressing and valuing Camden's rich natural, cultural and urban heritage.

The draft Public Art Policy is a new policy for Council. Council is committed to celebrating the unique diversity of our people, places and environments and its contemporary culture.

Councillors were briefed on the draft policy on 25 June 2019.

MAIN REPORT

Public art enhances community and cultural wellbeing in a community by providing opportunities to participate in telling their stories through arts and cultural expression.

Public art refers to any artistic works or activities in the public domain, designed and created by professional arts practitioners. It is defined in the broadest sense as artistic works or activities accessible to the public. Public art can be permanent or temporary in nature and can be a part of public open space, building or facility including façade elements provided by either the public or private sector.

The draft Public Art Policy aims to facilitate the provision of public art within the Camden Local Government Area (LGA). The draft policy provides a consistent framework to develop, preserve, and celebrate Camden's history, strengths and its diverse cultures while creating opportunities for engagement and enjoyment of local residents, regional and international visitors.

The draft policy has been developed following the review of a number of public art projects in the Camden LGA and engagement with a range of internal stakeholders.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

CONCLUSION

Council's formal adoption of the policy will guide the delivery of public art in the LGA, providing positive cultural, social and economic benefits.

RECOMMENDED

That Council adopt the Public Art Policy as attached to this report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Public Art Policy



ORDINARY COUNCIL

ORD04

SUBJECT: FERGUSONS LAND MASTERPLAN
FROM: Director Sport, Community & Recreation
TRIM #: 19/181820

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to:

- Consider the outcomes of the public exhibition of the draft Fergusons Land Masterplan;
- Consider the additional submission provided to Councillors prior to the 11 June 2019 meeting; and
- Seek Council's endorsement of the revised Fergusons Land Masterplan and proposed Stage 1 works.

BACKGROUND

In 2014, Council endorsed the Sportsground Strategy which identified Fergusons Land for the development of a premier cricket facility.

The draft Fergusons Land Masterplan (**attachment 1**) is planned to be delivered in stages, with the completed facility to include:

- Two premier cricket ovals with turf pitches;
- One premier oval with synthetic pitch;
- Picket fencing to all ovals;
- Flood lighting to one oval;
- Sand slit drainage and irrigation to all ovals;
- Two storey amenities building;
- New two-lane bridge access to the site;
- 140 car parking spaces;
- Training nets with turf and synthetic pitches;
- Maintenance storage sheds; and
- Nepean River Trail connections and landscaping.

This draft Masterplan was placed on public exhibition from 3 December 2018 to 25 January 2019. Issues raised during the public exhibition period were briefed to Council on 12 March 2019. Following the briefing, alternate access points and potential funding options were investigated. The matter was further briefed during a workshop on 16 April 2019 regarding the draft budget.

Council considered a report at its meeting of 11 June 2019 regarding the outcomes of the public exhibition of the draft Fergusons Land Masterplan however resolved to defer the matter to allow a Councillor site inspection, consideration of an additional submission not included in the 11 June 2019 report and a Councillor briefing prior to the matter being reported back to Council.

A Councillor site inspection was conducted on Thursday 20 June 2019 and Monday 24 June 2019. The matter was further briefed to Council on 25 June 2019.

The issues raised in the additional submission are considered within this report with the remaining information as per the original report on 11 June 2019.

MAIN REPORT

The draft Fergusons Land Masterplan received 35 submissions during the exhibition period. In addition, 597 letters were received through the Cobbitty Pony Club based on a survey they undertook. Of these submissions 283 provided some form of identification consisting of either a first name, full name or email address, while 314 did not provide any identification. The issues raised in these submissions have been included for consideration in this report. A copy of the submissions, including a summary table of the 597 letters received, is provided as **supporting documents** to this report. A detailed summary of the issues is provided in **attachment 2**, and a summary of the key issues is provided below.

Additional Submission

The following issues were raised in relation to potential impacts on the adjoining landowner:

- Concern regarding location of parking and potential impact on the adjoining property;
- Concern regarding location of proposed walking track and potential impact on the adjoining property;
- Concern regarding location of grass swale and potential impact on the adjoining property;
- Concern regarding use of Sports Lighting and potential impact on the adjoining property;
- Concern regarding design and materials of clubhouse and storage shed; and
- Concern regarding use of clubhouse and potential noise impacts.

Officer Response

The site is constrained by the riparian corridor and the facility has been designed to take into consideration the location of the parking area and the impact on adjoining properties.

The route of the walking track and the design of the grass swale will be determined during detailed design stage and will be designed to minimise any potential impacts on the adjoining properties.

There is no sports lighting proposed in Stage 1 of the facility. The masterplan only includes sports lighting to the premier field, which would be undertaken as part of later stages.

The design and materials for the construction of the clubhouse and storage shed will be considered in the detailed design stage. It is noted that Stage 1 includes the provision of amenities with changeroom, toilets and storage, and the clubhouse will be considered as part of future stages. The use of the club house will be managed to minimise noise impacts on the adjoining properties as part of an operational plan which address permitted uses and operating hours.

Council will continue to consult with the adjoining landowner and key stakeholders as part of the detailed design of the facility.



Support for the Masterplan

The submissions received from Camden Cricket Club and Cricket NSW were in support of the Masterplan. These submissions recognised the facility as providing essential development of playing and practice facilities for cricket, as well as providing a facility for local and regional cricket events.

Impacts on Cobbitty Pony Club and other users of the BEP

The following issues were raised, in particular by the letters received through Cobbitty Pony Club, relating to the likely impacts of the facility on the existing users of the Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park (BEP) and Onslow Park:

- The relocation of the Cobbitty Pony Club clubhouse will significantly impact the club;
- Request for a separate and permanent access point for the cricket facility with suggestions including entries off Fergusons Lane and Exeter Street downstream from the existing causeway;
- Loss of BEP and Cobbitty Pony Club grounds will impact users particularly relating to loss of float parking and unloading area and potential loss of events and activities;
- Questioned whether other sports are being given priority over equestrian activities on a dedicated equestrian site;
- Proposed cricket facility is incompatible with existing users; and
- Request that the existing equestrian facilities should be protected and expanded.

Officer Response

Access to the facility from Fergusons Lane was investigated however is not feasible due to the topography of the land. In the 2017/18-2020/21 delivery program, funding allocated for the project includes the provision of a bridge off Exeter Street. Should the amended Masterplan be adopted, the new access point will remove the need to access the cricket facility through the BEP and therefore not require the relocation of the Cobbitty Pony Club clubhouse.

Other impacts on users of the BEP

The following issues were also raised:

- Concerns relating to potential safety impacts of having the vehicle access road to the cricket facility in close proximity to pony club grounds for horses and riders;
- Security and biosecurity issues for the BEP relating to unmanaged vehicular access; and
- The loss of the large turning circle on Exeter Street will create safety issues if access to the equestrian facility is not available.

Officer Response

The exhibited Masterplan included the relocation of the Cobbitty Pony Club facilities to ensure the safety of both the Cobbitty Pony Club users and users of the cricket facility. The inclusion of the bridge off Exeter Street will remove the need to access the cricket

facility through the BEP and security and biosecurity issues for the BEP. The loss of the turning circle will be addressed through the detailed design stage.

Impacts on Traffic

There were concerns regarding the increased need for parking around Exeter Street and the BEP grounds which, along with increased traffic, will create issues with access for larger vehicles.

Officer Response

The impact of traffic associated with the cricket facility will be addressed through the detailed design stage to minimise impacts in the area. Parking will be delivered in line with requirements of Council's DCP and Sportsground Strategy.

Construction Impacts

There was concern that construction of the facility will have negative impacts on existing operations of the BEP, with particular reference to dust and noise.

Officer Response

Construction of the facility will occur during defined times and these impacts will be managed during the delivery of the project to ensure minimal disruption to nearby properties and the local community in consultation with key stakeholders.

Cricket Facility

The following issues were raised relating to the delivery of elements within the cricket facility:

- Delivery of two synthetic and one turf wicket in place of the proposed one synthetic and two turf wickets and delivery of a synthetic wicket as part of Stage 1 works;
- Delivery of five synthetic training nets in place of the turf training nets proposed as part of Stage 1 works;
- Inclusion of a clubhouse facility; and
- Clarity around the operation and maintenance of the facility.

Officer Response

Following further conversations with Cricket NSW and Camden Cricket Club, the delivery of a synthetic cricket wicket as part of Stage 1 works is not supported, however the change to synthetic practice nets from turf is supported and will be included in the detailed design of the facility. A cricket pavilion has been included in Stage 1 including changerooms, amenities, an umpire room and a storage room, and will be addressed in the detailed design stage. The ultimate facility includes provision for a second storey to be added to this building at a later date.

The management and operation of the facility is still to be determined and will not impact the draft Masterplan or the delivery of Stage 1 works.

Other Issues

A range of other issues were identified:

- No timelines for the work have been provided.
- Concern around the feasibility of closing the facility during Camden Show and other large events.



- Modifications requested through the consultation process have not been incorporated into the Masterplan and no direct contact was made by Council to advise of exhibition of the draft Masterplan.
- Request that the community be informed of potential impacts of existing use of the BEP and be given an opportunity to respond.

Officer Response

Following the adoption of the Masterplan, detailed design of the facility will be undertaken and construction timeframes will be communicated once confirmed.

In terms of closure of the facility for Camden Show and other large events the Fergusons Land cricket facility will be managed in the same way that BEP and Onslow Oval currently are, with restrictions in place for key events.

The provision of a bridge providing access to the facility off Exeter Street has addressed the concerns regarding the potential impacts on the existing use of the BEP.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding of \$8.35 million for delivery of Stage 1 of the draft Fergusons Land Masterplan is included in the draft Delivery Program 2019/20 – 2022/23, with \$900,000 from the Western Parkland City Liveability Program (City Deal), \$200,000 from the Metropolitan Greenspace Program and \$7.25 million from Council funds (Section 7.11).

CONCLUSION

Council considered a report on 11 June 2019 regarding the outcomes of the public exhibition of the draft Fergusons Land Masterplan. Following deferral of the matter Councillor site inspections were conducted on Thursday 20 June 2019 and Monday 24 June 2019, and a Councillor briefing was provided on 25 June 2019.

The submissions have now been considered and it is recommended to amend the draft Masterplan (**attachment 3**) to include a bridge providing access to the facility off Exeter Street and delivery of synthetic nets in Stage 1. The delivery of Fergusons Land Stage 1 is expected to be completed by June 2021.

RECOMMENDED

That Council:

- i. adopt the revised Fergusons Land Masterplan as outlined in the report;**
- ii. seek endorsement of the proposed Stage 1 works;**
- iii. advise submitters of the outcome of this report; and**
- iv. receive a report back on the facility following 12 months of operation.**

ATTACHMENTS

1. Fergusons Land Masterplan - Exhibited
2. Fergusons Land Masterplan - Register of Issues
3. Revised Fergusons Land Masterplan
4. Fergusons Land Submissions - Additional Submission - *Supporting Document*
5. Fergusons Land Submissions - *Supporting Document*
6. Fergusons Land Submissions -Table of Letters Received - *Supporting Document*

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NOTICE OF MOTION

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MOTION - ST JOHN'S CHURCH PRECINCT
FROM: Cr C Cagney
TRIM #: 19/193369

"I, Councillor C Cagney, hereby give notice of my intention to move the following at the Council Meeting of 9 July 2019:

That Council urgently writes to the Federal Minister for the Environment, The Hon. Sussan Ley MP and the Australian Heritage Council to request the addition of the St John's Church Precinct to the next Priority Assessment List of places to be assessed for inclusion on the National Heritage List."

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That Council urgently writes to the Federal Minister for the Environment, The Hon. Sussan Ley MP and the Australian Heritage Council to request the addition of the St John's Church Precinct to the next Priority Assessment List of places to be assessed for inclusion on the National Heritage List.