

COMMUNICATIONS

Community Consultation Report Special Entertainment Precinct

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1. Summary

Randwick City Council consulted the community on the potential trial of Special Entertainment Precincts (SEPs) in Coogee, The Spot, Randwick Junction and Kingsford (Anzac Parade).

In total, 162 survey responses and 42 written submissions were received.

Overall, 68% of survey respondents supported trialling Special Entertainment Precincts within the Randwick LGA. Support was generally driven by interest in more dining and entertainment options at night, live music and cultural activity, and the potential to strengthen local centres. Concerns raised across locations most commonly related to noise, parking and traffic, impacts on nearby residents, and the need for strong management and clear limits.

Feedback varied across the four proposed locations:

The Spot attracted the strongest and most consistent support, with a high proportion of respondents indicating it was suitable and very low opposition.

Coogee generated the highest level of engagement, but responses were more divided. While a majority supported its suitability, it also recorded the highest level of opposition.

Randwick Junction was generally well regarded, with strong support and relatively low opposition, alongside some uncertainty reflected in neutral responses.

Kingsford (Anzac Parade) also received positive feedback, with low opposition and interest in revitalisation, although it attracted fewer responses overall.

The outcomes of this consultation will inform Council's consideration of whether to proceed with trialling a Special Entertainment Precinct in one or more locations. Should Council decide to progress a trial, further community consultation would be undertaken on the detailed design, boundaries and management arrangements for any proposed precinct.

2. Community engagement strategy

2.1. Background

At its Ordinary Meeting on 29 April 2025, Council resolved to investigate opportunities to support a vibrant night-time economy through the potential designation of Special Entertainment Precincts (SEPs). This work builds on Council's existing night-time economy initiatives, including the draft Night Time Economy Study, the Extended Trading Hours trial and advice from the Night-Time Economy Advisory Committee.

In response, Randwick City Council investigated the potential to trial SEPs in up to four locations: Coogee, The Spot, Randwick Junction and Kingsford (Anzac Parade).

A Special Entertainment Precinct is a defined area where planning and management controls can support a mix of dining, entertainment and cultural activity, including live music and extended trading hours, while managing impacts such as noise and amenity through a precinct-specific management plan.

This work aligns with Council's Economic Development Strategy and the NSW Government's Vibrancy Reforms, which aim to support night-time activity, live music and dining across the state.

2.2. Objectives

The consultation aimed to:

- Inform the community about the SEP proposal and its implications
- Gather feedback on the community's view about the suitability of each proposed location
- Understand community preferences for trading hours, sound levels, and precinct boundaries
- Identify community and stakeholder concerns, opportunities and local knowledge for each precinct
- Communicate to community and stakeholders how their input was incorporated into the planning and decision-making process by sharing the outcomes of community consultation, grant application and next steps
- Ensure diverse voices are heard, including residents, businesses, and visitors

Consultation Level: Lower-level local area impact. IAP2 Consultation level – Involve.

2.3. Consultation period

The consultation was open for 4 weeks from 4 February to 4 March 2026.

2.4. Consultation activities

- Dedicated website: Your Say Randwick webpage.
- Letterbox drop: A5 flyer sent to residents adjacent to the four proposed SEP locations
- Signage: A2 posters around the four proposed SEP locations
- Email campaigns: Sent to key stakeholders, Your Say subscribers, and Randwick City Precincts.
- Weekly eNews: Featured in Randwick News during the consultation period
- Social media: Facebook and Instagram posts
- Digital Displays: Information at libraries, the Des Renford Aquatic Centre, and the Customer Service Centre
- Briefings:
 - Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee (ACAC) February 2026
 - Randwick Precinct Meeting March 2026
- Randwick Council Website: Listed on Current Consultations webpage
- Councillor Notification: Local councillors were informed

3. Consultation outcomes



1727 website visits



162 survey responses



42 submissions

3.1. Survey results

68%

support for trialling Special
Entertainment Precincts (n=162)

Top reasons:

- ❖ More dining and entertainment options at night
- ❖ Live music and cultural activity
- ❖ Stronger local identity and vibrancy

Location suitability overview:

Location	Number of responses	Suitable	Neutral	Unsuitable
Coogee	113	60%	3%	37%
The Spot	83	86%	0%	14%
Randwick Junction	60	77%	10%	13%
Kingsford	49	78%	14%	8%

Coogee attracted the highest number of responses. While most respondents considered Coogee suitable for a SEP, it also received the highest level of opposition, indicating more divided views than other locations.

The Spot received consistently strong support, with very few respondents opposed and no neutral responses. This suggests broad agreement and clear views about its suitability for a SEP.

Randwick Junction was generally well received, with most respondents indicating it was suitable and relatively low levels of opposition. Some neutral responses suggest a degree of uncertainty, but overall views were positive.

Kingsford (Anzac Parade) also received positive feedback, with suitability levels similar to Randwick Junction and the lowest level of opposition overall. It attracted fewer responses than other locations, however, views expressed were generally favourable.

Overall, the results show that **The Spot** attracted the strongest and most consistent support for a SEP. **Coogee**, showed more mixed views and higher opposition. **Randwick Junction** and **Kingsford** were both generally well regarded, with strong support and relatively low opposition.

Interpreting the results

Participation levels varied across the four locations, and while the results provide a useful indication of community views, they should be considered alongside other inputs into Council's decision-making.

3.2. Survey results – Coogee

Who responded:

113 responses ➔ **66** live in Coogee **47** live elsewhere



58% visit regularly

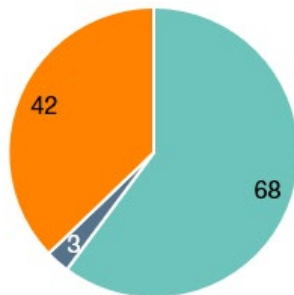


70% visit for 1-4 hrs

39% 1-2 hrs, 31% 2-4 hrs

Is a Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP) suitable for Coogee?

All responses



Suitable: 68 (60%)

Unsure: 3 (3%)

Unsuitable: 42 (37%)

Views by place of residence
(Coogee residents vs non-residents)

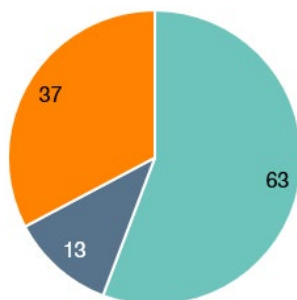
Live in Coogee:



Live elsewhere:



Likely use of later opening hours



Likely: 63 (56%)

Unsure: 13 (11%)

Unlikely: 37 (33%)

Perceptions of Coogee's night-time vibrancy

3.4/5

An average rating of 3.4 out of 5 (where 5 is very vibrant) suggests **Coogee is seen as moderately vibrant** at night.

Feeling safe and the **quality of public spaces** are clear strengths for Coogee.

Better transport and **carefully planned night-time activities** present opportunities for improvement.

Desired outcomes of a SEP trial. *Most selected response options*

Coogee residents	People who live elsewhere
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A safer, well managed night-time environment Live music or small-scale performances More cafés, restaurants and bars open late Longer and more flexible hours for other businesses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More cafés, restaurants and bars open late Live music or small-scale performances A safer, well managed night-time environment

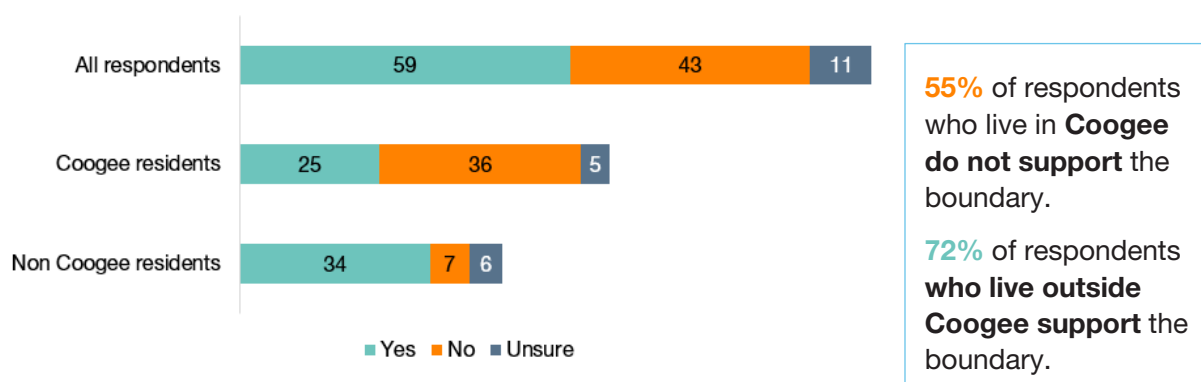
Key concerns about a SEP in Coogee. *Most selected response options*

Coogee residents	People who live elsewhere
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic or parking pressure Impacts on nearby residents Noise impacts Impacts on the beach or public spaces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic or parking pressure I don't have any concerns Impacts on the beach or public spaces Crowding or visitor numbers

Priorities if a SEP were trialled. *Most selected response options*

Coogee residents	People who live elsewhere
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noise management The right mix of venues and activities Improved safety or lighting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The right mix of venues and activities Better late-night public transport Improved safety or lighting

Support for the proposed SEP boundary



Reasons for support and opposition to the proposed Coogee boundary

Support

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflects the existing town centre and current night-time activity Supports businesses and a vibrant night-time economy, including low-key entertainment 	<p><i>"It appears to me to be the same footprint as we have now for dining and entertainment."</i></p>
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Reasons for support and opposition to the proposed Coogee boundary

- Builds on existing venues and night-time activity.
- Opportunity for arts/live music and more diverse night options.

"This area should be a vibrant community area through the day and night for local community and visitors."

"Already has existing businesses and cafes that would benefit from clear regs and longer trading hours."

"I would love to see Coogee Bay Road with more terraces and open spaces, live music and entertainment... Coogee is multicultural, bring more diverse music :)"

Do not support

- Loss of residential amenity, particularly noise, late-night disturbance
- Safety and antisocial behaviour concerns
- Traffic, parking and congestion pressures,
- Boundary extends too close to or includes residential areas

"This will negatively impact on my residential amenity... Coogee does not need to become a designated nightlife district."

"Presently we have issues with noise, traffic, drugs and alcohol and violence. Expanding entertainment activity is likely to intensify"

"The area already experiences substantial pressure on local parking... would further exacerbate congestion and traffic in an already constrained coastal precinct."

Key themes from open-ended comments

Comments emphasised protecting residential amenity and Coogee's family-friendly beachside character, with concerns about existing noise, antisocial behaviour and late-night impacts from large venues. Where support was expressed, it was generally conditional and focused on small-scale cultural activity or temporary activations rather than ongoing late-night trading.



"Coogee is a safe, family friendly, community focused beach village."

"Broken bottles, shouting and fighting are already common on weekends."

"The boundary extends very close to residential areas... it should be restricted to Coogee Bay Road."

"Support for artists, cultural workers... the Coogee Nights program is great."



"It doesn't need to be every night — occasional events would be better."

3.3. Survey results – The Spot

Who responded:

83 responses ➔ **34** live in Randwick **47** live elsewhere



45% visit regularly

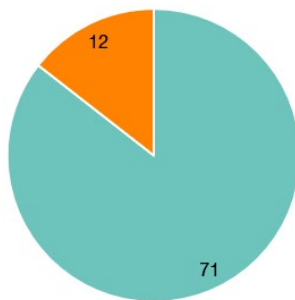


76% visit for 1-4 hrs

30% 1-2 hrs, 46% 2-4 hrs

Is a Special Entertainment Precinct suitable for The Spot?

All responses



Suitable: 71 (86%)

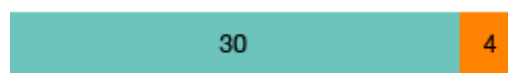
Unsure: 0

Unsuitable: 12 (14%)

Views by place of residence

(Randwick residents vs non-residents)

Live in Randwick:



Suitable

Unsuitable

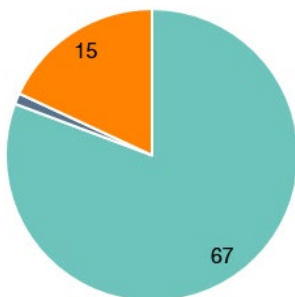
Live elsewhere:



Suitable

Unsuitable

Likely use of later opening hours



Likely: 67 (81%)

Unsure: 1 (1%)

Unlikely: 15 (18%)

Perceptions of The Spot's night-time vibrancy

2.8/5

An average rating of 2.8 out of 5 (where 5 is very vibrant) suggests **The Spot is seen as quiet to moderately active at night.**

Feeling safe is a clear strength for The Spot.

Improving the range of night-time activities, supported by **better transport and public space**, presents the main opportunity.

Desired outcomes of a SEP trial. *Most selected response options*

Randwick residents	People who live elsewhere
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More cafés, restaurants and bars open late • Live music or small-scale performances • Support for the local economy and businesses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More cafés, restaurants and bars open late • Live music or small-scale performances • Support for the local economy and businesses

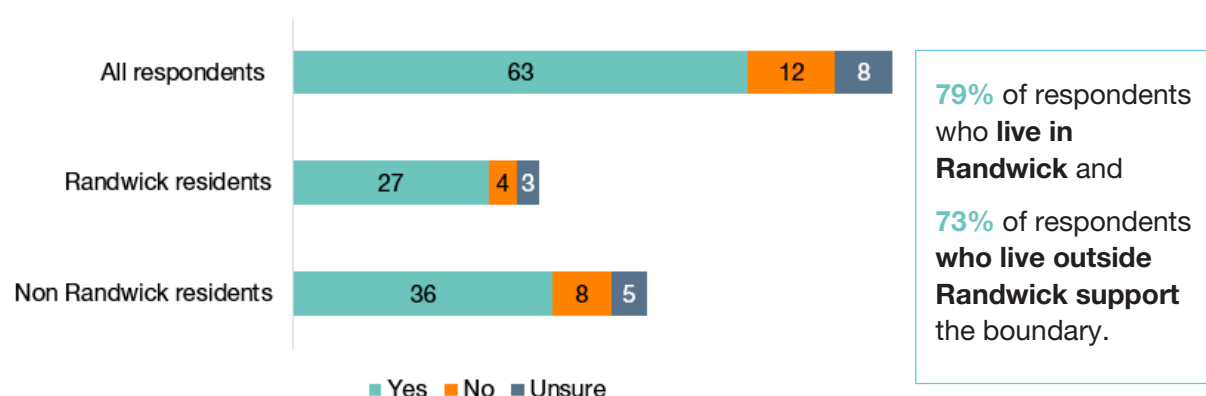
Key concerns about a SEP at The Spot. *Most selected response options*

Randwick residents	People who live elsewhere
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I don't have any concerns • Traffic or parking pressure • Noise impacts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic or parking pressure • Impacts on nearby residents • Crowding or visitor numbers

Priorities if a SEP were trialled. *Most selected response options*

Randwick residents	People who live elsewhere
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The right mix of venues and activities • Noise management • Improved safety or lighting • Clear limits on operating hours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The right mix of venues and activities • Improved safety or lighting • Better late-night public transport

Support for the proposed SEP boundary



Reasons for support and opposition to the proposed boundary at The Spot

Support

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aligns with the existing town centre and current dining and entertainment footprint • Supports local businesses and a lively but low-key night-time economy • Opportunity to build on existing events, arts and live music 	<p><i>"We absolutely love the community spirit which the various events at The Spot have created and would love to see so many more."</i></p>
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Reasons for support and opposition to the proposed boundary at The Spot

	<i>"Already so many cafes and bars in this area. Should be making greater use of this area."</i>
Do not support	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impacts on residential amenity, particularly noise and late-night activity Traffic, parking and congestion pressures, Concerns the area is already busy enough 	<p><i>"We do not need bars and cafes to be open into the early hours of the morning."</i></p> <p><i>"It's nice to have a relaxed vibe around The Spot... making it busier, louder and more crowded just removes the laid back atmosphere we locals love."</i></p>

Key themes from open-ended comments

Comments about The Spot recognised that it already has an established early-evening economy and a strong local character, with interest in expanding dining and cultural offerings rather than intensifying alcohol-focused nightlife. At the same time, respondents raised concerns about parking, narrow footpaths, pedestrian safety and the risk of increased noise affecting nearby residential streets.

“It would be good to see The Spot busier, especially during the week.”

“The Spot has lots of potential as a cultural hub.”

“I’m not interested in a quasi pub scene with amplified music.”

“There is a total lack of parking for the current amount of activity.”

3.4. Survey results – Randwick Junction

Who responded:

60 responses ➔ **29** live in Randwick **31** live elsewhere



37% visit regularly

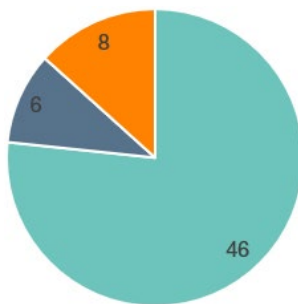


70% visit for 0-2 hrs

33% 30 mins or less, 37% 1-2 hrs

Is a Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP) suitable for Randwick Junction?

All responses



Suitable: 46 (77%)
Unsure: 6 (10%)
Unsuitable: 8 (13%)

Views by place of residence

(Randwick residents vs non-residents)

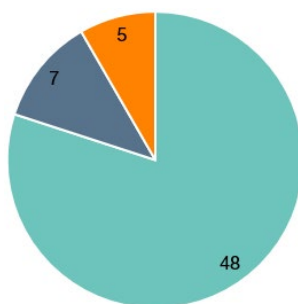
Live in Randwick:



Live elsewhere:



Likely use of later opening hours



Likely: 48 (80%)
Unsure: 7 (12%)
Unlikely: 5 (8%)

Perceptions of Randwick Junction's night-time vibrancy

1.75/5

An average rating of 1.75 out of 5 (where 5 is very vibrant) suggests **Randwick Junction is seen as quiet to moderately active at night.**

Public transport is considered a strength for Randwick Junction.

However, perceptions of **safety, the quality of public space**, and particularly the limited number and **variety of night-time activities** indicate opportunities to improve the night-time experience.

Desired outcomes of a SEP trial. *Most selected response options*

Randwick residents	People who live elsewhere
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More cafés, restaurants and bars open late • Live music or small-scale performances • Support for the local economy and businesses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More cafés, restaurants and bars open late • A safer, well managed night-time environment • Longer and more flexible hours for other businesses

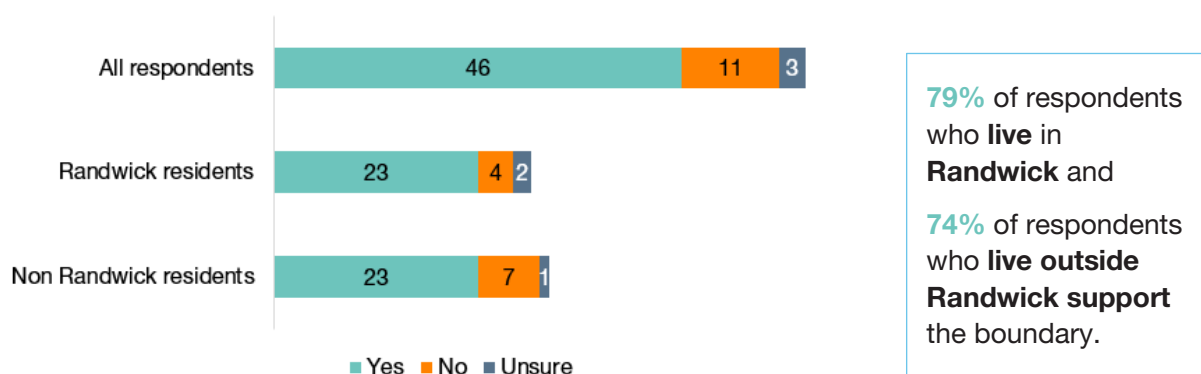
Key concerns about a SEP in Randwick Junction. *Most selected response options*

Randwick residents	People who live elsewhere
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic or parking pressure • I don't have any concerns • Impact on nearby residents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic or parking pressure • Impacts on nearby residents • I don't have any concerns

Priorities if a SEP were trialled. *Most selected response options*

Randwick residents	People who live elsewhere
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The right mix of venues and activities • Improved safety or lighting • Noise management • Better late-night public transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved safety or lighting • Better late-night public transport • The right mix of venues and activities

Support for the proposed SEP boundary



Reasons for support and opposition to the proposed Randwick Junction boundary

Support

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflects the existing town centre • Opportunity to revitalise an underperforming precinct • Potential to grow a vibrant, well-managed night-time economy 	<p><i>"Randwick Junction is so under utilised. It's dirty and lacking in quality. Can really lift its game to serve the community."</i></p> <p><i>"Randwick Junction lacks life after dark. Very few places open to eat and no places of entertainment."</i></p>
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Reasons for support and opposition to the proposed Randwick Junction boundary

- Logical boundary with scope for community events and safer evenings

“Alison park would be a great use of space for more community events.”

Do not support

- Concerns about late-night safety and antisocial behaviour
- Too close to residential areas and families
- Mismatch with the Junction’s primary function and character

“Randwick is unsafe at night... you want to extend that and further make Randwick an anti-social anti-family environment.”

“Too close to residential with safety unchecked.”

“Randwick Junction is a shopping / work / study destination... why do you want to make it an entertainment precinct?”

Key themes from open-ended comments

Randwick Junction was widely described as under-activated at night, with many respondents supporting revitalisation and viewing it as a suitable location for a SEP due to its transport access and proximity to the hospital and university. Feedback highlighted the need for better quality venues and improved public spaces, while noting that safety, traffic and parking would need to be carefully managed.



“Belmore Road is too quiet at night-time.”

“Adding a buzz here would keep people around after work.”

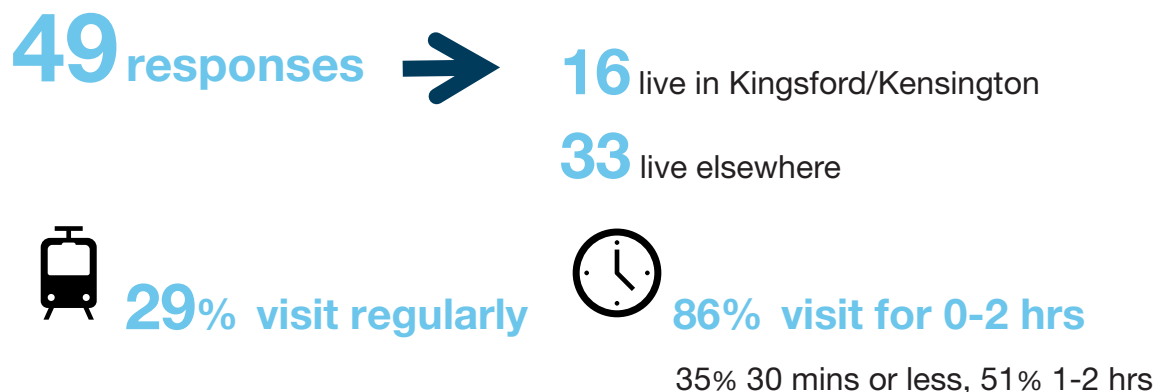
“It needs better public space and somewhere people actually want to stay.”

“It feels unsafe at night and parking is already a problem.”



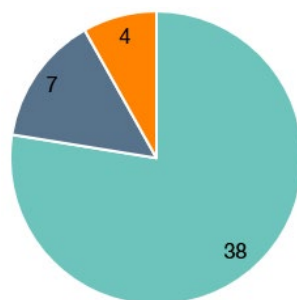
3.5. Survey results - Kingsford (Anzac Parade)

Who responded:



Is a Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP) suitable for Kingsford?

All responses

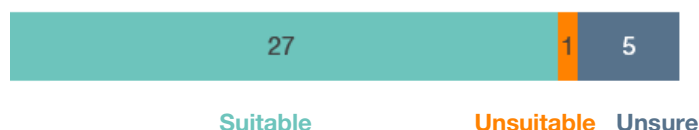


Suitable: 38 (78%)
Unsure: 7 (14%)
Unsuitable: 4 (8%)

Views by place of residence

(Kingsford/Kensington residents vs non-residents)

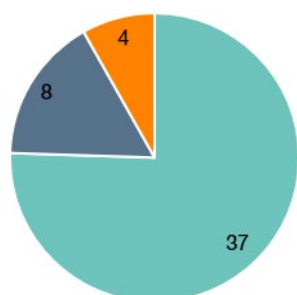
Live in Kingsford/Kensington:



Live elsewhere:



Likely use of later opening hours



Likely: 37 (76%)
Unsure: 8 (16%)
Unlikely: 4 (8%)

Perceptions of Kingsford's night-time vibrancy

2.1/5

An average rating of 2.1 out of 5 (where 5 is very vibrant) suggests **Kingsford is seen as relatively quiet at night.**

Public transport is rated relatively positively.

Perceptions of **safety** are mixed, while the **quality of public space** and the number and **variety of night-time activities** are rated poorly, indicating clear areas for improvement.

Desired outcomes of a SEP trial. *Most selected response options*

Kingsford / Kensington residents	People who live elsewhere
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More cafés, restaurants and bars open late • Live music or small-scale performances • Support for the local economy and businesses • A safer, well managed night-time environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More cafés, restaurants and bars open late • Live music or small-scale performances • A safer, well managed night-time environment

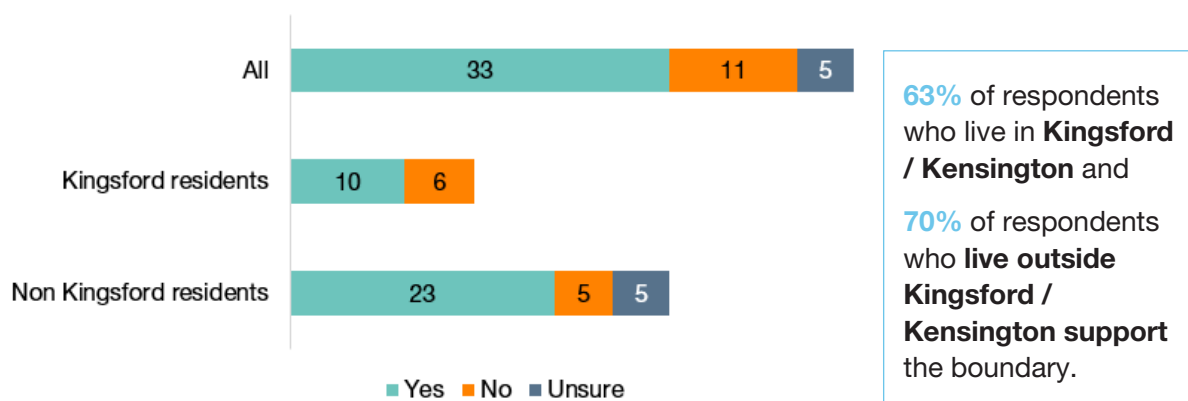
Key concerns about a SEP in Kingsford. *Most selected response options*

Kingsford / Kensington residents	People who live elsewhere
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic or parking pressure • Impact on nearby residents • I don't have any concerns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic or parking pressure • I don't have any concerns • Impact on nearby residents

Priorities if a SEP were trialled. *Most selected response options*

Kingsford / Kensington residents	People who live elsewhere
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The right mix of venues and activities • Improved safety or lighting • Better late-night public transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The right mix of venues and activities • Improved safety or lighting • Better late-night public transport

Support for the proposed SEP boundary



Reasons for support or opposition to the proposed Kingsford boundary

Support

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong fit with a high-street, transport corridor and student population • Opportunity to activate an underperforming precinct and encourage people to linger 	<p><i>"The current area around UNSW is particularly lifeless and uninteresting... most students just head home."</i></p>
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Reasons for support or opposition to the proposed Kingsford boundary

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More diverse dining and low-key entertainment options • Benefits for students, residents and the wider community 	<p><i>"There is a diverse number of restaurants already but lacks live music... outdoor eating areas would be a bonus."</i></p> <p><i>"More options for the UNSW students and if outsiders come, livelier neighbourhood."</i></p>
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Do not support

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boundary considered too large and poorly targeted • Concerns about residential amenity and families • Doubts about demand and suitability of the area • Traffic, parking and cumulative impacts already being felt 	<p><i>"...it's too big an area...trying to take in the area from Souths Juniors to the Uni."</i></p> <p><i>"It is too deeply embedded in residential areas, particularly at the northern end."</i></p> <p><i>"It's largely a student area... I don't think the population in this area will be interested in mainstream SEP."</i></p> <p><i>"Leisure facilities... have led to increased traffic, squeeze on parking, rubbish on residential streets."</i></p>
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Key comments from open-ended comments

Comments relating to Kingsford highlighted limited current night-time activity and poor public amenity after dark, alongside strong interest in change tailored to the area's student and younger demographic. Respondents supported outdoor dining, low-key entertainment and cultural uses, while emphasising the importance of managing noise, cleanliness and safety if activity increases.



"Kingsford really lacks night-time options."

"The area needs tidying up and to feel more inviting."

"There's a large student population that could really support night-time activity."

"Small live music venues, galleries and cafes would work well here."

"Regulations must be enforced properly."



4. Submissions

Who responded:

A total of 42 written submissions were received outside the Your Say Randwick survey. Feedback was mostly location-specific, with support varying significantly between precincts.

42 submissions



x1 Local Government (Bayside Council)
x1 Transport for NSW
x2 Business owner / commercial landowner
x38 Resident / visitor

Location	Support	Oppose	Neutral*	Overall sentiment
Coogee	1	29	5	Strongly opposed
The Spot	3	3	3	Evenly mixed
Randwick Junction	4	3	2	Slightly positive
Kingsford	4	1	3	Strongly supported

**Indicates submission comments that neither directly opposed or supported a SEP in a precinct*

4.1. Key themes from submissions

Across submissions, commonly raised issues included noise and amenity impacts, antisocial behaviour, transport and parking constraints, enforcement concerns, and questions about precinct suitability. However, these issues were not raised evenly across locations and depended on the area.

Coogee submissions

- Strong and consistent opposition, with more negative feedback than any other precinct
- Ongoing concerns about late-night noise from major venues, including amplified music, patron noise and waste collection
- Repeated references to antisocial behaviour, including fights and vandalism
- Significant concern about sleep disruption, family wellbeing and the build-up of impacts over time
- Strong view that Coogee's family-oriented, beachside character is not suited to further night-time intensification
- Parking, traffic and getting people home safely late at night are seen as ongoing problems
- Low confidence that a SEP would protect residents from noise and behaviour impacts
- Clear preference for one-off or seasonal events, rather than a permanent SEP

The Spot submissions

- Feedback evenly balanced, with no clear overall position
- Supporters see The Spot as a well-established dining area that could handle small-scale cultural activity
- Opponents argue the precinct is already operating at capacity
- Parking and congestion are the main concerns
- Debate centres on physical limits and marginal benefit rather than strong opposition

Randwick Junction submissions

- Mixed feedback, with slightly more support than opposition
- Good public transport, including the light rail, is seen as a major strength
- The area is viewed as large and diverse enough to handle night-time activity
- Some concern about noise, behaviour around existing venues and traffic
- Business submissions generally support the idea, but want clear rules around noise, enforcement and hours
- Support depends on strong management and clear controls

Kingsford (Anzac Parade) submissions

- Highest proportion of supportive submissions
- Strong public transport access, especially the light rail
- Proximity to UNSW and NIDA and a younger demographic seen as a good fit
- Clear support for economic revitalisation following light rail construction
- Positive interest in cultural activation, live music and night markets
- Bayside Council concerns focus on boundary refinement and acoustic impacts, not opposition in principle

See Appendix B for all submissions.

5. Comparing survey results and written submissions

Survey responses reflect a broad range of views, including visitors and people who do not live near the proposed precincts. Written submissions are fewer but mostly come from residents and stakeholders closest to potential impacts and tend to raise more detailed concerns.

As a result, survey results show higher overall support for SEPs in general, while written submissions highlight stronger opposition in specific locations, particularly Coogee. This difference reflects who provided feedback and their proximity to impacts, rather than conflicting community views.

Location	Survey results	Written submissions	Overall takeaway
Coogee	Generally supportive in principle, with high engagement	Strongly opposed, mainly from nearby residents	Most contested precinct with clear local concern

Location	Survey results	Written submissions	Overall takeaway
The Spot	Strong and consistent support	Mixed views, with concerns about capacity	Suitable overall, but physically constrained
Randwick Junction	Broad support and low opposition	Slightly positive, with conditions around management	Generally suitable with safeguards
Kingsford	Positive response, but fewer responses	Strongly supportive with limited opposition	Strongest alignment across both surveys and submissions

Overall, survey and submission results point in the same general direction for each precinct. Differences in sentiment reflect who responded and how close they are to potential impacts, rather than conflicting community views.

A. Verbatim comments

	Is there anything else Council should consider when deciding whether to trial Special Entertainment Precincts?
1	Support for artists, cultural workers. Outdoor entertainment, site specific work, the Coogee Nights program at the moment is great - Coogee Bay Rd would be fantastic if it was pedestrian only with outdoor seating for restaurants, or more of this during summer at least
2	It won't make any difference what residents want or think because residents will not be considered and will be put last. This is all about "visitors" and it is driven by the NSW Government's Minister for Nighttime Economy and will be pushed through by Labor, Liberal and supported by The Greens. The problem for residents in Coogee is that no councillors live in Coogee and we don't have proper representation. Residents are always put last behind "visitors", tourists, backpackers, alcohol consumption and late trading.
3	The residential community. Why must everything serve business and money. Aren't the residents entitled to the residential quality amenity they pay their rates and taxes for?
4	Yes, create a public forum discussion prior within our community
5	Coogee continue to offer a variety of night-time activities for locals and visitors catering for a range of demographic and interests. It has remained a safe and active destination for families and its select venues offer alternatives for late night interests. It has delivered and remained safe, contained and functional for all without being a special entertainment precinct.
6	Yes, the shopping hub where The DOG and Bunnings are located.
7	Environmental impact Crime
8	the spot has a great start for a very vibey local area it feels jazzy and sophisticated while still local. would be nice to see younger folk from the uni drawn in, and a wider array of food and beverage options (no need for clothing or salon, it isn't the area for that)
9	I am concerned that operating venues such as the Coogee Pavilion later will lead to increased noise and antisocial behaviour on the streets. On Beach street there is regularly smashed glass and litter left in the aftermath of weekend evenings and this is a risk for pedestrians the next day.
10	The SEP approach does not involve any nuisance into the lives experience of residents, it allows no immediate options for noise breaches or rowdy antisocial behaviour. Limited public toilet options at night mean I have people utilising our building entrance to urinate. Please also consider the amount of business rubbish and a coordinate a Rubbish removal process, as each business leave out overflowing bins that blow into the street. Considering the increased parking load and easier ways for residents to report breaches of noise and disturbances. Thanks
11	Randwick council must prioritise resident's ability to live comfortably in these areas without increased stress due to increased noise and already over loaded traffic, parking and infrastructure above even more economic gain to business owners. Coogee and The Spot, as well as Randwick and Kingsford, are people's homes and not commercial areas where business takes priority to the detriment of people's health and wellbeing and ability to live comfortably. Randwick council has a responsibility to not be the catalyst to an increase in stress and degradation to residents health and wellbeing by allowing these SEP's to go ahead. Regarding this issue, the health and wellbeing of residents in the Randwick council area is the councils

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	responsibility and the council is accountable. Please do the right thing and place residents health and wellbeing above all else. Thanks for taking note and acting on these concerns.
12	Pedestrian and vehicular traffic management is a problem at present - the whole precinct needs reorganising - it certainly is not suited to late night openings
13	Walking the streets at night
14	I support Kalynx on Avoca st. Such an improvement on rNdi wix! Have enjoyed karaoke at the coach & horse More live entertainment would be great. Maybe a comedy club or open mime???
15	Coogee is a safe, family friendly, community focused beach village. We don't want to become a late night party town. Far from it! What makes Coogee so special is the early evening buzz that finishes by 9pm. A strong focus on beach going and family/community picnics on the grassy areas surrounding the beach. It is a special and safe place. The noise restrictions on the Pavillion with windows closed to contain noise by midnight is enough. We don't want more night time partying bringing noise and intoxicated revellers. Coogee is so special and party revellers don't have to travel far for nightlife. PLEASE don't destroy the magic we have here.
16	The noise and groups of intoxicated people leaving Coogee Pavillion at close is already a major issue and concern with parties continuing well into the night in the park in an unsafe manner and no regard for people who reside nearby.
17	Too many fast food places that close. Very difficult to get a restaurant meal after 8:30pm.
18	Traditional and established Coogee Village amenity to be reinforced and maintained for the people who pay the rates.
19	Security, rubbish disposal to prevent ongoing pollution to our beaches and parks, a no tolerance policy for loud drunken behaviour. To prioritise residents feedback, not just travellers/ expat community.
20	Ebikes - parking/dumping and safety for pedestrians
21	The current entertainment precincts are already over extended and over patronised resulting in negative impacts for locals and our environment, on full display , especially over the festive season but increasingly all year . Coogee used to have more of a family feel , as opposed to an alcohol fuelled stomping ground . Please consider the locals and our environment and not the profits of businesses , many of which already centre around excessive alcohol consumption . We want greater liveability not less .
22	Randwick Junction is dead and should not be
23	An SEC would ruin Coogee forever. It would be a betrayal of local families. I am a musician and I play late night gigs around sydney. I know what corrosive effect late night entertainment has on local areas. Businesses will be happy and residents will be devastated and in constant low level threat of physical danger. Families with young children will be most affected. It must not happen to Coogee!
24	Higher density housing and more party pubs do not mix.
25	Families
26	YES, KEEP IT RESIDENTIAL. BUSINESSES are there to serve us, and the Councils are there to serve the RESIDENTS, not the Businesses.

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27	Don't do it in Coogee. We already have enough noise from pubs, broken beer bottles on our streets, intoxication-induced violence. Consider our kids, consider the rights of residents to quiet and sleep. This SEP plan is a benefit for the business of alcohol only, it will damage our community
28	More variety and quality of eating venues. Quality and diversity of entertainment
29	<p>1. Put your efforts into places that need help to revitalise the night time - like Randwick. Including areas that are already busy and vibrant then business will focus on these areas rather than those that are not presently busy and vibrant.</p> <p>2. Join with Waverley which is only proposing one SEP - Bondi Junction NOT lively Bondi Beach. Bondi Junction like Randwick Junction needs help as it too has lost its former night time vitality.</p> <p>3. Please note I answered the question "How would you rate the following features in relation to Coogee?" as it relates to Coogee today NOT with a SEP.</p>
30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Possibility of NIDA holding greater number of publicly accessible performances. Would be an important anchor for activity. - Future of Reg Hotel. Important activity node in centre in precinct. Understand it is on market and is a development site likely to be converted to student housing. - Actions that can be taken to attract uses other than restaurants to the precinct. Would be great if other services could remain open later for use by residents
31	<p>Visitors leaving precinct quietly after events</p> <p>Increased aggression for visitors trying to park resulting in residents being parked in and unable to get out to go to work / pick up family members.</p>
32	<p>Safety for everyone, especially residents</p> <p>Men urinating in the street, how to manage</p> <p>Keeping streets clean after visitors leave without increasing rates</p>
33	Engaging young people. Getting them off their phones.
34	I believe it would be best to trial 2 different areas at the same times.
35	Particularly in Coogee, consider the amenity of the public realm - particularly larger footpaths to enable safe use and not being pushing onto the traffic. Parking spaces can be removed and Coogee Bay Road should be pedestrianised between Ardern St and Brook St.
36	<p>Improvements to pedestrian experience are desperately needed. Removal of unnecessary street furniture - ie payphones, bollards and digital adverts, and removal of the 15min parking on the east extent of Coogee Bay Road will free up much-needed space for pedestrians to walk and enjoy the precinct and will allow businesses to make use of more space for outdoor dining.</p> <p>Outdoor dining shouldn't just be confined to the extent of a shopfront when the adjacent premises is closed. ie. If you run a bar and there's a nail salon next door that only opens 9-5 then from 5pm the bar should be able to extend their tables and chairs outside the front of the adjacent business.</p>
37	The Spot is already vibrant. I currently support many businesses at the Spot that will be directly negatively impacted by the proposed SEP. I will likely take my spending elsewhere as not interested in 'Quasi' pub scene with 'amplified' music from multiple venues. Lighting and safety are not the same thing. Safety from negative alcohol related behaviour is not addressed by lightening - there is already lots of lighting. Please refer to NSW trend data noting increased spend for cultural events / activities. The Spot has lots of potential for a cultural hub.
38	While there will be push back from some local residents I believe it important the council at least trial some ideas. Sydney is crying out for new night spots as the city is currently sub par

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	for a world city. Coogee/Randwick is a beautiful and ideal location for this. I think it will benefit the area economically and culturally in the long run provided it is done correctly. If you read my above comments you will see that I think each area has different value in what it could provide and if all 3 are invested in I believe it can be a thriving hub for all.
39	Locals in Coogee also like calm nights so I wouldn't introduce this every night and more something that happens from time to time like the Coogee nights we are having now in March
40	No noise! Definitely no techno or other mindnumbing, aggression provoking boumboun musac!!!!
41	Coogee already has a great nighttime economy, with several major venues in the Coogee Bay Hotel, The Pavillion and the Intercontinental. We have a bus stop directly outside our bedroom window in Brook Street, and the last thing we need is inebriated people waiting for a bus and disturbing our sleep, urinating wherever they feel like it as there are no public toilets nearby, etc as happened during the recent backpackers invasion on Christmas Day. Much has been done in recent years to clean up Coogee and make it a nice place to be, reinforcing the village atmosphere. We don't want this undone!
42	Need to consider parking! The old studies/submissions etc are all based on the previous bus network from 2 years ago, which is no longer as extensive and reliable as before, forcing people to drive. All of the precincts identified here have significant parking issues - there is just no parking, either on the streets or in designated parking stations (because there are NO parking stations - the one at the Spot is a fail). Without solving the parking issue it is difficult to see how the precincts will succeed
43	Great idea - These parts of the council area serve a huge number of people, in a wide demographic. Will be very popular!
44	Parking is a real problem, and as I mentioned above the light rail just does not seem to solve things. Impossible I know, but funnelling Anzac Pde into just one side would change things drastically.
45	More cafe options staying open later and increased offerings beyond just restaurants. Bus services can be sporadic and I've walked home along pretty dark streets before. Can be unsettling.
46	Would love to see more daytime events in the precinct
47	Tidy it up a bit and make it more inviting
48	Please realise that many people answering this survey will be from a demographic that are against anything happening at night or any increase in people enjoying themselves past 6pm. Please consider those of us who want more activity at night but may not answer this survey, not everyone can attend a precinct meeting where people are encouraged to do the survey and are against the night time economy.
49	The ethnic/ culture differences in this area.
50	have outdoor eating in front of businesses that do not open after hours for adjacent restaurants to have more available tables outdoors
51	Maybe consider building more pedestrian spaces so it doesn't feel like having diner on a parking lot (I live in Maroubra). And maybe more long-run bike options around UNSW. The demographic (younger, leaving around the East...) works well for bike-riding, but right now the one proper bike lane is very isolated.

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52	<p>The issue with Randwick is the quality of the venues. The current venues draw down and outs. Fast Food and rubbish.</p> <p>The demography has changed. The people who have money to spend are now largely young families and young Irish people on visas. They are health conscious and want descent venues to drink and dine.</p> <p>The reason there are huge lines for Coogee Pavilion and Coogee Hotel is because they are decent venues. Seerving decent food and drinks.</p> <p>The parking situation in Coogee, The Spot and Randwick Junction is beyond a joke. I am a local and cant stop to get lunch, or an ice cream or pick up takeaway or go to the chemist. So basically I cant use any of the facilities in the area because there is no parking. The only people that frequent the areas are within walking distance.</p> <p>Its a disgrace.</p>
53	<p>Coogee and The Spot should not be considered for SEP trials as they are already active and it would not enhance the 'vibe' ie the expense would not justify any marginal gain.</p> <p>Randwick Junction, on the other hand, has potential. There are empty shops needing to be activated, a Plaza that could become a destination point, something happening with restaurant culture at the south end of Belmore Rd and it is moving slowly northward. It is right at the light rail end stop and is near the university and the hospital. Adding a buzz at Randwick Junction.will get students and hospital workers staying on at the end of the day, rather than hopping straight onto the light rail to go home.</p>
54	<p>Improved pedestrian amenity and availability of outdoor dining. Visual improvement of the area and investment in creative and artistic design elements to improve the experience.</p>
55	Advertisement outside area to encourage outsiders to visit.
56	<p>Yes. When you have constraints in terms of established roads and available space with regards to buildings, footpath widths, and parking why are you trying to create growth? This diminishes the experience, livability and enjoyment for residents and visitors with regard to crowding, noise and experience. It also impacts local residents adversely.</p> <p>This not sustainable and is not the role of Council to create "economic growth" for the state government. My rates should not be spent on a notion of endless growth.</p>
57	Trials can be hard to be undone.
58	multiuse spaces and more diverse business types
59	They should do proper marketing for wherever they will trial the spot. More people should know so that businesses wull thrive.
60	This is a university zone; clearly, much of the leisure will be aimed at university-aged young people. This is great, but it would be appreciated if older Australians/residents we also considered. After all, we are the ones who pay tax around here.
61	Get rid of the EV charging stations, they block areas for business and personal automobile use.

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62	<p>1. Additional costs, to be borne by rate-payers.</p> <p>2. How success is to be measured from the majority's perspective.</p>
63	<p>More ambition. Consider more high streets, places with mixed use, medium or high density development. The scope should be wider than just enhancing existing places with night time activity. Have a future focus and set the conditions for precincts that can come later, irrespective of current zoning/land use.</p> <p>The complaints about noise you may deal with should be dealt with through development controls in surrounding areas and future developments that include reasonable soundproofing.</p> <p>Go beyond changing the regulatory framework and enhance streets in the same as The Spot, if not more. Warm lighting/fairy lights, public art, street furniture, bespoke signage. Come up with more ideas than I have. You will activate these sites by signalling to people through design of the streetscape that the place is a place to be, distinct from other areas, attractive to explore and comfortable to dwell in either alone or with others. I'd prefer if Council did not just pray for the right leases to expire and interesting business-owners to assume their places, but instead took an active role in shaping outcomes. Urban design and decoration of public land is a lever at your disposal.</p> <p>I'd like to note as well that excluding Maroubra Junction and Maroubra Beach is a large omission too. I have lived there in the past and those places desperately need to be revitalised. They punch below their weight considering their location and the amount of people in proximity.</p> <p>NB noting as well that I live in the proposed SEP for The Spot and close to the Randwick Junction SEP. Please take my word for it that despite the usual anxieties and complaints you will hear, these proposals are not high risk in the slightest from a noise or safety perspective. You will be aware that there are three bars around here that operate late (Kalyx Club, Royal Hotel and Coach and Horses) that have no real impacts on surrounding residents (e.g. noise and alcohol-related disturbances). With full knowledge that I am in the epicentre of these changes, I have no concerns whatsoever on those fronts.</p>
64	<p>Can we expand outdoor seating for restaurants/etc? I think this adds a lot to the vibe/energy of an area. The spots where this exists already are definitely the best spots in the Kingsford area. Selfishly, it would also make it easier to go places with my dog :)</p>
65	<p>Should provide entertainment at different location and not just on the eastern corner of Perouse Rd/St Paul's Rd (Ritz side) To benefit the all Spot Businesses you need to also include the western side of Perouse Rd to bring more customers to these businesses.</p>
66	<p>Ati a time when everyone is crying poor, with increasing interest rates, cost of housing, etc will this perilous state of the economy support a supposed "more vibrant" nighttime economy - is Council wasting its money?</p> <p>Local residents should take priority over visitors</p> <p>The proposal that residents and people moving into a SEP will be notified on planning certificates and on Council's website indicates that Council already thinks that the proposal will be detrimental to local residents, and they move into the area at their peril!</p>
67	<p>What is Council going to do to support the SEP. Will they have a launch party and close down a few roads? Do they have budget to put into this planning / placemaking activation</p>
68	<p>Noise</p>
69	<p>Consider giving concessions through rates or taxes to the 'right kinds of businesses' who move into the area, to help them get started. We don't need any more burger joints or neon convenience stores selling beach towels and sweets -- we want businesses open late that</p>

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	<p>residents actually USE. Bookshops, coffee shop cafes, greengrocers and bakeries open past 6pm...</p> <p>Also -- we need an ATM so people can get money out to spend!!</p>
70	<p>Generally, more noise, more litter, more anti-social behaviour and drunkenness, drunken/drugged driving result from later night opening. Regulations/by-laws must be actively enforced. They are insufficiently enforced at present. I cannot support loosening of SEP/Late night economy restrictions without this in parallel.</p> <p>I comment also that I might register as old, but I am a regular attendee of entertainment precincts, albeit mainly Marrickville, Newtown and Surry hills - which have always been funkier than Randwick which excels in its beaches.</p>
71	<p>Coogee is a family friendly evening venue with sufficient late night options ie Coogee Bay Hotel and Palace. Late night egress is limited surrounding streets are medium to high density residential. Coogee residents particularly permanent already share this space in daylight hours with high impacts in terms of traffic, parking, noise, litter. Any closure of Coogee Bay road pushes traffic including heavy vehicles into residential streets. Leave Coogee as it is a family friendly beach and evening venue with sufficient late night options.</p>
72	<p>Match the planned activities to the demographic. It can't just be for students</p>
73	<p>I think the focus should be placed on the enjoyment of all that live in and outside the LGA rather than the few people that live nearby. Our systems always seem to favor the minority that complain meaning the majority of people miss out.</p> <p>A case of the old, you buy a place cheap near the train tracks. Then spend your existence complaining about the trains and noise trying to get them shut down. The nightlife areas were here well before any of the people bought or move into the areas.</p>
74	<p>Don't be too prescriptive with the types of businesses and rules and give it time to grow and evolve.</p>
75	<p>I'm not sure opening hours need to be extended to very late. When The Spot dinner nights finished about 9pm - I feel this worked. Maybe 9.30-10pm is good but not sure it needs to go much later.</p>
76	<p>More bars in the Spot</p>
77	<p>Should consider road closures eg Coogee Bay Road and Spot and diversion of traffic to make area more amenable to outdoor dining and entertainment.</p>
78	<p>Impact on residents will be important, but there are real opportunities to increase the vibrancy of our neighborhoods, especially in light of more high density developments coming online and more people moving into the LGA. The Anzac parade is especially interesting as it includes a large transient population of students who don't stay long term but could really impact the cultural offerings of the area for example if there was opportunity for small venue live music, galleries and bars etc.</p>
79	<p>Please consider the residents and noise. I live 1km from Maroubra Beach and 1.5km from Coral Sea Park. When they have music or drumming shows we clearly hear it where we live. It's not fair on people trying to have a peaceful day in their homes</p>
80	<p>Randwick is turning into an undesirable place to live for families. Unsafe at night, no parking, can't drive down the main rd due to consistent traffic congestion, uber bikes control the streets and aggressive, no nice restaurants, only 3 ok cafes and they are always over crowded no wonder no nice restaurants will establish themselves there / footpath too small and too close to the buses going down the road to do outside dining. Seems to be a lot of mentally concerning people walking around in Randwick - just feels really unsafe these days. Demographic has seriously changed / no families / too many share houses and airBnBs.</p>

	Is there anything else Council should consider when deciding whether to trial Special Entertainment Precincts?
81	It's becoming more and more complicated to park in Coogee. I do know - and absolutely agree - that we should use more public transport but I would rideshare is also an option. Also, I do use more easily public transport when I can park my car nearby a station/bus stop. For example, when I need to go to CBD, I drive to Juniors Kingsford, park there and take the bus or the tram... We don't have that for Coogee. And living in South Maroubra (New Orleans crescent), I don't always feel safe to walk from the bus stop at night...
82	Additional rubbish disposal and clean up capacity Additional variety of venue and activities; more family focused venues; more teen focused / appropriate spaces Not just more pubs / hotels / drinking establishments
83	It is a fantastic "local space" crying out for that little bit more to make it more than just a suburban oddity. Randwick's heart does not need a defibrillator or intensive care, but it does need a pacemaker.
84	Not something I think Council can help with, but there is such a high volume of tobacco stores and chemists. I want my area to be somewhere with good shops and nice venues (eg decent restaurants and bars/wine bars) to attend during the day and night rather than vape stores and chain fast food joints. I know this is likely to do with high rents and opportunistic businesses but it ruins local atmosphere. Is this something that can be resolved by local rezoning to prevent oversaturation/density of specific businesses? Good businesses open late would be amazing too. Most restaurant businesses across the LGA (including Kingsford) tend to shut by 9/9:30 and stop serving well before this time. I have to show up earlier because they decide to shut earlier when I would love to be dining/drinking later and into the early morning hours... if you end up doing more events, can they be more catered to working professionals without kids? would love to see more art and music.
85	Providing opportunities to young musicians, buskers to perform.
86	Local demographics - who are the users and what do they want? Universal approaches for all areas may result in missed opportunities. Kingsford, for example, has a transient student population so night activities here should be very different to those in Coogee.
87	No, I think this is a brilliant initiative which I wholeheartedly support.
88	Go ahead and do it! Belmore rd is too quiet at night time.
89	Indoor overcrowding without proper ventilation will spread airborne diseases and is unpleasant for every one, so the first requirement is to ensure health and safety by good ventilation, preferably mechanical, venting to the outside when indoors, and plenty of uncrowded outdoor seating for bars and restaurants. Serious greenery around outdoor seating discourages noise and rowdiness which might otherwise bother neighbours.
90	Again, I believe Randwick Junction should be a destination venue for shopping, relevant services/businesses and food (e.g. food court, cafes, fast food chains). That is what I personally mean by "entertainment", not music or shows. Randwick Junction, The Spot and Coogee must complement each other not compete with each other, i.e. destination venues for: - Randwick Junction: Shopping, relevant Services and Businesses plus swift/lower cost Food - The Spot: Entertainment (The Ritz) and dining (restaurants and bistrot, gelateria) SMALLER SCALE/SPACE - Coogee: indoors and outdoor Entertainment (e.g. live music) and dining (various and all hours) LARGER SCALE/SPACE
91	Prohibiting dogs in public spaces include beaches, parks, cafes, shops, pubs.

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92	Safety, ie: security, patrols, Cleanliness, cleanups daily, garbage bins
93	In many cases one restaurant or cafe will gain more from taking over a parking space for alfresco than the community at large and other day traders. By all means allow alfresco but not at the expense of parking spaces night and day. My current concern being the space proposed outside an already busy Maybe Frank on Peruse Road at The Spot.
94	Increased frequency of the lightrail towards Juniors Kingsford and back to Circular Quay is necessary to accomodate the influx of students and visitors heading towards the SEP. Special care needs to be taken towards where the SEP is sited in relation to the UNSW campus, to predict student circulation movement to and from the campus to the SEP.
95	Just implement one Special Entertainment initially and learn from that. Please keep costs low, resident ratepayers seem to be subsidising commercial businesses a lot already. An overfocus by Council, as usual, on the northern part of the Council area, there's Maroubra Junction, Maroubra Beach and Matraville as well.
96	The Spot is busy early say from 5.30pm-8pm and then quieter after that particularly during the week. There is a total lack of parking for the current amount of activity. I live in Lee Street and cars park illegally every day from morning until evening. If the area is set up for SEP how will the Council manage the extra vehicle traffic? As there is a footpath on only one side of the street, people are always walking on the road and its only a matter of time before someone is injured. There is a lot of street noise from people as they walk up the street to go to their cars/go home already. It would be good to see The Spot busier especially during the week.
97	Maroubra should be considered above all. Loads of young people moving here and not enough small businesses to support that area - we all have to leave to go to Coogee to get our fix
98	Near the beach at coogee is the best place for a SEP because the beach area has less residents to be negatively affected by excessive noise and antisocial behaviour from excessive drinking. Coogee has backpackers accommodation which is the most likely patrons for late night drinking that would be the basis of the SEP. The live music proposal for the SEP is a fig leaf to cover longer hours for licensed premises to sell more alcohol, which causes a lot of social harm. Venues do not pay live musicians a reasonable amount and should not be given longer hours under a SEP as it just looks like more pork barrelling for licensed venues. You should remove gambling poker machines from licensed venues before considering longer hours for a SEP. Live music is usually allowed to be too loud outside smaller venues and these issues will not be properly policed.
99	Any concerns local police who know the area may have
100	Upgrading and cleaning up the area.
101	How do you get the right types of businesses in and is there demand that will make them work? There are unoccupied shops in several of these areas right now which suggests that it won't work.
102	You should give plenty of notice of when it is to start and it might be good to start off once a month and then increase once you know if people will come.

B. Submissions

Note: Some submissions have been edited to remove personal or identifying information.

	Submission
1	<p><i>(Feedback at Mayor Parkers's Mobile Office)</i></p> <p>Coogee doesn't need any more support. Supportive of Randwick and The Spot</p>
2, 3 & 4	<p><i>(Identical comment received in three separate submissions)</i></p> <p>I am a rate payer. I live 500m from Coogee Beach. I absolutely disagree with the inclusion of Coogee as a proposed SEP as it is already a successful night time entertainment location. Any proposal to do away with present licence conditions concerning noise or hours of operation is definitely not acceptable.</p>
5	<p>I realise my submission has missed the deadline of 4 March 2026, but I wanted to experience firsthand the night event held in Coogee on the 4th before I prepared a submission. For this reason, as a long standing resident, my submission should be accepted.</p> <p>From my observations of the above event and research I have done on both Enmore and Bondi I oppose the proposed trial of Coogee for a Special Entertainment Precinct. I can't adequately comment on the other areas in your proposal as I don't have the expertise.</p> <p>Coogee is a coastal suburb with high residential density, family-friendly recreation, and daytime tourism. A SEP would risk increased late-night noise, anti-social behaviour, and public domain disruption, without effective mitigation for existing residents. Businesses don't have to get permission to trade late, adding to increased pedestrian and vehicle traffic into the early morning, adding to the above mentioned impacts on residents.</p> <p>Coogee is not Enmore, where public transport/infrastructure is better suited to a SEP. Transport and infrastructure for a late night centre is limited. There is little late-night public transport and parking is diabolical, so dispersing patrons safely is challenging in Coogee. Late-night alcohol-focused activity near the beach may also increase public safety risks with increases in water related injuries/deaths.</p> <p>Coogee's tourism appeal relies on its relaxed coastal identity, and intensified nightlife could shift its character in ways that deter families and day visitors. Lessons from Bondi Beach, where council restrictions were introduced to protect residents and public amenity, demonstrate the risks of formalizing nightlife in residential beach suburbs.</p> <p>NSW planning policy (SEPP) supports SEPs in areas where nightlife is compatible with land uses; Coogee does not meet these criteria. Council can support hospitality without a SEP by encouraging family-friendly dining, small-scale live music, and enhanced public spaces, such was evident in Coogee on the 4th.</p> <p>For these reasons, I urge Randwick City Council not to proceed with the trial SEP designation for Coogee nor support Coogee as a SEP.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
6	<p>Please add my voice to oppose SEP for Cogee</p>

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7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - coogee has no original live music or other cultural activities at night - the nightlife is overwhelmingly focussed on alcohol - there are already high rates of antisocial behaviour and damage to the environment which increases as people get more drunk because no one has suggested it's time go home. The beach and surrounds get trashed and council pays a fortune to keep it clean. Broken glass vomit trash constantly appears every overnight. Of course this will increase <p>Efforts should be made to broaden and enrich what Coogee has to offer...</p>
8	<p>I oppose the inclusion of Coogee in your proposed special entertainment precincts, described by you as for the purpose of fostering 'a night time economy and making it easier for people to enjoy local dining ... entertainment ...', with extended trading hours, for several reasons.</p> <p>First, Coogee is a primarily residential area which is well served with family appropriate facilities, sporting facilities, cafes and restaurants, hotels and clubs. Included in the mix is the over-ambitious developer of the Coogee Village landmark, the Coogee Bay Hotel. The venues and facilities are well patronised and Coogee Beach is a magnet for visitors from nearer and wider Sydney and overseas. It is not appropriate, having regard to its primarily residential character, to turn it into a SEP.</p> <p>The resulting removal of licence conditions and noise constraints, and reduced opportunities for residents to complain about matters related to those issues, will not serve the residential community of Coogee. The population of Coogee includes a significant school age population, and there are many schools in the area delineated in your proposed Coogee SEP.</p> <p>Secondly, it is already a night time entertainment location which, with considerable effort by the community over the years, has managed to remain a tolerable residential environment. Licence conditions have helped to reduce antisocial noise and anti social activity in the bay area. For these licence conditions to be removed, would not be acceptable to the Coogee community. Nor is it necessary. The Coogee Bay area is already very lively at night, parking is at capacity, and the main roads that serve the Bay Area (Arden Street and Coogee Bay Road) are congested at all times. Longer hours means more alcohol and more anti social behaviour in a residential environment, and live music means more unwelcome noise into the hours of the morning. The people who live in our building go to work and pay taxes, and are entitled to the amenity of a residential environment.</p> <p>Thirdly, you will not be able to 'manage noise impacts with clear sound standards through a precinct management plan'. It just won't be practically possible. There is no visible policing of the existing licence conditions next door to 230 Arden Street as it is.</p> <p>I therefore oppose the inclusion of Coogee in the SEP plan.</p> <p>I am a resident, a ratepayer, and the chair of the strata committee for 230 Arden Street Coogee. In the latter capacity, I speak for the residents of our building (about 38 people), who go to work and school every day. And for all the people who choose to live in Coogee (and go to work and go to school every day).</p>

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9	<p>I refer to your plan to set up special entertainment areas 'to foster a vibrant night-time economy, making it easier for people to enjoy local dining, shopping, entertainment' with extended trading hours and live music etc.</p> <p>As a long term resident of Coogee I object to your proposal. Coogee has already expanded into an entertainment economy with vastly increased traffic and visitors from everywhere, and it is accordingly more noisy, crowded, and its services and businesses are less diverse due to the takeover of bars, restaurants, cafes and food businesses.</p> <p>Coogee is primarily residential and its community will not be at all well served by yet another zone where lose y drunk people can linger longer and music can blare into the mornings. We need the protection of the licensing provisions currently applying, as these are regularly breached anyway.</p> <p>I therefore object to the inclusion of Coogee in your advertised plan.</p>
10	<p>I refer to your proposal to establish special entertainment precincts in up to four locations, including Coogee, to boost the local night-time economy. Your stated aims are to allow extended trading hours for venues and outdoor dining, alongside reduced red tape for live music, similar to models implemented in other NSW areas.</p> <p>I am a resident of Coogee, a ratepayer and taxpayer, and I object to any plan to introduce 'night time economy' to Coogee. Coogee is a residential area that has, over the past 3 decades, been evolving from a reasonable place to live to become an over populated, over used vicinity which already has a great deal of night time activity.</p> <p>As an essentially residential area which is under a lot of pressure from visitors and traffic already, I object to any proposal to increase what is already an overused environment.</p> <p>You have other candidates which would be more suitable, such as Randwick and Anzac Parade, and Bondi Junction.</p> <p>So please do not. We of Coogee do not need any more noise and outdoor dining than we already have.</p>
11	<p>I am writing in opposition to the SEP, as a resident of Coogee</p> <p>While I like to see all local businesses thrive, I am opposed to later trading house, extra traffic, noise, extra garbage, too much of everything that changes a gentle community and all the elements that come with this</p> <p>Our strength, particularly with local business, is the popularity of our beach + clearly the shops flourish as a result</p> <p>What I don't support is larger commercial venues, selling alcohol, with extended trading hours, noise, lights etc</p> <p>I also want to comment that a few posters placed around Coogee is not encouraging when a forum should have been seen as engaging our community in a discussion</p>
12	<p>I am writing to let you know that I strongly oppose an SEP at Coogee.</p>

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	<p>It is a family-oriented beach community with a lot of residents in the marked area and close by that will be negatively impacted by noise and late night foot traffic.</p> <p>Activations in Coogee are great and bring community together for a specific purpose.</p> <p>However, I believe a full time SEP would hugely negatively impact the community and suburb.</p>
13	<p>As a long timer resident off Coogee Bay Road, I oppose the inclusion of Coogee as a proposed SEP.</p> <p>Coogee is already a lively busy precinct at night with two of the biggest nighttime venues in NSW namely The Pavilion and Coogee Bay Hotel, we do not require any additional large or even middle size venue.</p> <p>I am concerned that the proposal will remove / reduce the present licence conditions and the negative impact this will have on residents.</p>
14	<p>Submission on behalf of Merivale</p> <p>See page 44 of this report (below table).</p>
15	<p>I strongly oppose the SEP COOGEE. As a long term resident, I am strongly against it because the development would bring noise, disruption, fights & injuries. Coogee is a residential and outdoor exercise area and this is not good for it.</p>
16	<p>I strongly oppose the SEP. This would be a very bad thing for residents, adding physical pollution, noise pollution, injuries and fights induced by alcohol. There is no space for a large music venue so the focus would be alcohol. There are other places more suitable where entertainment could be provided.</p> <p>The Entertainment Precinct in Coogee would cover an area across the beach front and into residential streets. More liquor licenses would be given and bars able to trade an extra 2 hours and be "protected" from resident complaints about noise or alcohol related impacts.</p> <p>Coogee doesn't need more alcohol-related night life because it is a residential suburb - the sound of the waves is better dinner music than the thump of dance music and the sound of children playing on the beach is better than drunken brawls on our streets.</p>
17	<p>We strongly object to Council seeking to have Coogee designated a Special Entertainment precinct.</p> <p>Our reasons are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We do not believe you will be able to ensure the rules are followed for things like noise. <p>Council must be realistic. You do not enforce bans on alcohol at the beach or bikes being ridden on pathways for example. So why should you or residents believe rules that come with more people here late at night with more venues and more alcohol will be policed? When you can enforce the existing rules, then and only then, should you take on more policing challenges in my view. But there are other reasons as below.</p>

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	<p>2. The Coogee area already has many venues like Merivale and the Coogee Bay Hotel is getting a big upgrade. Why do we need more in such a small and highly populated area?</p> <p>3. Traffic is already difficult around Coogee and there is no new infrastructure like the Light Rail. And parking is already a big problem.</p> <p>4. You could apply to have the precinct at Randwick Junction which has the light rail. It is also close to the hospital for the inevitable need for medical treatment after late night fights etc. Remember all the late night violence that was so prevalent before the restrictions were put in place? Why is Council keen to exposure your residents to these foreseeable risks? Who benefits? Not the residents.</p>
18	<p>I am writing in relation to the proposed Special Entertainment Precincts (SEP) and to formally object to the inclusion of Coogee as a designated precinct.</p> <p>Coogee is already a highly popular and well-established nighttime entertainment destination, attracting significant patronage, particularly during peak seasonal periods and weekends. The area experiences substantial vehicle and foot traffic, late night activity and the associated impacts that accompany concentrated entertainment venues. Residents in the immediate vicinity are already managing the cumulative effects of noise, anti-social behaviour, traffic congestion and public safety concerns.</p> <p>Importantly, the current licensing conditions imposed on major venues were not implemented arbitrarily. They have been developed through consultation with Council, community stakeholders and government input. The conditions represent a carefully considered balance between supporting local businesses and protecting residential amenity. They reflect the unique character and constraints of the locality.</p> <p>The proposed SEP framework would risk undermining important established safeguards. Removing or weakening existing licence conditions may lead to extended trading hours, increased noise levels and greater cumulative impacts on surrounding residential streets. Given Coogee's existing popularity and high visitation levels, further intensification is neither necessary nor appropriate.</p> <p>Coogee is not an underutilised commercial centre in need of activation; it is a thriving coastal community where residential living and hospitality venues coexist under a regulatory framework designed to maintain equilibrium. Altering the framework through SEP designation would jeopardise the stability that residents currently rely upon.</p> <p>Therefore, I respectfully request that Council exclude Coogee from the proposed Special Entertainment Precincts and retain the current licensing controls that have been carefully developed over time.</p>
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20 & 21	<p><i>(The following comment was received in two separate submissions, including one made on behalf of a strata scheme.)</i></p> <p>We represent the strata management at...Beach Street Coogee...Yesterday we became aware that Coogee is being considered for a Special Entertainment Precinct. We are distressed to hear that.</p> <p>We have prepared a submission outlining why we think a SEP is inappropriate for Coogee, and what would work to increase Coogee's vibrancy. Please read below.</p> <p>We would be grateful if you could represent us in taking this submission to Council.</p> <p>Submission on the Proposed Coogee Special Entertainment Precinct</p> <p>1. Introduction</p> <p>This submission outlines why a Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP) is not an appropriate or evidence-based model for Coogee. While SEPs may be suitable for established nightlife corridors, Coogee's existing conditions, demographic profile, and urban form make it fundamentally incompatible with the SEP framework.</p> <p>2. Policy Context</p> <p>The SEP mechanism originates from the NSW Government's 24-Hour Economy Strategy, led by the statutory 24-Hour Economy Commissioner.[1] The strategy assumes that all communities will benefit from late-night activation and treats diverse areas as potential "going-out districts." [2]</p> <p>This universalised assumption does not reflect Coogee's local context.</p> <p>3. Coogee's Existing Conditions</p> <p>Coogee is characterised by:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a strong daytime and early-evening economy • high natural surveillance and safe public spaces • a family-oriented demographic • a thriving café and restaurant culture • residential streets immediately adjoining hospitality venues <p>Coogee is a residential beach suburb, not a nightlife precinct.</p> <h4>4. Inappropriate Comparison with Enmore Road</h4> <p>Enmore Road became NSW's first permanent SEP in 2023 following a two-year trial.[3] Enmore was selected because it already had:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a dense cluster of live-music venues • an established late-night economy • under-activated streets requiring safety improvements • a significant night-time visitor population <p>The NSW Government's case study describes Enmore as a "vibrant mixed-use precinct with a flourishing live music and cultural scene" even prior to the SEP.[4]</p> <p>Coogee does not share these characteristics. Applying the Enmore model to Coogee is not evidence-based.</p> <h4>5. Likely Impacts on Coogee</h4> <p>A SEP in Coogee would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • extend trading hours beyond current community expectations • increase amplified music in a suburb not designed for it • generate late-night foot traffic through residential streets • shift Coogee's identity from a family beach suburb to a late-night destination <p>These impacts would reduce residential amenity and create new safety and compliance pressures.</p> <h4>6. Positive Alternatives for Local Vibrancy</h4> <p>Coogee's vibrancy can be strengthened through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • early-evening cultural programming (classical, jazz, Indigenous performance, outdoor theatre) • artisan and maker markets • twilight food events and multicultural festivals • nature-aligned activities (sunrise yoga, coastal walks, environmental art) <p>These initiatives support local artists, attract families, and align with Coogee's existing character.</p> <h4>7. Conclusion</h4>

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	<p>The SEP model is a nightlife tool designed for areas with established late-night economies. Coogee does not meet this profile. A SEP would not reinforce Coogee's identity; it would transform it in ways inconsistent with community expectations.</p> <p>Coogee requires a daytime and early-evening cultural strategy, not extended trading hours and amplified nightlife.</p> <p>---</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New South Wales Government, 24-Hour Economy Legislation Amendment (Vibrancy Reforms) Act 2023, No. 68 (NSW). 2. New South Wales Government, NSW 24-Hour Economy Strategy: Turning the Lights Back On (2020), 6. 3. Inner West Council, "Enmore Road Special Entertainment Precinct Made Permanent," Council Resolution C0623(1), 13 June 2023. 4. New South Wales Government, Enmore Road Special Entertainment Precinct: Case Study (2023), 2.
21	<p>I object to proposal to turn Coogee into an entertainment precinct . It will return Coogee to the dangerous days residents and visitors once experienced and resulted in stabbings , death and other anti social behaviours.</p> <p>This should remain a family friendly, alcohol free environment for all residents and ratepayers to enjoy without having to deal with objectionable behaviour that comes hand in hand with alcohol.</p> <p>Residents and ratepayers should be your primary concern.</p> <p>The very last thing we want or need is a repeat of the outrageous antics that took place at Coogee Beach on Christmas Day.</p> <p>Randwick Council's key objective of being a "liveable city", will not be met if residents and tourists feel unsafe.</p> <p>Randwick Council should be trying to achieve a family friendly, less alcohol and gambling environment.</p> <p>This proposal reeks of the gambling and alcohol lobby and its connections.</p> <p>The hotels and restaurants that are in Coogee already have trading hours that cater to a large number of people.</p> <p>There is no discussion of the incompatibility of this goal with the residential zoning of most of the streets in the proposed Coogee entertainment precinct and the presence of schools and preschools.</p> <p>There is no mention of preserving the valued and much publicised "Village look and feel" of Coogee.</p> <p>There is no acknowledgement of the fact that the Coogee bay area already has two of the largest late trading venues in NSW, which together cater for many thousands of patrons.</p>

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	<p>Coogee already has a "vibrant" night time economy. Facilitating a further concentration of "vibrancy" makes it harder for venues elsewhere to compete.</p> <p>The information is silent on why the foreshore and Goldstein Reserve are included..</p> <p>Of concern to many home owners is the proposal that "residents and people moving into a SEP will be notified on planning certificates and the Council web sites". Why is this necessary? Is it in recognition that being in a SEP will reduce the value of residential property??</p> <p>This trial should be abandoned and a referral made to ICAC regarding links between political parties and this planning policy.</p>
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23	<p>I am writing to oppose the inclusion of Coogee as a proposed Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP).</p> <p>Coogee is already loud and heavily impacted in the evenings. Existing venue-specific licence conditions have been essential in managing noise, patron behaviour and late-night disturbance in what is primarily a residential area. The</p>

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	<p>proposed SEP framework, with changes to noise management and licensing settings, risks weakening these protections and further reducing residents' ability to raise concerns.</p> <p>The current balance between hospitality activity and residential amenity has taken years of community effort to achieve. It should not be diluted.</p> <p>For these reasons, I strongly oppose the proposed SEP designation for Coogee.</p>
24	<p>I strongly object to Coogee being made into a Special Entertainment precinct.</p> <p>There are many residential areas around the beach that will be unfairly and unreasonably subjected to antisocial noise and activity with no ability to complain if licensing conditions are lifted.</p> <p>Coogee has a lovely village atmosphere with amenities that can be enjoyed equally by all.</p> <p>I urge the Council to reconsider, and not to make changes that will have a negative impact on the balance between a lively night life and the peace and harmony appropriately afforded to residents.</p>
25	I oppose a SEP for Coogee.
26	<p>Submission from Bayside Council</p> <p>See page 46 of this report (below table).</p>
27	<p>I am writing to oppose a SEP for Coogee. While I live in the Inner West I spend a lot of time visiting close friends who live on Beach Street, within eyesight and earshot of the Coogee Bay Hotel. Friday and Saturday nights are already extremely lively at the pub with loud music and voices carrying across the bay. It seems that local residents already tolerate a lot of disturbance and do not need to have the added headache of even later trading hours. People like me who do not live near the ocean appreciate coming to Coogee for its beautiful bay and there is nothing nicer than walking on the beach at night and listening to the waves. To have to put with the doof doof of loud music and witness drunken brawls outside the pub is not a recipe for a pleasant Saturday night. The proposed SEP for Coogee could really test residents' sanity in that it does not seem to consider that people have a right to enjoy some peace and quiet at home and be able to sleep soundly. The current trading hours already bring huge amounts of business to Coogee — surely this should be enough. If people want loud music and the chance to eat and drink into the early hours of the morning they can choose pubs that are not situated in a residential area.</p>
28	<p>Hi, I just read the documentation about the SEP for Coogee and I would like to register my objection to it the plan.</p> <p>My family and I love Coogee beach and we often visit from Darlinghurst on the bus. It's our favourite beach. The attraction of Coogee is the beach itself - it is such a beautiful spot and the parks and walks around the cliffs are always such respite from the busy city.</p> <p>There is already quite a busy scene at Coogee, with afternoon drinkers spilling into the evening on the footpaths and buses. To expand this to provide more dining and drinking opportunities seems like a bad idea and one that would affect the broad</p>

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	<p>community appeal of the area. I would be less likely to take my family for our late afternoon swim if it meant fighting through crowds of people dining and drinking in outdoor spaces. We sometimes picnic on the beach at dinner time and there already plenty of options for places to eat and drink, and so many people about that expanding this would materially affect the attractiveness of the area in my opinion.</p> <p>Coogee has something special - it's a beautiful spot at the end of an accessible bus route from the inner city. Encouraging more restaurants and bars in an area that already has plenty but which currently balances the beauty of the setting along with a some nighttime activity. To add more would seem to be oversaucing. Coogee is not Bondi-it's better than Bondi and limiting the noise and nighttime activity would help to maintain its special qualities.</p>
29	<p>Submission on behalf of Dexus</p> <p>See page 49 of this report (below table).</p>
30	<p>Submission from Transport for NSW</p> <p>See page 52 of this report (below table).</p>
31	<p>I am not Irish, however I believe the council should lean into the love the Irish have for Coogee or better known now as "County Coogee".</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2027 St paddy's day, Wednesday March 17th. • Close off the block on Coogee Bay Rd from Brooke St to Arden St. <p>Benefit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrate such a unique feature of Coogee/ Randwick and the huge Irish population who reside here. • Celebrate the contribution this cohort has to the local economy. • Acknowledge the ancestral/cultural links between Australian an Ireland. • Press: I think RTE (Raidió Teilifís Éireann) would do a story on this. • Attract Irish expats/ travellers to visit Coogee for the event or holiday. <p>Thanks for the opportunity to submit a suggestion.</p>
32	<p>We live next to The Spot precinct. The area is vibrant and always activated. We walk through The Spot several times per day and there's always a steady flow of customers, with busy retail from morning to evening.</p> <p>There would be diminishing returns investing Council money into this area. It's already at capacity activation wise and trying to activate it further would be a waste.</p>
33	<p>I am concerned about the proposed Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP) at Coogee Beach. This area is already highly popular, with narrow streets, small footpaths, heavy pedestrian and vehicle and public transportation traffic, and existing venues that create noise, congestion, and environmental impacts.</p>

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	<p>Adding an SEP risks formalising and expanding activity in a space that cannot easily absorb more patrons or venues, potentially worsening impacts on residents and the local environment.</p> <p>Mainly I'm concerned that the SEP proposal shifts responsibility for noise complaints from the local council to Liquor & Gaming NSW, with a high threshold for enforcement. Residents will likely find it difficult to have everyday disturbances addressed, while venues gain protection for noise that already affects nearby homes. The onus becomes on residents instead of businesses.</p> <p>My other concern is environmental. Many businesses rely on third-party rubbish collection, which depends on a single staff member putting bins out in a way that does not spill into the street or onto the beach — a very high expectation and mostly its not currently met. In windy coastal conditions, rubbish from businesses, ends up in drains and eventually the beach. Early-morning or late-night collection trucks add further noise and disruption.</p> <p>The Coogee Bay Hotel is planning a long-term 2–3 year renovation within the SEP zone. Together with the SEP, this redevelopment could create major cumulative disruption, noise, traffic, and environmental impacts on residents over an extended period.</p> <p>I'm a fan of the Council-led activations that run over a week provide a way to bring nightlife and vibrancy to the area without creating consistent, daily disturbances for local residents. These activations may already provide a reasonable balance between supporting businesses and protecting community amenity.</p> <p>Coogee Beach is already busy and densely populated, and it is unclear that an SEP is necessary and other than increasing business in an already busy area, with no balancing benefit for people who live here.</p>
34	<p>I live at...Bream Street, Coogee, and I have the following questions about the proposed SEP in Coogee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will all the residences in Bream Street between Beach and Arden streets be in a newly formed SEP if it goes ahead as proposed? Does that mean someone could set up a bar or cafe next door or opposite me? For example, could the building of 9 residential apartments next to me turn one of the apartments into a restaurant or bar? Will a SEP change the current zoning laws? 2. A big part of noise disturbance for us from the Pavilion is drunk, loud punters leaving the venue late at night and in the early hours of the morning. Currently the Pavilion has a policy to direct punters when they leave towards the buses and the main business district of Coogee, rather than up the hill through the residential area that we live in. Will the proposed SEP change that (ie, the Pavilion no longer believes it needs to have that policy in place), and result in increased foot traffic through our residential area? 3. What is proposed regarding overriding existing noise constraints in DAs for my section of Bream Street if it is incorporated into a new SEP? Does that mean anyone putting in a DA for building works doesn't have to abide by noise regulations? It's not clear in the information you have made public.

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	<p>4. Will a SEP result in the Pavilion applying again to have more outdoor tables on the eastern side of the Pavilion (previously rejected), using up even more of the already diminished public space and amenity in the foreshore area?</p> <p>5. Will a SEP reduce the value of my property?</p>
36	<p>Kingsford SEP: Most needed</p> <p>Randwick Junction: Too much passing traffic</p> <p>Coogee: Already developed</p> <p>The Spot: Already popular</p>
37	<p>I wish to respond to Council's proposal for a trial of Special Entertainment Precincts. Specifically, I wish to comment on the proposal to have the Randwick Junction Town Centre designated as one of these Precincts.</p> <p>I live near to the Randwick Junction Town centre and I believe that this area currently has ample evening activity and there is a definite mix of venues available. People can already enjoy dining, shopping and entertainment in this area after dark and I believe that there is no need - and I suggest no call - for more such venues or for extended hours for existing venues. Additionally, over the years, The Spot has evolved into an area where late-night activities occur and this area is very much suited to be designated as a Special Entertainment Precinct, unlike the Randwick Town Centre area.</p> <p>Already the Randwick Junction area suffers from a noisy and at times unruly group of people (I allude here to the cohort that frequents both the Coach and Horses and the Duke of Gloucester Hotels), and expanding the hours during which these venues (and others) are allowed to stay open will only exacerbate the noise and unacceptable problems associated with late-night operations, especially but not only on Friday and Saturday nights. Once extended trading hours in all forms of hospitality venues are allowed, it will be very difficult to control the additional noise that will develop and there will be the propensity for further litter to be strewn onto local streets.</p> <p>Please regard this communication as opposition to Randwick Junction Town Centre being designated as a Special Entertainment Centre.</p>
38	<p>I work and reside in the Randwick lga.</p> <p>I'm a 59 year old female and would love for this entertainment precinct to come to fruition especially if it was located at Kingsford. I think this is the best area for public transport options and it's totally central to all surrounding suburbs. I recently visited the Miami Marketta on the Gold Coast which is a night market starting at 5pm several times a week. Hosting live music, exceptional food stalls that were very well priced for families etc. they have sections for ticketed events as well as free live entertainment. It's a fantastic vibe and there is something to hold the eye for all ages. It would showcase local talent, produce and support local businesses that were impacted by the construction of the light rail.</p> <p>Lets get the party started and bring joy to all.</p>
39	<p>I am writing to oppose the proposed trial of a Special Entertainment Precinct in Coogee, The Spot, Randwick Junction, and Kingsford.</p>

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	<p>I do not believe these areas suffer from a lack of nighttime activity. There are already plenty of places to eat, drink, and enjoy the area, and the proposal does not seem to address a genuine local need.</p> <p>I understand, of course, that Sydney is in a housing crisis, and I would strongly support measures that increase the supply of homes. But I do not see the advantage of creating an entertainment precinct in these suburbs. It also seems in tension with Randwick's objective of being a liveable city and a sustainable community, particularly for residents of Coogee who value the village look and feel of the suburb.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my submission.</p>
40	<p>My family and I live at "the Spot" in Randwick, at 3 Dine st and we are categorically opposed to any more SEPs here where we live.</p> <p>The area does NOT support the parking required for this event, added to the many restaurants and 9 cinemas there already.</p> <p>parking is a massive problem here and Council will make it worse by instigating an SEP here for the sake of their revenue. we have no driveway and Council has dismissed our application to have one and we cannot move our cars anywhere without 3 other cars on the street waiting to take our place.</p> <p>We cannot leave and return to park anywhere between 8am and 10pm . only between 5pm and 6pm on any evening can we park near our homes. having a sticker does not help as I park hundreds of meters away or wait on the street for 30 minutes for some visitor or hospital staff member to move their car. I have an elderly mother with dementia and cannot drop her at my home or park far and make her walk back to my home.</p> <p>Please leave "the Spot" alone and stop overcrowding the residents here.</p>
41	<p>I like the idea of walkable streets, cars kill and make you ill, but I have concern with evening music for local residents some who have to get up early and need their sleep.</p>
42	<p>The Kingsford area is more suited to an entertainment precinct. It has many eateries already, a young people environment being the university and a theatre being NIDA. The university UNSW, already holds many social and cultural events. The parking is also available already in the area unlike the other areas proposed. This is the logical area to hold and increase further services as it has public transport.</p>

Submission from Merivale:



4 March 2026

RJC/NMA:26-020

The General Manager
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Attention: Strategic Planning Team

email: council@randwick.nsw.gov.au

Dear Strategic Planning Team,

Re: Proposed Special Entertainment Precincts

We write on behalf of Merivale, the owner and operator of a significant portfolio of hospitality and live entertainment venues located throughout Sydney and NSW including the following two hotels:

- Coogee Pavilion; and
- The Dog,

both of which are in the Randwick LGA.

These venues are extremely popular with local residents, workers, tourists and visitors to the area, providing high quality food and beverage offerings to hundreds of patrons each day with both indoor and outdoor settings. These venues offer entertainment to patrons in a variety of forms, including live performers, DJs, sporting and, community events and recorded and background music.

Thank you for inviting feedback on the Council's plan to enhance nightlife and encourage live music and performances through the creation of Special Entertainment Precincts ("SEP's") within the Randwick LGA. In this regard, we note that Council is considering four (4) potential SEP's, including one at Coogee in which Coogee Pavilion is located.

The SEP's are intended to support a vibrant mix of businesses and venues, promote live music and extended trading hours, and provide greater community oversight of the framework which will govern these types of activities. The intent and direction of Council in relation to the introduction of SEP's is positive and consistent with the NSW State Government's Vibrancy Reforms and therefore, in principle, Merivale **supports** Council's proposal. We say 'in principle' only because once the detail is available, we will be keen to confirm that the SEP package does not disadvantage the on-going management and operation of Coogee Pavilion in accordance with relevant approvals.

Therefore, Merivale welcomes the opportunity to provide additional comments/ feedback on the Sound Management Plan and Precinct Management Plan for the Coogee SEP, once prepared.

The intent of the NSW Government Vibrancy Reforms, which largely came into effect on 1 July 2024, is to encourage and incentivise the provision of late-night entertainment and cultural activities that contribute to the diversity of the night-time economy in Sydney and in NSW generally. Merivale (and the wider hospitality industry) has been encouraged by the positive impacts of the current approach to managing entertainment sound resulting from the NSW Government Vibrancy Reforms.

Further to the above, any proposed changes to the current legislative framework applying to the Randwick City Council LGA, as it pertains to late night trading, need to be aligned with the strategic intent of the 24-Hour Economy Legislation Amendment (Vibrancy Reforms) Act 2023 and be cognisant of the Sound Management Guidance for licensed venue operators which Liquor and Gaming NSW has issued.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission. Should you require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned or Niall Mc Ateer on 02 9211 4099.

Yours faithfully,
BBC Consulting Planners

Submission from Bayside Council:



26 February 2026

Our Ref: 26/49462

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Att. Strategic Planning

Dear Mr Brownlee

RE: Bayside Council Submission on Randwick Special Entertainment Precincts

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the Randwick Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP). Bayside Council supports and encourages well-located nighttime economies, as outlined in the Bayside Community Strategic Plan (Community Outcome 4.1).

SEPs are areas developed under the Local Government Act 1993 and have their sound conditions and trading hours set by the Council via a Precinct Management Plan, creating certainty for both business owners and surrounding residents. Typically, a SEP is accompanied by a Development Control Plan that requires all future residential development or redevelopment to be constructed with higher acoustic treatment, ensuring that the impact of the night-time economy is mitigated into the future.

It is understood that Randwick City Council (RCC) is investigating opportunities to establish SEPs in four locations across the City, with the Kingsford (Anzac Parade) SEP being on the boundary with Bayside at the corner of Gardeners Road and Bunnerong Road.

Proposed Kingsford (Anzac Parade) SEP

Bayside has a particular interest in the proposed Kingsford (Anzac Parade) precinct, that adjoins the low density Heritage Conservation Area (HCA) of Daceyville.

Daceyville HCA is highly significant for its physical manifestation of an intact, traditional Garden Suburb. The area is characterised by its radial town planning pattern, original housing stocks, mature street plantings and the abundant open spaces. The Dacey Garden, being the main formal space where the major boulevards radiate from, is a key element in this HCA. Dacey Garden Reserve is heritage listed (I240) under the Bayside Local Environmental Plan 2021.

The introduction of a nighttime economy within close proximity to the park without careful consideration could result in undesirable outcomes. The SEP increases the likelihood of patrons to venture into the park from nighttime venues, increasing the potential for antisocial behaviour to occur as it is an isolated park. Protection of the Daceyville HCA is essential, and if a Planning Proposal for the Kingsford SEP is pursued this will need to be considered.

Daceyville is also home to some of Bayside's most vulnerable residents. According to the last census, Daceyville is home to the highest proportion of older lone person households in the Bayside LGA, equating to almost 33% of households within the suburb. Additionally, nearly 50% of households in Daceyville are lone-persons and has a large proportion of older person households, with 30% of peoples aged 65+ and 13% 80 years or older. A SEP with nighttime noise is likely to have a negative impact upon the already vulnerable residents that reside in Daceyville.

The [NSW Special Entertainment Precinct Acoustic Toolkit](#) (the Acoustic Toolkit), provides guidance to Councils and acoustic consultants when undertaking acoustic testing and setting noise limits for SEPs. The Toolkit recommends that Councils work collaboratively with neighbouring Councils to avoid conflicting approaches to SEPs, managing surrounding land uses and inconsistencies across Councils. Bayside Council would welcome the opportunity to collaboratively work with RCC on planning initiatives along the shared boundary, including this SEP. The Acoustic Toolkit presents different options for managing noise emitted from a SEP.

It is recommended that the most suitable noise criteria approach for this precinct is likely the 'polluter pays' model. Although this approach is not usually preferred for a SEP, Daceyville's strong heritage significance means the area is unlikely to undergo major redevelopment. As a result, introducing development controls that require shared acoustic treatments is unlikely to work effectively in Daceyville and the redevelopment for them to be implemented will not occur.

Recommendations

It is requested that RCC make the following considerations when deciding if the Kingsford (Anzac Parade) SEP is progressed:

1. Reduction of SEP Area

It is requested that due to the above mentioned sensitivities of the suburb of Daceyville, that the area of the Kingsford SEP be reduced to not include the section of Gardeners Road (70 Gardeners Road, Kingsford to 387 Anzac Parade, Kingsford). The refinement of the SEP area to not include the section along Gardeners Road would assist in ensuring the acoustic and amenity impacts upon both the residents and heritage significance of Daceyville are mitigated.

2. Acoustic Considerations

If RCC elects to proceed with establishing a SEP along Gardeners Road, it is requested that acoustic testing be undertaken within Daceyville and that specific consideration be given to the area's unique heritage values and low density residential character. As a low density suburb protected by a heritage conservation clause, Daceyville is unlikely to experience significant future change, and will continue to function as a sensitive receiver requiring appropriate protection. Should the SEP progress, it is further requested that the acoustic guidelines stipulate that emitters are responsible for mitigating noise impacts upon existing sensitive receivers in Daceyville.

3. Crime and Anti-social Behaviour Prevention

It is requested that RCC consult with Bayside Council on strategies to mitigate and minimise the opportunity for anti-social behaviour to permeate into the Bayside LGA because of the proposed special entertainment precinct, specifically in regard to Dacey Gardens. The introduction of a SEP near the Bayside LGA could increase both maintenance and resourcing costs.

4. Consultation and Collaboration

In line with the Acoustic Toolkit, it is requested that Randwick Council collaborate with Bayside Council on the establishment of any SEPs within proximity to the Bayside LGA. The introduction of a SEP on the boundary to Bayside and the suburb of Daceyville may have unanticipated financial and resourcing implications for Bayside Council that have not yet been considered. Bayside Council welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the development of the SEP, if progressed.

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the proposed SEPs within RCC. In its current form, the Kingsford (Anzac Parade) SEP adjacent to Daceyville raises significant concerns regarding potential impacts upon the residents of Daceyville and the HCA. Further consideration to the mitigation of impact upon land within Daceyville is requested. We trust the RCC will take to above concerns and comments into consideration with determining how to proceed with the proposed SEPs.

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3 March 2026

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Dear Stella,

Submission on proposed Special Entertainment Precincts | Royal Randwick Shopping Centre

This submission has been prepared by Urbis Ltd (**Urbis**) on behalf of DEXUS in relation to the site at 73-109 Belmore Road, Randwick known as the 'Royal Randwick Shopping Centre'.

We are writing in relation to the potential Special Entertainment Precincts (**SEPs**) within the Randwick Local Government Area at Coogee, The Spot, Randwick Junction Town Centre (**RJTC**), and Kingsford (Anzac Parade). Specifically, this submission is in relation to the proposed SEP at the RJTC. We would like to acknowledge the work Randwick City Council (**Council**) has done to date and would like to thank Council for the opportunity to comment.

Support for the activation and renewal of Randwick Junction Town Centre

We understand that RJTC has been considered as a SEP as it is located within the Randwick Health and Innovation Precinct. This area offers a mix of health, retail, and food venues and has potential to foster a vibrant night-time economy for residents, workers, visitors, and students. Light rail services until midnight and frequent bus routes make it convenient accessible for all.

DEXUS supports Council's strategic intent to revitalise and further activate the RJTC through the introduction of a SEP. The objectives of the SEP framework, as set out in the NSW Special Entertainment Precinct Guidelines, align with the role of the RJTC as a highly accessible centre with established public transport connections and a diverse mix of commercial, retail, residential, medical and hospitality uses.

The Royal Randwick Shopping Centre is a key site within the RJTC and presents a significant opportunity for urban renewal via redevelopment of the centre. The site is the largest parcel in single ownership within RJTC, is centrally located, and is not constrained by heritage significance or fragmented strata ownership. These characteristics provide capacity to accommodate increased density, additional employment generating floor space, well located housing, public benefit and improvements to the public domain, consistent with Council's strategic objectives for the centre. Council has initiated a plan for increased growth and renewal of the RJTC over the next 15 years via a Draft Planning Proposal (**Draft PP**). The Draft PP will allow approximately 800 new homes and 750 new full-time jobs.

The proposed RJTC SEP has the potential to leverage off the existing mix of land uses and accessibility of the RJTC to support a more active evening economy, while providing clear rules for businesses, residents, and visitors. The critical consideration will be managing the impacts (especially noise and anti-social behaviour) on existing and future residents (given Council's proposal to introduce an additional 800 homes into RJTC). Consequently, the desired future character for RJTC should be to create a precinct with a more welcoming late-night atmosphere, with a wider range of options for dining and shopping after dark rather than RJTC becoming a precinct with entertainment venues featuring live music and entertainment.

Noise management and enforcement

The management of noise will be central to the effectiveness of the RJTC SEP. At present, noise from licensed venues is typically regulated through site-specific development consent conditions, often with fixed criteria that apply regardless of the broader precinct context.

The SEP framework proposes a shift to a precinct-based approach, whereby sound standards are established through a precinct management plan and override inconsistent consent conditions. DEXUS supports this approach in principle, noting its potential to provide greater certainty and consistency for businesses and investment within RJTC. However, to ensure that the framework operates effectively and with minimal impact on existing noise amenity, DEXUS considers that further clarity is required for the following matters:

- The proposed sound criteria to apply within the RJTC SEP, including different controls between core and transition areas to ensure existing and future residents are not adversely impacted.
- How existing venues will be accommodated to ensure that sound standards are not more restrictive than those currently applying.
- How cumulative noise impacts over time will be managed as the SEP evolves and nighttime activity intensifies.
- How Council will enforce compliance with the SEP, and what are the consequences for venues that do not comply?

Clear articulation of the above matters is important in providing confidence for both existing residents and operators and future residents/investment, particularly in the context of Council's Draft PP which will facilitate an additional 800 homes being introduced into RJTC. A thorough and proactive plan is required to assure residents that the outcomes of the SEP can be properly implemented before it is adopted. The above measures should be shared with businesses and residents for comment before finalisation of any SEP.

Anti-social behaviour

DEXUS recognises that increased evening and night-time activity can raise anti-social behaviour within the public domain. For the RJTC SEP to be successful, these issues should be addressed through a coordinated SEP wide approach. In this regard, DEXUS supports measures that:

- Reinforce clear expectations regarding venue management practices, including patron dispersal and behaviour beyond venue boundaries.
- Integrate public domain design and management initiatives that support safety, visibility and passive surveillance.

- Establish monitoring and review processes during the SEP trial period to identify and respond to emerging issues.

Such measures are consistent with the principles set out in the NSW SEP Guidelines and will assist in balancing activation objectives with the amenity expectations of surrounding land uses. The above measures should be and shared with businesses and residents for comment before finalisation of any SEP.

Trading hours

DEXUS supports the intent of the proposed SEPs to provide clarity and certainty of trading hours, while reducing complexity for businesses operating within the SEP precincts.

It will be important that clarity on the maximum trading hours established through the SEP are provided within the final SEP package. It will be important that the proposed maximum trading hours:

- Reflect the SEPs capacity to accommodate later-trading uses considering transport infrastructure, existing amenity, and existing activity.
- Apply to both licensed and appropriate supporting unlicensed premises to support a broader range of evening activities.
- Allow greater flexibility for well-managed venues and future development to seek extended hours where appropriate if demonstrated that these venues can be operated without further impacting the existing amenity of the SEP area.

The above measures should be and shared with businesses and residents for comment before finalisation of any SEP.

Conclusion

DEXUS supports the proposed RJTC SEP to encourage activation, renewal and investment within the RJTC. The Royal Randwick Shopping Centre is well positioned to contribute to these outcomes due to being the largest parcel in single ownership within the centre which is not constrained by heritage significance or fragmented strata ownership and already provides a mix of land uses.

To support the effective implementation of the SEP, DEXUS encourages Council to share clear, precinct-specific guidance on noise management, trading hours and amenity controls with businesses and residents for comment before finalisation of any SEP. This clarity will be critical in balancing the intended outcomes of the SEP to activate the town centre with existing and future residential amenity and providing certainty for existing and future stakeholders.

Given Dexus is a key stakeholder within RJTC, DEXUS requests further engagement with Council as the proposed SEP framework is further refined. Should you require further clarification on the above submission, please contact the undersigned or Patrick Jones, Consultant at Urbis on 02 8233 9999.

Submission from Transport for NSW:

Transport for NSW

3 March 2026

TfNSW Reference: SYD26-00129/01



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RE: TRIAL OF SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT PRECINCTS – RANDWICK LGA

Attention: Strategic Planning

Dear Mr Brownlee

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on Council's proposal to trial a Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP) in up to four locations within Randwick Local Government Area (LGA), as referred to us in Council's correspondence dated 10 February 2026.

TfNSW notes that Council is considering Coogee, The Spot, Randwick Junction Town Centre and Kingsford (Anzac Parade) as possible locations within the Randwick LGA for formal designation as a SEP.

Comments on the proposal are provided in **Attachment A** for Council's consideration.

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