

# CAMDEN COUNCIL

## Media Release

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### Seeking Feedback on Council Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan

Councillors on Tuesday night voted unanimously to endorse the public exhibition of the updated Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan 2014.

The Plan was originally adopted by Council in 2003 and was recently reviewed to reassess identified pedestrian networks against current activity and development in the Camden Local Government Area. The new Plan has been developed with a focus on improving the level of pedestrian access, pedestrian crossing opportunities, completing missing links in the pedestrian network, provide links with existing and proposed bus services as well as enhancing infrastructure in established suburbs throughout the Local Government Area.

The Plan has sought to prioritise pedestrian access based on current and future demand and connectivity, while recognising resource constraints. Issues regarding access to public transport, education facilities and neighbourhood centres have been given the highest priority.

Mayor of Camden, Councillor Lara Symkowiak said she was pleased the 2003 Plan had been updated.

“Council recently completed a Recreation Demand Study and one of the most popular forms of exercise across our LGA was walking. This form of recreation is the cheapest, easiest and most accessible to our residents. Footpaths are the responsibility of Council and this Plan identifies gaps in our footpath network. Additional footpaths in much needed areas will make a difference to our residents on a daily basis, particularly elderly residents, residents using prams and residents with mobility difficulties. The focus will be on targeting older suburbs that need footpath connections to bus stops, shops and schools. During wet weather especially, these footpaths will be much appreciated”.

“I encourage members of our community to have a look at the revised Plan and make any recommendations necessary to Council” she said.

The Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan will be on public exhibition in the coming weeks for a period of four weeks. Copies of the Plan will be available at Council Customer Service Centres, Camden and Narellan Libraries and Council’s website.

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