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THIRD COMMUNITY FORUM ON TOWN CENTRE ENHANCEMENT STRATEGY

Camden Council held a third and final community forum on the Camden Town Centre Enhancement Strategy (Public Domain Works and Commercial and Retail Study) on Monday 3 November. This forum, along with two previous forums, provided the opportunity for the community to respond Council's proposed strategy of works.

The Camden Town Centre Enhancement Strategy was placed on public exhibition from 23 July until 17 September and displayed a proposed package of works including upgrades to footpaths, construction of a car park, installation of traffic signals and a Retail and Commercial Study for the Camden Town Centre. Council also meet with a range of stakeholders, community groups, businesses and community members to seek their feedback on the proposed works.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Lara Symkowiak said she is pleased that more than 200 members from the community took the time to attend the forums and contribute their ideas and feedback on the proposed works.

"I would personally like to thank those who participated. This has been one of the most extensive community engagement programs undertaken by Council and I am pleased to see the valuable and constructive feedback received from the community."

"I am both passionate about, and committed to the Camden Town Centre Enhancement Strategy. We need to ensure that Camden Town Centre is in the best position possible when Council moves its main administration office to Oran Park in 2016."

"Camden is such an exciting area to live, work and play. My Council is dedicated to providing the best facilities, services and infrastructure to make sure that as we grow as a community, we deliver the best possible outcomes for our all of our community." Cr Symkowiak said.

The most recent forum addressed the findings of the Retail and Commercial Study and future vision for the Camden Town Centre. Initiatives discussed on the night included the strengthening of Argyle Street with a focus on retail and activated street frontages, well designed buildings and places assisted by implementing public domain improvements and developing strategies to ensure continued business stimulus.

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Council received 587 submissions and more than 3,000 comments following the exhibition. It is expected that a report on the Public Domain Works will be presented to Council by the end of the year.

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