

# CAMDEN COUNCIL

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### **Council Completes Stage 1 Improvements to Camden Town Centre**

Camden Council has completed Stage 1 of major improvement works in Camden Town Centre, worth \$5.95 million.

Mayor of Camden, Councillor Lara Symkowiak said she was pleased Stage 1 of the Town Centre Works are now complete.

“I am proud to see Stage 1 of the Camden Town Centre Enhancement Works completed. These works consisted of basic infrastructure upgrades and much needed improvements to ensure pedestrian safety especially as our community grows over the coming years.”

“Safety is the number one priority of Council. The Camden Town Centre has not had any significant infrastructure upgrades for decades with accident statistics showing that traffic improvements were much needed.”

“Given Council’s move to Oran Park, it was essential Council invested significantly into the Camden Town Centre to ensure it is a stronger and better place than what it is was 12 months ago.”

“Council respects the pride that people take in Camden and its heritage, and we made sure the community had direct input into the project plan,” she said.

“We greatly appreciate the community’s involvement and I’m very pleased that Stage 1 has now reached completion. I’d like to thank all the Camden businesses and customers for their patience during the construction works.”

The Argyle Street Streetscape Improvements will mean better traffic management to accommodate Camden’s growth and greater access and safety for pedestrians.

\$2.13 million from the Western Sydney Infrastructure Program, \$413,000 from Roads to Recovery, and \$155,000 from Regional Road Block grants were included in the Stage 1 budget. Project features include:

- Traffic lights at the intersection of Oxley Street and Argyle Street
- Pedestrian signals on Argyle Street, between John Street and Hill Street
- Increased footpath widths on Argyle Street

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- Improved footpath cross slopes for better accessibility
- Drainage improvement
- Upgraded street furniture
- Improved street lighting using LED lights
- Upgraded footpath paving material (light grey granite pavers)
- Renewed road pavement

The Argyle Street Streetscape Improvements project is part of the Council's long-term vision to develop a more prosperous, accessible, inclusive and appealing town centre.

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