People help plan Sydney's future - #MySydney

The Department of Planning and Environment today revealed the results of an online consultation about Sydney's future, showing that Sydneysiders love the city's sense of community, convenience to services and open space.

As part of the online consultation, 36,000 Sydneysiders were engaged, using social media and the #MySydney interactive map to share the best parts of their local community and what improvements they would like to see.

A spokesperson for the Department said the results would inform the work of the Greater Sydney Commission as it develops detailed districts plans with communities and councils – the next step in implementing the NSW Government's vision for a greater Sydney.

“Planning is about people, and #MySydney gave us a unique perspective on what Sydneysiders want from their city,” the spokesperson said.

“When established, the Greater Sydney Commission will use these results to get a deeper insight into Sydney’s suburbs, from people who may not ordinarily participate in consultation about the city's future.”

The spokesperson said that across Sydney people were looking for improvements to transport and better access to parks.

“We know people want better public transport and that’s why the NSW Government is investing an unprecedented amount in new infrastructure to build better public transport services and roads,” the spokesperson said.

Results from the campaign:

What people loved:

• Community feel
• Access to open space
• Proximity to the city, cafes and restaurants
• Diversity of people

What improvements they would like to see:

• Public transport and roads
• More cycleways
• More parks and playgrounds

What you had to say:

“I love walking to my favourite local cafe and then heading down to Blackwattle Bay with my coffee and my dog… Even though I could paddle to the CBD, I feel a million miles from it.” - Jody, Inner West, Central District.

“Cultural diversity within the area is amazing. It allows for new understanding about cultural differences and allows for children to be taught the value of one and other for their similarities and differences.” - Josie, Fairfield, South West District.

“I love the Narrabeen lake loop track. [It’s] awesome to walk and for bike rides. My toddler loves it too and we regularly spot black swans and stunning sun sets.” - Lauren, Frenchs Forest, North District.

“I grew up in the country side and love the nature. [my] hubby on the other hand grew up in the city and is not used to the quietness of the country side. The Hills District is somewhere in between so both agreed this is the perfect place for us to raise our little family.” - Olga, The Hills, West Central District.

“Wolli Creek station is incredibly convenient and will soon be a great the hub in the area’s emerging town centre.” - Benny, Wolli Creek, South District.

“When I cross the river, I leave the city behind. Suburban & Express trains, a motorway and the Blue Mountains at its back door. Fantastic river walks and a real sense of community. A well-hidden gem.” - Tim, Emu Plains, West District.


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