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- (g) the number of publicly accessible vantage points for viewing Sydney Harbour should be increased,
 - (h) development is to improve the water quality of urban run-off, reduce the quantity and frequency of urban run-off, prevent the risk of increased flooding and conserve water,
 - (i) action is to be taken to achieve the objectives and targets set out in the *Sydney Harbour Catchment Blueprint*, as published in February 2003 by the then Department of Land and Water Conservation,
 - (j) development is to protect and, if practicable, rehabilitate watercourses, wetlands, riparian corridors, remnant native vegetation and ecological connectivity within the catchment,
 - (k) development is to protect and, if practicable, rehabilitate land from current and future urban salinity processes, and prevent or restore land degradation and reduced water quality resulting from urban salinity,
 - (l) development is to avoid or minimise disturbance of acid sulfate soils in accordance with the *Acid Sulfate Soil Manual*, as published in 1988 by the Acid Sulfate Soils Management Advisory Committee.

14 Foreshores and Waterways Area

The planning principles for land within the Foreshores and Waterways Area are as follows:

- (a) development should protect, maintain and enhance the natural assets and unique environmental qualities of Sydney Harbour and its islands and foreshores,
- (b) public access to and along the foreshore should be increased, maintained and improved, while minimising its impact on watercourses, wetlands, riparian lands and remnant vegetation,
- (c) access to and from the waterways should be increased, maintained and improved for public recreational purposes (such as swimming, fishing and boating), while minimising its impact on watercourses, wetlands, riparian lands and remnant vegetation,
- (d) development along the foreshore and waterways should maintain, protect and enhance the unique visual qualities of Sydney Harbour and its islands and foreshores,
- (e) adequate provision should be made for the retention of foreshore land to meet existing and future demand for working harbour uses,

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- (f) public access along foreshore land should be provided on land used for industrial or commercial maritime purposes where such access does not interfere with the use of the land for those purposes,
- (g) the use of foreshore land adjacent to land used for industrial or commercial maritime purposes should be compatible with those purposes,
- (h) water-based public transport (such as ferries) should be encouraged to link with land-based public transport (such as buses and trains) at appropriate public spaces along the waterfront,
- (i) the provision and use of public boating facilities along the waterfront should be encouraged.

15 Heritage conservation

The planning principles for heritage conservation are as follows:

- (a) Sydney Harbour and its islands and foreshores should be recognised and protected as places of exceptional heritage significance,
- (b) the heritage significance of particular heritage items in and around Sydney Harbour should be recognised and conserved,
- (c) an appreciation of the role of Sydney Harbour in the history of Aboriginal and European settlement should be encouraged,
- (d) the natural, scenic, environmental and cultural qualities of the Foreshores and Waterways Area should be protected,
- (e) significant fabric, settings, relics and views associated with the heritage significance of heritage items should be conserved,
- (f) archaeological sites and places of Aboriginal heritage significance should be conserved.