



THE LORD MAYOR OF SYDNEY
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MEDIA STATEMENT

SUSTAINABLE SYDNEY 2030 – A GREEN REVOLUTION

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Sustainable Sydney 2030 is the culmination of the most comprehensive consultation ever undertaken on the future of our city. Overwhelmingly people told us that they want a city that is sustainable — environmentally, economically, socially, and culturally. 97% of people told us that they want to address global warming. Sustainable Sydney 2030 maps out how we can significantly reduce green house gas emissions and for the first time take a holistic approach to planning Sydney's future.

We developed *Sustainable Sydney 2030* to help guide the development of Sydney over the next 22 years and beyond. We engaged some of the nation's best minds to produce an innovative vision for the future. Implementing the strategy will require broad support and partnerships with government agencies, business and community organisations. It will also offer exciting opportunities to help develop and participate in a variety of innovative projects.

We are on the cusp of a green revolution - just as the industrial revolution transformed the 19th century, a new green economy is set to transform the 21st century. City buildings, transport and power generation are the big levers in the challenge to reduce emissions, so Sustainable Sydney 2030 focusses on sustainable development, sustainable transport and sustainable green energy transformers.

Sydney is already a green leader when it comes to sustainable buildings. Our new 5 and 6 star buildings are up there with the world's best. But we need to move beyond an ad-hoc site by site approach and integrate long term planning for Australia's premier city so we are well positioned for the next 25 years and beyond. This is not about petty parochial politics - pitting the the CBD against the suburbs, or Sydney against the bush - it's about what's in the public interest for the whole of Sydney, NSW and the rest of Australia. It's about securing our national future in changing times. Getting Sydney's future

development right is in everyone's interest - and there will be flow on economic, lifestyle and cultural benefits for all.

Sydney can become one of the world's leading green cities, making this our point of competitive advantage with other global cities. We can make sure Sydney remains Australia's global business and cultural centre of excellence – our international business and tourism gateway; celebrating our indigenous heritage and supporting contemporary creative culture.

Sydney can reduce road congestion by developing an integrated transport network which focuses on walking, cycling, and car share connecting with light rail, buses, trains and ferries.

We can re-connect our city with the harbour by burying the Western Distributor, removing the Cahill expressway and creating a pedestrian and public transport boulevard linking three major squares at Circular Quay, Town Hall and Central Station.

In the transition to a new green economy we are faced with some major decisions about Sydney's future. The draft Sustainable Sydney 2030 strategy will be on exhibition for the next couple of months and Council is inviting public feedback.

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