

DRAFT ALEXANDRA CANAL MASTERPLAN

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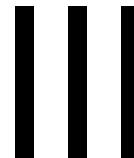
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Have your say about the Alexandra Canal

ALEXANDRA CANAL'S PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

The Alexandra Canal, 3.9 kilometres in length and 60 metres in width, is one of Sydney's most historic waterways. It is one of only a handful of navigable canals ever constructed in Australia, and the only one to be situated in an urban setting.

It is also a part of Sydney that has only rarely been seen or appreciated. Progressively cut off by surrounding development after the Second World War, sidelined by commercial and residential growth elsewhere in the city, and heavily polluted from catchment-wide industrial and stormwater run off, the Canal slid slowly into obscurity and disuse.

But its decline could also be a thing of the past. The Alexandra Canal Masterplan proposes a new vision for the Canal corridor and surrounding areas that promises to transform it into a major recreational and environmental feature, part of a green, regional spine linking the Cooks River with Sydney and Moore Parks.

It is a vision that responds to rising commercial and public interest in the area, and builds on the Canal's strategic geographic importance. Already Sydney's Central Business District is stretching south as it reaches capacity, Sydney Airport has been upgraded and the construction of new road and rail links around the Green Square Station in South Sydney are expected to draw thousands of businesses, homes and, most importantly, people.

PUTTING THE VISION TO WORK

The Masterplan recognises the rapidly changing landuse patterns in South Sydney and provides the opportunity to discuss and respond to them in a planned, knowledgeable and exciting way. The Masterplan helps to identify all the large and small opportunities that the Canal corridor offers to become the focus of a dynamic community and the final missing piece in a regional green corridor.



Alexandra Canal c.1942

The Alexandra Canal Masterplan also takes a farsighted approach, proposing staged urban planning that responds to development opportunities as they arise. It establishes a clear vision for the Canal corridor and its catchment over a twenty-year period while at the same time detailing the short and long term action needed to achieve it.

Proposals to transform the area focus primarily on water, access and land use.

WATER—INNOVATION AND MANAGEMENT

Working from a whole of catchment and whole water cycle philosophy, the Masterplan develops a series of recommendations that work locally as well as regionally, are effective over time and help reinforce or restore the landscape.

This can be seen in the proposal to install a series of water treatment solutions along the tributaries leading to the Canal. Based on varied technologies and settings, these new solutions will tackle water quality and quantity problems while improving the look, feel and use of the Canal corridor at the same time.

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THE CANAL—DESTINATION AND ROUTE

Community access to the Canal is crucial for its transformation. The Canal's ties to surrounding communities must be strengthened so that it becomes both a desirable destination and a regional route.

Cycle and pedestrian pathways along the whole length of the Canal will draw people to the water's edge, providing opportunities for both active and passive recreation. By taking a whole of government approach, the Masterplan links those cycle ways into the M5 East cycle way and surrounding Council cycle plans, creating a movement corridor that will truly be the heart of a regional recreation opportunity.

NEW PUBLIC SPACES

Six 'reaches', or landscaped spaces, will also help to redefine the Canal and its public domain. Designed to reflect specific aspects of the Canal's landscape, provide radically different public experiences and allow for the interplay of water, landscape and heritage, the reaches occur at strategic points along the whole length of the Canal. For some, like the Runway and Woolsheds reaches, the effect will be a rich mosaic of new development, restored and interpreted historical buildings, water treatment solutions and landscaping.

Capturing as many possibilities for increased public space as possible is a Masterplan priority and the manner in which future commercial, residential and industrial development occurs around the Canal is a key issue. Government agencies and local Councils are the major partners in shaping future land use and the Masterplan makes a number of recommendations about existing statutory controls to improve access and visual amenity.

REFLECTING THE CANAL'S HERITAGE

The Masterplan encourages a healthy respect for the industrial reality of the Canal. Tough urban qualities are expressed through hard edged Canal walls, factories, decaying wharves, working bridges and old warehouses. These are all reminders that this is an artificial and built landscape, and the document's proposals strive to reinforce this.

WHERE TO FROM HERE?

The exhibition of the draft Alexandra Canal Masterplan is the starting point in a process of discussion, decision making and change. And at the heart of that process are the people who live and work near the Canal or who may wish to use or visit it in the future.

We seek your input into this exciting new vision for the Alexandra Canal.

Have your say about the Alexandra Canal

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1. Which suburb do you live in?

- Alexandria Beaconsfield Botany Mascot Rosebery
 St Peters Waterloo Zetland Other (Please specify) _____

2. What is your age?

- Under 12 years 13-18 19-35 36-65 over 65

3. Do you support the vision of the Alexandra Canal as 'a major recreational and ecological asset; part of a green, regional spine linking the Cooks River with Sydney and Moore Parks'?

Please comment _____

4. How do you rate the importance of the following issues about the Canal? (1=not important, 5=most important)

Water quality	1	2	3	4	5	Landscape	1	2	3	4	5
Access	1	2	3	4	5	Heritage	1	2	3	4	5
Landuse	1	2	3	4	5	Other	_____				

5. Do you support the proposed cycle/pedestrian way along the Alexandra Canal?

- Yes No

Please comment _____

6. Further comments? (If you attach additional comments, place survey in an envelope, and use our reply paid address.)

7. If you would like to be added to the Alexandra Canal mailing list please complete your details below.

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