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Appendix D

Community Engagement Summary (Architectus)



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Acknowledgement of Country

Architectus acknowledges the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of this nation as the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we live and work.

We pay our respects to Elders, past and present and emerging.

Architectus is committed to honouring Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the land, waters, and seas and their rich contribution to society.

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Abbreviations

DPE	Department of Planning and Environment
GANSW	Government Architect NSW
IAP2	International Association of Public Participation
MLALC	Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council
SDRP	State Design Review Panel
SEARs	Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements
SSDA	State Significant Development Application
TfNSW	Transport for NSW

1. Engagement Objectives

Detailed engagement has been undertaken to identify key issues, priorities and ideas for the Bank Street Park (SSD-53386706) redevelopment.

The engagement activities have been undertaken in *accordance* with:

- Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) (2021) *Undertaking Engagement Guidelines for State Significant Projects* and in particular the key principles:
 - Plan early;
 - Engage as early as possible;
 - Ensure engagement is effective;
 - Ensure engagement is proportionate; Innovative; Open and transparent; and
 - implement the community participation objectives.
- Engagement requirements contained within the NSW DPE's Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs), SSD-53386706.

International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Public Participation Spectrum. Phase 1 and Phase 2 Community Engagement Reports have been prepared by Cred Consulting (**Appendix AT** and **AU**) which provide community feedback and ideas on three key design concepts for the park.

A Key Stakeholder Consultation Summary has also been prepared for the proposed development by INSW at **Appendix AW**, identifying the key agency stakeholders, engagement undertaken, feedback received and the design response.

The communications and engagement approach for the Bank Street Park Redevelopment focuses on early, proactive, transparent and regular communications and engagement throughout all stages of the project.

The communications and engagement objectives for this project are to:

- Provide stakeholders with the opportunity to contribute feedback to the planning and design of the proposed development;
- Raise awareness of the proposed development and its benefits to stakeholders;
- Provide an avenue for stakeholders to be involved in the proposed development, and engage with the Project team on an ongoing basis;
- Positively position the proposed development by showcasing its drivers, benefits and future outcomes;
- Establish relationships with stakeholders early in the planning process and build positive sentiment toward the proposed development; and
- Meet DPE statutory requirements for engagement to support the State Significant Development Application (SSDA).

2. Key Stakeholders

The following key stakeholders were engaged as part of Bank Street Park:

- DPE;
 - Key Sites Assessments team; and
 - Environment and Heritage Group;
- Placemaking NSW;
- City of Sydney Council.
- Transport for NSW (TfNSW) including the Property Asset Management, Greater Sydney Roads (Anzac Bridge), Glebe Island Bridge Project Team;
- Government Architect NSW (GANSW) and State Design Review Panel (SDRP);
- Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC);
- Blak Diggers;
- Dragon Boats NSW;
- Paradrasons NSW; and
- Pyrmont Heritage Boat Fleet.
- Community – Refer to the Phase 1 and Phase 2 Community Engagement Outcomes by Cred Consulting at **Appendix AT** and **Appendix AU** for further detail.

3. Engagement Actions, Findings and Outcomes

3.1 Department of Planning and Environment

Key Sites Assessments team

A Scoping Meeting was held with DPE on Monday 19 December 2022 to discuss the following:

- Blackwattle Bay State Significant Precinct;
- Site constraints and opportunities;
- Bank Street Park Masterplan;
- Future consultation;
- Design excellence and Connection with Country;
- Planning overview; and
- SEARs.

Environment and Heritage Group

Table 1 Environment and Heritage Group Engagement Findings and Outcomes

Organisation	Date	Summary of feedback	Design Response
DPE – Environment and Heritage Group	Various July 2023 2 August 2023	<p>Topics of discussion</p> <p>Microbat sampling.</p> <p>Archaeological test excavation.</p> <p>Flooding (Blackwattle Bay Precinct) – For further detail, refer to the Flood Risk and Impact Assessment report prepared by Mott MacDonald at Appendix AF.</p> <p>Summary of feedback</p> <p>Agreed that microbat sampling can be undertaken in October.</p> <p>Endorsement of proposed methodology for test excavation.</p> <p>Endorsement of Blackwattle Bay Precinct Flood Study.</p>	N/A

3.2 City of Sydney Council

Table 2 City of Sydney Council Engagement Findings and Outcomes

Organisation	Date	Summary of feedback	Design Response
City of Sydney	7 Feb 2023	<p>Topics of discussion</p> <p>Overview of Bank Street Park concepts for public consultation prior to finalisation of SEARs.</p> <p>Summary of feedback</p>	<p>Inclusion of jetty for passive craft in final design.</p> <p>Promenade design and lighting provides for safe access for all users, including managing conflicts between</p>

Organisation	Date	Summary of feedback	Design Response
		<p>Ensure access to the water for recreational and passive watercraft.</p> <p>Ensure that the promenade is legible for all users, particularly highlighting cyclist accessibility.</p> <p>Lighting at night of the promenade and across to the viaduct is a key consideration, noting this is a consideration for the broader precinct.</p> <p>A heritage assessment is required to determine what can be done to the buildings at 1-3 Bank Street.</p> <p>Interface with southern lots to be addressed.</p>	<p>pedestrians and cyclists. This includes appropriate surface treatment, signage and lighting.</p> <p>Solar analysis prepared and included in the development application.</p> <p>Heritage assessment prepared. Iterative design process undertaken with heritage input to ensure appropriate consideration of heritage values in final designs.</p> <p>Allowance has been made for future connections to the south, based on the approved building envelopes in the Design Guidelines.</p>
City of Sydney	10 May 2023	<p>Topics of discussion</p> <p>Design of Bank Street Road Cycleway and Road reserve allocation.</p> <p>Summary of feedback</p> <p>Investigate where pedestrian crossings should be located on Bank Street to integrate with the broader access network.</p> <p>Cycleway may be widened, with 2.4m for the absolute minimum for a separated two-way cycleway.</p> <p>Bank Street could suitably function as a local street (2.75m lane widths), or be narrowed further to a single, combined traffic lane.</p> <p>Removal of parking spaces on Bank Street unlikely to be an issue.</p>	<p>Amendments made to the Bank Street and cycleway design to address feedback, including incorporating pedestrian crossing and a buffer between on street parking and cycleway.</p>
City of Sydney	8 November 2023	<p>Topics of discussion</p> <p>Update on preferred design.</p> <p>Summary of feedback</p> <p>No feedback, discussion only.</p>	N/A
City of Sydney Public Art Panel	4 April 2023	<p>Topics of discussion</p> <p>Overview of proposed public art approach for Bank Street and Blackwattle Bay.</p> <p>Summary of feedback</p>	<p>Panel were supportive of approach, no amendments necessary</p>

Organisation	Date	Summary of feedback	Design Response
		General support for the themes, and in particular the Blak Diggers.	

3.3 Transport for NSW

Table 3 TfNSW Engagement Findings and Outcomes

Organisation	Date	Summary of feedback	Design Response
TfNSW – Property Asset Management	Various 2022-2023	<p>Topics of discussion</p> <p>Ongoing marina operations at Bank Street Park.</p> <p>Dragon boat operations.</p> <p>Storage for canoes and kayaks.</p> <p>Summary of feedback</p> <p>Marina operations will continue for the long term.</p> <p>Design of marina facility generally acceptable, office and storage space can be refined to suit operations. Access to Bank Street required for marina storage.</p> <p>Dragon boat operations require space for manoeuvring and arrangements to avoid carrying heavy boats.</p> <p>Kayak storage requires management.</p> <p>TfNSW generally supportive of proposed design.</p> <p>TfNSW will continue to be consulted, including the opportunity to review operational details.</p> <p>TfNSW to continue to be engaged through design development.</p>	<p>Marina storage and office space incorporated into the design, based on functional brief advised by TfNSW, and refined throughout the project.</p> <p>Marina storage area provided with direct access to Bank Street and at the Bank Street grade.</p> <p>Kayak storage included as indicative only and will be subject to future design development in consultation with TfNSW.</p>
TfNSW, including Greater Sydney Roads (Anzac Bridge)	22 December 2022 16 January 2023 1 February 2023 28 September 2023	<p>Topic of discussion</p> <p>Bank Street Park design and impact on TfNSW assets associated with Anzac Bridge.</p> <p>Easements, safety and maintenance requirements.</p> <p>Summary of feedback</p> <p>TfNSW outlined access requirements for maintenance and what measures would be required to undertake repairs without damaging the park, as well as what manoeuvring space</p>	<p>Security to the pylon will be managed through bollards restricting vehicular access to the base of the pylon, as per current arrangements.</p> <p>Cherry picker is able to access the entire underside of the Anzac Bridge as needed (infrequent). Cherry picker maintenance indicative access plan provided as part of Design report.</p>

		is required for maintenance vehicles.	
TfNSW Glebe Island Bridge Project Team	8 June 2023	<p>Topics of discussion</p> <p>TfNSW update on Glebe Island Bridge project.</p> <p>Summary of feedback</p> <p>Initial designs considering active transport across Glebe Island Bridge, with a cycleway along the southern edge.</p> <p>No plans for stair connection to Bank Street Park from Glebe Island Bridge (through 1A Bank Street). Preference for connection via Bank Street.</p> <p>Commitment to continue to inform respective teams of progress.</p>	<p>Bank Street cycleway designed to enable connection to a potential future cycleway on southern side of Glebe Island Bridge.</p> <p>1A Bank Street retained as a landscaped area.</p>

3.4 Placemaking NSW

Table 4 Placemaking NSW Engagement Findings and Outcomes

Organisation	Date	Summary of feedback	Design Response
Place Management NSW	Various 2022-2023	<p>Topics of discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Bank Street Park design in the context of future management. – Wayfinding strategy. – Public art. – Safety in Design Workshop. <p>Summary of feedback</p> <p>Detailed feedback was provided in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – the community facilities; – Café / kiosk, materials; – dragon boat storage and ramp; – security and maintenance of the Anzac Bridge pylon; – the foreshore promenade; – play equipment; – sports court; – youth space; – landscaping; – Connecting with Country; – Kayak storage; and 	<p>Design updated to incorporate detailed feedback.</p> <p>Safety in Design workshop undertaken. Issues agreed to be addressed during detailed design.</p> <p>PMNSW endorsed design for the SSDA. Regular meetings between INSW and PMNSW scheduled to address issues during design development.</p>

– Public art.

Place Management NSW will continue to be engaged through the design and delivery of the park.

Endorsement of DA submission plans.

Refer to **Appendix AW** for detailed Placemaking NSW feedback on the final draft concept and how this was addressed in the final design of Bank Street Park.

3.5 Government Architect NSW

Table 5 Engagement Findings and Outcomes

Organisation	Date	Summary of feedback	Design Response
GANSW	Various occasions 2022	<p>Topics of discussion</p> <p>Design Excellence Strategy for Park.</p> <p>Summary of Feedback</p> <p>SDRP is appropriate panel for design review.</p> <p>SDRP panel members could be engaged early by INSW to inform tender process and concept design.</p>	<p>Various iterations of the Design Excellence Strategy were prepared in consultation with Government Architect, with the final strategy endorsed on 23 September 2022.</p> <p>Design Excellence Strategy process followed for all phases of the project.</p>

3.6 State Design Review Panel

Refer to the Design Report prepared by Oculus and Collins + Turner at **Appendix J** for further detail on SDRP meetings and design responses.

3.7 Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council

Organisation	Date	Summary of feedback	Design Response
Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council	2 March 2023 and 15 April 2023	<p>Topics of discussion</p> <p>Identifying opportunities for designing with Country</p> <p>Summary of feedback</p> <p>Control of intellectual property, truth telling, and self-determination are critical to developing respectful relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.</p> <p>Revealing the history of women and fishing on the site is a significant narrative for Blackwattle Bay.</p> <p>Representation of local landscape and flora and fauna is important to reflect the deep history and stories of Country.</p>	<p>Endorsed themes included in park, with ongoing engagement with MLALC proposed.</p>

Further detail is provided in the Engagement Report prepared by Cred and the Landscape Design Report prepared by Oculus.

For further detail, refer to the Design Report prepared by Oculus and Collins + Turner at **Appendix J** and Designing with Country Integration Report at **Appendix R**;

3.8 Blak Diggers

Table 6 Blak Diggers

Organisation	Date	Summary of feedback	Design Response
Blak Diggers	20 March 2023, 6 May 2023 and 22 September 2023	<p>Topics of discussion</p> <p>Identifying opportunities for designing with Country.</p> <p>Summary of feedback</p> <p>It is important to acknowledge and represent Blak Diggers in the park due to its unique location and proximity to the Anzac Bridge.</p> <p>Significant Blak Diggers should be honoured in the park.</p> <p>Ensure ongoing consultation and conversations support Blak Diggers self-determination and their aspirations to inform design outcomes.</p>	<p>Opportunities to honour Blak Diggers incorporated into park. Ongoing engagement will be undertaken during design development to develop these opportunities further.</p>

For further detail, refer to the Design Report prepared by Oculus and Collins + Turner at **Appendix J** and Designing with Country Integration Report at **Appendix R**.

3.9 Dragon Boats NSW

Table 7 Dragon Boats NSW Engagement Findings and Outcomes

Organisation	Date	Summary of feedback	Design Response
Dragon Boats NSW	16 May 2023 8 June 2023 Ongoing informal discussions	<p>Topics of discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Parking. – Truck access. – Design of dragon boat storage and necessary facilities. <p>Summary of feedback</p> <p>Reduction in parking not an issue if adequate storage and shower facilities provided, which makes public transport more feasible.</p>	<p>Dragon boat storage allowed for required number of boats and sufficient storage.</p> <p>Separate dragon boat amenities (showers and toilets) provided.</p> <p>Sufficient manoeuvring space provided in front of storage shed.</p> <p>Height of storage shed allows for adequate boat storage and</p>

	<p>Boats are manoeuvred using a trolley, which could be used to get boats from the storage shed to Bank Street.</p> <p>Occasional truck access required during race season (2 movements per weekend for 4-6 months).</p> <p>Storage for 30 boats required.</p> <p>Currently able to launch 6 boats at a time.</p> <p>DBNSW to continue to be consulted on design requirements.</p>	<p>manoeuvrability within the shed.</p> <p>Ramp maintains existing dimensions to facilitate launching.</p>
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3.10 Paradrasons NSW

Table 8 Paradrasons NSW Engagement Findings and Outcomes

Organisation	Date	Summary of feedback	Design Response
Paradrasons NSW	-	<p>Topics of discussion</p> <p>Draft Bank Street Park design with respect to accessibility</p> <p>Summary of feedback</p> <p>Current slope of ramp is appropriate.</p> <p>Having a smooth path of travel is important – i.e., a 1.5m wide section of the ramp which doesn't include the tracks.</p> <p>Consideration of boat rollers in the ramp to enable ease of launch.</p> <p>Handrails are not necessary and are in fact a hindrance.</p> <p>Pontons do not work, as wheelchairs need to be as close to boat as possible.</p>	<p>Slope of ramp retained as close as possible to existing.</p> <p>No handrails provided on dragon boat ramp (although provided on kayak jetty to provide alternative)</p> <p>Other issues are to be addressed in detailed design.</p>

3.11 Pyrmont Heritage Boat Fleet

Table 9 Pyrmont Heritage Boat Fleet Engagement Findings and Outcomes

Organisation	Date	Summary of feedback	Design Response
Pyrmont Heritage Boat Fleet	Various	<p>Topics of discussion</p> <p>Update on progress of design and application.</p> <p>Summary of feedback</p> <p>Desire to see mature trees retained.</p>	<p>Significant trees proposed to be retained.</p>

3.12 Community Consultation

Table 10 Community consultation summary

Theme	Response
Phase 1 Consultation	
Connection to Country and First Nations representation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Design for, of and with Country has been integral to the design process for Bank Street Park and is guided by the three principles of Healing Country, Revealing Country and Caring for Country. - Indigenous planting species have been selected. - The colours of Country will be incorporated into materials and building facades. - Opportunities for honouring Blak Diggers history has been incorporated into the park and will continue to be explored through consultation with elders. - Seating shelters represent traditional shields. - Public Art Plan identifies a focus on indigenous artwork and commissions.
A welcoming and accessible park that caters to different users and activities	<p>A range of spaces and activities are provided to cater to a range of users, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nature-based playspace. - Fitness equipment. - Community building. - Dragon boat storage and launching ramp. - Boat launching ramp for passive watercraft, such as kayaks. - Public plaza and grassed open space areas. - Seating areas. - Bike parking.
Quality amenities to support park users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shade and shelter is provided through planting and shade structures throughout the park. - A range of seating areas provided. - Public toilets are provided. - Adequate lighting is provided to ensure safety and accessibility.
Consideration of the needs of boating users and water sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dragon boat storage is provided, as well as a new dragon boat launching ramp. - A boat launching ramp for passive watercraft is also provided to improve access to the water for the public. - The existing marina is retained.
Mixed views around the future of the buildings at 1-3 Bank Street regarding whether the buildings should be demolished or retained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The buildings at 1 – 3 Bank Street have been partially retained, comprising adaptive reuse for amenities and storage and an ‘interpretation garden’ in the ruins of the remaining built form.
A green place of respite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extensive planting is provided throughout Bank Street Park, providing increased tree canopy and

	<p>ground cover. The provision of seating and grassed areas throughout the park will provide a green place of respite for users of the park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Tree canopy cover will be 30% (or 47% based on City of Sydney method for calculation).
Connection to the water and enhanced views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Sandstone blocks terracing into the water provide a connection to the water and will improve marine habitat. – The boat launching ramp for passive watercraft increases connection to the water for kayakers and other recreational boat users. – Views through the park and to the water are provided, enhancing views from the public domain to the harbour.
A distinct identity for the park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The playspace has been deliberately designed to cater for 2 – 12 year olds, providing a point of difference from other nearby parks. – The park incorporates a First Nations design approach that is unique to the location. – The park is also distinguished by the provision of community facilities, including the community building and the dragon boat storage and boat launching ramp.
Phase 2 Consultation	
Concept 3 should be used as the framework / inspiration for the final design to best address community priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Concept 3 was used as the basis for the final design.
Include a new purpose-built community facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A new community centre is proposed, which will provide flexible space for use by various community groups.
Prioritise a natural play space theme, with climbing elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The play space is a nature-based area, incorporating natural materials and timber. Climbing structure included.
Include places for young people to sit and talk in groups, and interesting lighting for night-time user	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The design includes many opportunities for young people to sit and talk, including on the viewing deck. Proposed lighting has been designed to ensure safety and security of park and users, with opportunities for feature lighting installations to be considered in future and in consultation with PMNSW and TfNSW.
Storage for dragon boaters close to the ramp, designed to avoid conflicts between promenade users and boat users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Storage is included with direct access to the ramp. – A Plan of Management will be required to ensure conflicts are managed; however it is anticipated that this will be managed through temporary detours/barriers when boats are launching.
Additional design considerations, such as providing increased seating, BBQs, increased parking, additional tree canopy cover, and providing information or	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A variety of seating, including shelters, is proposed at strategic and appropriate locations throughout the park. – Tree canopy cover will be 30% (or 47% based on City of Sydney method for calculation).

interpretation about the history
of Pyrmont

- A heritage interpretation strategy has been prepared, which includes elements of colonial and First Nations heritage.

Further detail on community consultation is also provided in the Phase 1 Engagement Report at **Appendix AT**, Phase 2 Engagement Report at **Appendix AU** and the Design Report at **Appendix J**.

4. Ongoing Engagement

NSW will seek community feedback on the remaining priorities for Bank Street Park following public exhibition and lodgment of the SSDA.

Following approval of SSD-53386706, engagement will continue to occur with the following government bodies and agencies:

- City of Sydney Council;
- Placemaking NSW;
- TfNSW;
- First Nation Advisors;
- MLALC and Blak Diggers; and
- Ausgrid and other utility providers.

5. Conclusion

The engagement approach undertaken for Bank Street Park has enabled the project team to respond to key issues raised and develop mitigation measures which meet project objectives, as well as satisfying the needs of the community and project stakeholders.

Planned and transparent communication and engagement activity has met the consultation requirements prescribed by the SEARs.