

Mr Steven Head
General Manager
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Dear Mr Head

Re: the Draft Hornsby Town Centre Masterplan.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Hornsby Town Centre Masterplan. 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 Hornsby Shire Council has prioritised greater public use of Hornsby Town Centre and improved access to these areas by all people of all abilities.

The draft Masterplan is a well thought out plan, which will improve the liveability and amenity of Hornsby Town Centre. Of note are the number of parks, improved access to public transport and its promotion of walking and cycling. These will enhance the public domain of the Town Centre for those who use it, which will improve the safety and walkability of Hornsby's residents.

Recommendations:

- i) Council make Hornsby Town Centre a smoke-free area, as North Sydney Council has done in its town centre.
- ii) Include a community garden in the Town Centre.
- iii) Investigate the feasibility of pedestrianising or have pedestrian-priority streets, where the proposed Key Pedestrian Connections / Green Links are.

We welcome further opportunities to assist Hornsby Shire Council with its plans to promote the health and wellbeing of Hornsby Council's Community and its visitors.

Yours sincerely,



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