

7.2. MM02: Bradfield Park South

By proclamations published in the NSW Government Gazette on 24 March 1935 and 24 February 1939, the Governor of NSW proclaimed that the lands known as Bradfield Park be vested in North Sydney Council on trust for public parks and recreation.

There is a long history of occupation of Bradfield Park South by the State Government and its various authorities - the construction of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, the Sydney Harbour Tunnel and ongoing Bridge maintenance works.

Land tenure within the Park is a complex arrangement of land ownership, encumbrances, tollway declarations and management arrangements.

In recent years, Bradfield Park South has been occupied (even acquired for construction purposes) by Transport for NSW (TfNSW). The impact of those works on the Park has been significant, continues and there is little certainty as to when TfNSW will undertake remediation of the contaminated land and return the Park to Council and the North Sydney community.

In late 2023 Council officers commenced discussions with representatives from TfNSW in relation to land tenure arrangements within the southern portion of Bradfield Park, south of Fitzroy Street, Milsons Point.

On Friday 22 May 2026, I met with representatives from Kirribilli Precinct, and a Joint Precinct Working Group on Bradfield Park South formed jointly with Lavender Precinct. They request support from Council for the following outcomes in relation to the Park:

- a committed timetable for the timely re-vesting of the Bradfield Park South land to North Sydney Council to be held on trust for public parks and recreation;
- the removal of the works compounds from Bradfield Park South;
- the implementation of maintenance arrangements for the Sydney Harbour Bridge that avoid further and on-going damage to Bradfield Park and which address significant public health and contamination issues that exist due to the current maintenance arrangements; and
- full remediation and rehabilitation of the entirety of Bradfield Park South at TfNSW's cost.

The above requested outcomes reflect Council's existing resolved position in respect of Bradfield Park and are supported by Council's *Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035*, and *Open Space and Recreation Strategy* adopted 10 February 2025, and are in the public interest.

I, therefore, recommend:

- 1. THAT** Council reconfirm its long-standing commitment to the re-vesting of all of the Bradfield Park South land into Council ownership, care, and control.
- 2. THAT** Council, noting its fragile financial position, continue to pursue implementation of the Bradfield Park Masterplan, including seeking grant funding from the State Government.
- 3. THAT** Council seek an urgent meeting with the Minister for Transport to seek and discuss:

- (a) the timetable for Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to re-vest the land in Council on trust for public parks and recreation;
- (b) the timetable for TfNSW to complete occupation of the Park, removal of the works compounds, remediation and rehabilitation of the land;
- (c) maintenance arrangements for the Sydney Harbour Bridge that protect Bradfield Park South from damage and public health risk from contamination; and
- (d) the significance of the location to the NSW tourism economy and State Government support for implementation of the Bradfield Park Masterplan.

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