

Are there any other TVO readers who share my concerns for this critical time we are living through - as different agendas on the global, national and local scenes are pointing towards the urgent need for turning points? The Climate Emergency Strike will have passed by the time you are reading this, but the urgency for real action has not. If you feel motivated to do something, the **Lane Cove Council's Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement** is still on exhibition until 17 October 2019 when any submissions on this important exercise are due.

Both Council and its staff should be commended for their efforts in putting the DLSPS together – but unfortunately there is much work to do in direct action rather than high level principles and rhetoric. The aim is to align our local values and aspirations with longer term plans including the Greater Sydney Regional Plan and North District Plan and create a 'line of sight' between the regional and local planning frameworks.

The Planning Themes and Priorities are based on the Metropolis of Three Cities Plan developed by the Greater Sydney Commission, and cover Infrastructure, Liveability, Productivity, Sustainability and Implementation, with the actions proposed intended to translate *'the current visions and strategies expressed in the Community Strategic Plan and related actions in the Delivery Program into specific land use planning priorities and actions'* (DLSPS p.4).

Performance indicators are to monitor progress and the LSPS is set to be reviewed in a 7year cycle, so what we aim for now needs to have real foresight. I am going to focus on just three to get the ball rolling:

Planning Priority 1 - *Provide, maintain and upgrade infrastructure to meet changing community needs and future growth.*

ACTION? - The Canopy has around 500 car spaces so how will this impact on local traffic and environmental amenity while providing much needed quality open space?

Planning Priority 5 - *Plan for the growth of housing that creates a diverse range of housing types and encourages housing that is sustainable, liveable, accessible and affordable.*

ACTION? - Aged care, seniors living and key worker housing (or boarding house) provisions are critical to maintaining social equity and a balanced community, but what can be done to defuse 'NIMBY' attitudes where a sense of entitlement seems to take priority?

Planning Priority 12 - *Adapt to the changing climate by building resilience.*

ACTION? - Can a design quality review system in architecture and urban development help to reduce reliance on building and construction that accounts for nearly 40 percent of energy-related carbon dioxide emissions?

Architects Declare Australia is focused on the urgent need for climate change action through mitigation as well as adaptation, (<https://architectureau.com/articles/australian-architects-join-global-movement-to-declare-climate-emergency/>) aiming for all new projects *'to contribute positively to mitigating climate breakdown ...as well as include life cycle costing and post occupancy evaluation in their basic scope of works and minimize wasteful use of resources in architecture.'*

A motion in Lane Cove Council last month sought to *'Engage, collaborate and educate the local community on ways to become more sustainable and reduce the carbon footprint of residential dwellings and businesses.* I would encourage all Lane Cove residents interested in our district to review, consider and pursue any issues in the DLSPS that are critical in ensuring that we can have a future that is worth living.

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