

# Draft Eastern District Plan

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Submission content: It is disappointing to see that the Greater Sydney Commission has rehashed the 1940s Cumberland Plan for motorways. This is despite the evidence that gridlock is the only possible result of building more streets. Further Sydney siders are turning to Public Transport to get to work, friends, relatives and entertainment. The social, environmental and economic costs of building a metropolis around the private motor vehicle make this plan irresponsible. The plan should include consideration of: 1. The transition to distributed energy generation and supply in particular in relation to private local photovoltaic solar energy generation and the necessary infrastructure to for example support urban community solar farms. 2. Improving the amenity for passengers at bus stops by providing better pedestrian access, reducing air and noise pollution, providing shade from sun, shelter from rain and information such as bus routes and timetables both digitally and at the bus stop. 3. Reducing noise pollution from aircraft and motor vehicles on homes, schools, restaurants, cafes and public open spaces including footpaths. 4. The expansion and provision of frequent rail services and inter-region high speed rail services. 5. On Pg 13 - with regard to schools and childcare - these need to be accessible by good pedestrian, cycling and public transport infrastructure. 6. Either define an additional glossary or use the Greater

Sydney Commission's glossary to define Public/Open/Green spaces and Public/Mass/Active Transport. 7. Transition to electric buses - including the necessary infrastructure for recharging. 8. Public Transport and night time pedestrian amenity play a vital role in the night time economy to enable workers and patrons to get to and from venues. 9. With regard to the cruise terminals, particularly the one at White Bay, shore power is required 10. Improving Pedestrian Safety and Amenity including shelter, shade, rest places, reducing motor vehicle noise and cooling streets needs to be a priority 11. We need to build liveable walkable Neighbourhood with vegetation to keep them cool and storm water infrastructure that recognises rain water as a vital resource for replenishing soil moisture to enable trees and other vegetation to survive. 12. We need to protect a diversity of industries and employment spaces where embryonic businesses can thrive and become sustainable small businesses. 13. We need to conserve our remnant bushland and re-introduce Local Provenance Biodiversity into street scapes and our parks to survive the changing climate 14. We need a diversity of quality liveable housing stock with high energy and water efficiency with walking access to public transport to enable residents to travel across the city for employment, entertainment, social interaction, medical services and education.