

# Media Release

## CITY OF SYDNEY



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## Strategic planning for our future

It's difficult to imagine Sydney without Martin Place or Pitt St Mall, but both these historic civic improvements were built as a direct result of strategic plans and community commitment in the 1970s and 80s, Lord Mayor Clover Moore MP said today.

"Just like Sustainable Sydney 2030, they were ambitious and visionary, and they guided lasting changes to our City," Ms Moore said.

In 1971, when George Clarke and the City of Sydney first proposed to transform Martin Place from a road to a pedestrian plaza, the project was opposed by traffic authorities and members of State Government.

However today it is recognised as an invaluable business and tourist strip, and the historic site of the ANZAC cenotaph, water fountain and amphitheatre. In 1909 the Royal Commission on the Improvement of Sydney saw the successful completion of the city circle rail line and wider streets, despite Sydneysiders' concerns of urban congestion.

"City of Sydney Council has overseen some momentous and history-making developments in its time, some of which were met with strong political opposition at the time," said Ms Moore.

"Yet it was the vision of planners and urban designers, and the commitment of the community that made these projects a reality, and in doing so, made significant contributions to city life for decades to come."

The City of Sydney has consulted with thousands of people during the past 12 months and worked with Sydney's best minds in urban planning, development and architecture to develop Sustainable Sydney 2030.

"Sustainable Sydney 2030 is a draft strategic plan and could not have been developed without learning from two centuries of planning, development and an enormous amount of research," said Ms Moore.

"We have taken the developments of the past on board to build a new vision for Sydney, and I am confident that the Sustainable Sydney 2030 vision will set a benchmark for future urban developments in our City."

### **Snapshot of projects listed in the 1980 Strategic Plan that have already been realised by the City of Sydney:**

- make the GPO a destination centre
- restore the QVB
- create a pedestrian mall in Pitt Street
- landscape Moore Park
- keep the Pyrmont Bridge as a pedestrian and bicycle route.
- recycle Darling Harbour goods yards for a Bicentennial Park

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