

27 January 2022

Minister of Housing and Assistant Treasurer
The Treasury
Australian Government
Canberra, ACT 2600

Via: prebudgetsubs@treasury.gov.au

Re: Wentworth Point Residents Action Group (WPRAG) Federal Pre-Budget Submission 2022

WPRAG is a Residents Action Group for Wentworth Point. Wentworth Point is a suburb adjacent to Sydney Olympic Park along the Parramatta River in metropolitan Sydney. WPRAG is greatly appreciative of the opportunity to provide this submission.

WPRAG advocates on behalf of over 14,000 residents living in Wentworth Point. We are one of the highest density suburbs in Sydney with limited access to public transport and public amenities.

Recommendations:

1) Funding for City of Parramatta Council's Hill Road Masterplan

<https://participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/hillroadmasterplan>

The Hill Road Master Plan aims to increase pedestrian and vehicular safety, create a greener more shaded roadway, manage flooding and address drainage concerns. Hill Road is the only access road in and out of Wentworth Point, a suburb which also has limited public transport options. Buses form the main mode of public transport, but this comes with a number of pedestrian safety concerns. The Masterplan includes traffic lights at the dangerous intersection of Hill Rd and Bennelong Pkwy.

2) Funding for Peninsula Park

<https://www.landcom.com.au/places/wentworth-point-park/>

On behalf of the landowner, Transport for NSW (Roads and Maritime Services), Landcom will be delivering Wentworth Point Peninsula Park. It will create 3.9ha of public open space for Wentworth Point. This park was to open in 2017 but it is currently dormant.

3) Funding for Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2

<https://www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au/parramatta-olympic-park>

The NSW Government announced the preferred route for the second stage in October 2017, which will connect Stage 1 and Parramatta CBD to Ermington, Melrose Park, Wentworth Point and Sydney Olympic Park. It will have 10-12 stops over a 10-kilometre two-way track, with travel times of around 25 minutes from Sydney Olympic Park to Camellia, and a further eight minutes to Parramatta CBD. The second stage of the Parramatta Light Rail will connect to Sydney Metro West, heavy rail in Parramatta and Sydney Olympic Park, and ferry services at Rydalmere and Sydney Olympic Park.

4) Funding to return remainder of government land (adjacent to Peninsula Park) back to the community of Wentworth Point

<https://www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/vision/precinct-planning/wentworth-point>

Residents of Wentworth Point request State Government to return the parcel of land (on the eastern side of Peninsula Park) back to the community, which has been earmarked for more residential development. This is the last piece of government land for the suburb which is almost wholly community titled. There is currently no public park in the suburb of Wentworth Point.

5) Funding for upgrade of Haslams Creek Bridge to include shared path

Haslams Creek Bridge is a two lane road bridge which carries Bennelong Parkway linking Wentworth Point to Sydney Olympic Park. Currently, there is only one narrow footpath on the southern side of the bridge. The traffic lanes are too narrow so any cyclist and/or pedestrian on the northern side must cross to the southern side and then back again on the other side of the bridge. The road is in a 60 km/hr zone, situated at a bend and there are no crossing provisions on either end. Many of the users are children who frequent the parklands for recreational purposes.

Thank you for your consideration of these recommendations.

Yours Sincerely,



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