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Revitalising Blackwattle Bay

The University of Sydney welcomes the NSW Government's vision to revitalise Blackwattle Bay and to build an inclusive and iconic waterfront destination that celebrates innovation, diversity and community. As many of our staff and students either live within or travel through the area to our Camperdown campus, we appreciate the opportunity to be involved in the strategic planning of the precinct.

The University also acknowledges safety concerns that have arisen regarding the impact of the Fish Markets redevelopment on rowing and dragon boating activities based at the University's Glebe Boatshed facilities. The University is pleased to see that a requirement of the Fish Market Redevelopment SSDA is the establishment of a community consultative committee with representatives from rowing and dragon boat clubs to resolve potential issues that may arise during construction.¹ We hope to be involved in these ongoing discussions with Government to ensure the safety of our rowing community throughout the redevelopment of this precinct.

The University requests that the neighbouring Camperdown-Ultimo Collaboration Area be taken into consideration in all planning and policy decisions made for the Blackwattle Bay Precinct, to ensure both areas can leverage off one another to create world-leading places where people want to live, work and visit.

The Camperdown-Ultimo Collaboration Area stretches from Camperdown to Ultimo and covers Darlington and Eveleigh, most of Haymarket, Ultimo and Camperdown and parts of Glebe, Forest Lodge, Newtown, Redfern and Surry Hills. The Greater Sydney Commission's 2018 Camperdown-Ultimo Collaboration Area Place Strategy sets out priorities to enhance the area's potential as a globally-renowned research and innovation precinct.

The Collaboration Area's Priorities are categorised under the five themes of Connectivity, Liveability, Productivity, Sustainability and Governance. The relevance of these priorities to the decisions made for the future of Blackwattle Bay is outlined below.

1) Connectivity

Key to the success of the Camperdown-Ultimo Collaboration Area is improved connectivity to integrate and connect the area beyond its edges. The University encourages the NSW Government's principle to "improve access to Blackwattle Bay" so that the communities of Camperdown-Ultimo and the Blackwattle Bay Precinct can collaborate through permeable precincts.

¹ <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Assess-and-Regulate/State-Significant-Projects/Sydney-Fish-Market/Stage-2-works>



2) Liveability

The Collaboration Area Place Strategy sets out to improve the health, equity and resilience of the Area to ultimately improve the quality of life to those who reside within and visit the precinct. The University encourages the NSW Government focus on prioritising active transport in the Blackwattle Bay Precinct and creating a place built on the values of inclusivity, respect and cultural understanding.

3) Productivity

The Camperdown-Ultimo Collaboration Area is rich in tech start-ups and creative industries that have grown alongside its world-leading health, education, training and research institutions. A scenario for the future of Blackwattle Bay that can integrate and collaborate with these industries is encouraged.

4) Sustainability

Enhancing the network of high quality open and public space linked by the Greater Sydney Green Grid is a key priority within the Place Strategy. Protecting the existing waterways, green space and tree canopy - whilst implementing emission-saving interventions - must also be embedded within the planning of Blackwattle Bay.

5) Governance

The Place Strategy recognises the need for a strong governance framework that gives industry, institutions and partners a gateway for interactions, investment and development. The revitalisation of Blackwattle Bay must be factored into this governance to ensure both the Collaboration Area and Blackwattle Bay are planned and developed in tandem and in alignment.

We are keen to work with Infrastructure NSW on building connections between the University campus, the Collaboration Area and Blackwattle Bay. The development of strong connections between the proposed harbourside parks, employment and residential activities of Blackwattle Bay and surrounding neighbourhoods will encourage people to live, study and work locally. It will play a significant part in realising the GSC's 2036 vision that: *"In 2036, Camperdown–Ultimo Collaboration Area is Australia's innovation and technology capital. Industry, business, health, education and skills institutions work together, and talent, creativity, research and partnerships thrive. Low carbon living, green spaces, places for people and easy connections support resilience, amenity, vitality and growth."*²

If Infrastructure NSW requires anything further from the University of Sydney, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Greg Robinson, Director, Campus Infrastructure & Services in the first instance (greg.robinson@sydney.edu.au, 02 9351 3245).

Yours sincerely,

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² <https://gsc-public-1.s3.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/gsc-collaboration-area-ca2018-camperdown-ultimo-place-strategy-2802.pdf> (Page6)