

Chapter 21 - socio economics

21.4.2 Equity

Equity refers to a fair distribution of the resources that allow residents full participation in their community. Equity requires that the well-being of people with fewer resources is protected.

Changes to conditions which may affect equity in the precinct areas include impacts to amenity, liveability, access and connectivity.

The loss of the Golf course will affect the senior members of the community by taking away their physical active role and the place which is a major part of their community. This can not be underestimated.

The statistics and the area covered would seem to be a manipulation.

The Census stats are up on Council web site

2016 Census, there were 252,878 people in **Northern Beaches (A)** (Local Government Areas). Of these 48.8% were male and 51.2% were female. The median age of people in **Northern Beaches (A)** (Local Government Areas) was 40 years.

56,208 travel outside of NBC to work and of those 30,000 work in Sydney CBD or North Sydney that leaves approximately 26,000 travelling elsewhere.

The artificial Eastern precinct is skewed in statistics

eg For employed residents within the precinct:

- About 57 per cent drove to work in a car as either driver or passenger ie the area has been traditionally poorly serviced by public transport
- About 14 per cent used public transport to get to work (via rail or bus) – Rail does not exist on the Peninsula
- About 3.6 per cent used active transport (walked and/or cycled).

To minimise Directly impacted social infrastructure

The aim should be to minimise the impact Balgowlah Golf Land currently owned by the State of NSW and occupied by the Balgowlah Course and Golf Course should be reinstated in full on the land.

The operation of the Balgowlah construction support site (BL10), which Club would be re-purposed at the end of the project as new and improved open space and recreation facilities. This portion of land would be leased by Transport for NSW for the construction support site.

There should not be a new access road, and the motorway facility and ventilation outlet should be on residual land acquired.(ie the Dudley street properties)

The sensitivity of the golf course to change is considered high and the magnitude of the impact considered high, given the project's construction would result if the golf course not being available for public use.

The permanent impact on the continued operation of Balgowlah Golf Course would require members and visitors to access golf courses elsewhere, But as pointed out the demand is unlikely to be met. This will impact on social networks associated with the club

The closure of the club will result in some members no longer participating in the sport. This is most likely to be long-term members or older golfers, potentially impacting individuals' general levels of physical activity, and overall wellbeing associated with the loss of social networks and personal relationships.

The progressive establishment of new and improved public open space and recreation facilities in Balgowlah will not provide opportunities for community members to meet and connect, as the activities are targeted at a different age demographic and will be areas in the north of the Council area