

# A LIVEABLE CITY

## OBJECTIVE 8: Create socially inclusive places that promote social, cultural and recreational opportunities

Residents in socially inclusive communities have access to economic, social, cultural and recreational opportunities. Urban planning can influence social inclusion by removing barriers to the many benefits that a large city like Sydney offers. This supports a number of NSW 2021 goals: build liveable centres (Goal 20); increase opportunities for seniors in NSW to fully participate in community life (Goal 25); foster opportunity and partnership with Aboriginal people (Goal 26); and enhance cultural, creative, sporting and recreation opportunities (Goal 27).

Currently, access to opportunities differs in Sydney depending on where you live. Some locations have poor access to transport, services and community facilities. Residents relying on car travel are exposed to the impacts of rising fuel prices.<sup>7</sup>

In some of these places, the disadvantage is perceived as a barrier to investment and urban renewal.<sup>8</sup> Our policies and actions aim to make sure renewal in these locations meets the needs of local people and provides spaces for social connections, support and assistance.

Growth Infrastructure Plans (GIPs), an initiative of the NSW Government, are designed to address additional and new infrastructure needs in response to growth. They will also address issues of social infrastructure provision in greenfield areas, ensuring new residents have access to opportunities as soon as they move in.

As our city grows, we need to make sure that people can access opportunities and feel part

of and contribute to their local community. Our policies and actions will support investment in social and cultural infrastructure close to centres.

Designing places to encourage walking and cycling can have substantial impacts on health and wellbeing.<sup>9</sup> Glenmore Ridge in Western Sydney provides an excellent example of what can be achieved through thoughtful design.<sup>10</sup>

Sydney's heritage is a connection to our shared history and identity. A strong connection to Aboriginal culture and identity is critical to building strong, sustainable Aboriginal communities.<sup>11</sup> We must protect and promote places and objects of value to our diverse community.

Identifying cultural heritage values early in the planning process (Objective 7, page 33) allows for long-term strategies to protect their significance and provides clarity and confidence for the community and industry.

Participation in cultural activities helps make our communities stronger.<sup>12</sup> Providing access to music, art, sport and other activities can influence Sydney's quality of life and inclusiveness. Our cultural infrastructure must meet the needs of our growing population, and this can be achieved through understanding the current distribution of cultural facilities and precincts across the Sydney Metropolitan Area. Ongoing investment in major pieces of cultural infrastructure and precincts will be important, and work will continue to deliver Walsh Bay as a world-class arts and cultural precinct.

A vital element of social infrastructure is burial areas - cemeteries and crematoria. Sydney will continue to require land for cemeteries with good access, especially for communities or cultures for which cemeteries are the only acceptable way of

meeting burial needs. The location of cemeteries and crematoria is a sensitive issue and guidance will be provided to meet future needs. The Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney will also provide the land use planning required to support the NSW Government's historic cemetery reforms.<sup>13</sup>

### Policy

- Health, education, cultural and social infrastructure will be planned for early in the growth and renewal process.
- Cultural, social and recreational infrastructure will be delivered across Sydney.
- Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage will be promoted.



<sup>13</sup> See: [http://www.lpma.nsw.gov.au/crown\\_land/crown\\_reserves/cemeteries](http://www.lpma.nsw.gov.au/crown_land/crown_reserves/cemeteries)

<sup>7</sup> Based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics 2006 Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) eight of the ten most relatively disadvantaged areas in Sydney are located in western Sydney. See also the work of Jago Dodson and Neil Sipe ([http://www.griffith.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/88851/urp-rp17-dodson-sipe-2008.pdf](http://www.griffith.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/88851/urp-rp17-dodson-sipe-2008.pdf)) on Sydney's potential vulnerability to oil price fluctuations that found concentrations of high vulnerability in Sydney's west.

<sup>8</sup> The work of the NSW Government in Redfern-Waterloo is addressing social exclusion upfront to make an area more viable for urban renewal, see: <http://www.smda.nsw.gov.au/>.

<sup>9</sup> Literature review prepared by the University of NSW Healthy Built Environment Program (see: <http://www.be.unsw.edu.au/programs/healthy-built-environments-program/literature-review>).

<sup>10</sup> [http://www.pcal.nsw.gov.au/case\\_studies/glenmore\\_ridge](http://www.pcal.nsw.gov.au/case_studies/glenmore_ridge)

<sup>11</sup> As expressed in NSW 2021: Goal 26: Fostering opportunity and partnership with Aboriginal people.

<sup>12</sup> As expressed in NSW 2021: Goal 27: Enhance cultural, creative, sporting and recreation opportunities.

### Action

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| 8.1 Prepare guidance on planning and delivering community facilities for local areas                                                                                                                  | Supplementary guidelines                               | 2014                  | DP&I                           | Agencies, councils.                                   |
| 8.2 Identify important cultural facilities and precincts to inform planning and investment decisions                                                                                                  | Subregional Delivery Plans                             | Short term            | DP&I                           | Councils, the community, Arts NSW                     |
| 8.3 Prepare Growth Infrastructure Plans to coordinate infrastructure for greenfield areas and areas undergoing renewal                                                                                | Growth Infrastructure Plans (GIPs)                     | Ongoing               | DP&I                           | Agencies, councils                                    |
| 8.4 Identify Aboriginal heritage values early in the planning process                                                                                                                                 | Subregional Delivery Plans<br>Local Plans              | Short term<br>Ongoing | DP&I<br>Local councils         | OEH, Local Aboriginal Land Councils, community        |
| 8.5 Investigate, in partnership with Aboriginal communities, new ways to access, connect to and celebrate Sydney's Aboriginal heritage                                                                | Subregional Delivery Plans                             | Short term            | DP&I                           | OEH                                                   |
| 8.6 Plan for adequate burial lands to meet the needs of Sydney's diverse community and provide guidance on their appropriate location                                                                 | Subregional Delivery Plans<br>Supplementary guidelines | Short term            | DP&I                           | DPI-Catchments & Lands, OEH, councils, private sector |
| 8.7 Complete the development of Walsh Bay as a world-class arts and cultural precinct and construct the new Sydney International Convention, Exhibition and Entertainment Precinct at Darling Harbour | Master plans and approvals process                     | Medium term           | Arts NSW<br>Infrastructure NSW | DP&I, OEH, agencies and City of Sydney Council        |

