

Community Engagement Strategy



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About this information



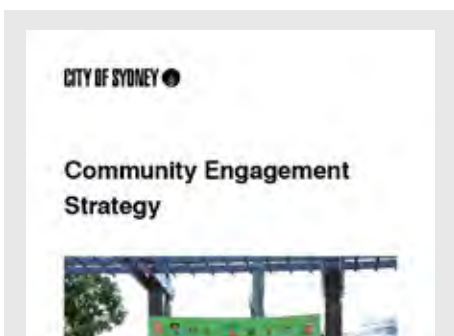
This information is a summary of a big document.



Summary means we only talk about the most important things from the big document.



City of Sydney Council wrote the big document.



We called it the Community Engagement Strategy.

Strategy for short.



The **strategy** is like a plan.

It says how we want to work together with all the people who are in the City of Sydney.



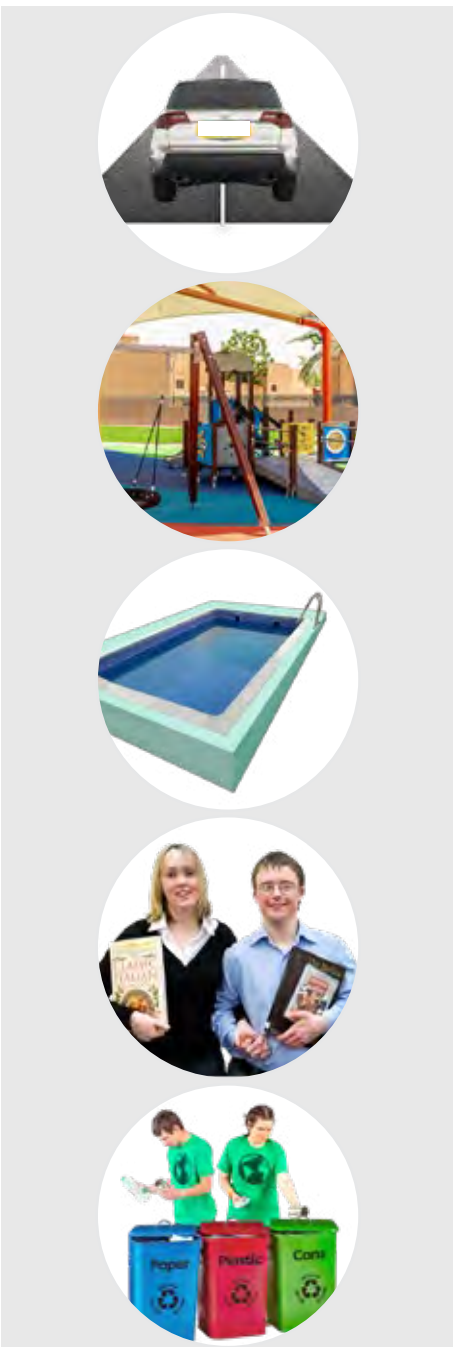
We want to work with people who

- Live here
- Have jobs here
- Come to visit.

About City of Sydney Council



City of Sydney Council looks after suburbs close to the city.



We look after many important things like

- Roads and footpaths
- Parks and playgrounds
- Swimming pools
- Libraries
- Recycling and rubbish.



There are lots of decisions that need to be made about these things.



Councillors are the people at the Council who make these decisions.



People in the community vote on who they want to be councillors.



We need to know what the community thinks to help Councillors make good decisions.

Why we need this strategy



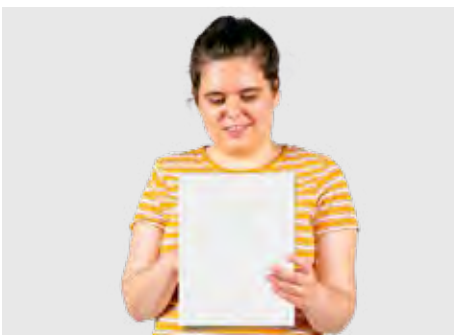
We need this strategy to know the best way to work with the community.



This strategy helps make sure the community can have their say about decisions we make.



It helps make sure that we follow the law.



It helps people understand our decisions better.

How we made this strategy



We talked to lots of people in the community to help make this strategy.



They told us what should be in the strategy.



We got ideas from 2 advisory panels with

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People
- People with disability.



An **advisory panel** is a group of people who know a lot about a topic.



We talked to

- Businesses in Sydney
- People who work at the City of Sydney Council.



We also used ideas from other plans we did before.

4 big things



We came up with 4 big things that we do.



1. We work well with the community
2. We are inclusive and accessible
3. We talk and listen
4. We use what the community says to make decisions



The 4 things help us work well together with the community.



We will talk about each of the 4 things.

1. Work well with the community



We want to work well together with the community.



We make sure that we share what we plan to do in the City of Sydney.



That way people can have their say.



We make sure we work with the community on things that people care about.

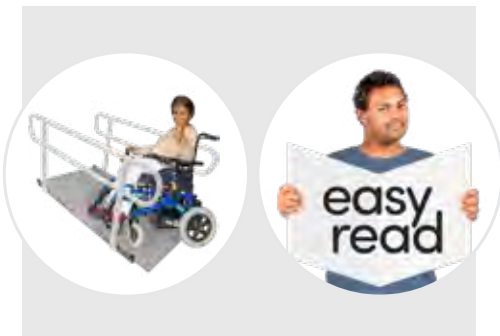
2. We are inclusive and accessible



We want to be inclusive and accessible for everyone.



Inclusive means that everyone can have their say about what they want to happen.



Accessible means that everyone can

- Get information in a way that they can understand.
- Get to where they need to.



We make sure everyone can have their say about things in the community.

3. We talk and listen



We listen to what you have to say.



This is so we can make sure we

- Understand each other
- Know what is important to you.

4. We use what the community says



We use what you tell us when we make decisions about things in the community.



We show you how we use your ideas to make things better.

When we work with the community



When we work with the community we make sure everyone feels

- Listened to
- Respected
- Safe.



We give information in a way everyone can understand.



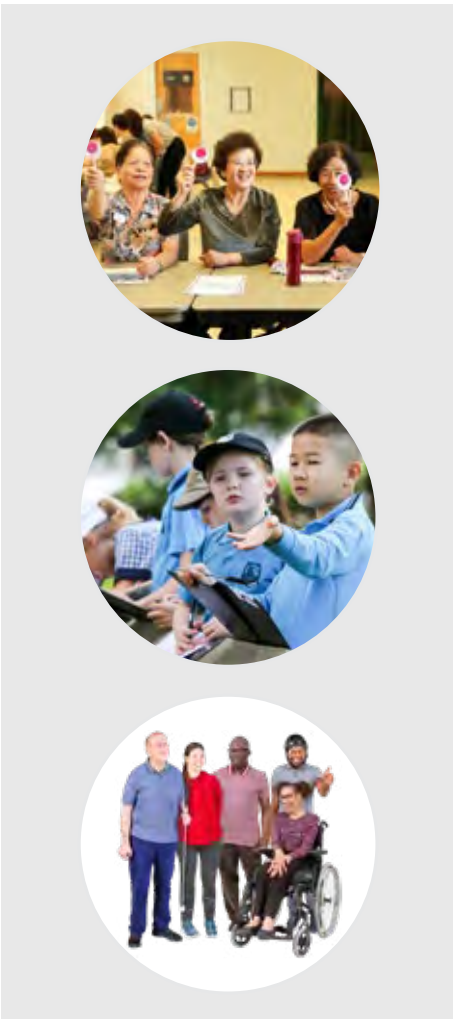
We make sure people from the community are part of the decisions we make.



We make sure we listen to the ideas of First Nations people.

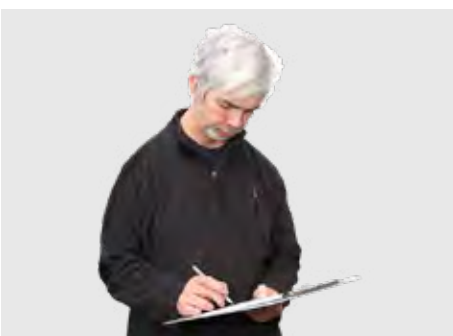


We meet with lots of different community groups.



This could be groups with

- People from different cultures
- Children and young people
- People with disability.



We do surveys to see what people think about community ideas or topics.

A **survey** is a list of questions we ask people.

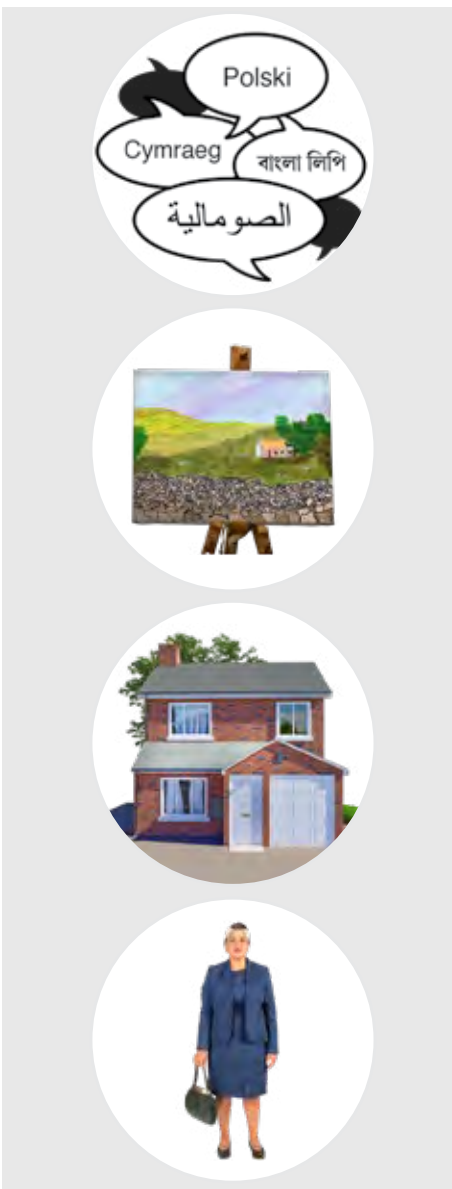


We look at the things people care about when they do a petition.

A **petition** is when people put their name on a list to say what needs to change.



We have advisory groups with lots of different people.



The groups could be people

- From different cultures
- Who know about art
- Who know about housing
- Who know about business.



We do lots of things online

This makes it easier for more people to

- Get information
- Take part in community talks.



Sometimes when we work together not everyone will like what we decide.



We make sure most people are happy with what we decide to do.

How the community can have a say in new buildings



We make sure that people can have a say about new buildings in the community.



Here is the link to where you can have your say
www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/consultations



They are not in Easy Read.

You can ask someone you trust to support you to read it.

How we want people to use this strategy



We want people to use this strategy to know how

- We talk with the community
- They can have their say.

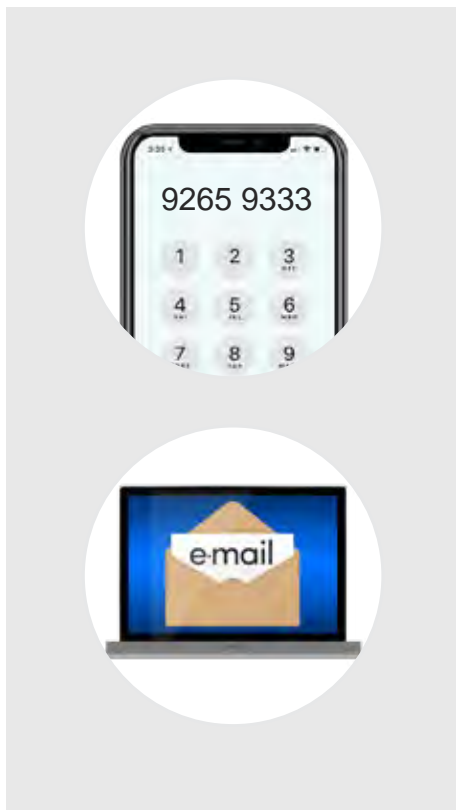


We want the community to have more trust in the things we do.



We want to use this strategy to help make things better for everyone.

Contact



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