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## Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report

### Greening Condamine Street, Manly Vale

Consultation period: 14 February 2022 to 13 March 2022

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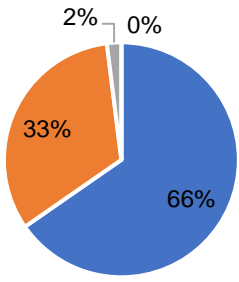

# 1. Summary

This report outlines the outcomes of community and stakeholder engagement as part of a proposal to plant new trees and plants along Condamine Street to provide a greener corridor through Manly Vale.

The feedback collected during consultation indicated an overwhelming level of support for the proposed tree planting, with comments citing the beautification of this part of Manly Vale was a welcome improvement.

Further feedback suggested Council should consider other species of trees for reasons such as maintenance, safety, and the preference for trees that were indigenous to the area.

## 1.1. Key outcomes






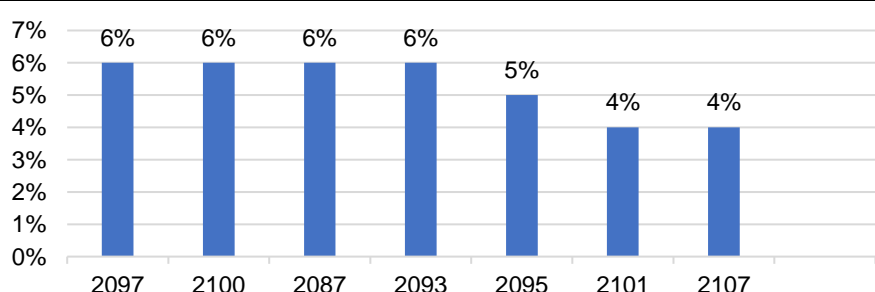
 Total unique responses	215*	
 How responses were received	Submission/Comment form	Completions: 215
 <i>'Do you support the proposed tree planting along Condamine Street?'</i>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Support</li><li>Support with changes</li><li>Don't support</li><li>Neutral/undetermined</li></ul> Total responses = 215	
 Feedback themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Species of trees planted</li><li>Maintenance</li><li>Aesthetic of the area</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Safety</li><li>General support</li></ul>

\*Not every respondent made a comment in addition to answering the sentiment question

## 1.2. How we engaged

 <p>Have Your Say: visitation stats</p>	Visitors: 927	Visits: 1091	Average time onsite:  1 minute 29 seconds
 <p>Print media and collateral</p>	Letters were distributed to businesses along Condamine Street in the planting area		
 <p>Electronic direct mail (EDM)</p>	Community Engagement (fortnightly) newsletter: 2 editions		Distribution: 22,000 subscribers

## 1.3. Who responded<sup>1</sup>

 <p>Gender</p>	<p> <span style="color: orange;">■</span> Male  <span style="color: yellow;">■</span> Female  <span style="color: green;">■</span> Other id.  <span style="color: brown;">■</span> N/A         </p> 
 <p>Age groups</p>	<p> <span style="color: blue;">■</span> &lt;25 yrs  <span style="color: orange;">■</span> 26-50 yrs  <span style="color: grey;">■</span> 51-75 yrs  <span style="color: yellow;">■</span> 76+ yrs  <span style="color: lightblue;">■</span> N/A         </p> 
 <p>Postcodes</p>	

<sup>1</sup> Demographic data was gathered by request only. The data represented only includes those respondents who provided this detail.

## 2. Background

The NSW Greening our City grant program supports local council's across Greater Sydney to increase urban greening by increasing tree canopy in our local parks, streets and neighbourhoods.

Council applied for, and successfully secured one of the grants to increase tree canopy along Condamine Street, Manly Vale.

The proposed location and species of plantings were placed on exhibition from 14 February 2022 to 13 March 2022.

## 3. Engagement objectives

Community and stakeholder engagement aimed to:

- Provide accessible information so community and stakeholders can participate in a meaningful way.
- Identify community and stakeholder concerns, local knowledge and values.

## 4. Engagement approach

Community and stakeholder engagement for the Greening Manly was conducted between 14 February 2022 to 13 March 2022 and consisted of a series of activities that provided opportunities for community and stakeholders to contribute.

The engagement was planned, implemented and reported in accordance with Council's [Community Engagement Matrix](#) (2017).

A project page was established on our *have your say* platform with information provided in an accessible and easy to read format.

The project was primarily promoted through our regular email newsletter (EDM) channels.

Feedback was captured through an online comment form embedded onto the have your say project page. The form included a question that directly asked respondents for their level of support on the proposal.

An open-field comments box provided community members a space to explain or elaborate on their support, not support or neutral sentiment as well as any other feedback they wished to contribute.

## 5. Findings

Feedback received during the consultation period demonstrated overwhelming support for the project overall. The majority of the respondents provided positive commentary for the proposal, with some additional suggestions for enhancement:

- extending the proposal to include other more urbanised areas
- additional planting in specified industrial locations around the area
- using species that are indigenous to the area

Other feedback received that was still supportive of the proposal but did raise some matters to do with:

- the choice of species of tree chosen
- safety and maintenance concerns with overhanging branches

Council's response to these concerns are provided in the below table.

**Table 1: Issues, change requests and other considerations**

Theme	Issues, change requests and other considerations raised	Council's response
Species	Concerns the species used were not indigenous to NSW or the local area.	The species that were chosen are Australian natives, two of which (Glochidion and Tristaniopsis) are found in coastal regions up and down the coast of NSW, and two (Waterhousia and Xanthostemon) that are predominantly QLD species but are distributed all the way down the coast of NSW also. The selection was based upon using species that would tolerate the harsh environment of the streetscape. We try to use indigenous species but in this instance, we had to use species that are hardy enough to achieve the goal of cooling the heat island created by the hard surfaces along Condamine Street.
Maintenance and safety	Concerns over the obstruction of awnings from retail outlets, overhanging foliage and branches obstructing the path of buses, and concerns any lack of maintenance will cause blind spots to both pedestrian and vehicular traffic.	The trees will never reach their full potential size. We have pruned the leader (the upper main trunk of the trees), and the pits they reside in are lined to stifle root growth which will, as a matter of course stunt the growth above ground as well.

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