



comment booklet

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROGRAMME

Blue Mountains Strategy Plan

Please help by jotting down your ideas. A few answers are better than none.

1. Are you a
resident ratepayer?
resident?
non-resident ratepayer?
visitor?
other?
2. What town do you live in? How long have you lived there?
3. How did you get to the Participation Session today?
4. Where did you hear about the Sessions?
5. If you are a member of a local progress association or action group, please indicate which one.
6. Have you read the Strategy Plan Report?
7. Have you read the Newspaper Broadsheet before today?



USING THE NEWSPAPER BROADSHEET AS A GUIDE, PLEASE PUT
DOWN YOUR IDEAS AND COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING ISSUES

Please turn to page 2 of the Newspaper Broadsheet

INTRODUCTION TO THE STRATEGY PLAN

8. How much say should residents have in town planning matters?
9. What areas do you consider most important for conservation?
(please use a blank map if required).
10. Which areas are being threatened most by development, if any?
11. Should we stop development in these areas?
12. Which towns need improvement, if any? What kind of improvement?
13. What sort of recreational facilities are needed and where?
14. How important are historic buildings and aboriginal relics to you?
Extremely important
important
not important
15. Which ones do you think should be preserved?
16. How important is it to plan streets and houses for bush fire safety?
Extremely important
Important
Not important
17. How can we best guard against bush fires?
18. How important is it to have people of all ages living in the Mountains?



19. What is needed to keep young people from moving out of the area?
20. What activities and facilities are needed now for
 - Older people
 - families
 - young people
21. Have you any other ideas or suggestions on these issues?



Please turn to page 3 of the Newspaper Broadsheet.

THE ENVIRONMENT

23. How often do you use the natural areas in the Mountains for recreation?
24. Where do you usually go?
25. How important are the escarpment areas to you? Should we control development on them?
26. Which escarpment areas are most important?
27. Do you think we should control development in the following areas?
 - Mount Wilson?
 - Mount Irvine?
 - Mount Victoria?
 - Mount Tomah?
 - Megalong Valley?
 - Other areas?
28. If controls are needed, what kind and how restrictive should they be?
29. Do you agree with our three "Environmental Goals?"
30. If not, what do you suggest?
31. Do you agree with our three Environmental Experiences?
32. If so, which "experience" is most important to you?
 - National Park and escarpments?
 - Moving views from the road and railway?
 - Man made environment?



33. If not, what do you suggest?
34. Do you agree with the "Identified Action Priorities"?
35. Have we missed any?
36. Should any be omitted?
37. Have you any other ideas or comments on these issues?



Please turn to page 4 of the Newspaper Broadsheet

TOURISM

38. How important is tourism to the Mountains?
- Extremely important?
Important?
Not important?
39. Should we encourage greater tourism?
40. If so, which types of activities should we encourage, and where?
41. Do you think that tourist facilities should be isolated from residential activities? For instance, where should motels be located?
42. Should we provide more "Cliff Drive" tourist roads such as in Katoomba? Why or why not?
43. Who should pay for maintaining tourist facilities?
44. Do you agree with our "Identified Action Priorities"?
45. What changes would you suggest?
46. Have you any other ideas or suggestions concerning tourism?



Please turn to page 5 of the Newspaper Broadsheet.

CITY FRAMEWORK

47. Is it to have high self-containment by providing lots of local employment? If so, how can we do it?
48. Do you now commute to work outside the Mountains?
49. Do you consider commuting to be costly in terms of
Money?
Time?
Social life?
50. Do you think that industry can be made acceptable visually and environmentally?
51. If it could, should we encourage more industry? Where?
52. Which, if any, of our "OPTIONS" do you prefer? Why?
Option A
Option B
Option C
53. Have you any other ideas or suggestions concerning employment and industry?

COMMERCE

54. Do you travel long distances for shopping?
55. Should we provide more shopping centres in outlying neighbourhood areas?
56. Do you think that certain centres should be enlarged? Which?



57. What centres need attention such as car parking, street closures, etc?
58. Should we provide complete shopping services in the Lower Mountains such as exist in Penrith?
59. Do you think we should provide more office space in
The Upper Mountains?
The Lower Mountains?
60. Have you any other ideas on shopping and offices?



Please turn to page 6 of the Newspaper Broadsheet.

CITY FRAMEWORK

61. Do you commute to work out of the Mountains
- By car?
 - By rail?
 - By car to a railway station?
 - By bus to a railway station?
 - Other?
62. Do you think the Great Western Highway should be improved? Where?
- Widened
 - Limited access
 - Overhead crossings
63. Is more car parking needed at railway stations? Which ones?
64. Which centres should the Great Western Highway be diverted around?
65. Should railway services be improved? How?
66. Should bus services be upgraded? Where and how often?
67. Should future bus services be subsidized from rates?
68. If not, who should pay?
- State?
 - Federal?
 - Passengers using buses?

Housing

69. Do you think we should control the appearance of all types of housing in the Mountains such as has been done along the Eastern Escarpment?
70. Where should most attention be taken in the appearance of housing?



71. Do you think that there is a demand for medium density housing in the Mountains?
72. If so, should we encourage more medium density living?
73. If you think we should provide for medium density housing, what types of control should be introduced?
74. If you don't favour medium density, what housing should we provide for aged, retired or for rental?
75. Do you have any other ideas or suggestions?



Please turn to page 7 of the Newspaper Broadsheet

POLICIES AND ACTIONS

76. Do you think that Council should adopt policies for controlling development?
77. If so, do you agree with the policies at the top of the diagram?
- In management?
 - In the environment?
 - In City framework?
 - Tourism?
78. Have we missed any policies, or do you think any should be omitted?
79. Do you agree with the Actions listed in the diagram?
80. Have we missed any Actions, or should some be omitted?
81. Do you have any other ideas or suggestions for possible policies and actions
- in Management?
 - in Environment?
 - in Tourism?
 - in City Framework?
 - Other?



Please turn to page 8 of the Newspaper Broadsheet

THE ALTERNATIVE FUTURES

Please study the large panels showing details of the five Alternative Futures. If you don't understand the advantages and disadvantages of high populations and low ones, please talk to the Town Planner in attendance.

Each of the Alternative Futures can apply to the whole Mountains area or to an individual region.

82. Which Alternative Future do you think best for the whole Mountains?
83. Which is best for the Upper Mountains?
84. Which is best for the Lower Mountains?
85. Which do you think should apply to your Town?
86. Which for other Towns? (use a blank map if required)
87. Do you have any comments, suggestions, modifications or further ideas?



GENERAL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

88. Do you have any new or different ideas of how Council should spend its income from rates?
89. If necessary, do you think rates should be increased to accomplish some of your ideas?
90. Has this Public Participation Session helped you to understand the Plan?
91. Have you any suggestions for improvement or changes?
92. Should further programmes be carried out in the future?
93. Do you want to be further involved in town planning matters? How?
94. If you would like to receive a copy of the Report summarizing this Public Participation Programme, please leave your name with us. The Report will be finished in early 1975 and will be available at a modest cost.
95. Have you any other comments or ideas? Please write them down (use the back of this booklet if necessary) or talk to the Town Planner in attendance today.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING.