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Dear sir / madam,

Re: Manly Cove and Manly Wharf Concept Plans

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Transport for NSW's concept designs for Manly Cove and Manly Wharf. Health Promotion work aims to increase physical activity and wellbeing for the whole population through healthy built environments and active transport. From a 'population health' perspective, access to open spaces that cater for all ages and abilities is an important requirement for overall mental and physical wellbeing. As such, it is pleasing that Transport for NSW has, in its concept plans, prioritised greater public use of Manly Cove foreshores and Manly Wharf and access to these areas by all people of all abilities.

Manly Cove

It is noted that the Manly Cove concept plan shows the addition of tree canopy along the boardwalk replacing the Manly Sea Life aquarium, however the Manly Cove interactive portal does not. It is appreciated that, as the boardwalk is over water, trees creating much needed shade, will need to be set in planter boxes.

Recommendations:

1. That mature, preferably native, shade-producing trees be included in final plans for the Manly Cove boardwalk.
2. That adequate bicycle parking is provided.
3. That water fountains (bubblers) are provided.
4. That outdoor showers are provided.
5. Ensure that lighting and passive surveillance measures are in accordance with Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.¹

Manly Wharf

It is pleasing to note that Transport for NSW has plans to create an area adjacent to Manly Wharf 3 and Manly Wharf Hotel where people can dwell, enjoy the scenery and await a ferry. It is also pleasing that this area has improved amenity in the form of shelter, shade and mobility-impaired access.

Recommendations:

1. That Transport for NSW ensure that the new waiting area will be and will remain as exclusive use for the public, unlike an area on the western side of Manly Wharf, which is now being leased by a commercial entity.
2. That adequate bicycle parking is provided.
3. That water fountains (bubblers) are provided.

NSLHD Health Promotion thanks Transport for NSW for the opportunity to comment on its Manly Cove and Manly Wharf Concept Plans. We welcome further opportunities to assist Transport for NSW with its plans to promote the health and wellbeing of the Northern Beaches Community and its visitors.

Yours sincerely,



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Reference:

1. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
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