

An inclusive, welcoming, and engaging place for all to work, play and relax day and night.

## Will Central Precinct be an inclusive place?

The Central Precinct Renewal Program aims to create a place that is both an exciting innovation precinct and a vibrant and welcoming destination for all, day and night. Central will have a range of services, infrastructure and amenities, with a diversity of food and shopping offerings, cultural spaces, public art, access to free technology and social and health services. The Precinct will also be designed with human comfort and accessibility in mind, with quiet areas, spaces to meet and share ideas, green open space and ample shade and seating.

## What kind of services will be available at Central for the community?

Central Precinct will offer a wide range of services and community facilities and spaces to support cultural expression, creative activities, and social and health services.

The indicative masterplan proposes the opportunity for an integrated multipurpose community centre with a particular focus on the needs of workers and visitors. The space will be designed to be flexible and multi-functional to support a wide range of programming and activation such as a venue for live public events, private functions, or temporary art and/or sound installations.

There are also opportunities for a public library book exchange, quiet spaces, community co-working spaces, community lounge areas, cultural and creative spaces, performance, exhibition and event spaces, seminar rooms and travellers aid spaces.

## Have you considered the homeless community around Central?

We recognise that the precinct renewal may impact people sleeping rough in the vicinity of the station and mobile fixed support services. We are working closely with key stakeholders and service providers who operate in the area to identify opportunities and minimise impacts to this community.

## Will there be any services available for the homeless community at Central?

Central will be an inclusive precinct, a place where people can access services and seek support. The Social Infrastructure Study includes a number of recommendations for managing homelessness to offer support to some of our most vulnerable people in the community, including the delivery of a community and social services hub.

## **What is the community and social services hub?**

One of the key initiatives outlined in the Social Infrastructure Study includes the proposed delivery of a community and social services hub to support rough sleepers or people in disadvantaged situations. The social services hub will include a team of social service representatives to co-locate and provide support and resources to those in need around Central. The hub will could provide a range of support services including mental health services, temporary accommodation, general health needs and job seeking opportunities.

## **How will you make Central Precinct a healthy and safe environment for all?**

The vision for Central Precinct is to create a welcoming and vibrant precinct that supports a healthy and safe place for all. This means providing a diverse and activated precinct day and night with public art, lighting that makes people feel safe, cafes and restaurants open until late, staff available to assist people in need and social services. Central will also have extensive greening and native vegetation, shading, sport and recreation spaces, walking and cycling infrastructure, a variety of community facilities, open spaces and three new major parks to foster a healthy and safe environment.

## **Will the Precinct support a socially and culturally diverse community?**

Central Precinct will be a place that reflects and blends into the rich social diversity of the surrounding neighbourhoods such as Surry Hills, Chippendale, Darlington and Redfern. We want to create an activated and vibrant precinct for all. This means delivering services, infrastructure and amenities that attract all people to visit Central.

Central will have a diversity of food and shopping offerings, cultural spaces, public art and social infrastructure to ensure it meets the needs of all communities. By leveraging the unique social and cultural vibrancy of Sydney's inner-city neighbourhoods Central will become an appealing and unique destination for residents, workers, visitors and neighbours.

## **Will Central have retail space?**

Ensuring Central is a vibrant and activated space for the community to visit is at the heart of the renewal. Central will offer a diversity of new shopping and dining experiences and cultural and event spaces to attract a range visitors, locals and commuters to the precinct.

## **Will there be residential housing as part of the Precinct?**

Yes, Central Precinct proposes to include options for residential housing including affordable and student housing. Residential housing is an important part of the precinct renewal as it will contribute to a vibrant, safe, and activated precinct day and night.

## **Will there be any affordable housing as part of the Precinct?**

Central Precinct provides the opportunity to make a visible commitment to affordable housing supply.

The Central Precinct State Significant (SSP) Study includes the commitment to deliver 15 per cent of any new residential floor space as affordable housing. Following the exhibition period by Department of Planning and Environment of the SSP Study, we will target a further 15 per cent of new residential floor space to be delivered as diverse housing, including Build to Rent, subject to further economic modelling and governance considerations.

## Will Central Precinct support Aboriginal business procurement?

We recognise the importance of sustainable procurement to support Aboriginal businesses as well as avoid unnecessary consumption, minimise environmental impacts and use procurement as a driver for innovation.

The Central Precinct Renewal Program represents a significant opportunity to deliver on social and economic inclusion and health equity goals. This could be achieved through several Government approved policies and strategies such as applying inclusive procurement practices that aim to give smaller and diverse Aboriginal businesses more of a competitive chance in the market.

## Want to know more?

This Frequently Asked Questions document provides an overview of the SSP Studies. To read the technical reports associated with People and Communities FAQ see the below studies on the [Department of Planning and Environment webpage](#):

- Social Infrastructure Study
- Demographics Study

For more information about the Program visit the [Central Precinct Renewal Program webpage](#).