

Rozelle Interchange Urban Design and Landscape Plan: Community consultation feedback and response overview

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About the Urban Design and Landscape Plan (UDLP)

We are pleased to advise that the UDLP has now been approved by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE). The UDLP describes how open space will be utilised as part of the Rozelle Interchange project.

In August 2020 we asked for your feedback on the draft UDLP as part of the Planning Minister's Conditions of Approval for the project.

Thank you for taking the time to send us your input. All of your responses have received careful consideration and review. Here is an overview of the UDLP, a summary of your submissions and next steps.

The UDLP covers the former Rozelle Railyards as well as Iron Cove. It contains the following elements:

- objectives of the plan
- urban design concept
- pedestrian and cyclist access, lighting and wayfinding
- landscape design
- tunnel services buildings
- public realm elements
- tunnel entry and exits, bridges and retaining walls
- heritage.

One of the key features was an overview of our proposed design for Rozelle Parklands. This area is currently the major construction site for the project. The parklands will be up to 10 hectares and become an enduring legacy in the heart of the Inner West.

The UDLP design was developed by experts in the field of architecture, urban design and landscape.

An independent Design Review Panel (DRP) led by a Government Architect NSW and consisting of experts in architecture, urban design, landscape, Aboriginal cultural heritage, and non-Aboriginal heritage, reviewed and endorsed the UDLP in its initial form. They also endorsed the changes summarised in this guide that were inspired by your feedback.

The consultation process and your feedback

The UDLP was on display for feedback and comments for 28 days. We received more than 700 submissions. All of these have been carefully read and considered.

The UDLP community guide was sent to 8,000 residents. We had more than 9,500 visits to our interactive web portal.

Thank you for your interest and participation.

Around half of the comments we received were outside of the scope of the UDLP. We have referred these to either the Rozelle Parklands Working Group or to the wider Transport for NSW where possible (see details on page 7).

Some items were already finalised as part of our Environmental Impact Statement or other approvals and therefore could not be considered again. These included the height and location of ventilation outlets, filtration of the ventilation outlets, and tunnel locations.

UDLP at a glance - Rozelle Railyards



Figure 1: Rozelle -Landscape Concept Masterplan

UDLP at a glance - Iron Cove Link



Figure 2: Iron Cove Link - Landscape Concept Master Plan

Consultation summary

In scope

Key areas of feedback:

- ventilation outlet – architectural design of the outlet at Iron Cove Link
- shared user path details
- additional or different flora
- additional heritage
- pedestrian and cyclist connectivity

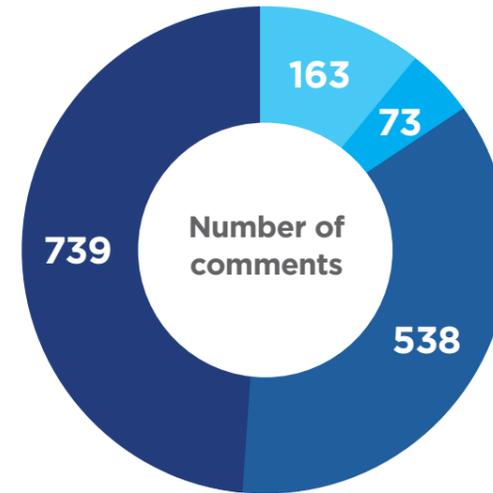


Figure 3: UDLP community consultation statistics

Out of scope

Items for consideration by Rozelle Parklands Working Group

- types of sport/recreational use/other usage
- lighting
- parking
- public art/naming of parklands
- additional structures
- heritage considerations

Items for consideration by wider TfNSW

- road alignment changes
- additional bus stops
- changes to Easton Park

Items already reviewed - not for consideration

- change shape or remove ventilation outlets
- filtration of ventilation outlets
- operational noise mitigations
- future White Bay light rail link

In scope - key areas of feedback

1. Architectural design of the ventilation outlets at the Railyards and Iron Cove Link

A significant number of community comments requested design changes to the ventilation outlets at both Rozelle Parklands and Iron Cove Link. Some suggestions included cladding the outlets in sandstone or incorporating a mural to represent the Aboriginal heritage of the area.

In relation to the Rozelle Parklands ventilation facilities, the UDLP design is a significant improvement to the initial design proposed in the Environment Impact Statement (EIS) submitted in 2017. We have been able to move ventilation supporting structures underground to free up a significant new area of green space above ground.

The design of the ventilation facilities was undertaken by our expert designers and endorsed by the DRP. It is not proposed to change the design of the Rozelle Parklands ventilation outlets.



Figure 4-5: EIS Design compared with UDLP

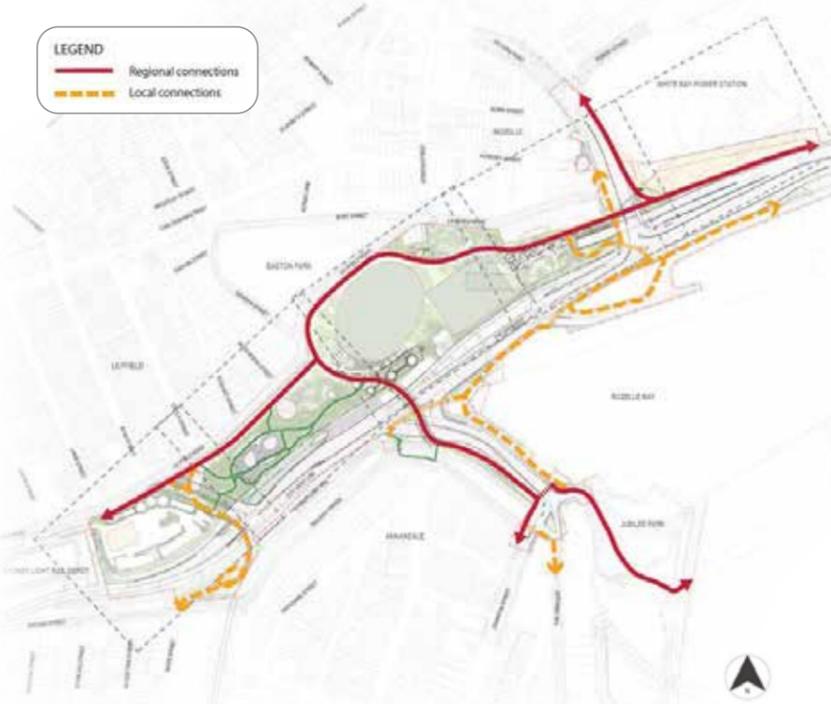


Figure 6: Cycling and pedestrian paths map



Figures 7-10: Artist's impressions of cycling and pedestrian paths

Comments were also received regarding the design of the Iron Cove Link ventilation facilities. We have commissioned a redesign of the ventilation which reduces the width of the steel walkway outlet which streamlines the design. The new design has been reviewed and endorsed by the DRP.

2. Shared user paths

Prior to the exhibition of the UDLP the project consulted with bicycle groups and other users regarding shared user paths. A number of submissions suggested that pedestrian and cyclist paths be separated by a physical structure. The shared user path is proposed to be a five metre wide path through the parkland with line-marking for improved safety and usability. The illustration from the UDLP in Figure 6 (left) did not include the proposed line-marking.

This is being addressed by the Rozelle Parklands Working Group for further consideration.

3. Other suggestions

We received significant feedback regarding landscaping and other facilities in the parklands. The following are examples of suggestions which have been addressed in the plan:

- tree species will be changed and placement adjusted in a detailed design to avoid overshadowing, along with early establishment of trees
- green areas will be graded to tie in with existing property levels
- a working group for the bridge to Brenan Street has been created to collaboratively decide the tree species and other bridge considerations selected in the detailed design
- interpretive and educational signage will be used throughout the parklands
- there will be pet-friendly drinking fountains
- additional undercover cycle racks will be provided
- plant species will be chosen to reduce potential mosquito populations

Out of scope - items for Rozelle Parklands Working Group

1. Comments regarding the "end use" of the park

A number of submissions were made about topics that were not part of the UDLP but will be considered by the newly-formed Rozelle Parklands Working Group (RPWG). This group includes local community members, representatives from the DPIE, Office of Sport, Inner West Council and TfNSW.

The RPWG will determine the future use of the Rozelle Parklands. The group will ensure your new parkland best meets the needs of your community and consists of the following sub-groups:

- sport and amenities
- parking and access
- passive recreation and amenities
- art culture and heritage

Details of RPWG members
nswroads.work/rozelleparklandswg



Figures 11-14 Artist's impressions of the future use of the Rozelle Parklands

Out of scope - items for wider TfNSW consideration

We have also identified a number of other ideas that are out of scope of both the UDLP and the Rozelle Parklands Working Group. These will be directed to the relevant areas for consideration. Here are some examples:

| Topic | Response |
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| Road alignment changes | Referred to wider TfNSW |
| Additional bus stops | Referred to wider TfNSW |
| Pedestrian connection across Lilyfield Road between Easton Park and Rozelle Parklands | Referred to Inner West Council |
| Stairs on the western side of the new Victoria Road Bridge | Referred to wider TfNSW |

Out of scope - items already approved prior to UDLP

1. Ventilation filtration

Requests that ventilation facilities be filtered were also received but as stated by the NSW Government's Advisory Committee on Tunnel Air Quality, filtering the outlets provides little, if any, benefit to surrounding communities.

There are a number of air quality requirements including performance outcomes and mitigation measures which will be implemented to minimise the emission of dust and air pollution. This includes in-tunnel and ambient air quality monitoring during the operation of the tunnels with a reporting system approved by the Secretary with hourly updated real time monitoring data provided on a website to the local community. In the case where there are any recordings above the allowable air quality limits, the Secretary, EPA and the Ministry of Health will be notified and ensure mitigation measures are employed.

Videos and factsheets, including a section on filtration, are available on the Transport for NSW Air Quality portal nswroads.work/airquality

2. White Bay Light Rail link

The suggestion of a White Bay Light Rail connection on the land bridge was raised in a number of submissions. This was addressed during the *Community guide to The Crescent overpass and active transport links Modification - Design Amendment Report* and was considered not feasible due to key constraints including bridge capacity, safety in design and interfaces with Rozelle Bay stop and parkland.



Figure 15: Land Bridge light rail connection

What's next

- A submissions report including the revised UDLP was provided to DPIE for their review. The submissions report outlines every comment submitted along with a detailed response. Approval was given on 21 May 2021.
- The RPWG began formally meeting in February with the intention of providing a final recommendation to the Minister for Transport by mid 2021. This will shape the future usage of the Parklands and feed into the detailed design.

Key

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| The Project | Rozelle Interchange Project |
| UDLP | Urban Design and Landscape Plan |
| DRP | Design Review Panel |
| EIS | Environment Impact Statement |
| DPIE | Department of Planning, Industry and Environment |
| ICL | Iron Cove Link |
| RPWG | Rozelle Parklands Working Group |
| REF | Review of Environmental Factors |

More information

For more information on the Rozelle Interchange project, please visit the Rozelle Interchange interactive map at rozelleinterchange.com.au To see the UDLP visit rozelleinterchange.com.au/UDLP

You can also call **1800 660 248** (toll free) and ask to speak to a member of the Rozelle Interchange project team or email us at info@rozelleinterchange.com.au

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