

## St Leonards Crows Nest Draft Green Plan Submission

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

- The Green Plan denies residents even the basic requirements for public open space and is well below any reasonable guideline. In NSW, the DoPE has used a guide of 2.83 hectares/1000 population, which the Green Plan does not come close to achieving.
- The figure of 21 hectares of open space and parklands said to be available to residents and workers of the Draft Plan area is misleading. The correct figure of currently available open space is 12.7 hectares of open space – the remaining 8.3 hectares are outside the boundary of the Draft Plan area.

It is rather disappointing that the basic facts in the submission are incorrect.

- The Draft Green Plan has not adequately assessed open space requirements given the high-density apartment environment that exists in St Leonards Crows Nest from current and already approved development.

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, and social and physical development.

- The solar protection guidelines do not adequately protect our limited public open space from overshadowing and feeling hemmed in by high rise.
- 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.
- New open space must be proportional to population growth and should occur as the population increases, not afterwards.