

Community Strategic Plan Review Project Outcomes

What did we do?

In 2022, Councils were required to review and finalise their **Community Strategic Plan (CSP)** – an important strategic document which sets out the **key priorities over ten years** for their community.

This provided an opportunity for Northern Sydney Local Health District (NSLHD) Population Health Promotion to engage with local Councils to **advocate** for **health** and **well-being** considerations in their **strategic planning, monitoring** and **evaluation**.

We engaged with Councils in two stages:

Stage 1: Proactive engagement recommending broader health priorities for consideration for their CSP review.

Stage 2: Detailed submission with specific recommendations in response to their draft CSP.

Key Learnings

- A proactive advocacy approach can be effective in influencing Council plans and strategies.
- Councils are amenable to adopting recommendations that propose the specific wording as they can easily be incorporated into the document.
- We achieved varying levels of influence across the Councils and this generally correlated with our previous engagement with them.
- Engaging with Councils on their CSP is an effective strategy to ensure health and well-being is prioritised in the planning of our region.

The following page highlights the **outcomes** of our engagement with **Hornsby, Hunter's Hill, Ku-ring-gai, Lane Cove, Mosman, North Sydney, Northern Beaches** and **Willoughby Councils** throughout this process. At the time of writing this report (March 2023), City of Ryde Council had not released their draft CSP for comment.

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Recommendations Adopted

118

Stage 1
Proactive engagement

26

Stage 2
Detailed submission

144

Total

Health Priorities Identified

- Resilient, safe, inclusive and connected communities
- Active travel is encouraged and supported with improved infrastructure
- Urban tree canopy cover
- Housing choice and affordability

Key Recommendations Adopted

- NSW Health identified as a partner by Hornsby and Lane Cove Councils.
- Northern Beaches Council to **provide baseline and targets** for all CSP measures.
- Northern Beaches Council resolved to write to the Department of Health to **request that all aspects of population health data be available through the Healthstats website at a local government level to support improved planning and recovery.**
- Hornsby and North Sydney Councils adopted new community indicator for *Access to public transport*.
- North Sydney Council adopted new community indicator for *Adult recommended daily intake of vegetables*.
- Mosman Council adopted new community sustainability indicator for *Tree canopy cover*.