

# **A City for All**

## **Social Sustainability Action Plan 2018–2028**

**We want to know what you think**

**Easy Read version**

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**[www.sydneyyoursay.com.au/](http://www.sydneyyoursay.com.au/)**

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## Our vision for Sydney

We want Sydney to be a place that:

- includes everyone in a fair and equal way
- is **resilient** – we are strong enough to deal with tough times and can bounce back from them
- is **inclusive** – everyone can take part
- is **accessible** – everyone can find and use the services or information they need
- recognises our **First Peoples** – we know Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the traditional owners of the land
- is a fun and exciting city to visit or live
- makes people feel like they belong and can take part in their community
- is managed well and includes the community when making decisions.

## About this Plan

**Social Sustainability** is about making sure Sydney:

- is a place where people are safe, healthy and have a good life
- can stay that way for a long time.

Our Social Sustainability plan explains what we will do to make Sydney a city for everyone.

This plan will last for 10 years – from 2018 to 2028.

In 2015, the United Nations (UN) wrote some **Sustainable Development Goals**. These are the goals for making the world happier and healthier.

We used some of the UN's goals to help us make this plan. They include making sure that:

- people are healthy and know how to stay healthy through their lives
- people are treated fairly
- cities and communities are:
  - safe
  - inclusive
  - ready for the future
- people around the world share ideas about:
  - peace
  - justice
  - equality
- people can find jobs and keep working for a long time
- people find ways to work together to reach these goals.

This will help make the **local economy** stronger. The local economy is the total amount of goods, services and money we make and use in Sydney.

## Our goals

We have set goals for Sydney in 4 main areas:

- an inclusive city
- a connected city
- a liveable city
- an engaged city.

We explain our goals and what we will do to reach them below.

### An inclusive city

An inclusive city makes sure that everyone is treated fairly.

We will make Sydney an inclusive city by:

- being an example of a place where lots of different people can work
- working with businesses that do good things for the local community
- supporting people who need housing
- providing more affordable programs, services and facilities
- helping people who don't earn much money take part in creative and cultural programs
- providing affordable vet services for the pets of people who don't earn much money
- helping the community find ways to fix local issues
- finding more people to take part in the community as **volunteers** – people who choose to work for free
- helping people learn how to work with new technology
- helping the community become resilient in case of emergencies
- making sure the community is ready for any effects of **climate change**.

Climate change is also called global warming. It causes changes to the weather.

## **A connected city**

A connected city means that all sorts of people connect with each other.

We will make Sydney a connected city by:

- building connections among different communities
- building connections among people who live in social housing
- making communities safer
- helping people in different communities feel like they belong
- letting people know that public spaces are for everyone to share
- supporting different communities to take part in creative and cultural events
- letting people know that Sydney is welcoming and inclusive
- improving communities with cultural and creative projects
- helping the community take part in creative projects.

## **A liveable city**

A liveable city has places that everyone can enjoy.

We will make Sydney a liveable city by:

- thinking about people living in the community when we create new spaces and facilities
- making the community more inclusive and accessible
- working with local businesses to make them more accessible
- making public transport more accessible
- improving the local natural environment
- building places to walk and cycle
- providing programs to encourage everybody to live a healthy life
- improving safety in the community
- improving safety in social housing.

## **An engaged city**

An engaged city is where people can have a say about what happens in their community.

We will make Sydney an engaged city by:

- making information about the city more available
- making information from the Council more accessible
- asking people in the community what they think about our plans
- taking time to talk to people who might not always be heard
- asking different communities what they think Sydney needs for the future
- asking communities to talk about things that affect them
- encouraging more young people to be part of their community
- working with communities to develop social programs
- helping the community find ways to solve local issues.

## Have your say

### Telling us what you think

We want to know what you think about our Social Sustainability plan.

This plan will be available for everyone to read from 23 April to 25 May 2018.

You can tell us what you think in different ways:

#### Online

[www.sydneyyoursay.com.au/](http://www.sydneyyoursay.com.au/)

#### By email

[socialstrategy@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:socialstrategy@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au)

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We won't share your ideas unless you say it is ok for us to do this.

When we have everyone's feedback we will:

- listen to what people tell us
- update the plan if we need to.



## **Word list**

### **Accessible**

Everyone can find and use the services or information they need

### **Climate change**

Also called global warming. It causes changes to the weather.

### **First Peoples**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

### **Inclusive**

Everyone can take part.

### **Local economy**

The total amount of goods, services and money we make and use in Sydney.

### **Resilient**

We can bounce back after tough times.

### **Social Sustainability**

Making sure Sydney:

- is a place where people are safe, healthy and have a good quality of life
- can stay that way for a long time.

### **Sustainable Development Goals**

The United Nation's goals for making the world happier and healthier.

### **Volunteers**

People who choose to work for free.

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