## What is a Local Strategic Planning Statement?

The Draft Ku-ring-gai Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) sets the land use vision, and planning principles, local planning priorities, and actions for the Ku-ring-gai community’s economic, social and environmental land use needs the next 20 years.

The LSPS will provide guidance on:

- Where future housing, jobs and services will go.
- What infrastructure, such as community facilities and open space, that will need to be provided to support future growth
- What the character of Ku-ring-gai is and will be in the future.

As a minimum the LSPS has to contain:

- Context & background
- Land use vision
- Planning priorities
- Actions
- Implementation and monitoring

## Why do we need an LSPS?

Council is required to have a Local Strategic Planning Statement.

The NSW State Government and the Greater Sydney Commission directed all Councils, through amendments the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act (1979)*, to prepare and make Local Strategic Planning Statements, and make sure their plans align with their District Plan and the *Sydney Region Plan*. The amendments also require Council to review and amend their Local Environmental Plan (LEP) within 3 years.

## What is the role of a Local Strategic Planning Statement?

The LSPS will assist to implement the actions in the Greater Sydney Commission’s *Greater Sydney Region Plan* and *North District Plan*, as well as Councils own priorities in the *Community Strategic Plan* (CSP).

The LSPS will inform the content and provide reasoning for any future changes to Councils planning controls and shape how Council’s Local Environmental Plan (LEP) and Development Control Plan (DCP) will evolve over time.

Once adopted the Ku-ring-gai LSPS must be considered as part of the LEP making process (Planning Proposals), and will form part of the strategic merit test for Gateway Determinations under Section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

## How did Council prepare the Draft Ku-ring-gai LSPS?

The Draft Ku-ring-gai LSPS has been informed by:

- Outcomes of the [LEP ‘Health Check’ and review](#) undertaken in October 2018
- Ku-ring-gai Community Strategic Plan– [Our Ku-ring-gai 2038](#)
- Existing adopted Council plans, strategies and studies
- Community feedback:
  - Phase 1 – Preparation draft LSPS April – May 2019
For the most part, the Draft Ku-ring-gai LSPS draws together and builds on the priorities and actions for future land use planning from Councils existing land use plans and policies to present an overall land use vision for Ku-ring-gai.

### Does the LSPS identify properties for rezoning?

No. The Draft LSPS does not identify specific properties for rezoning. The Draft LSPS identifies the Local and Neighbourhood Centres where investigation for future housing will be undertaken, and provides estimated timing for the potential housing supply in these centres.

Council will be undertaking a Housing Strategy in 2019-2020 which will include further detailed analysis as to the housing demand, types of housing and specific locations for future housing provision within Ku-ring-gai. The preparation of this strategy will also involve comprehensive community consultation.

### What are the Ku-ring-gai Local Planning Priorities and Actions?

The Ku-ring-gai Local Planning Priorities are how council will achieve the outcomes described within the LSPS 20 year vision. They have been prepared to be consistent with the Greater Sydney Region Plan and North District Plan and have been developed using recent community consultation as well as past research, community surveys and consultation and other independent studies.

The Actions are what tasks Council is going to undertake in order to deliver the Planning Priorities.

### What is a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)?

A LEP is an environmental planning instrument prepared by a council, in consultation with their community and approved by the Minister for Planning (or their delegate). It includes development standards that aim to guide the future development of land and the management of environmental, social, economic, heritage and cultural resources for the benefit of present and future generations.

We currently have three LEPs that cover three different areas of Ku-ring-gai:

- Ku-ring-gai Local Environmental Plan 2015
- Ku-ring-gai Local Environmental Plan (Local Centres) 2012
- Ku-ring-gai Planning Scheme Ordinance

You can see more information about our current LEP’s [here](#).

### What is a Development Control Plan (DCP)?

A DCP contains guidelines that complement the development standards in a LEP. A DCP is prepared by a council, in consultation with their community and approved by a Meeting of Council. It contains a comprehensive set of design objectives and guidelines which focus on more detailed built form and design of development to achieve the aims and objectives of a LEP.

Examples of DCP design guidelines:

- building setbacks from property boundaries
- building design
- built upon area and soft landscaping
- privacy
- solar access
- vehicle parking and access
- managing the removal of stormwater

You can find more information about our DCP [here](#).
What is the Greater Sydney Commission and what is the Northern District Plan?

The Greater Sydney Commission is responsible for metropolitan planning in a partnership between the NSW Government and local government. Its role is to coordinate and align the planning that will shape the future of Greater Sydney and make it more liveable, productive and sustainable. The Greater Sydney Commission has prepared key planning documents for local councils in Sydney to follow.

- **Greater Sydney Region Plan - A Metropolis of Three Cities** plan has set planning directions for the next 40 years for the Greater Sydney region. [View the Greater Sydney Region Plan - A Metropolis of Three Cities](#)
- **The North District Plan** sets regional planning direction for northern Sydney, including Ku-ring-gai. [View the North District Plan](#)

[View more information about the Greater Sydney Commission](#)

What is a Community Strategic Plan?

The Community Strategic Plan is the long term strategic plan for the future of the Ku-ring-gai local government area. It reflects the aspirations, vision and long term objectives of the Ku-ring-gai community. It is informed by key local plans and policies as well as government policy. It also identifies who will have a role to play in delivering the plan. Council’s current Community Strategic Plan was adopted on 26 June 2018.

What’s the difference between a LSPS and a CSP?

The LSPS is focused on land use; the CSP is focused on the direction of all of Council's functions. The LSPS will be consistent with the CSP, as it has also been developed to be consistent with the North District Plan. However, it will not just duplicate the content, and will be more focused on land use development.

Council’s Community Strategic Plan, the overarching policy document for Ku-ring-gai, will continue to be utilised as the basis for council’s decisions, resource allocation and activity over the next 10 – 20 years. The LSPS, which contains the next level of detail for land use planning in Ku-ring-gai, will both inform and be informed by the **Community Strategic Plan**.

What studies will Council undertake?

The following studies are identified within the Draft Ku-ring-gai LSPS as Actions:

- Housing Strategy - the development of a Housing Strategy is a specific requirement in the implementation of the **North District Plan** that will consider short, medium and long term housing supply, choice and capacity within Ku-ring-gai.
- Local Character Study
- Retail / Commercial Centres Study
- Employment Lands Study
- Other important studies relating to open space and recreation, environment and community facilities

Once these studies are complete they will provide further strategic direction, and feed into future reviews of the LSPS and guide future amendments to the LEP.

Why do we have to plan for growth? Can’t we say no more?

The population of Sydney is naturally growing. If we don’t plan for growth and change now we will have serious issues to deal with in the future (more congestion, not enough houses, poor services and facilities). This is about setting the plan in place now so that the future of Ku-ring-gai is sustainable and our quality of life is the best it can be. The North District Plan will guide growth in the North District, and Ku-ring-gai.
Does the community get a say or is this all dictated by the State Government?

The State Government sets the housing and job targets for each local government area in Sydney in order to accommodate growth projections. Council and the community will plan the best way to meet those targets. Council will undertake community engagement throughout the process, including for specific studies such as the housing strategy, to ensure everyone has a chance to have a say.

Timeline

The Draft Ku-ring-gai LSPS will be on public exhibition for 6 weeks - from 1 July 2019 to 12 August 2019. The outcomes of the public exhibition will be reported to Council.

The Greater Sydney Commission must advise Council that it supports the Draft Ku-ring-gai LSPS as being consistent with the Greater Sydney Region Plan and North District Plan prior to the finalisation of the Draft Ku-ring-gai LSPS.

The final LSPS is to be in place by December 2019.