

St Leonards and Crows Nest Local Character Statement - Submission

1. I support the requirement for the completion of a Local Character Statement to inform the St Leonards and Crows Nest 2036 Plan.
2. The consultation that was conducted for the current Local Character Statement was inadequate and failed to capture input from key stakeholders in all parts of the precinct including Greenwich.
3. The Guiding Principles of the Local Character Statement have not been adequately reflected in the 2036 Plan particularly in relation to the need to provide a mix of housing type, limited high rise, educational facilities, a better mix of commercial office space and open space.
4. I request the Department of Planning to
 - undertake a new round of community consultation to develop a revised Local Character Statement through a process that is wider and more inclusive than was the case in 2018
 - revise the Area Wide Design Principles of the 2036 Plan to ensure consistency with the Guiding Principles of the revised Local Character Statement
 - place a moratorium on the lodgement of Planning Proposals in the precinct until finalisation of the revised 2036 Plan.
 - Improve the disclosure requirements of vested interests (such as developers and their consultants) who are providing input to this process.

The current arrangements have distorted the overwhelming opposition from current residents against the proposal as it stands.