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**Subject:** FW: Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy - DPIE - Crown Lands Submission

  
Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the draft Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy (the Strategy).

The Strategy encompasses Wentworth Park, a major Crown land holding reserved for public park, managed in part by both the City of Sydney and the Wentworth Park Sporting Complex Land Manager (WPSCLM). As noted in the Strategy parts of Wentworth Park are currently lease held under tenure for greyhound racing (WPSCLM managed) and a temporary pop up school (WPSCLM and CoS managed). These tenures expire in 2027 and 2023 respectively.

Crown Lands is supportive of investigating the return of these tenured areas to public open space for recreational and cultural use. Any decision regarding future use and allocation of the land will be subject to the administrative requirements of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* (CLM Act), Departmental processes and policies and the priorities of the (currently in draft) State Strategic Plan for Crown Lands and *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). Investigation of any future use or management of the land will be made with due regard against the Strategy and any other Governmental priorities.

Further, areas of Wentworth Park to the North and South of the Greyhound Racing complex and subject to part of the lease for the temporary pop up school are managed by the City of Sydney as Crown Land manager. City of Sydney, as Crown land manager, must manage the land as if it were 'community land' subject to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*, including the requirement to adopt a plan of management (PoM) for the land. As such the future strategic intention for the usage, development and embellishment of the site set out in the Strategy should be reflected in the PoM. There are legislated Ministerial consent and approval requirements under the CLM Act 2016 for certain functions regarding the adoption of any PoM and development and use of the land, which will be informed by the intent and broader outcomes of the Strategy.

Finally, as at 11 Sep 2020 Lot 679 DP729635 (south of the greyhound track) is subject to an undetermined Aboriginal Land Claim #23330, lodged 03-Dec-2009 by the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council. This claim will need to be resolved/determined before any change is made to the subject land. Any additional land claims from 11 Sep 2020 would also be a consideration in the future of the subject land.

Should you have any further queries, please contact myself or Daniel Summerhayes, Manager Strategic Projects – GSR via [daniel.summerhayes@crowland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:daniel.summerhayes@crowland.nsw.gov.au) or 0435 956 796.

Thanks again for the opportunity to comment.

Regards

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