



# Media Release

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## Seeking comment on draft budget

The community is invited to comment on Camden Council's 2017/18 draft budget which is now on public exhibition.

This month, Council endorsed the 2017/18 draft Operational Plan (which includes the budget) and the four year Delivery Program (2017/18-2020-21) to address the needs of the community as identified in the Community Strategic Plan while maintaining financial sustainability.

"These plans outline the strategic path of Council to create a vibrant and stimulating place that supports the health and wellbeing of our existing and future residents," said Mayor Lara Symkowiak.

"It is vital to the quality of life of our residents that we provide infrastructure and services for our growing population.

"The budget reflects the ambition of this Council to also create exceptional open spaces and recreational facilities to support health and wellbeing," Cr Symkowiak said.

More than half the budget - \$185.4 million – is for the construction and improvement of roads, drainage, parks and playgrounds and this includes \$160.8 million of works scheduled to be delivered under agreement by developers.

"We want to ensure that there is high quality infrastructure, public facilities and open spaces available for our community," she said.

A total of \$75.9 million is planned for road and transport infrastructure. Some of these improvement works include:

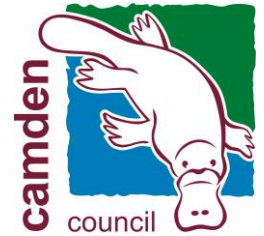
- Graham Hill Road and Richardson Road intersection in Narellan;
- Cobbitty Road in Cobbitty;
- Hartley Drive and Anzac Avenue in Smeaton Grange;
- Oran Park Drive in Oran Park;
- Macquarie Avenue in Camden;
- Holdsworth Avenue in Mount Annan; and
- Welling Drive in Narellan Vale.
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The works also include further stages in the improvements on Argyle Street in Camden.

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More than \$50.5 million of works is planned to upgrade and build new parks and playgrounds including the initial stages of the youth play spaces at Harrington Park Lake and Sedgewick Reserve in Currans Hill as well as water play parks in Oran Park and Elderslie.

New open space areas and nine new active spaces including playgrounds and playing courts are proposed across various new estates in the local government area.

The draft Operational Plan and Delivery Program is available on Council's website and open for submissions until Sunday 11 June.

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