



North Sydney Council
Proposed Special Rate Variation

Public Meeting
Crows Nest Mainstreet Levy
18 October 2011



AGENDA

- Welcome
- Housekeeping/Objectives
- SRV Decision Process
- Basis for Application
- Question & Answer Session
- Feedback Activity

Q & A PROTOCOLS

- Keep questions until Q & A
- 2 minute limit per speaker
- Only 1 question at a time
- Please do not talk over others

WHAT IS AN SRV?

Variations in rates above rate peg set by Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) must be approved by IPART

Levies are considered special rate variations

Council resolved 11 to 2 to consult the community about the continuation of our four special levies

Crows Nest Mainstreet Levy expires June 2013



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

- Letter, fact sheet and written survey to all Crows Nest Mainstreet Levy ratepayers
- Public Meeting
- Website
- Written submissions

CROWS NEST MAINSTREET LEVY

- Levy in place for 16 years
- Applies to 557 commercial properties in Crows Nest retail area
- Average Crows Nest Mainstreet Levy cost is \$362 per year
- Projects determined by the Crows Nest Streetscape Committee, which includes Council, Crows Nest Mainstreet and residents
- All proposed projects are put on exhibition for public comment

CROWS NEST MAINSTREET LEVY



OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

- Outdoor dining in Willoughby Road and Ernest Place East
- Transforming laneways into attractive thoroughfares, including Willoughby, Zig Zag and Hume Lanes
- Managing traffic flow through the village with shared zones and roundabouts



CROWS NEST MAINSTREET LEVY



OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

- Under-awning lighting to create an attractive atmosphere in the evenings
- Supporting community-building events such as the Crows Nest festival



CROWS NEST MAINSTREET LEVY



OUR CHALLENGES

- Managing increasing traffic volumes around and through Crows Nest and growing demand for parking
- Ensuring the village can compete with large shopping centres in Artarmon and Chatswood and with changing retail trends such as on-line shopping
- Ensuring Pacific Highway is pedestrian friendly and commercial activity remains viable



FUTURE PLANS

- Improving pedestrian experience on Pacific Highway
- Upgrading Ernest Place with lighting, paving and enhanced green space to ensure it remains the heart of the centre
- Continuing the laneways program
- Upgrading Burlington Street, between Alexander Street and Willoughby Road





FUTURE PLANS

- Improving signage throughout Crows Nest to unite the centre and increase awareness of the whole precinct
- Upgrading Hume Street playground
- Continuing to support community-building events



IF THE LEVY ISN'T CONTINUED

- Projects will continue but spending will decrease significantly

PROPOSED CROWS NEST MAINSTREET EXPENDITURE						
	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18
with levy	400,000	345,000	270,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
without levy	290,000	245,000	100,000	110,000	110,000	260,000



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

When	What
Nov 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Written submissions close 4 Nov- Consultation findings reported to Council- Council to determine whether or not to apply to continue the levies
Dec 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lodge 'intention to apply' to IPART, if Council resolves to apply for an SRV
Feb 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- SRV application due
Jun 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- IPART announce determination





OPEN FORUM Q & A

Your chance to ask questions

A Q & A summary will be posted on Council's website following each public meeting



Indicate your level of support for the continuation of the existing levy:

- fully support
- support
- can live with
- oppose
- strongly oppose
- undecided

FEEDBACK ACTIVITY

