



View of Sydney Entertainment Centre from intersection of Little Hay Street and Harbour Street. Source - HASSELL

**Harbour Street/ Entertainment Centre**

These images show the existing situation around Harbour Street which forms the eastern edge of the study site.

The SEC is accessed directly from a paved forecourt on Harbour Street. The building currently prevents visual permeability into the site and is out of scale and character with the fine grain of the surrounding buildings and laneways of Chinatown.

The expanse of brick paving, insignificant tree planting and lack of amenity essentially do nothing to visually integrate or soften the impact of this building.



View of Sydney Entertainment Centre from Hay Street. Source - HASSELL



## 2.4 NEIGHBOURHOOD CHARACTER



Factory Street within the Chinatown Precinct. Source - HASSELL



Former John Bridge woolstore facade - Factory Street. Source - HASSELL



Market City/ Paddy's Market on Hay Street. Source - HASSELL



Seating along Factory Street, Chinatown. Source - HASSELL



Former John Bridge woolstore on the corner of Factory Street and Harbour Street. Source - HASSELL



Kimber Lane artwork. Source - HASSELL



University of Technology Sydney (UTS) - on corner of Hay Street and Quay Street. Source - HASSELL



Pagoda in Dixon Street, Chinatown precinct. Source - HASSELL

In direct contrast to the study site, the surrounding neighbourhood character and community of Haymarket is rich in history, texturally interesting, culturally diverse and vibrant. Chinatown is one of the most visited places in Sydney; a bustling precinct of significant heritage and cultural diversity, its economy is centred around retail, dining and markets. It has a character encompassing fine grain combinations of materials, art works, cultural landmarks and laneways. Market City (Paddy's Markets) is a bustling indoor market selling fresh produce, food, clothing and household goods.

The Market City building is a landmark structure within Sydney and the facade is heritage listed.

The former John Bridge woolstore on the corner of Factory Street and Harbour Street is a beautiful red brick building of heritage significance and the red brick UTS building at the corner of Hay and Quay Streets also provides a strong textural and visual link to the history of this area.

The City of Sydney's "Laneways" project and the Chinatown Public

Domain Plan have begun to re shape and upgrade the Chinatown district and the City of Sydney have developed further principles for future public domain upgrades.

The community is ethnically diverse, with a large Chinese, Indonesian and Korean population living and working within the area. There are also large numbers of students studying within the nearby campuses of the UTS and the Ultimo Tafe.



## 2.5 CITY CONTEXT

### 2.5.1 OPEN SPACES

Sydney is a city with a diverse range of public spaces, primarily focussed upon and around its harbour but with many generous green parks and civic plazas that link them. From the CBD, Martin Place, Pitt Street Mall, Town Hall and World Square provide walkable civic spaces that connect to the precinct of The Haymarket.

The Haymarket site will play a role in providing a vital link as a new city space connecting the Central Business District and Railway Square in the south to the existing harbour areas of Cockle Bay, Kings Street Wharf and the proposed Barangaroo development along the harbour foreshore.



Figure 2.5.1 Public Open Spaces

## 2.5.2 CIVIC SPACES

The Haymarket site will form an important link within a chain of future pedestrianised precincts of Sydney.

The proposed pedestrianisation of George Street is a priority precinct vision within the 2030 City of Sydney Strategy. There are plans to extend the light rail throughout George Street and create a shared pedestrian/light rail precinct.

City of Sydney have prepared a public domain plan for the renewal and upgrading of Chinatown which will re-invigorate the streets and laneways of the district with artworks and public domain upgrades. There are plans to further pedestrianise the laneways that lead toward The Haymarket site.

The proposed “Goods Line” (formerly the UPN) will create a walkable accessible pedestrian link from Railway Square, Central.

These planned works will strengthen the position of Haymarket as a key civic space with strong connectivity to the city.

The key urban design vision for the three proposed civic spaces along the central spine within the SICEEP and The Haymarket are:

Cockle Bay - Civic, ceremonial waterfront space for gathering and events on an international and city wide scale.

Tumbalong Park - Spacious green park to accommodate festivals, large crowd congregations and sporting events

The Haymarket Square - City square to accommodate local festivities, performances, markets and community events

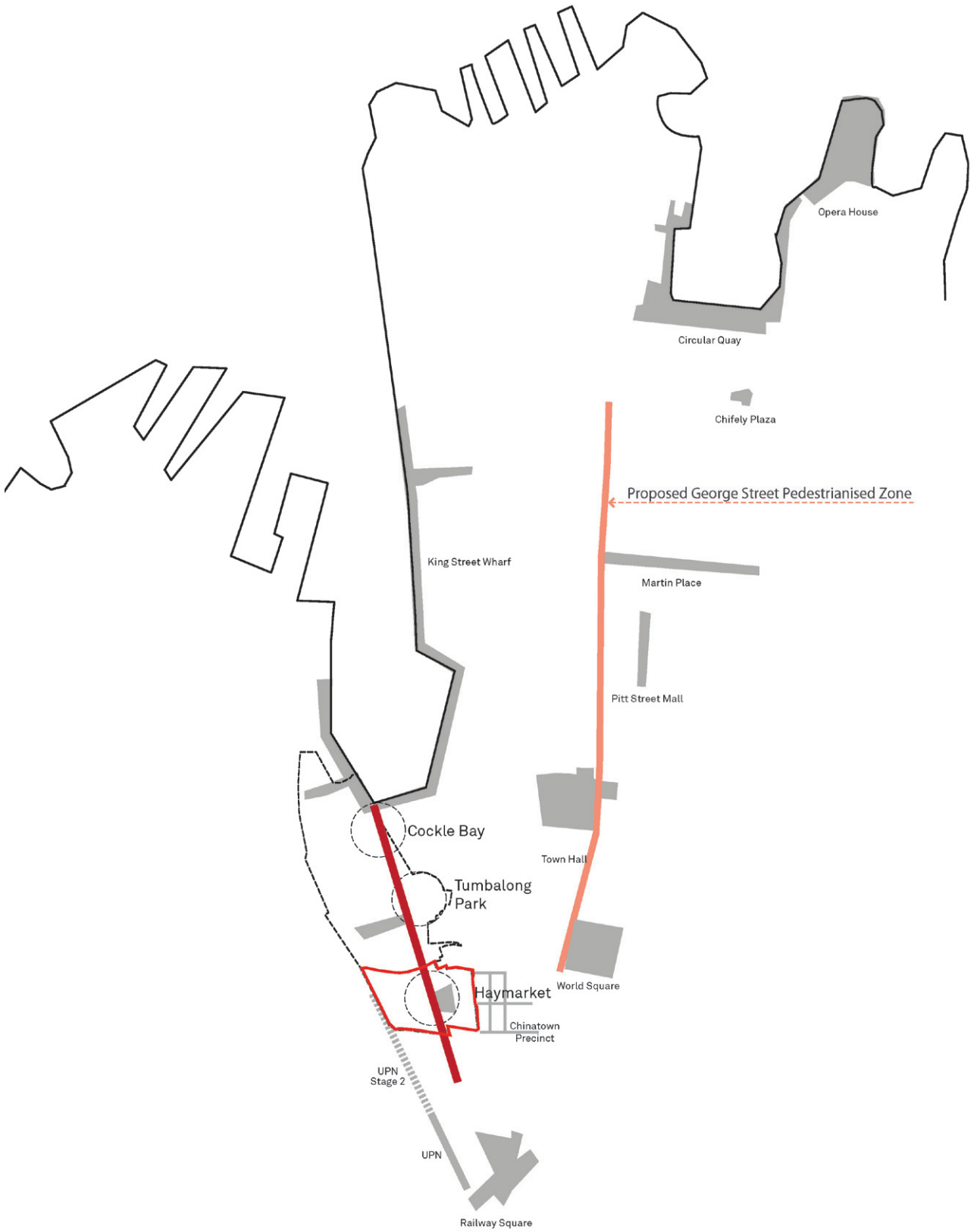


Figure 2.5.2 Public connecting spaces

2.5.3 CYCLE NETWORK

Figure 2.5.3 illustrates the existing cycle network within Sydney - both on and off road cycle paths comprising separate dedicated and shared cycle pathways.

A designated two way cycle path is proposed to run north - south along Darling Drive and provide safe cycle access to Haymarket and the greater SICEEP precinct. The Boulevard is seen to be a shared cycle and pedestrian precinct and there could potentially be a bike hire hub located beneath the existing Pier Street overpass. Bicycle racks will be located within key points along the Boulevard and in connection with the proposed cycleway and student accommodation.

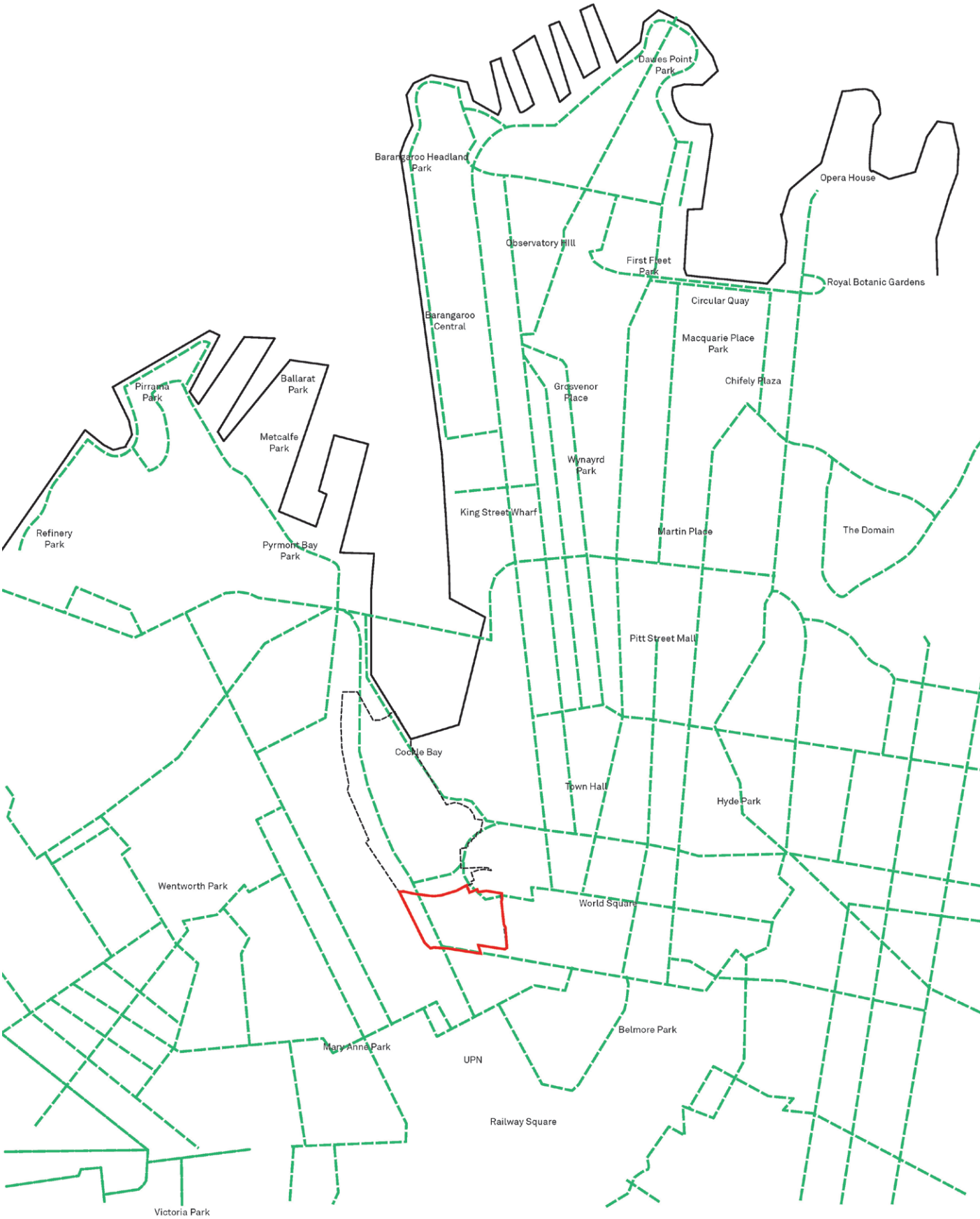


Figure 2.5.3 Public cycleway network - City Of Sydney

## 2.5.4 SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

Surrounding the precinct is a diverse mix of residential, commercial, retail and education based precincts.

- Darling Harbour
- Casino
- Fishmarket
- Harris Street
- Pyrmont
- Powerhouse Museum
- UTS/TAFE
- Ultimo
- Glebe/ Broadway
- Sydney University
- Frasers Broadway
- Railway Square
- Surry Hills
- Chinatown
- Town Hall
- CBD

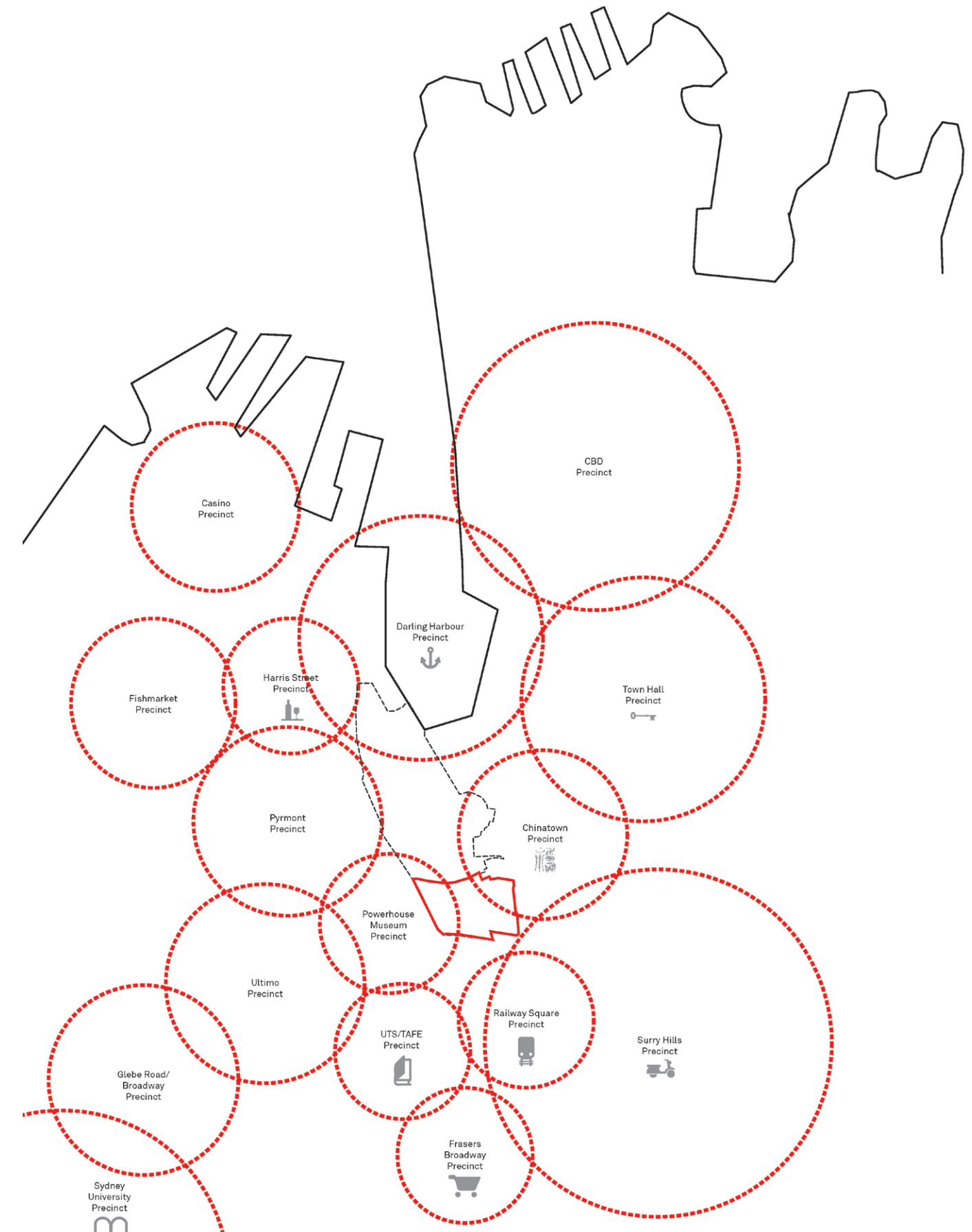


Figure 2.5.4 Surrounding precincts and communities