

Environment and Liveability Strategy Refresh Project Engagement Summary



Council's Environment and Liveability Strategy (ELS) was adopted by Council in September 2017 to provide long-term strategic direction to guide growth and shape the Sunshine Coast for future generations to 2041.

In its 6th year of implementation, the ELS was refreshed (Strategic Directions – Part A) and the Implementation Plan (Part B) to ensure it remained future focused and continued to provide a contemporary approach.

The intent of the refresh was to update the ELS based on new information, emerging issues, new policy and priorities since its adoption in 2017.

There were two engagement phases as part of the project, phase one (May 2023) and phase two (July/August 2023) with over 400 contributions made.

Community feedback was received through:

- Online surveys
- Community group workshops
- Community information sessions
- Individual submissions.

A summary of key issues raised during engagement was:

- Protecting, managing and enhancing our natural assets including our coastal environments and providing more green spaces.
- Managing continued population growth and maintaining the positive aspects of the Sunshine Coast lifestyle.
- Addressing affordable housing including diversifying housing options and housing availability.
- Responding to climate change to improve the region's resilience.

- Providing adequate public infrastructure to service current and future growth. In particular providing more transport infrastructure and public transport including active transport options.
- Greening our neighbourhoods – ensuring cool places and spaces, shady streets, green roofs, and a good balance of built form to green space.
- Strengthening recognition of First Nations
- The new Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme and how it responds to growth and development.
- Connecting nature and people by providing more opportunities to experience the natural environment.
- Integrating good sustainability practices and delivering on sustainability initiatives.
- Delivering sustainable development.
- Community involvement.
- Delivering sustainable waste management.
- Recognising dark skies in consultation with community, industry, government.
- Monitoring and reporting on strategy outcomes including measurable targets and goals.
- Education and behaviour change programs for sustainable living.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Environment and Liveability Strategy Refresh Project community engagement.

Have questions?

Have questions or want to learn more about the project, contact the project team:
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