

**PYRMONT ACTION and FRIENDS OF ULTIMO
2023 STATE ELECTION MANIFESTO**

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We seek a commitment from candidates for seats in the NSW Parliament in the 2023 election to support the following key issues which members of the Pyrmont and Ultimo communities have identified as of the highest importance:

- 1.0 **Restore the Ultimo Powerhouse Museum to its former glory** as a Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences, by cancelling current plans to turn it into a glorified function centre focused on fashion – for half the cost.

The Greens strongly support restoring the Powerhouse and returning it to being Sydney's flagship Applied Arts and Sciences Museum. Alongside the community The Greens have led the campaign to save the Powerhouse Museum - between 2015 and 2020 we supported four community rallies, gathered 10,000 petition signatures, helped to get 179 submissions made to the parliamentary inquiry and had 29,625 flyers distributed by local volunteers.

We will continue to support our community's call to restore the museum to its full potential and to be maintained for future generations as a world class cultural institution.

- 2.0 **Provide a new Yrs 7 – 12 secondary school** accessible for Pyrmont/Ultime/Glebe/Rozelle/Balmain students by re-building at the

The Greens have called for the new Inner Sydney High School catchment to be amended - the boundaries should be moved to include Ultimo and Pyrmont. Students who live so close to a high school that they can see and could easily walk to it from home should be able to attend that school.

We have also been working with the community to have a new state high school included in the redevelopment plans for Blackwattle Bay. With almost 1200 new apartments to be built in the area over the coming years it is imperative that our community's education needs are being considered now.

- 3.0 **Return bus and ferry services operating in the Inner West as a public, not privately run service** and ensure that public transport routes and stops meet the needs of residents, workers and businesses; re-evaluate the need for the proposed Western Distributor Improvements.



The Greens led the campaign to have a ferry service running between Glebe and Barangaroo, originally taking in passengers from Pymont along the way. The Pymont service was never properly promoted and wasn't connected to the Opal system making the fares more complicated and more expensive. As a result, the service was amended due to patronage being deemed to be too low by TfNSW. We will continue to advocate for the service to be properly integrated and expanded to take in Pymont.

The Greens are also the only party calling for reversal of the privatisation of public transport - handing these vital services over to private operators has resulted in reduction, rationalisation and cancellation of important bus routes.

The proposed Western Distributor Improvements that will turn Allan St into a de-facto parking lot, increase traffic in local streets and require yet more car-centric concrete infrastructure in the area is clearly in need of review. Our focus will be on delivering world class public transport to get more cars off the road.

4.0 Provide a 24/7 staffed Police Station at street level at the Union Street Metro Site.

Proposals such as this have merit and we support a more local and community-based approach to policing.

5.0 Re-evaluate the Pymont Peninsula Place Strategy, in consultation with local communities, to ensure that Pymont and Ultimo do not become an extension of the CBD, by construction of towers in low- to medium density precincts.

There are major problems with the Pymont Peninsula Place Strategy that all stem from the Barangaroo development. When Crown was given the green light to build their tower at Barangaroo, Star wanted one too, so the government essentially rewrote the local planning rules in order to accommodate the gambling lobby.

The Greens support a re-evaluation of the PPPS in partnership with local communities, to prioritise communities rather than development interests. A strategy for the redevelopment of Pymont needs to focus on additional affordable and social housing, not simply enhancing windfall profits to developers and the casino.

6.0 Review Blackwattle Bay Precinct Strategy to ensure Pymont is not walled in from the West by towers and podiums and ensure vital public social and physical infrastructure is included in new plans, and delivered in a timely



manner as development proceeds. Commit to provision of Public and Affordable Housing within the Precinct.

We support the City of Sydney analysis of the Blackwattle Bay Precinct Strategy - the proposed development undervalues and fails to deliver green space and public amenity, and there is too little focus on the provision of social and affordable housing throughout the plans.

The vast majority of this site earmarked for redevelopment is public land owned by the people of New South Wales - it should not be privatised so that it can be fenced off and turned into more multi-million-dollar harbourside apartments.

7.0 Commit State developer contributions raised via developments in Pyrmont to the redevelopment of the Maybanke site in Harris Street, Pyrmont as a Community Sports and Recreation Centre.

Of course, developers should be paying to ameliorate the impacts they cause by increasing the intensity of land use and changing the shape of a community. We will continue to call on our local council and the state government to make significant investment in the local services and facilities we need. There is money available to be spent on community facilities and we shouldn't have to wait for redevelopment of the area before we see such community benefit.

8.0 Improve Safety, Security and residential amenity by installing additional CCTV cameras and noise monitors in current hot spots, including The Star Casino, Doltone House function centres and the soon-to-be-re-developed Harbourside precinct.

It's clear that Star is not a good neighbour and needs to commit to turning this around immediately. Any strategy involving this kind of intervention needs to be implemented carefully in consultation with the community and local police.

9.0 Install public fast EV charging facilities in suitable sites in Pyrmont, including on Darling Island and in and around the new Sydney Fish Markets.

We've led the campaign to have public EV chargers installed in places where there is limited off-street parking, such as the inner-city and inner west of Sydney. The government has recently committed \$10million to the installation of public EV chargers and we need to keep up the pressure to ensure areas where there could be high up-take of transition to EVs over ICE vehicles are prioritised.



- 10.0 **Expedite the transfer of public lands in Pyrmont, including parks** to the City of Sydney, as stipulated in the Ultimo-Pyrmont Agreement and Jacksons Landing Master Plan, including stabilization of cliffs above public lands currently fenced off from the public.

All the commitments in the agreement regarding public lands should be honoured. In principle, councils are best placed to manage public parklands and other public places as they have the on-the-ground presence and knowledge to ensure such places are appropriately resourced and maintained.

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