



NOTES ON MAINTAINING MOSMAN'S SCENIC PROTECTION AREA

The Mosman Parks & Bushland Association has been working to protect the natural qualities of Mosman since 1964.

We are now supporting Mosman Council's efforts to achieve protection for the scenic areas of Mosman which adjoin Sydney Harbour.

The value of Sydney Harbour to current and future generations is too great to be sacrificed for the sake of expediency in the development approval process.

- The importance and scenic value of Sydney Harbour, its iconic headlands and foreshores, have been recognised in planning since 1947. Scenic protection zones have been proposed and applied since the late 1960s.
- Given the rewards of harbourside locations to developers, development controls and clear guidelines are essential.
- Other Local Government Areas eg Manly, Randwick and Hurstville have scenic protection areas adjoining waterways which require consideration of the scenic quality when DAs are being determined. The Code SEPP does not apply to the scenic protection areas of these LGAs. Why is it proposed that the current exemption applying to the Mosman Scenic Protection Area be removed when Mosman's location on Sydney Harbour make scenic protection even more important?
- NSW Planning & Environment Planning Circular PS 18-001 issued 16 January 2018 "Stepping up planning and designing for better places: respecting and enhancing local character". The foreshore slopes are part of Mosman's local character and are valued by the community. They are of even greater importance as part of the character of Sydney Harbour and of value to a much wider community – a NSW, Australian and international (tourist) community.

ACTION: Request an extension of the 30th November 2018 expiry date for Mosman's exclusion from the NSW Housing Code until a satisfactory method of protecting the Scenic Protection zone of Mosman can be agreed.

ACTION: Request that the Code SEPP be immediately amended to remove clause 1.19(3)(a) so that Mosman Scenic Protection Area identified in the Mosman LEP 2012 will continue to be exempted from the application of the SEPP.

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