

Community guide to Urban Design and Landscape Plan

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Figure 1: Artist Impression of Rozelle Rail Yards

Our objective for the Rozelle Interchange Project is to restore a vibrant and healthy landscape throughout Rozelle and create a destination city park for all the community to enjoy. The Project will enhance the Victoria Road corridor at Iron Cove and make a significant contribution to the liveability and greening of this part of The Bays Precinct.

In line with the Minister's Conditions of Approval we have prepared a draft Urban Design Landscape Plan (UDLP) and would like your help in shaping certain aspects of the future Rozelle Parklands. The UDLP forms part of the Minister's Conditions of Approval for the Project, and outlines the objectives and proposed design of landscaped open space and amenities to be delivered.

Built on the former rail yards, the Rozelle Parklands will return former industrial land to the community for public use, creating an enduring legacy.

The Victoria Road corridor at Iron Cove will be enhanced with a series of small landscaped areas for path users and nearby residents. Pedestrian paths and cycleways in and around Iron Cove, Rozelle and the Inner West of Sydney will be enhanced through new and revitalised active transport links.

This draft UDLP will be on display for public exhibition for 21 days. You can find out more and make submissions on the UDLP by accessing the UDLP Virtual Information Centre at: <https://rozelleinterchange.com.au/UDLP>

UDLP highlights

The UDLP covers a wide range of urban design and landscaping elements and is divided into a number of chapters. Each of these chapters are available online.



Objectives of the plan

An understanding of the Project's historical and physical context is provided. This underpins the urban design principles and objectives.



Urban design concept

This section explores key design themes and the development of guiding urban design strategies for the UDLP.



Pedestrian and cyclist access and lighting and wayfinding

Development included a safety audit of existing and proposed pedestrian and cycling facilities as well as signage, lighting and wayfinding measures.



Landscaping design

Building on broader urban design objectives, principles and strategies, the Project has developed a landscape concept that is sensitive to local history and sound ecological principles.



Tunnel services buildings

This section describes our design approach to operational buildings and facilities at Rozelle and Iron Cove.



Public realm elements

Describes our approach to public furniture, including outdoor gyms and playgrounds.



Tunnel entries and exits, bridges and retaining walls

Provides an overview of the Project's design philosophy and concepts for the tunnel entries and exit, tunnels, bridges and retaining walls.



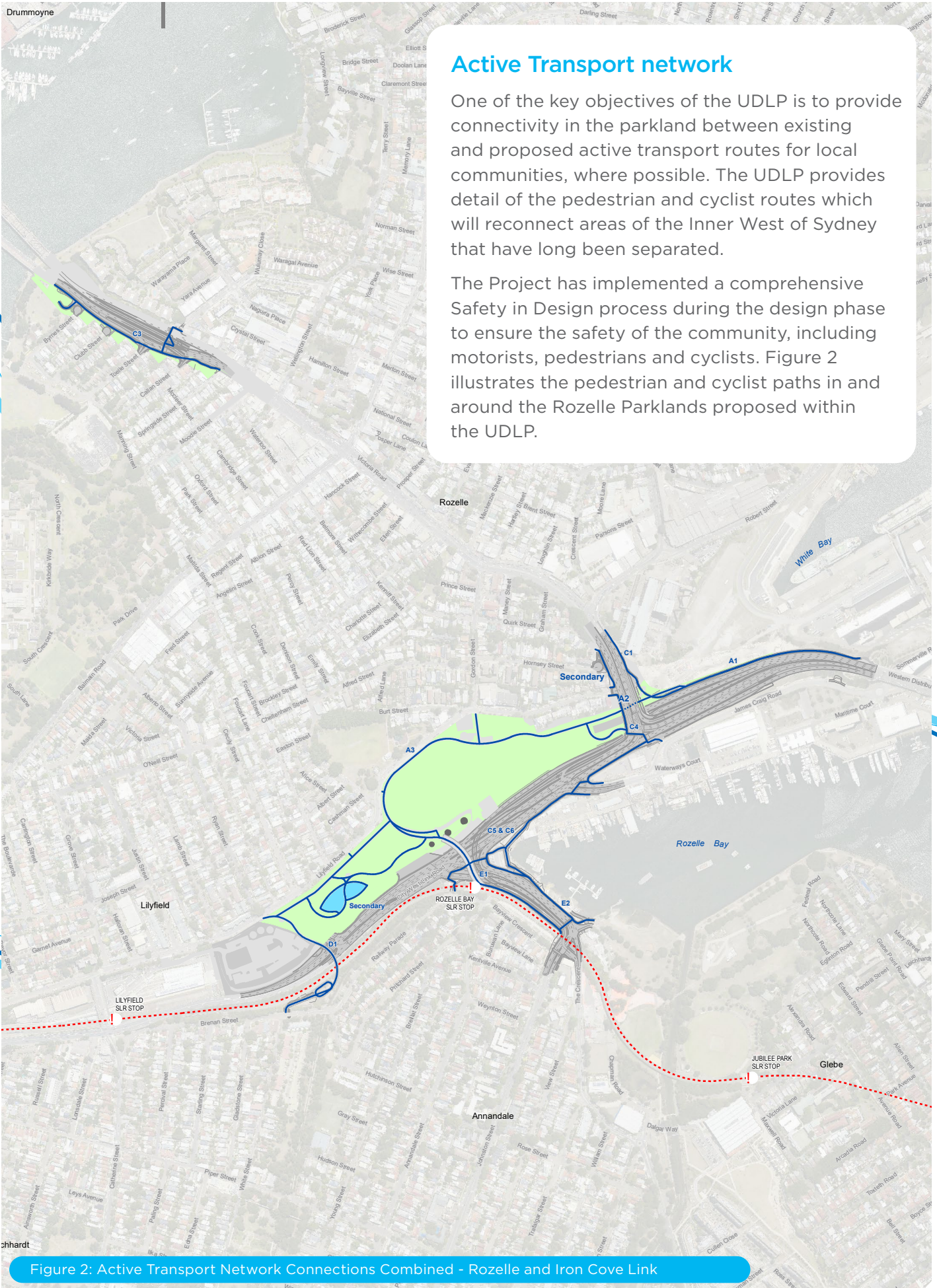
Heritage

Includes information on the location of existing heritage items and the design intent and reuse of items throughout the Project.

Key urban design features of the Rozelle Interchange

- A vibrant, new public park within the former Rozelle Rail Yards site.
- Most substations and ventilation systems will be located in tunnel caverns below ground to reduce the physical footprint at the surface and increase the available coverage for the parklands.
- New and improved pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure including a number of new bridges.

- Landscaped verges and large tree planting along the southern side of Victoria Road at the Iron Cove Link.
- Drainage infrastructure to collect stormwater and groundwater for treatment at dedicated facilities, including a new wetland within the Rozelle Parklands.
- Two new ventilation facilities, one at Rozelle and one at Iron Cove Link.
- Dive structures and tunnel portals at City West Link and Iron Cove Link.



Active Transport network

One of the key objectives of the UDLP is to provide connectivity in the parkland between existing and proposed active transport routes for local communities, where possible. The UDLP provides detail of the pedestrian and cyclist routes which will reconnect areas of the Inner West of Sydney that have long been separated.

The Project has implemented a comprehensive Safety in Design process during the design phase to ensure the safety of the community, including motorists, pedestrians and cyclists. Figure 2 illustrates the pedestrian and cyclist paths in and around the Rozelle Parklands proposed within the UDLP.

Figure 2: Active Transport Network Connections Combined - Rozelle and Iron Cove Link

PARKLAND FOREST

Focused primarily on landscape restoration within a passive parkland setting, this precinct will draw on the character of former vegetation to create an urban forest that supports diverse activities. This includes barbecue areas, picnic areas and playgrounds.

The constructed wetlands will be a focal point in this precinct, located near the 1788 foreshore line.

VILLAGE GREEN

As the heart of the Rozelle Rail Yards Park, this precinct will extend the existing recreation and Village Green character across from Easton Park.

This precinct will combine active recreation in the form of organised sports and play opportunities, also allowing for temporary uses such as community-based events and/ or market gardens in the future.

RAIL PARK

Reflecting on the legacy of former rail yards, this precinct will have a strong post-industrial feel that will tie the parkland to the natural and cultural history of the area.



Figure 3: Artist Impression of Rozelle Parklands

Rozelle parkland elements

The adjacent plan outlines the major parkland elements that will be delivered by the Project to provide a diverse park that will benefit generations to come.

1 ROZELLE WEST MOTORWAY OPERATIONS COMPLEX
This facility will comprise the majority of the motorway operations facilities for the Rozelle Interchange.

2 OUTDOOR MEETING PLACE

An outdoor meeting place will be provided in the parkland forest near Lilyfield Road as an opportunity for local community gatherings or an outdoor classroom.

3 DISCOVERY BUSH TRAIL

Meandering paths through the parkland forest will provide a range of different native landscape experiences.

4 CONSTRUCTED WETLANDS AND BOARDWALK

The wetlands will be the focal point of the parkland forest, connected by boardwalks and parkland paths.

5 NATURE PLAY AREA

A nature focused play area will be built as described further in Section 10 of the UDLP.

6 FITNESS STATIONS AND FITNESS TRAIL

A number of fitness stations will be located along a fitness trail to promote active, healthy lifestyles. Further details are provided in Section 10 of the UDLP.

7 BARBECUE GROUNDS

Barbecue facilities will be provided close to the nature play area.

8 LANDSCAPE TERRACES

A series of landscape terraces will provide spectating opportunities across the Village Green and seamlessly connect the parkland located above the building structures.

9 THE VILLAGE GREEN, ACTIVE SPORTS AND RECREATION AREAS

At the centre of the park, the open fields provide opportunity for active recreation and facilitate opportunities for large outdoor community events.

10 INFANT PLAY AREA

A play area for infants will be built as described further in Section 10 of the UDLP.

11 RETAINED HERITAGE TERRACES ON LILYFIELD ROAD

The two heritage listed terraces (78-84 Lilyfield Road) have been retained and will be safeguarded for potential re-use in the future.

12 PARKLAND AMENITIES BUILDING

The amenities building has been strategically located to service the entire park, and provide convenience for active recreation and infants play.

13 RAIL PARK

The rail park is located at the same location as the former rail yards and will comprise of passive seating and gathering opportunities.

14 FREE UN-PROGRAMMED SPACE

'Free space' provides flexibility and opportunity for a broad range of activities.

15 VICTORIA ROAD PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST UNDERPASS

A new 15 metre wide pedestrian and cyclist underpass will enable east-west connectivity to ANZAC Bridge and the future White Bay precinct.

Artist Impression of Iron Cove ventilation facility



16 IRON COVE LINK MAINTENANCE BUILDING

17 IRON COVE LINK VENTILATION FACILITY

RESIDUAL LAND SUBJECT TO RESIDUAL LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN



Figure 4: Artist Impression of Iron Cove Green Link

Iron Cove Green Link

As part of the Iron Cove Link, the Project will establish a 'Green Link' along the southern verge that will create an attractive, well-landscaped boulevard to provide much needed amenity for all users.

The existing shared path under the Iron Cove Bridge will be upgraded and reconnected to the existing foreshore parklands including the Bay Run.

The signalled crossing will be reinstated at Toelle and Terry streets maintaining the key north-south connection between the communities of Rozelle and Balmain. Pedestrians and cyclists will be able to cross within a wide, landscaped median situated above the cut and cover structure.

UDLP Development

Below is a brief look at what has gone into the UDLP development to date and what happens next.

2017 EIS on public display

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was on public exhibition in 2017. High level urban design concepts were proposed and feedback in the form of over 7000 submissions was considered and informed the final approved EIS.

2018 UDRP

The Urban Design Review Panel (UDRP) was engaged in accordance with the Minister for Planning's Conditions of Approval to advise on the development of the UDLP. The UDRP is chaired by the NSW Government Architect and is comprised of a suitably qualified, experienced and independent professional in each of the following fields:

- Aboriginal cultural heritage and non-Aboriginal heritage
- Architecture
- Landscape design
- Urban design.

2018 - 2020 Representative consultation

The Project consulted with local interest groups and stakeholders on key design elements of the Project including but not limited to:

- Bicycle NSW
- City of Sydney
- Councillor Darcy Byrne
- Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE)
- Environmental Protection Authority
- Indigenous Groups
- Infrastructure NSW
- Inner West Council
- Local community groups (Community Reference Group, WestProtects)
- Member for Balmain Jamie Parker
- The NSW Government Architects
- Urban Growth NSW.

2019 JHCPB engage specialists

HASELL, Willow + Studio
Colin Polwarth and Studio
Chris Fox have been engaged to develop the UDLP with the Project team.

We are here!

2020 Public Display Period

The UDLP is on display for a period of 21 days in mid-2020. During this time, you have the opportunity to make a submission in response to the UDLP. Submissions will be collated and will be taken into consideration as the design is finalised.

What parts of the UDLP are open for community feedback?

Many aspects of the UDLP form an integral part of the infrastructure of the Rozelle Interchange Project. Some urban design aspects of the Project were approved under the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and will be provided in the UDLP for your information. These include the location of buildings and other infrastructure such as bridges.

Areas where you will have an opportunity to provide feedback include:

- landscape design
- species selection
- public furniture (e.g. playground equipment and fitness stations)
- materials and finishes
- lighting and wayfinding.

Other elements of the Project that are not subject to the UDLP include:

- residual land
- public art
- the use of the Rozelle Parklands after the Project has been completed
- the location of structures such as bridges, buildings and tunnels.

Have your say

Feedback on the UDLP is welcomed and will be reviewed as part of the design process. Feedback received will also be provided to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) in line with the Minister's Conditions of Approval.

You can find the submissions form in the Virtual Information Centre.

Virtual information sessions

Join the Rozelle Interchange Team for an online information session. Please check the session times at the UDLP Virtual Information Centre. The sessions will be recorded and made available after the session at the same location.

Further information

For further information and to explore the UDLP in its entirety please visit the Virtual Information Centre at <https://rozelleinterchange.com.au/UDLP> or scan the QR code with a mobile device.

For general questions about the Project and construction activities please contact the Community team:

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