

Blackwattle Bay Precinct Planning Consultation Outcome Summary

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The draft Precinct Plans

We're closer to finalising a precinct plan for Blackwattle Bay. Thanks to everyone that provided feedback during the consultation between May and June 2020. The feedback we received from the community, local organisations, businesses as well as government agencies, is being collated and analysed. It will be used to inform the final precinct plan and to support the State Significant Precinct Study for Blackwattle Bay. Outcomes of the final Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy will also be considered.

The Government has been working closely with the community since 2013 to refine a plan that revitalises the land in and around the existing Sydney Fish Market all the way up to Bank Street to deliver a stunning waterfront destination where Sydneysiders will live, work, visit and love.

We took the principles that we refined with the community in 2017 to develop three precinct plan scenarios for future renewal in Blackwattle Bay. These precinct plan scenarios were conceptual and responded to the opportunities and constraints of the precinct. The scenarios showed some ways in which Blackwattle Bay might be revitalised, with different land use mixes, open space arrangements and waterfront promenade designs, and street and building layouts. The scenarios also highlighted different cultural design elements which could be included in the future detailed planning of public spaces and buildings.

The vision

Blackwattle Bay offers an extraordinary opportunity to reconnect the harbour, its surrounding neighbourhoods and the city; to showcase Sydney's living culture and stories of Country; to build an inclusive and iconic waterfront destination that celebrates innovation, diversity and community.



This is what we did

 <p>10 Meetings with key stakeholders</p>	 <p>1,000 Sydneysider Panel Survey respondents</p>	 <p>189 Email submissions</p>	 <p>272 Community survey responses</p>	 <p>5 Community webinars</p>
 <p>2,597 Notification emails to subscribers</p>	 <p>13,000* Letterbox drops to business & residences</p>	 <p>4,212 Clicks via internet advertising</p>	 <p>137 Webinar participants</p>	 <p>410 Form letter submissions</p>

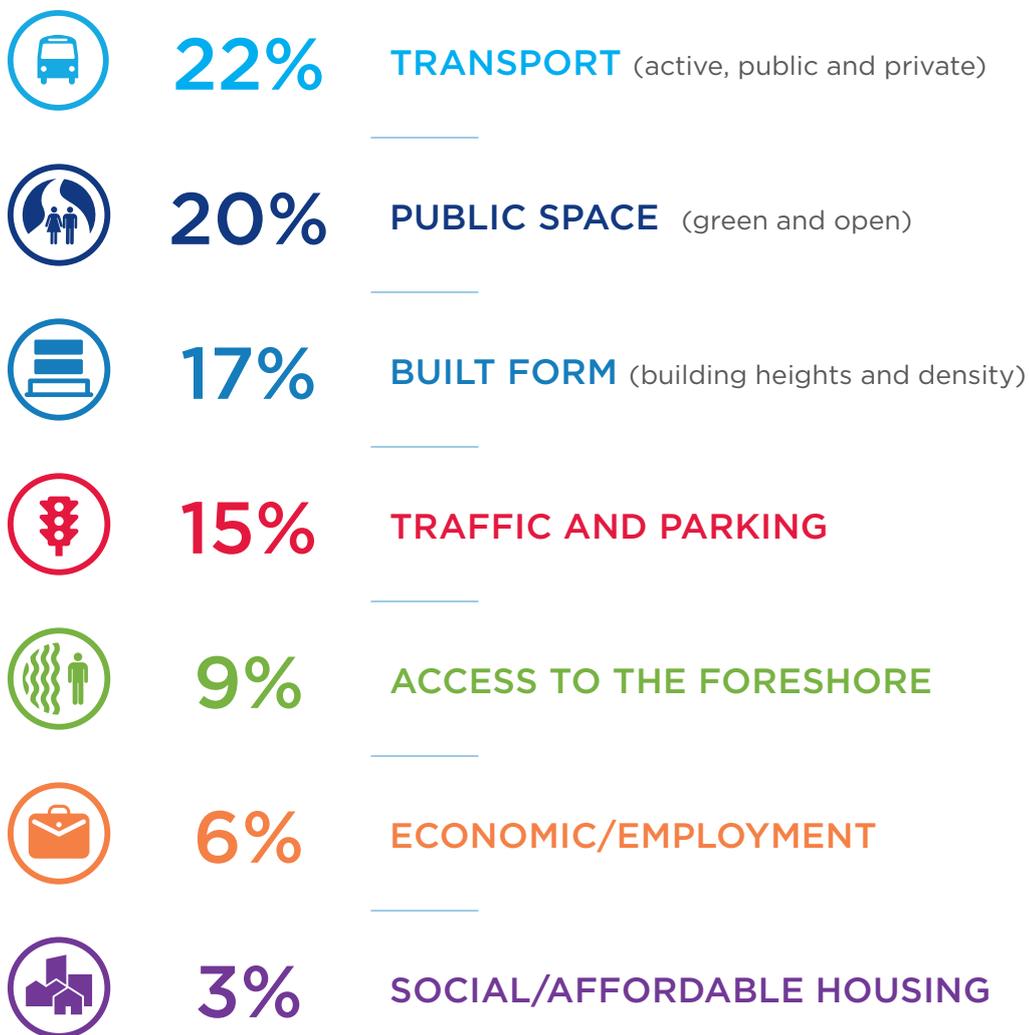
*Approximately 13,000 business and residences in Pyrmont, Ultimo and Glebe

This is what we heard

Community Survey results

Respondents noted that elements such as the larger park design, the pedestrian focus, curved buildings, the mix of uses contributing to a more diverse atmosphere, and the encouragement of active transport, and the access to the foreshore were most preferred.

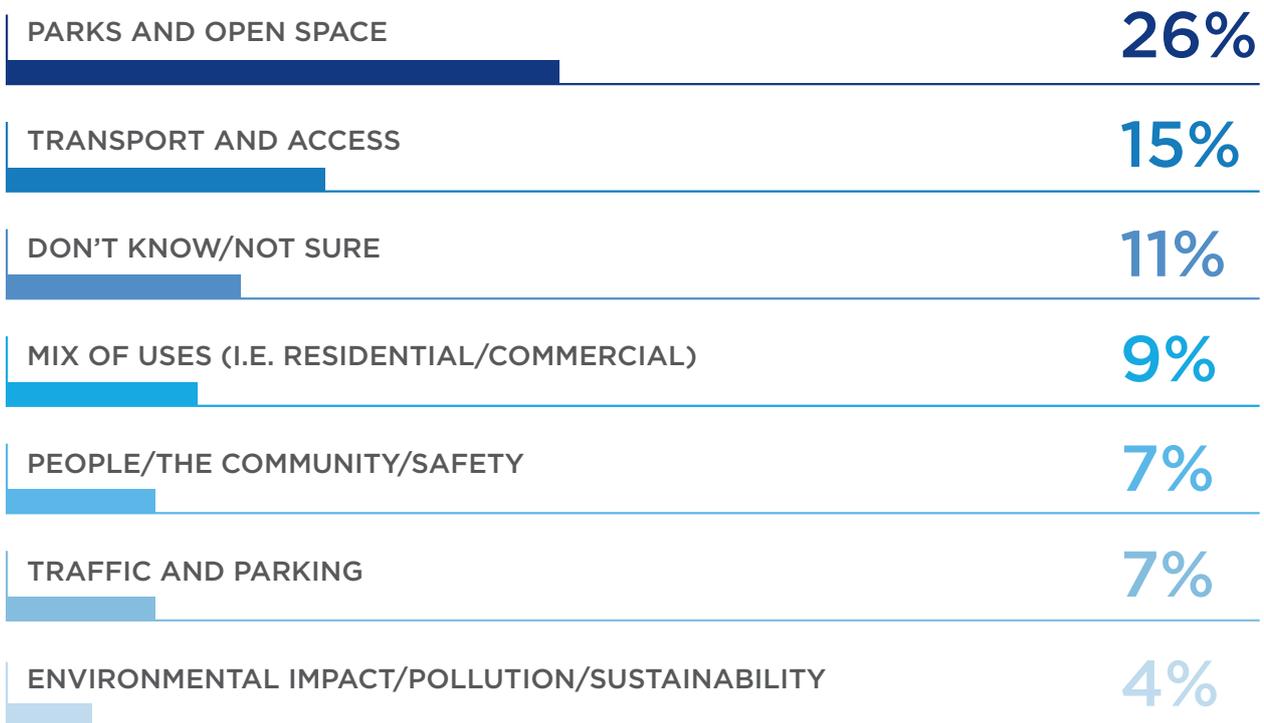
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Sydneysider Panel survey results

The panel survey of 1,000 respondents was designed to build on the other engagement activities to reach people of all ages, including people who speak a language other than English at home, from across Sydney's five districts: Western City, Central City, Eastern City and North and South. The preferences from this survey largely mirrored the community survey, with 'Scenario 2 Balanced' as the overall preferred scenario.

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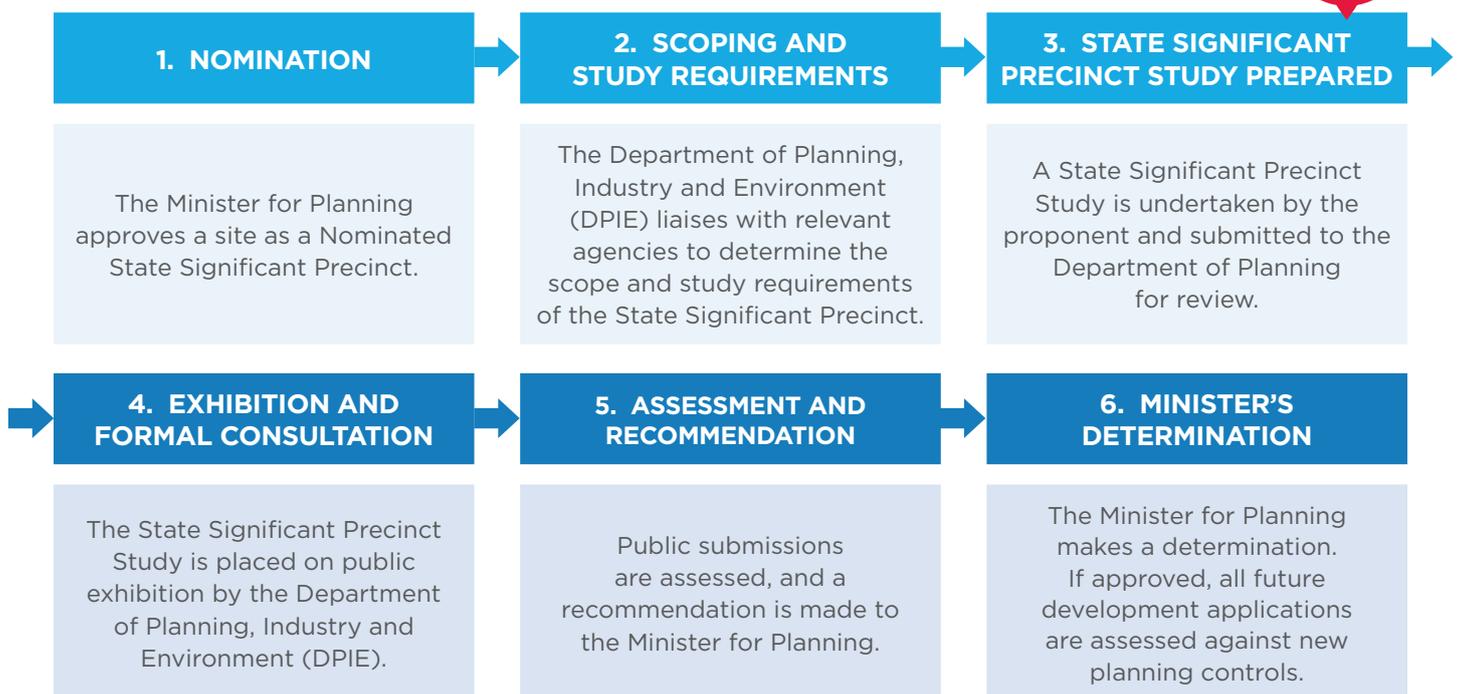
Other feedback

Through email submissions, survey comments, webinars and meetings with key stakeholders we heard about a number of key considerations. The most important of these covered three broad themes:

- The planning process and coordination with other agencies and processes; i.e. Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy
- Traffic and transport considerations, and
- Height and density.

What is involved in the rezoning process?

To deliver the vision for Blackwattle Bay, we need to rezone the land through a State Significant Precinct process (SSP).



The next steps

The feedback we have received will inform the final precinct plan. Our next steps include investigating the suggestions that were made during the consultation, revisiting the different elements illustrated in the scenarios based on community feedback, and coordinating with the Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy work that is being undertaken by Department of Planning Industry and Environment (DPIE).

As the final precinct plan comes together, we will commence more detailed studies as set out in the Study Requirements. The findings and recommendations of the detailed studies will be incorporated into the Blackwattle Bay State Significant Precinct (SSP) Study. As outlined in the above timeline, this Study will be submitted to the DPIE for review and assessment. The SSP Study will then be placed on public exhibition and the community will be invited to make a formal submission.

DPIE will then assess the submissions, prior to making a recommendation to the Minister for Planning.

Want to know more about the project?

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