Select Committee on the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Bill 2021.

Questions on Notice

City of Sydney

Answers to be published in full.

The Hon. Penny Sharpe: Has council been involved in the development of the green transport plan to precinct?

Answer

The City wasn't involved in the preparation of the Green Travel Plan (GTP) for the Sydney Football Stadium.

Venue NSW only provided the City a final draft version of the Green Travel Plan to comment on, along with the Event Car Parking Management Plan, the Event Pick Up and Drop Off Facilities Plan and the Event Traffic and Transport Management Plan, in late November 2021. We were given two weeks to provide comments. The City raised the following key issues, which we haven't received a response to since:

- The need for the GTP to include a more ambitious target for private vehicle use reduction given the opening of light rail and other active and public transport infrastructure improvements.
- Acknowledgement that way to achieve the Green Travel is to include a strong commitment to reduce "net-car parking".
- The GTP requires a time bound measurable target, which is not presented in the current version of the document that currently has a target mode shift away from private vehicles of 5% (for event patrons) and 10% (for event staff)

The City has been a strong advocate to relevant State ministers, Transport for NSW, stadium venue managers, and professional sporting codes for an integrated ticketing approach for events at the precinct to encourage use of public transport including light rail and improved pedestrian routes to Central Station heavy rail connections as a measure to reduce private car usage to the precinct.

Mr David Shoebridge : Thank you all for your submissions and your attendance today , and for your history. Both councils have a long history of supporting green open space. I do not know which council wishes to address it first. The conditions of consent that were attached to the Sydney Football Stadium development required a green travel plan. There was originally one put forward by ARUP, the traffic consultants, which spoke about reducing the reliance on private vehicles and was very conscious of the carparking being removed from Moore Park. That is required to be updated and in place six months before the Sydney Football Stadium reopens. Can any of you shed light on where that is up to and what role you have had in it?

Answer

A condition of consent for the Sydney Football Stadium requires the Green Travel Plan (GTP) to be prepared <u>in consultation with</u> the City, along with a number of other organisations.

As mentioned in the City's Question on Notice response to The Hon. Penny Sharpe, the City received a final draft version of the GTP, along with three other management plans, in late November 2021. The City provided a response raising several key issues outlined above but have not been involved since. We are not aware of how the plan is progressing.