

<b>ITEM 11.3</b>	<b>PITTWATER WATERWAY STRATEGY 2038 (DRAFT)</b>
<b>REPORTING MANAGER</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE MANAGER STRATEGIC AND PLACE PLANNING</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2018/526867</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>1 <a href="#">Pittwater Waterway Strategy 2038 (Draft) (Included In Attachment Booklet 6)</a></b>

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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### PURPOSE

To seek Council's endorsement to place the Pittwater Waterway Strategy 2038 (Draft) (Attachment 1) on public exhibition for a period of eight weeks.

### SUMMARY

At its meeting of 5 August 2013, the former Pittwater Council resolved, "*That Council undertake a strategic review of the land use planning provisions relating to the Pittwater waterway, commencing in July 2015*". Council commenced the Pittwater Waterway Review in July 2015 in partnership with Transport for NSW.

The Review is made up of two distinct stages:

Stage 1 – Pittwater Waterway Discussion Paper. The Discussion Paper provided an overview of key issues impacting the Pittwater waterway, with suggested strategies moving forward. The Paper was exhibited for 6 weeks from 1 April to 14 May 2017. Feedback received was reported to Council on 27 June 2017.

Stage 2 – Pittwater Waterway Strategy 2038 (Draft) (the Strategy). The Strategy (Attachment 1) sets the strategic framework for future planning to guide direction, decisions and actions associated with the Pittwater waterway. The future of Pittwater waterway is captured by the community vision, "*A place of natural wonder and beauty. It will be a place that balances the majesty of nature with vibrant and diverse activity. A place for all to enjoy*".

The vision will be realised through focusing on clear strategy objectives under each of the following themes:

- The economics of the waterway
- Natural environment
- Natural reserves and recreation
- Development of the waterway
- Activating the waterway
- Waterway regulation.

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### RECOMMENDATION OF GENERAL MANAGER PLANNING PLACE AND COMMUNITY

That Council endorses the Pittwater Waterway Strategy 2038 (Draft) to be placed on public exhibition for a period of eight weeks.

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## REPORT

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### BACKGROUND

At its meeting of 5 August 2013, the former Pittwater Council resolved “*That Council undertake a strategic review of the land use planning provisions relating to the Pittwater waterway, commencing in July 2015*”.

The project was identified and established during the preparation of the Pittwater Standard Instrument Local Environment Plan (LEP). During the preparation of that new LEP a number of submissions were received regarding issues and challenges on the waterway. As a consequence of the scale of interest, the former Council resolved to undertake the review.

Council commenced the Pittwater Waterway Review in July 2015 in partnership with Transport for NSW. A Demographic & Economic Study was commissioned and extensive stakeholder and community consultation was undertaken in 2015 and 2016. Council directly engaged with State Government agencies and Departments, key stakeholders and the wider community through workshops and surveys.

It was clear from this conversation that the Pittwater waterway is an important natural asset that is highly valued and faces increasing demand pressures.

In response, Council developed The Pittwater Waterway Review Stage 1 - Discussion Paper (The Discussion Paper) to facilitate further discussion with our community. The Discussion Paper outlined the community vision for the waterway.

*“A place of natural wonder and beauty. It will be a place that balances the majesty of nature with vibrant and diverse activity. A place for all to enjoy”.*

The vision is to be achieved through focusing on the following themes:

- The Economics of the waterway
- Natural Environment
- Natural reserves and recreation
- Development of the waterway
- Activating the waterway
- Waterway regulation.

The themes within the Discussion Paper guided and directed community discussion on the key issues and suggested strategies identified during the initial consultation. The Discussion Paper was exhibited for 6 weeks from 1 April to 14 May 2017 with the feedback from the exhibition being report to Council on 27 June 2017. 141 people attended the community engagement events and 64 submissions were received from State Government agencies, key stakeholders and the wider community.

Importantly, feedback has been used to inform the Pittwater Waterway Strategy 2038. The Strategy sets the strategic framework for future planning and decision making over the next 20 years. The Strategy will guide and inform future direction, decisions and actions associated with the Pittwater waterway.

The themes and key strategy objectives are outlined below:

Theme	Our Objectives
Economics of the waterway	Sustainable economic growth balanced with the significance and intrinsic value of the natural environment
Natural environment	Protect, promote and celebrate the unique and valuable natural environment of Pittwater including its extensive ecological diversity and renowned scenic amenity
Natural reserves and recreation	Manage foreshore reserves in line with community aspirations and changing waterway dynamics
Development of the waterway	Manage increasing demand in boating, including associated pressure on boat storage and facilities
Activating the waterway	Provide a range of diverse opportunities to access, use and enjoy the waterway
Waterway regulation	Effectively regulate and manage Pittwater waterway sustainably and with transparency to meet the needs of the community and emerging demand pressures

## CONSULTATION

Council is planning to build on the extensive level of community consultation already undertaken as part of the Pittwater Waterway Review through a diverse engagement campaign, to ensure all stakeholders and interested persons can participate in the review.

## TIMING

Following the community engagement period, it is anticipated that a final version of the Strategy will be report to Council for consideration and adoption. Once adopted, work will commence immediately on developing an implementation plan to deliver the Pittwater Waterway Strategy 2038.

## FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Existing operational budgets will be utilised during the exhibition of the Strategy.

The Strategy contains actions that will have financial implications on Council's business units to ensure delivery of the Strategy over the next 20 years in accordance with the implementation plan. The Strategy also contains actions that will require financial input from the State Government and are to be delivered through ongoing conversations with relevant State Government Agencies.

## SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The vision and strategy objectives all have strong social considerations and delivery of the Strategy will bring about significant social benefits to the community such as our objective of providing a range of diverse opportunities to access, use and enjoy the waterway.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The adoption of the Pittwater Waterway Strategy 2038 will have benefits from an ecologically sustainable development and environmental perspectives as it seeks to balance the vast array of competing demand pressures facing the waterway. The Strategy also includes recommendations for amending the Pittwater Local Environmental Plan 2014 (PLEP 2014) and Pittwater Development Control Plan (DCP 21) to balance the competing demand pressures identified as a driver of this Review and from the feedback received from key stakeholders and the community.

**GOVERNANCE AND RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

The Strategy is not a statutory document. However, the Strategy will provide a clear strategic framework to direct future Council actions to assist in delivering the community vision for the Pittwater waterway.