

Warringah Freeway Upgrade

Place, Design and Landscape Plan

June 2023



Have your say until 11 July 2023

We are simplifying the Warringah Freeway, making it safer and easier to use, and more efficient and reliable for the benefit of all customers, including public transport users.

The Warringah Freeway Upgrade project will transform the way people move across the area. Our vision is to improve the amenity for local communities, with a focus on vibrant and connected experiences linked to the surrounding landscape. As part of our design process, we are asking for feedback from the community on the Place, Design and Landscape Plan (PDLP).

What is the Warringah Freeway Place, Design and Landscape Plan?

The PDLP outlines the design and landscape objectives of the Warringah Freeway Upgrade (the project) and sets the framework for the project to deliver great places.

Great places are the result of thoughtful design bringing together various placemaking fundamentals – from landscape design and public art to carefully planned architectural elements such as lighting, signage and wayfinding.

The draft PDLP is now on public exhibition, giving the local community the opportunity to provide feedback on a range of elements from visual amenity to walking and cycling bridges, landscaping and connecting with Country features. The future Warringah Freeway should support local communities with attractive, functional and sustainable public spaces. Your feedback will be assessed and responded to, and a final PDLP will be developed and published, along with a report on how we have responded to the submissions we receive.

The draft PDLP has been developed in accordance with the Minister's Conditions of Approval for the project and in consultation with the independent State Design Review Panel. The PDLP takes into consideration the engagement we've already had with the community and affected landowners and businesses.

Some of the design aspects of the project are not within the scope for community consultation during the plan's exhibition. This is because they were consulted on and approved as part of our engagement during the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) phase. Some other project elements have, however, been included for your information and to provide context. During the PDLP exhibition, we welcome your feedback on aspects related to:

- landscape design and vegetation selection
- materials, lighting and finishes
- design elements to help you find your way.

A separate PDLP will be developed for the future Western Harbour Tunnel, which is planned to be released for consultation in 2024, program permitting.



Image: Ernest Street shared user bridge.

What does the draft PDLP include?



Visual amenity of bridges, structures, walls and active travel

Bridges are a key element of the PDLP and have been designed to connect communities with pathways and cycleways, making walking and cycling safer and easier.

The bridge structures provide a unique opportunity to embed cultural storytelling through integrated artwork aimed at building community connection to the local place.

Walls will be visually integrated into the road corridor and urban landscape setting and will feature simple design, neutral colours and non-reflective finishes.

Landscaping and trees

The project's landscape design strategy reinforces the existing landscape character of the corridor and enables vegetation regeneration with species native to the local area. The PDLP includes information on the species selection and design.

At the beginning of 2023, community consultation was undertaken for the Tree Replacement Strategy. This consultation sought feedback on the best outcomes for replacing trees in the North Sydney area. The project is committed to increasing the vegetation canopy by replacing two trees for every tree removed.

Public domain

Public domain in urban environments is fundamental to quality of life and creating a sense of place.

Public amenities detailed in the PDLP include paths, paving and edging treatments, fencing, lighting, bollards and seating, bus operator amenities and road furniture.

The PDLP aims to build a visual identity with simple, refined and durable materials that are cost effective, practical and which require minimal ongoing maintenance.

The PDLP focuses on accessibility, the living environment, cultural heritage as well as future connectivity through clear and engaging wayfinding.

Cultural storytelling

This project presents a unique opportunity to embed cultural storytelling through integrated artwork aimed at building community connection to the local place.

The designs will communicate a 'Connection to Country' for people from a broad range of cultural and social backgrounds. They will include an acknowledgement of Country and reflect on Aboriginal history and storytelling.



Image: Ridge Street lookout.

What happens to your submission?

All feedback received during the public exhibition period will be considered and will influence final design decisions for the PDLP. A summary of the feedback, and our response, will be provided to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) in line with the Minister's Conditions of Approval for the project. We will inform you when a summary of feedback and the final PDLP are published on the project website.

We want to hear from you!

These will be your spaces and we want to make sure you've had the opportunity to provide feedback. You can view the draft PDLP and provide your feedback in a number of ways:

Online



Head to nswroads.work/wfu-pdlp where you can view artist's impressions, find out more about what's included in the draft PDLP and submit your feedback.

Community information sessions

Community information sessions will be held online and in person on the following days. Come along to meet the design team and ask any questions to help inform your submission:

Location	Date and time
Ridge Street lookout	8am to 10am, 14 June
Merlin Street at Falcon Street shared user bridge	8am to 10am, 21 June
Level 5, 116 Miller Street, North Sydney	10am to 1pm, 22 June
Level 5, 116 Miller Street, North Sydney	4pm to 7pm, 22 June
Ridge Street lookout	8am to 10am, 28 June
Online via Microsoft Teams, register at nswroads.work/pdlpwebinarbooking10am	10am to 12pm, 29 June
Online via Microsoft Teams, register at nswroads.work/pdlpwebinarbooking5pm	5pm to 7pm, 29 June
Merlin Street at Falcon Street shared user bridge	8am to 10am, 5 July

View a hard copy of the document

Catch up with the team and view a hard copy of the document at the Crows Nest market, Kirribilli market or Northside Produce market at weekends during the exhibition period.

Contact us

Email us your feedback at whtbl@transport.nsw.gov.au with the subject heading PDLP feedback or call us on 1800 931 189.

Community engagement timeline

- 29 January to 30 March 2020**
 - EIS on public display.
 - 1454 submissions received.
- January 2021**
 - Minister's Conditions of Approval granted.
- September 2021**
 - CPB Downer Joint Venture awarded contract to design and construct Warringah Freeway Upgrade. Hassell architectural firm engaged by CPBD JV to prepare the PDLP.
- February 2023**
 - CPBD JV Design Partnership presents the draft PDLP to the State Design Review Panel on 23 February.
- June - July 2023**
 - Public exhibition of the draft PDLP.
- 2024**
 - Approval of the final PDLP by DPE incorporating feedback from the public exhibition.

We're also seeking your comments on how we can improve walking and bike riding in the North Sydney LGA and surrounds. Scan the QR code or head to nswroads.work/cycling-walking-ns to find out more.



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