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Chief Executive Officer
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City of Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2015 (Draft)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the *City of Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2015 (Draft)* (the Draft Plan) and associated documents. We provide the following comments for your consideration.

Open Space

We note that contributions collected under the Draft Plan will fund approximately 11.2 hectares of new open space with priority given to large sites for new sports fields and active recreation. The minutes of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Sub-Committee meeting of 17 November 2015, exhibited alongside the Draft Plan, indicate that "acquisitions will be guided by the City's forthcoming *Draft Open Space and Recreation Needs Strategy 2015*".

Total funding for open space is anticipated to total \$476 million, approximately 63% of the total of \$753 million collected under the entire Draft Plan. Table 5: Summary of the Draft plan's open space works program (\$2015) (below) outlines the allocation between the three precincts (East, South and West).

Table 5: Summary of the Draft Plan's open space works program (\$2015)

Works	East	South	West	All
Acquisition	\$34M	\$183M	\$17M	\$234M
Dedication	\$0M	\$28M	\$0.1M	\$28M
Embellishment	\$5M	\$160M	\$8M	\$172M
Upgrade existing	\$2M	\$26M	\$14M	\$42M
	\$41M	\$397M	\$38M	\$476M

The table indicates that \$397 million is allocated towards the acquisition, dedication, embellishment and upgrade of existing open space in the South Precinct, whereas the East and West precincts are allocated \$41 million and \$38 million respectively.

No detail has been provided regarding the timing and rollout of these proposed works. The Urban Taskforce would like to see the *Draft Open Space and Recreation Needs Study* to ensure that the contributions collected deliver appropriate open space facilities in a timely and efficient manner. In the interest of transparency and accountability, the Urban Taskforce requests that these details be made public prior to finalisation of the Draft Plan.

The Urban Taskforce is always willing to work closely with the Government to provide a development industry perspective on this issue. Please feel free to contact me on telephone number 9238 3927 to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

Urban Taskforce Australia

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chris Johnson AM

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