



# Year in Review 2024



Committee  
for  
Sydney

**Thank you to our  
members and  
partners. You helped  
us make a huge  
impact in 2023–24.**

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# Chair's message

**Sydney is home to the idea of the tall poppy – and as Sydneysiders we spend a lot of time focussed on the negatives of our city. So, it's important to look up and see just how much progress is being made.**

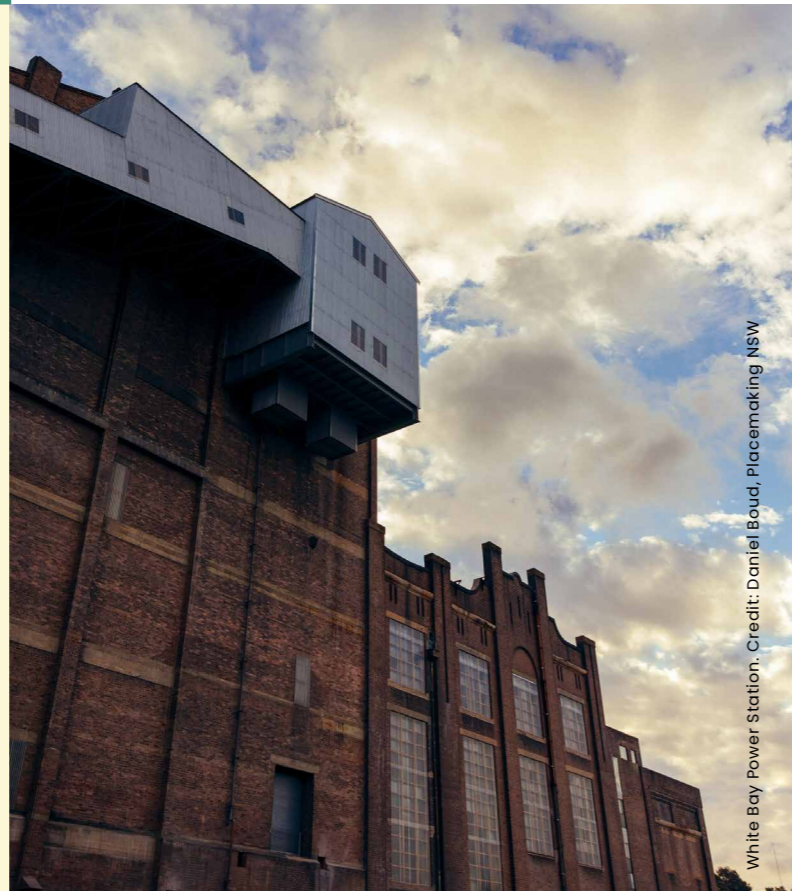
In just the past year, Sydney has opened the Sydney Metro City and Southwest at the same time as finalising testing on Parramatta Light Rail. We saw the reopening of White Bay Power Station as a major cultural centre, with the incomparable Biennale of Sydney using the space in unique and exciting ways.

Action to address the housing crisis has included rezoning for hundreds of thousands of new homes that will come online over years to come, alongside the largest investment in social and affordable housing in the state's history.

This is all built on the foundation of a harmonious, multicultural, well-educated community – drawn from across the world, and from the longest living civilisation on the planet.

These people – and the projects they produce – were the focus of our Sydney Awards this year, where we celebrated the vibrant, diverse, complex, capable achievements of this city with our guest, the Prime Minister.

It's certainly true Sydney faces deep challenges. But we need to remember our city isn't successful despite these



White Bay Power Station. Credit: Daniel Boud, Placemaking NSW

challenges, but because of how we respond to them – with bold projects led by incredible people.

The Committee for Sydney continues to be an independent voice for our great city, ensuring we balance our efforts to improve the city, and celebrate our progress when it does occur.

Michael Rose AM



# CEO's introduction

**Sydney stands at a critical junction. To put ourselves on a trajectory to being a vibrant, affordable, productive and resilient city by 2030, we have just five years to make material progress on some of our key challenges.**

Sydney is performing fantastically in so many ways, it remains an underlying concern that our city is becoming less equitable and will work less well for generations to come than generations before.

We put a spotlight on our annual Sydney Summit in February, and advocated strongly for changes that will improve the lives of future generations, including wellbeing budgeting, national urban policy, rental reform and action on climate change.

In this context, the role of the Committee for Sydney has never been more critical. This time last year we identified three urgent intergenerational challenges facing Sydney – housing affordability, addressing climate change and lacklustre innovation and economic productivity. I'm pleased to say we've seen wins on all these fronts.

Our research, convening and advocacy has driven key public debates over the last year, including:

- A landmark commitment to deliver 8,400 social homes over the next four years
- The Sydney Metro opening shows how transformative major public transport infrastructure can be



Stabling yard for the Parramatta Light Rail.

- The Sydney biomedical accelerator and advanced manufacturing research facility under construction
- Bulk recommendations from Committee reports adopted into state policies, with key new plans addressing disaster mitigation, consumer energy, biodiversity, 24 hour, visitor and cultural economies.

I'm so proud to present our year in review, and invite you to get involved in the year to come to address the big issues facing Sydney.

Eamon Waterford



# Impact



Sydney mayors Clover Moore, Darcy Byrne and John Faker in conversation with Michael Rose AM at the Parramatta Road Summit



**After the disruption of the Covid-19 years, Sydney's stepped up to major infrastructure delivery and a serious effort to grapple with reform across a range of domains, particularly housing, climate and culture. Despite some trepidation, the community has supported these reforms.**

With a new state government nearing its halfway mark, the Committee's research and advocacy work has been deep, effective and responsive to these changes, and we are seeing the long-term benefits of that work across our policy portfolio.

## Housing crisis

Housing unaffordability continues to be a major equity and economic challenge in Sydney. The Committee has led efforts to unlock bold solutions, with a strong focus on ensuring the quality and sustainability of housing and the public spaces in-between.

Our work has made the case to government to pull a variety of levers, from rental reforms through to more housing around transport, ensuring we ease housing affordability, while continuing to do density well.

### Major moves

- Landmark \$5.1 billion commitment for 8,400 social homes over the next four years, as called for in our Chronically Unaffordable Housing report – a major

step in increasing the supply of much-needed, truly affordable housing stock for Sydneysiders who need it most

- The TOD SEPP is in force, and is the first time the government has introduced an inclusionary zoning scheme – while further work is required for a more inclusive and effective broad-based scheme, it's a great first step.
- Commitment from the government to end no-grounds eviction in full by end of year, after we joined calls for the one reform that will materially improve the lives of the third of Sydneysiders who rent for the better immediately
- Changes to the Housing SEPP to allow a 30% bonus in height and GFA for developments that include at least 15% affordable housing

## Cultural potential

With post-covid impacts biting at the grassroots level, Sydney's seen a major reset on culture and the nightlife. The Committee's research and advocacy has helped shape policy development, and we have worked with our members to ensure the opportunity for reform is taken up with gusto.

Our work on making Sydney a great city for live music, bringing more culture to people's everyday lives and well received briefings on public art and creative production space have helped spur action.

### Major moves

- Reboots of Sydney's 24 Hour Economy Strategy, Visitor Economy Strategy and the state's first ever Cultural and Creative Industries Strategy, as well as the creation of Sound NSW, follow strong advocacy from the Committee, with major vibrancy reforms and initiatives underway

- City of Sydney and Create NSW join forces to test feasibility on Australia's first Creative Land Trust to provide affordable creative workspace, with the Committee asked to deliver the project
- Major new openings at Art Gallery of NSW, Artspace, Sydney Opera House and White Bay Power Station, with work underway at Powerhouse Parramatta and Ultimo
- All inner west town halls now open as free cultural and creative spaces, with more frequent street festivals and performances on the way thanks to grants for permanent power, water and safety features in public spaces, as championed in our Everyday Culture report
- Record funding boost for community sports associations and clubs across Sydney, with the Sydney Marathon set for World Major status after its biggest ever attendance

## Mobility and infrastructure

The opening of Metro City was an unforgettable moment for Sydneysiders. It's been a significant step up for Sydney, and it is critical that we continue to plan for future lines.

But in recognising difficult budgetary conditions, the Committee has turned our attention this year to focus on critical yet often overlooked transport modes. Relatively cheap dedicated infrastructure for buses and bikes will better connect Sydney to itself, breakdown inequities of access across our city and leverage the record investment made in metro and light rail.

The Committee has been shaping key reviews of government on these modes, and reform more broadly to the transport sector.



Our research and advocacy on tolling, the Bus Industry Taskforce, freight, the Guide to Transport Impact Assessment and e-mobility have been influential.

### Major moves

- The transformative Sydney Metro City now connects Metro Northwest to the Sydney CBD and will soon connect with Metro Southwest
- Funding for the construction of Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 confirmed, with \$2.1 billion allocated to build the new line and stations
- A new Guide to Transport Impact Assessment, after more than 20 years, reflecting changes in the ways people move around
- Bus Industry Taskforce Review, Independent Toll Review and Freight Policy Reform Program interrogated what is and isn't working and will hopefully lead to much needed policy or investment reforms
- A proposal to legalise e-scooters in NSW with the release of the E-micromobility Action Plan, along with the Draft Key E-Scooter Rules.

## Energy transition and climate resilience

The Committee's work on climate risk, decarbonisation and nature has paid dividends with the establishment of an independent NSW Net Zero Commission and bulk recommendations from our reports adopted into state policy, including the NSW State Disaster Mitigation Plan, NSW Consumer Energy Resources Strategy and NSW Biodiversity in Place Framework.

There remains significant work with government to translate plans and strategies into action across Greater Sydney, including the local government led Heat Smart City Plan and updated Resilient Sydney strategy that will be finalised at the end of 2024.

### Major moves

- NSW key budget moves reflect ongoing multi-year funding allocations to accelerate regional renewable energy zones (\$3.1 billion) and continue repairs to disaster affected roads across state (\$3.3 billion)
- NSW's first State Disaster Mitigation Plan supported by a \$525 million investment in the Resilient Homes Program to undertake voluntary buybacks of homes at risk of flooding in the Northern Rivers, and \$159.3 million for the infrastructure betterment fund to rebuild and improve resilience of state and local infrastructure to natural disasters
- NSW's first Consumer Energy Resources Strategy, including \$238.9 million over four years to enable more energy efficient housing and enable more effective use of rooftop solar and battery storage across NSW. \$87.5 million over four years will make energy saving upgrades to social housing properties starting to move the needle on the 125,000 home social housing portfolio
- NSW Net Zero Commission established as agency responsible for independent expert advice to ensure NSW is on a clear path towards net zero and enable NSW to be more resilient to a changing climate
- NSW Government Architect's Biodiversity in Place Framework provides a practical

guide to bring nature back into our cities, towns and suburbs, and the NSW Government 'Plan for Nature' is another key move to setting nature on a path to recovery (although this legislation does not apply to metropolitan Sydney).

## Future-focused economy

Sydney's maturation as a global city has been reinforced by its recognition as one of the 20 most significant global financial centres. With deep, highly educated labour market, strong network of innovation districts and employment centres, Sydney is poised for economic transformation.

This requires a clear vision for what type of economy we want to be in the future and how will it ensure prosperity for all rather than exacerbate already existing spatial and demographic inequalities.

### Major moves

- Continued investment in world-leading R&D facilities including construction on the Sydney Biomedical Accelerator at University of Sydney, funding and approval for an RNA Research and Pilot Manufacturing Facility at Macquarie Park, and the first stage of the Advanced Manufacturing Research Facility at Bradfield nearing completion
- The NSW Government is making progress on its Innovation Blueprint, with an increasing focus on industry policy
- The 2024 QS University Rankings reinforced Sydney's high calibre university sectors, home to 11 public universities in the global top 200, two in the global top 20 – University of Sydney and University of NSW.

## Stepping stones to a fairer Sydney

It's been a tough year for many in Sydney, cost-of-living pressures, record high rents, rising interest rates, and global conflict is undermining social cohesion.

Our work has been influential in delivering record investment in social housing, reform for renters and a wellbeing framework for design, services and infrastructure across Sydney, as well as responding to the gendered violence crisis.

### Major moves

- Key housing moves like the budget's centrepiece \$5.1 billion social housing, and landmark rental reforms deserve a second shout-out because they will go a long way in improving gender, spatial and intergenerational equity across Sydney
- We've been advocating for a wellbeing budget framework in NSW by 2027, and the government has taken this step even sooner, with the announcement of a draft NSW Performance and Wellbeing Framework as part of this year's budget
- Gender-responsive budgeting being trialled to further promote gender equity across all spending, with a commitment that gender impact assessments will be integrated further into the budget process over time
- A \$245.6 million package to enhance support for domestic, family and sexual violence victim survivors.



# Research

<p><b>Policy paper</b></p> <p>Sydney's Polycentric Advantage: Leveraging Centres for Housing Solutions</p> <p>Nov 23</p>	<p><b>Report</b></p> <p>State of the City 2024</p> <p><b>Report</b></p> <p>Life in Sydney 2024</p>	<p><b>Report</b></p> <p>The Role of Government in Innovation Districts</p> <p>Feb 24</p>	<p><b>Policy paper</b></p> <p>Planning for justice</p> <p>Urban policy and gendered violence</p> <p>May 24</p>	<p><b>Policy paper</b></p> <p>Federal budget insights</p> <p>2024</p>	<p><b>Report</b></p> <p>Plan B: Better buses for Sydney</p> <p>2024</p> <p><b>Event recap</b></p> <p>Parramatta Road Summit</p> <p>Jul 24</p>	<p><b>Report</b></p> <p>Transforming Sydney's Economy</p> <p>Oct 24</p>
<p><b>Report</b></p> <p>Gig economy</p> <p>Making Sydney a great place for live music</p> <p><b>Policy paper</b></p> <p>Blacktown insights</p>	<p><b>Policy paper</b></p> <p>Can the latest planning reforms bring on density done well?</p> <p><b>Policy paper</b></p> <p>Can the latest planning reforms bring on density done well?</p>	<p><b>Report</b></p> <p>Burning Money</p> <p>The rising costs of heatwaves for Western Sydney</p> <p><b>Report</b></p> <p>Benchmarking Sydney 2024</p>	<p><b>Policy paper</b></p> <p>NSW budget 2024-25 review</p> <p><b>Event recap</b></p> <p>Bankstown +10</p>	<p><b>Report</b></p> <p>No weak links</p> <p>Limiting the impact of infrastructure failure on Sydney's essential services</p>	<p><b>Report</b></p> <p>Defining density (done well)</p>	

## Submissions

- Western Sydney public transport (September 2023)
- Planning system and climate change (October 2023)
- Parking space levy regulation review (November 2023)
- Ausgrid revised regulatory (January 2024)
- NSW Government pre-budget (March 2024)
- Bradfield masterplan (March 2024)
- Short term rental accommodation (March 2024)
- Community improvement districts (March 2024)
- Community energy resources (March 2024)
- National adaptation plan (April 2024)
- NSW innovation blueprint (April 2024)
- Moore Park South (April 2024)
- Wilson Street cycleway (April 2024)
- Toll review (May 2024)
- Guide to transport impact assessment (May 2024)
- Visitor economy strategy review (June 2024)
- Rosehill Racecourse (July 2024)
- National towards net zero for transport and infrastructure (July 2024)
- No grounds evictions (August 2024)
- E-mobility inquiry (August 2024)
- Residential tenancies amendment (August 2024)
- Draft national urban policy (August 2024)
- Draft performance and wellbeing framework (August 2024)
- Disaster adaption planning guidelines (August 2024)
- Freight policy reform consultation (August 2024)
- Essential worker housing in Sydney and NSW (September 2024)
- Performance and wellbeing framework (October 2024)
- Freight policy reform interim directions (October 2024)





**The Committee had one of our busiest years yet, tackling the city's key policy challenges including housing unaffordability and delivering urban density well, building a long-term pipeline of transport infrastructure, backing creative culture and environmental resilience, and the future economy.**

Drawing on our network of political, business, community and government leaders, globally renowned urbanists and influential researchers, our robust program of events and workshops, media engagement and digital communications helped shape the conversation and find solutions to these important debates.

The program included two major annual events and two deep dives into major growth centres across greater Sydney, and this year we added an additional half-day summit and a lunch with the NSW Treasurer:

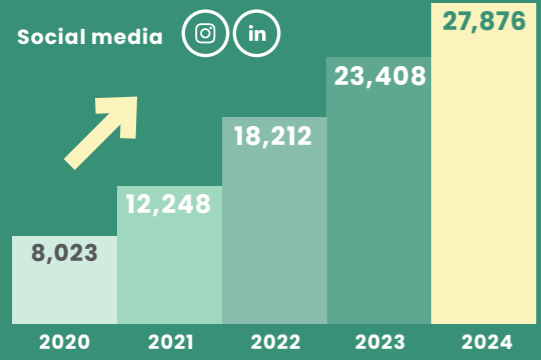
- Sydney Awards, a major awards program celebrating the people who make Sydney the best it can be, with keynotes from Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and NSW Deputy Premier Prue Car
- Sydney Summit, a half-day leadership conference, focussed on intergenerational equity with keynotes from NSW Treasurer Daniel Mookhey and Jacob Ellis from the Office of the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales



- Our +10 series went from strength to strength, putting a spotlight on Sydney's fast-growing centres Blacktown and Bankstown, while a half-day conference made the case for transforming Parramatta Road from Sydney's least favourite road to a pedestrian friendly precinct that could attract billions of dollars of investment
- Complementing these programs, the Committee hosted a post-NSW budget deep-dive with NSW Treasurer Daniel Mookhey, 21 targeted boardroom events, workshops, 24 member briefings, walking tours, online events, policy advisory councils and roundtables that drive our research and advocacy work forward.

The Committee's communication program aims to build understanding and support for the ideas that will move Sydney forward, with strong growth on media and social channels, and great feedback from members on our email products:

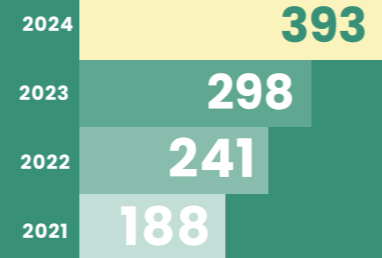
- The Sydneysider – a fortnightly email newsletter on key insights for Sydney leaders and policy changemakers
- Sydney Media Today – a daily email for members, summarising and linking through to the key news of the day
- Highly engaged social media communities on LinkedIn and Instagram, with a strong voice in the media on issues of significance for Sydney.



Media coverage

2,360

speakers



48% female / 52% male  
(36% of speakers from government)

88 5,605

events

Total event audience

with 78 free to members

(incl in person, online, video audiences)



## Meet the Young Sydneysider of the Year finalists making a splash

These three young Sydneysiders have made enough of a splash in their city to receive a nod as finalists in the Sydney Awards. Vote for your People's Choice winner.

## Awards to celebrate Sydney's best and brightest

Industry, business and government. Six award winners are to be announced across five categories in a prestigious ceremony recognizing those who have made extraordinary contributions to the city, and are working to solve the challenges Sydneysiders face.

Mr Albanese, the evening's keynote speaker, will tell attendees that while Sydney is a city of infrastructure and future projects, it's the people behind our city who give it its character and its stories.

Other familiar faces on the panel list include Carla Zampatti's son and CEO of her fashion house Alex Schuman, Western Sydney hip-hop star Li-Fush the Lion, and Mattidas star Kyah Simon. Former planning minister Rob Stokes, as well as current government ministers John Graham, Paul Scully, Rose Jackson, will also be in attendance.

Deputy Premier Pru Goward is expected to give an address on behalf of the NSW government.

Western Sydney University chancellor Jennifer Westacott will also attend, with the university's vice-chancellor Barone Glover among finalists for top honour.

Also vying for Sydneysider of the Year are Australian Museum CEO Kim McKay and City of Sydney chief executive Monica Barone.



## Hotter Out West, the Western Sydney creatives bringing the party to the other side of the bridge

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## NEWS 15

# Burning suburbs

## West to cop cost of heat

**Jessica Wang**  
Western Sydney is expected to cop the brunt of the social, economic and health cost of increased heatwaves in coming decades, a new report reveals.

With the number of days of 35C set to double from 10 days a year in 2010 to 20, to 20 days a year in 2070-79, the real cost of heatwaves could also quadruple to \$6.8bn by 2079 for households, government and businesses.

This includes costs associated with cooling homes, productivity losses and increased health costs, as stated in the Burning Money report compiled by the Committee for Sydney and Scyne Advisory.

Western suburbs including Parramatta, The Hills and Canterbury Bankstown, to the Sydney fringe areas including the Blue Mountains, Penrith and Wollondilly, will bear the brunt of the economic pain.

The Burning Money report says 59 per cent of the increased costs will be spent on healthcare and protecting vulnerable communities from the heat. This includes infants, children, the elderly, outdoor workers, the homeless and people with pre-existing health conditions.

Annual productivity loss in the workforce could also increase more than fourfold, with businesses losing about \$2bn a year by 2070. The cost of cooling homes will also increase by 370 per cent.

Committee for Sydney's Resilience Program Director Sam Kennaghan said the economic impact of rising temperatures in western Sydney would be worn by residents, businesses and taxpayers of NSW.

"Every time the mercury reaches 35C, homes and businesses are burning money across western Sydney," he said. "Heatwaves are making Sydney's west a less liveable and more expensive place to live, and that will get worse with time."

## Where Sydney's million new jobs by 2050 will come from



**EXCLUSIVE**  
**Mark Wade**  
Senior economics writer

Five industries are poised to drive Sydney's economic future, with new forecasts showing finance, biotech, digital tech, advanced manufacturing and clean energy could all make a million new jobs by 2050.

Sydney has consolidated its position as the largest economic hub in the country during the past decade and accounts for 40 per cent of national economic activity, new report by the Committee for Sydney think tank says.

But a lack of economic diversity will mean a great need for investment, made up 36 per cent of the value of the state's exports in 2022-23. "It's a world rapidly trying to decarbonise, having one-third of total export revenues coming from a carbon-intensive commodity presents an extreme economic risk," the committee's report says.

The committee calls for targeted policies to boost five priority sectors: financial services and fintech, biomedical, technologies and life sciences, digital technologies, advanced manufacturing and clean energy technology.

"These sectors now employ 71 per cent of workers in Sydney, but that share could be lifted to 82 per cent over time, the report estimates. Those five industries would add 1.1 million high-value jobs in the city by 2050.

Report co-author professor Eric Knight, from the Macquarie Graduate School of Management, said rapid technological change has made long-term strategies to support the economy more important.

"You've got to be planning what the Sydney economy will need in 2050 or 2040," he said. "How is the technology going to evolve? What are the risks of automation? What might be the gaps in our planning and how do we fill them? We need to anticipate those and then respond to them, so you have a blueprint."

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## NEWS 07

# A city of beaches, a bridge & brains

## Sydney needs to sell itself

**Matthew Berns**  
Editor-at-large

Sydney is missing out on overseas investment and talent because it is failing to sell itself beyond beaches and the harbour bridge, a new report has found.

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## NEWS 5

# Sydneysiders back need for new builds in older suburbs

**EXCLUSIVE**  
**Michael Kozliff**  
Sydney editor

Most Sydneysiders now support redeveloping existing suburbs for higher density housing, new research shows, suggesting the state government is connecting voters of the plan to boost supply in established and well-connected areas.

The Ipsos poll - led and presented at Monday's Sydney Summit, hosted by the Committee for Sydney think-tank and supported by the Herald - also detected alarming levels of concern about the cost of living and a small uptick in Sydney in the next few years increased to 21 per cent from 18 per cent, with expense the dominant reason. Critics of the NSW government has any hope of tackling the housing crisis, a report says.

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However, the city trails its rivals in other areas particularly around housing affordability.

## HOW ALSO BUILT AN \$8.8M PROPERTY EMPIRE



## Metro boom key to solving housing crisis



## Report exposes Sydney's death of city transport hubs ideal for higher density

# BUILD MORE STATIONS TO GET HOUSING ON TRACK

**EXCLUSIVE**  
**Madeleine Bowler**

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High-density cities such as Paris and London were found to have the most stations within a 500m area around their central business districts. Sydney's 120 stations within a 500m area around its central business district is the lowest among the cities compared.

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## Dogs on trains, mangroves on the



## Sydney should act now to prevent young people, middle class from being priced out of housing, NSW treasurer says

## Sydney Summit as it happened: City's leaders, decision-makers present big ideas for future

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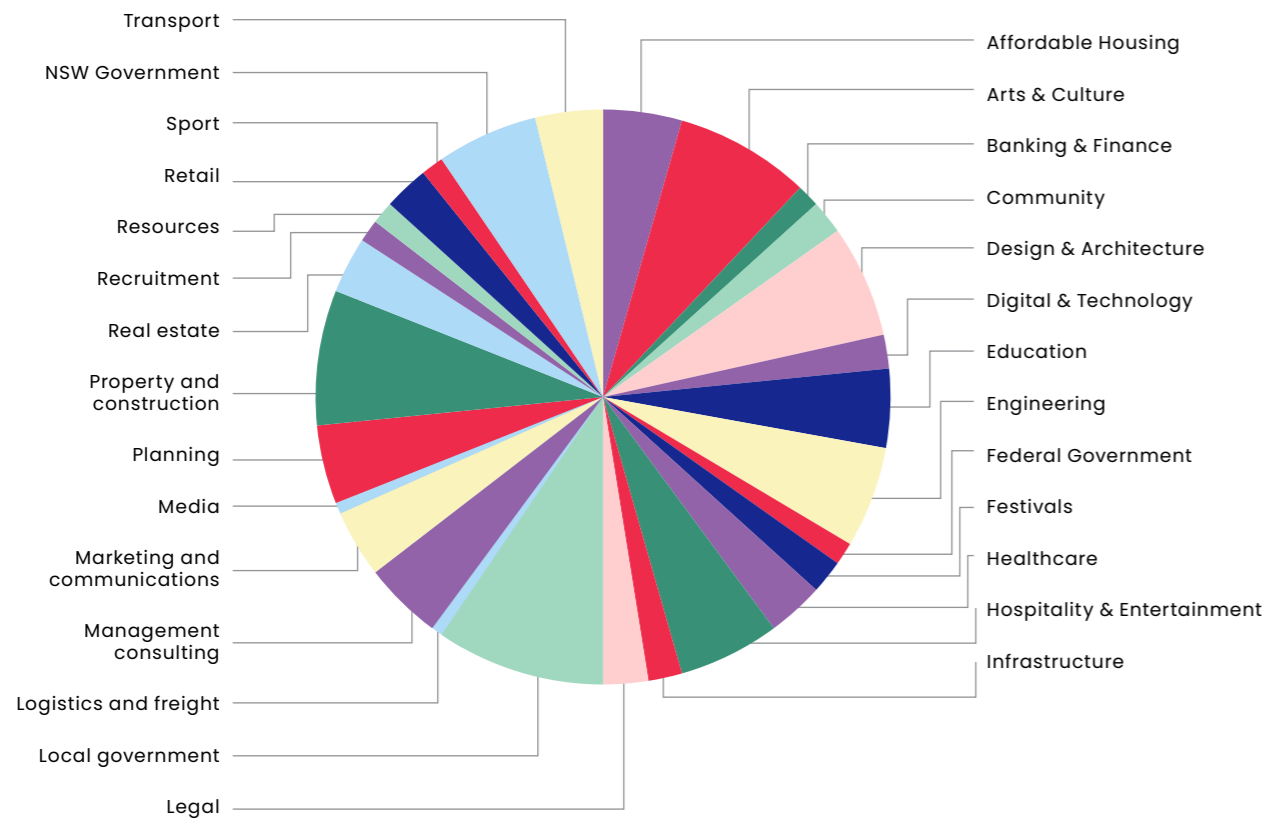
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## Members are essential to the Committee's output and impact.

We are funded by a group of Sydney's leading organisations spanning industry, government, education, and cultural institutions. Our differences are our strength, our passion for Sydney is our driving force.

We are proud to represent our more than 150 members and work with them to develop innovative ideas and solutions to make our city the best place in the world to live, work and play.

Overwhelmingly, their number one reason for supporting the Committee is to help shape the future of Sydney.

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Sydney Festival  
Sydney Fringe  
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Sydney Local Health District  
Sydney Opera House  
Sydney Symphony Orchestra  
Sydney Theatre Company

Sydney Water  
Sydney Writers' Festival  
Taronga Zoo  
The University of Sydney  
Toga Group  
Transdev Australasia  
Transport Asset Holding Entity (TAHE) NSW  
Transport for NSW  
Transurban  
Tribal Warrior  
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Urbis  
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