

ITEM 19 - NOTICE OF MOTION - CR PARNABY - INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS IN THE FUTURE

Department Executive Services

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Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) identifies a further 32,000 people are expected to be added to our city's population by 2036.

This growth is expected to occur primarily in the Rhodes East Planned Precinct, along the Parramatta Road corridor, and around the three metro station planned within our city.

In addition to these key locations, areas just outside our city (such as Olympic Park and Wentworth Point) are also expected to see significant population increases over the same period.

This places significant and growing pressure on services, facilities and infrastructure within the City of Canada Bay. In particular schools, transport, roads, recreational facilities, open and other community meeting spaces.

Council's LSPS seeks to align growth with the provision of these forms of infrastructure and services. The NSW State government has a critical role in ensuring the anticipated population growth in the City of Canada Bay and the surrounding area are supported by commensurate levels of state government infrastructure and services.

Council's Social Infrastructure Strategy (2019) sets out the priorities for Council in the short, medium and long term, with a focus on local infrastructure to be provided by Council. In July 2021, Council adopted an Infrastructure Strategy for the Parramatta Road corridor, which identifies key local infrastructure which will be required to support future populations in these areas at the local level.

Whilst this strategy identified local parks and land dedications required to facilitate cycle path connections, and improve local pedestrian connections, much more is needed.

Across the city, the community has expressed understandable concern about the effects of the inevitable growth on infrastructure and services. There is, overall, a lack of certainty and commitment about the infrastructure that will be delivered for Canada Bay as its population grows under the weight of the targets set by state government.

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT Council continue to advocate for the provision of infrastructure by state governs to keep pace with the growing population in Canada Bay.
2. THAT Council press for greater certainty from government about its plans for schools, bus routes, open space dedication and recreational and community facilities. To this end, Council write to the Member for Drummoyne, the Ministers for Education, Roads, Transport and Planning respectively.
3. THAT Council request a briefing from the Department of Education regarding the short-medium term planning for schools within/adjacent to our LGA.