

Dear Sir,

St Leonards Crows Nest Draft Green Plan Submission

I object to the St Leonards Crows Nest Draft Green Plan for the following reasons:

- I object because the Green Plan **denies residents even the basic requirements for public open space and is well below any reasonable guideline.**
- I object because the Draft Green Plan has **not adequately assessed open space requirements given the high-density apartment environment that is St Leonards Crows Nest.** More open space is essential to compensate for the lack of private open space, to support active living, to provide a more liveable neighbourhood, and to give children living in high-density housing green spaces for play, mental health and social and physical development.
- I object because the solar protection guidelines **do not adequately protect our limited public open space from overshadowing and feeling hemmed in by high rise.**
- I object because the **creation of new open space should be a priority.** To say that the recommendation for increased open space is “aspirational”, “to be used as a guide”, and that it is “not binding”, as set out on page 46 of the Green Plan, is not satisfactory.
- I object because **much of the open space identified in the plan is not of the size or quality required to meet and accommodate a range of recreation activities and needs.**

For example, page 14 of the Draft Green Plan identifies that “**Parks aligned with drainage corridors (such as Talus Street Reserve and Newlands Park) are difficult to access due to steep landform and arterial roads, limiting recreational opportunities and placing greater pressure on parks with better accessibility**”. Talus Street Reserve is nearly 2 hectares and Newlands Park is about 1 hectare – these are two of the largest pieces of open space in the Green Plan area.

- I object because **new open space must be proportional to population growth** and should occur as the population increases, not afterwards.

The creation of sufficient open spaces to support the local community (residents, workers and students) must be a top priority - and one that is fully funded and resourced.

More public open space needs to be created, funded, and delivered as a matter of urgency. The area is already well below reasonable open space guidelines.