



# INNER WEST COUNCIL

## Engagement outcomes report

### Climate and Renewables Strategy draft

#### Summary

Council endorsed the public exhibition of the draft strategy. The project was open for community comment from 23 September to 5 November 2019. The project page received 770 visits, 72 responses from individuals and 9 from organisations/groups via the online feedback form. Respondents were evenly spread across the suburbs within the LGA. Highest number of respondents were from Newtown and Ashfield (8), Balmain (6) Dulwich Hill (5), Stanmore (4).

The submission form asked the respondents whether they supported the draft Climate and Renewables Strategy?

- 52 respondents supported the strategy
- 4 respondents did not support the policy
- 16 respondents were unsure or neutral

#### Background

- The strategy was created to guide the implementation of the Community Strategic Plan regarding response to the climate emergency. It aims to:
  - Achieve an Ecologically Sustainable Inner West, which is a zero emissions community that generates and owns clean energy.
  - Demonstrate progressive Local Leadership where government makes responsible decisions to manage finite resources in the best interest of current and future communities.
- The draft strategy was developed in consultation with wide range of internal and external stakeholders using best practice methods to quantify emissions.
- In preparing the strategy Council spoke to a range of experts and community members to learn about opportunities.
- The purpose of the public exhibition was to check back with the community regarding the key focus areas outlined in the strategy.

#### Engagement methods

- Developing the draft strategy:
  - Background studies, research and reports
  - Workshops
  - Environmental Advisory Committee
  - Meetings and engagement with state government, local experts, climate change interest groups and academics (refer Draft Strategy page 13)

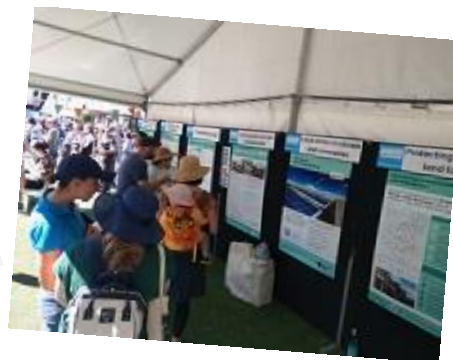
- Public Exhibition:
  - Online on [yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au](https://yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au)

This report summarises the engagement during the public exhibition period. For engagement summary during the development of strategy email [climate@innerwest.nsw.gov.au](mailto:climate@innerwest.nsw.gov.au)

## Promotion

List how the engagement was promoted.

- Advertising via the YSIW feature project – Inner West Courier 15 October 2019
- Social media – four-week campaign promoting key areas outlined the strategy
- Direct email
- Posters at Customer Service Centres
- Your Say stall at Summer Hill, Marrickville and Norton Street Festivals



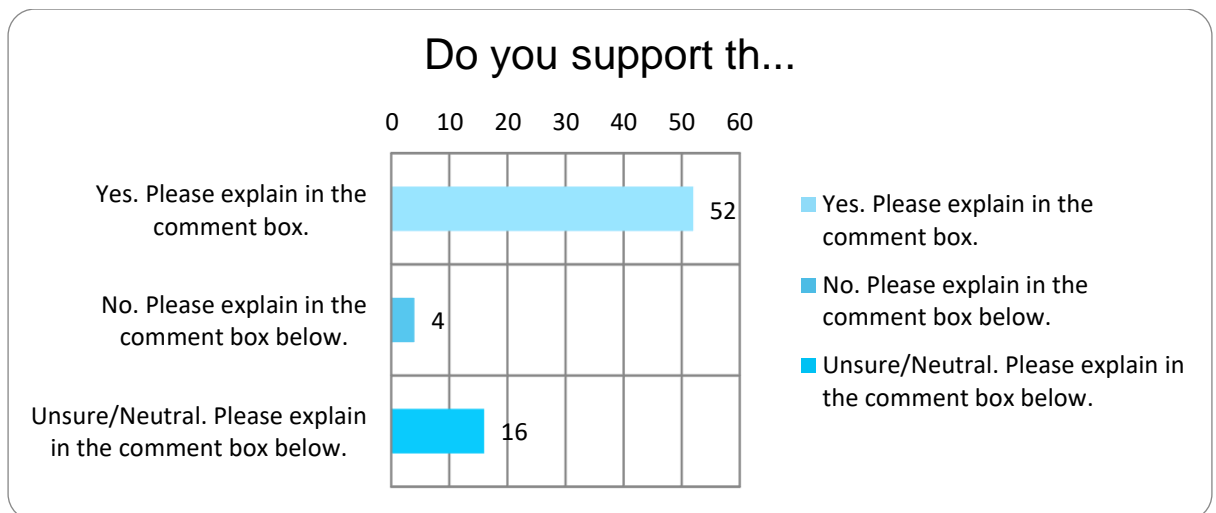
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Who did we hear from?

The survey asked people to provide their suburb. People were evenly spread across the suburbs in the Inner West Council area.

What did they say?

- **Online via [yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au](https://yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au)**  
The following graph shows the support for the strategy



## Comment analyses

### Top themes

- 35 Expressed general support for the strategy
- 24 Suggested further actions and targets
- 7 Called for specific actions to end the use of fossil fuels
- 5 Suggested an increase in tree canopy
- 4 Called for stronger strategies and actions on solar uptake

Many comments included specific actions Council could implement to help meet its targets. Others suggested changes in building codes and development control plans. Support for electric cars and installation of charging stations, re-use of water and local composting stations were also mentioned.

## Comments received from organisations/groups/stakeholders

Council received 9 submissions from organisations. Top themes include calls for Council to:

- Articulate stand and its action on transitions from fossil fuel mining in Australia.
- Strengthen targets, clarify goals and reduce lead times in organisational and community actions.
- Consider strategies for roof top solar panels across the various housing types
- Consider waste gasification
- Commit to sustainability hub and reuse centre as outlined in the strategy
- Strengthen commitment and action to increase passive transport options
- Commit to diverting organic waste from landfill

## **Other responses from individuals**

Page 13 of the Draft Strategy lists various organisations that were contacted during the development of the Climate and Renewables Strategy to learn about opportunities. An earlier draft prior to exhibition received feedback from members of the Environment Advisory Committee as well as climate change special interest groups.

## **Petitions**

A petition for Council to introduce the use of electric trucks in its operations was received via a local resident signed by 103 people.