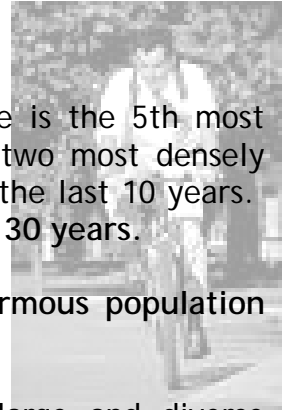


# White Bay - Our foreshore ... Our future

## HOW DO WE MAKE GOOD DECISIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY?

One of the best ways is to understand it:

- We are a high density inner-city residential environment. Our electorate is the 5th most densely populated of the 93 electorates in NSW, sandwiched between the two most densely populated electorates. Our neighbour, Sydney, grew by 50,000 people over the last 10 years. By 2020, the inner-city will have grown by 100,000 people over a period of 30 years.
- Infrastructure, amenity and services have not kept pace with these enormous population changes and will fall even further behind over the coming years.
- The Balmain Peninsula is a significant employment zone. We have a large and diverse business/commercial base which creates thousands of jobs.
- We live adjacent to one of the most concentrated traffic locations in the nation.
- We share our suburb with hundreds of thousands of visitors every year.



## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OR THE PAST?

Current masterplans are out-of-date and allow 24/7 operations and intensive industrial use of inner-city foreshores next to high density residential areas and on the doorstep of the CBD. These plans were drafted prior to our huge inner-city population changes.



We call upon Council and State Government to scrap the old plans and initiate a new planning approach for inner-city areas which places OUR priorities at its core. We need planning guidelines that assist decision-makers to resolve problems NOT create them!

For too long, planning had little regard for our local community and our environment. Noise, sleep disruption, air pollution, harbour contamination, health problems, increased traffic, 24/7 operations, exclusion of public access to the foreshores and visual degradation were ALL unquestioned. Many of these problems would be greater today, given our population increases.

History shows that inner-city communities made a great contribution to the NSW economy, yet they were rewarded by poor living standards - often referred to as slums. Planning was so oblivious to our community that we ended up with two power stations in our suburb!

How many communities today face the extent and scale of development proposals as our community does? White Bay and Rozelle Bay, the M4 East, Tigers, Multiplex and the Iron Cove Bridge. All of these developments concentrate activity on our high density inner-city area. The impacts of every one of these are much greater than just 9.00-5.00.

Current proposals at White Bay would see up to 2,000 new jobs - levels never seen before - squeezed into our area. The impacts on traffic congestion, noise and amenity will be enormous.

Why aren't there any major proposals for community amenity, transport and infrastructure?

## WHAT IS THE BEST USE OF OUR HARBOUR FORESHORES?

Why does a development like the large dry boat storage sheds and multi-storey car park take precedence at Rozelle Bay? This proposal is a shameful waste of precious inner-city harbour foreshores. How can you justify thousands of cars wasting inner-city foreshores, only to be transported through inner-city roads adding increased traffic, pollution and heavy vehicle movements?

The need for industry on Sydney Harbour has largely ceased and has moved to purpose built locations. Sydney Harbour foreshores have been opened up, allowing public access, broader and shared use. This transformation has given our harbour and city international recognition. It has brought tremendous economic benefits to NSW - creating thousands of jobs across all industries and billions in revenue. Beautification and public use of our harbour benefit our economy!

## POLLUTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS WILL INCREASE

Air pollution, soil contamination and harbour pollution in the inner-city are very serious issues. Pollution of our waterways has resulted in huge remediation costs on the public, health problems and loss of livelihood.

Sydney Ports Annual Report shows escalating noise complaint rates at White Bay which are 65 times higher than for Port Botany and 16 times higher than East Darling Harbour. Yet, Sydney Ports and SHFA carry on regardless, inviting IC&L, Baileys and other maritime/industrial proposals to White Bay.

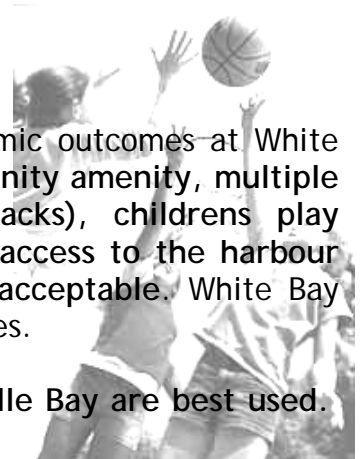
Baileys Marine plan to set up industrial and refueling activities at White Bay Wharf 6 - a beautiful location on the inner harbour. Just imagine if they wanted a similar spot on the Swan River next to Perth CBD, the Brisbane River, or the Yarra. What would these State Governments say? Other capital cities are creating essential community 'living space' along their inner-city waterfronts.

We need more green areas in the inner-city. We must reduce pollution and traffic. We must protect our harbour and our local environment.

## WHITE BAY ... IT'S PUBLIC LAND ... IT'S OUR CHOICE.

Our community wants the best balance of social, environmental and economic outcomes at White Bay, including: parkland and open space, recreational, sporting and community amenity, multiple transport options (ferry, buses, light rail, bike tracks & walking tracks), childrens play areas/facilities, café, using the power station for wider benefit. Public access to the harbour foreshores is essential and 24/7 industrial/commercial operations are unacceptable. White Bay could become a place for exercise and health benefit for inner-city communities.

Inner-city communities have the right to contest how White Bay and Rozelle Bay are best used. Community outcomes benefit everyone, not just specific interests.



White Bay ... A place for community