

Avalon Preservation Trust

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To: Northern Beaches Council

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APA submission on Community Strategic Plan SHAPE 2028

Avalon Preservation Association compliments Council on the general content and format of this Plan and offers the following comments ----

GENERAL

22 Goals and 72 Strategies are very large and unwieldy numbers and we believe there is room for some consolidation to make the Plan more succinct.

INTRODUCTION

We welcome the recognition that "communities and cultures are diverse across the area".

We also note that this Plan is intended to be a "roadmap" for the future and to be updated every four years, which has made it very broad and generalised.

NORTHERN BEACHES TODAY

It is stated on page 10 that 2000 people aged 25 to 34 left this area between 2006 and 2011.

It seems to us important that the reasons [not hypotheses] for this are properly identified.

On page 11 is a statement that job containment in the area declined from 50.2 % in 2006 to 49.2% in 2007 and we ask the question whether this is a significant change , and statistically valid.

Page 12 refers to "making sure we do not become insular"----we should not be afraid of appearing insular when we hold strong views on things that are important to us and sometimes at variance to common broadscale opinions.

ON THE HORIZON

We note that Department of Planning population projections were not available for 2028 and it appears inappropriate to be quoting figures for 2026---these need to be aligned.

We welcome the recognition of sustainability.

COMMUNITY OUTCOMES

We believe Goal 7 regarding Urban Planning to be of paramount importance and believe this should be featured more strongly throughout the Plan.

Regarding Goal 11 and the need for people to feel safe and supported we suggest this be expanded to include a strategy of working with schools.

GOOD GOVERNANCE

This is strongly inward looking and we believe needs more recognition of the need to pro-actively seek external inputs particularly from communities---Goals 19 and 20 do not quite say this.

TRACKING OUR PROGRESS

We are not clear whether "engaging the community" refers to the development of these measures or to their subsequent use.

Finally, we have an over-riding concern that it is not clear to us, and maybe not to anyone else, how the content of this Plan will relate and rank with the content of the Greater Sydney Commission Northern District Plan.

We would welcome any comments.

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