

# Precinct resolution

**TO:** Coogee Precinct  
**FROM:** Liam Stanley, Acting Manager Strategic Planning  
**DATE:** 19 March 2024 **FILE:** F2004/08046  
**SUBJECT:** Low- and Mid-rise Housing Reforms – response to Coogee Precinct resolution

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## Resolution:

*Resolution 01/24: That the Council submission emphasise that a) despite containing some of the most densely populated suburbs in Sydney, Randwick had met its housing targets and this should be recognised by the Government, and b) the importance of retaining the foreshore height limit of 12M be highlighted as it provides residents in thousands of flats (inc. many small rental flats) up to the Randwick Ridge to enjoy an ocean view.*

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## Council response:

I refer to the Precinct's resolution regarding the low- and mid-rise housing reforms proposed by the Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI). The resolution for the Precinct is noted and has been addressed as part of Council's submission to DPHI on the proposed reforms. The Precinct's engagement and discussion of this wide-reaching reform is noted.

Regarding Randwick City Council's existing density and achieving its 2021-2026 dwellings, Council's submission included the following responses:

*Medium density housing has always played a part in the development of and character in our LGA. In the Randwick LGA, 74.0% of the dwellings are medium or high density, compared to 46% in the Greater Sydney area.*

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*As proposed, the reforms undermine the significant work Randwick Council has undertaken to date with our community to achieve State government dwelling targets through appropriate built form outcomes in our local area.*

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*As demonstrated by Council's work in preparing Amendment 9 to the RLEP, Council has an existing framework and methodology for identifying areas of housing growth to meet dwelling targets. Importantly this includes extensive community consultation and strong placed based considerations that are missing from the reforms.*

Regarding the importance of the foreshore area and surrounds of Coogee, Council's submission recommends the following:

*Recommendation: No E1 zoned local centres are appropriate for intensification as outlined in the proposed low- and mid-rise reforms due to their narrow business offerings and/or based on sensitive environmental factors.*

The result of the above recommendation to exclude E1 zoned local centres is that the Coogee town centre (among numerous others within the Randwick LGA) would not be considered as a 'town centre' and therefore the proposed reforms would not be applicable to the surrounding residential areas.

The full submission can be obtained from Council's February business papers linked here: [https://randwick.infocouncil.biz/Open/2024/02/OC\\_27022024\\_AGN\\_3644\\_AT.PDF](https://randwick.infocouncil.biz/Open/2024/02/OC_27022024_AGN_3644_AT.PDF) (Page 50 onwards)

If the Precinct requires any further clarification on this matter, please feel free to contact myself, Liam Stanley (Acting Manager Strategic Planning) on 9093 6679.

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**ACTIONED TO:** Roman Wereszczynski, Manager Health Building and Regulatory Services

**RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 02/24

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## Resolution:

Resolution 02/24: That during times of high ocean temperature (23c+) Council monitor the northern end of Coogee beach where the stream/stormwater drain enters the ocean and investigate visual pollution events in an effort to identify such pollution and notify bathers accordingly.

## Council response:

Randwick Council acknowledges the importance of safeguarding the health and safety of beach users, particularly during periods of elevated ocean temperatures when pollution risks may be heightened.

Councils Beach Lifeguards undertake a formal risk assessment of each beach upon commencement each morning. This includes any relevant environmental conditions. With specific regards to Coogee this process includes a visual inspection of the storm water drain located at the northern end of the beach.

Our Lifeguards also undertake proactive patrols of the beach at regular intervals throughout the day. If any visual pollution is identified by Lifeguards evidence is gathered and it is immediately reported to the Lifeguard Supervisor who will liaise with the relevant Council officers accordingly

NSW Beachwatch also advise as a general precaution to avoid ocean beach swimming during and for 24 hours after heavy rain, they also provide daily beach pollution forecasts on their website which enable beach users to make informed decisions on when to swim at the beach. Randwick Council also has a smart sign indicating water suitability for swimmers.

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## Resolution:

Resolution 03/24: That the Precinct be updated on the status of the review being undertaken by Council and Sydney Water seeking a solution to the stormwater/sewerage pollution at Coogee.

## Council response:

I advise Randwick City Council and the NSW Government have been working together to improve the water quality at Coogee Beach since the establishment of the Coogee Beach Stormwater Quality Working Group in 2017. This collaborative effort brings together key stakeholders including representatives from Sydney Water, NSW Beachwatch, University of New South Wales, Council staff, Councillors, and the State Member for Coogee.

The NSW Government allocated \$2.5 million in 2019 to implement measures aimed at diverting stormwater away from Coogee Beach. Subsequently, in May 2022, Randwick Council, with support from the Department of Planning and Environment, engaged a consultant to explore and design a comprehensive solution for stormwater diversion.

While progress has been substantial, the final detailed design of the stormwater solution, initially scheduled for completion by April 2023, has encountered challenges due to cost estimations exceeding available grant funding. Currently, we are diligently exploring alternative funding avenues, considering potential staging strategies, and evaluating the long-term operational costs associated with the project.

A comprehensive implementation plan will be presented to Council for review and consideration. Additionally, the upcoming Coogee Beach Stormwater Quality Working Group meeting, scheduled later this year, will provide a platform to reveal proposals aimed at enhancing stormwater harvesting methods, furthering our collective efforts to safeguard the environment of Coogee Beach.

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