The City’s public art program

We recently released an updated design for Cloud Arch – our significant new public artwork outside Sydney Town Hall, to be built by March 2019.

Junya Ishigami, Cloud Arch is a majestic steel arch that will welcome visitors to Sydney Town Hall for decades to come. We designed it for Sydney and will be a celebration of harmony with thoughtful form and grace.

Other exciting works include In Between Two Worlds by artist Reko Rennie, a striking mural covering an entire terrace house at The Block in Ultimo. The piece is a celebration of the Eora Journey, the story of the Sydney region. It is the most significant public artwork to be built in Australia for decades and will be a culmination of parades that have taken place in the area. The Eora Journey is a City project that recognises and celebrates the living culture of Aboriginal people in Sydney.

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The state government has started construction for the St Peters interchange years earlier than scheduled. They are trying to lock in this destructive project before public outrage grows despite there being no final designs or approval for stage three of “WestCongest”.

To manage the 120,000 extra vehicles that will pour out of St Peters each day, the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) now proposes road widening and clearways for a six-lane highway (the scale of the Pacific Highway) to be called the Minto to Moore Park connector, with an estimated travel time at 70 km/h through densely populated Green Square, along Evatt Road, McEvoy Street and Lachlan Street to Moore Park.

A vague preliminary concept design fails to disclose the threats of more tree removals, parkland alienation, compulsory property acquisitions and increased pollution and traffic congestion.

The City opposes this project and has called on the RMS to work on key intersections. Our densely populated neighbourhoods including Green Square’s 60,000 residents and 20,000 workers need effective public transport, not new fast moving through traffic and more congestion. Bikes will be stuck in the extra traffic and unable to run on time. All forms of residential streets will be created and clearways will increasingly replace parking.

**What you think about Airbnb**

The NSW Government has released an options paper on the approach it should take to short-term letting platforms like Airbnb.

Short-term letting can be a positive experience for residents and tourists, but it can also have many downsides, including the loss of rental income, increased fire risks and social problems. The City strongly recommends that the options paper be revised to address these issues.

The City strongly commissioned a survey to better understand the views and experiences of residents. Two-thirds of residents supported strata committees having more power to manage the impacts such as anti-social behaviour, but only 15 per cent of residents have used short-term letting as a way to fund improvements to their buildings. One in five residents did not think short-term letting should be allowed in strata properties, or even be regulated by strata committees.

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