



THE LORD MAYOR OF SYDNEY
CLOVER MOORE

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Sustainable Sydney 2050: Lord Mayor Clover Moore calls for a longer term plan for Sydney

Lord Mayor Clover Moore has called for work to begin on Sustainable Sydney 2050. The long-term plan will build on the widely supported Sustainable Sydney 2030, developed in 2007 after the largest-ever community consultation in the City's history – involving tens of thousands of residents and businesses, government and statutory authorities, visitors, and institutions.

In a Lord Mayoral Minute unanimously endorsed by Council tonight, Lord Mayor Clover Moore asked the CEO to begin work developing Sustainable Sydney 2050.

“When I became Lord Mayor in 2004, the City we inherited was very different to the City of today – this hasn't happened by accident,” the Lord Mayor said.

“Sustainable Sydney 2030 has helped us deliver unprecedented achievements for our community and been used by other cities as the inspiration in developing their own plans.

“Our long term planning, our accountability, transparency and progressive policies, and the fact that we are corruption free and take action on commitments has contributed to our remarkable track record, reputation and international profile.

“We have delivered debt-free budgets, invested in property and responsibly managed our finances so we can fund new infrastructure and services – completing over 250 projects including parks, playgrounds, childcare centres, pools, libraries, theatres, and community and cultural spaces since 2004.

“We've reduced emissions in our own operations by 25 per cent and been carbon neutral since 2007. Across our local government area, we've helped drive emissions down by 20 per cent at a time of unprecedented economic growth.

“Since 2004, the City economy grew by \$64 billion and our economy now totals around \$125 billion. It's 22 per cent of the NSW economy and along with other major capital cities contributes more than 10 per cent of Australia's current economic growth – overtaking the mining sector as the driver of Australia's economy.

“Our work at the City has contributed to this phenomenal growth which has made our area Australia's epicentre of jobs and job growth - in the ten years to 2017, job numbers grew by 110,000 to 498,000, or almost 30 per cent.”

The Minutes notes that late last year, the City's financial records and plans were reviewed by the State Government audit office and presented to State Parliament for the first time. The Auditor General reported that “*the transformation of the City over the past decade has been remarkable and an achievement to be proud of.*”

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“A decade has now passed since our strategic plan was first developed and in that time the effects of urbanisation, globalisation and climate change are increasingly challenging cities around the world, including Sydney, in more urgent ways,” the Lord Mayor said.

“And while Sustainable Sydney 2030 provides us with the strategies needed to deal with most of these challenges – I believe it is time we look beyond 2030.

“We need to consider the kind of city people will inherit in 10, 20 and even 30 years’ time - answers to that question must be informed by the aspirations of our community, relevant and up to date research and collaboration with business and other levels of government.

“It’s what we did in developing Sustainable Sydney 2030 and the results show what can be achieved with good governance, long term vision and sustained, ethical leadership.”

Download Lord Mayor’s Minute here:

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