

We acknowledge the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation, the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet.

We pay our respect to elders past and present.



Submission: Pymont Peninsula Place Strategy
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To whom it may concern,

This Strategy, appears to be mainly aimed at rezoning large lots for commercial use, unfortunately as nearly all those lots are around the perimeter of the peninsula, Pymont will replicate the mistakes of Barangaroo and Darling Square of putting the largest buildings at the edge of the suburb, thus blocking out views and access to water and the large green spaces between peninsulas. There are also obvious equity issues in that the uplift in values will go solely to the larger lots, but the loss of amenity will be incurred most acutely by the smaller lots. This equity issue could be solved with imagination and will of course. However our issue here is schools

Schools are unaddressed, and notwithstanding the pandemic, schools in Ultimo provide a unique opportunity to address commuting and drop-offs in one-stop considering its closeness to Central Station. However as it stands the new Ultimo Primary School that is built for 800 has about 350 students at present, but with 80 kids now in kindergarten this means we could be looking at about 600 in about 7 years, and in about 10 years or sooner we could be full. Pymont used to have its own primary school, this was sold off in the 1990s as Planning didn't plan for more kids, only adults.

The Pymont Peninsula has no walkable high school, our catchment moves around, it was Leichhardt, now it's Balmain. The new Inner Sydney High School does not take in kids from Pymont/Ultimo though it is the only high school in walking distance. Blackwattle Bay takes in kids from years 11 to 12 and is close, in a great spot by the water and in easy walking distance. This should be replicated for years 7 to 10.

Prioritizing a great site for a new high school from years 7 to 10 would be a massive activator for the area, the existing fish markets site that sits directly opposite the year 11 and 12 campus would be perfect. Like the existing Blackwattle bay campus these grounds along the foreshore could be used by all on the weekends and late afternoons. We used to put our schools on the best sites, near parks and

foreshores, we should do it once more. The quality of schools does at least as much to attract employees and residents as A1 commercial or residential high rises do.

Obviously the Bank St. foreshores need to have an open space corridors of at least 30 metres (100 ft), again as they once were. This allows movement along, across and the ability to engage with the water, any smaller and we have the same issues we have with the foreshore, in front of refinery drive. Generous access to the water and green space there is what makes the Pyrmont peninsula special.

Yours Sincerely

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