

# COMMITTEE FOR NORTH SYDNEY

North Sydney city centre  
Fantastic potential  
Sad reality

## NORTH SYDNEY City Centre:

### IS...

On Sydney Harbour...

- one of Sydney's most accessible places
- in the heart of a diverse and switched-on community

At the centre of...

- global Sydney, and
- Sydney's creative industries, and
- Sydney's knowledge economy

It is also...

- one of Australia's largest CBDs
- in Australia's largest school cluster
- Australia's best-placed urban centre?

### BUT...

- an office park with through traffic
- private commerce with no civic functions or activities

### IN REALITY, it's also:

- canyons and wind tunnels with no sun
- concrete with no nature and nothing green
- congested footpaths, minimal public spaces
- cut off by big traffic and big rail
- neglected by governments, ignored by the community

### YET...

#### Good government

*and city planning based on the right local principles*

**can transform the North Sydney city centre in 20 years:**

- 1 At critical private sites and in transformed streets: fine, sunny public plazas; landscaped spaces and connections; green buildings and infrastructure.
- 2 Reconnecting the city centre to the neighbourhoods and the harbour: Walker Street joined up again, over the railway, and the Greenwood link extended to Lavender Bay; the tram bridge reinstated over the expressway as a green walkway to Kirribilli; Pacific Highway tamed, both sides connected again...
- 3 Contributions from every development – on site, or cash in lieu – to public open space, people-places, venues, community services, shared spaces, start-ups, activities, events...
- 4 Recovery of places lost: cinemas, and people places – like Tower Square before Sydney Metro knocked it down.
- 5 Relentless implementation of the highest qualities – in sustainable buildings, and in the public domain.
- 6 New infrastructure and new technologies will allow the transformation of spaces presently dominated by traffic – so get ready for the new paradigm: the opportunities for downtown car-free places start now!

### THEN...

**the VISION can be achieved as:**

A city that people love

A centre with a sense of place, and a distinctive character

Fine streets and public spaces, civic and public buildings

Everywhere, the presence of nature and biodiversity

Interesting corners and quarters, quirky places, and places where people simply like to be:

## A place for people!



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