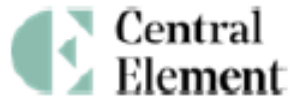

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Submission to Updated Chatswood CBD Planning and Urban Design Strategy 2036

14 September 2020

Willoughby City Council
Council Chambers
Level 6, 31 Victor Street
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Attention: Councillors attending 14 September 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting

LETTER OF SUPPORT TO UPDATED CHATSWOOD CBD PLANNING AND URBAN DESIGN STRATEGY 2036 14 SEPTEMBER 2020 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Dear Sir/Madam

This letter has been prepared by Central Element the owner and applicant of a planning proposal for a mixed-use tower at 753 Pacific Highway and 15 Ellis Street, Chatswood. We write in **support** of the updated Chatswood CBD Planning and Urban Design Strategy 2036 (the strategy) which has been included on the Agenda for the 14 September 2020 ordinary Willoughby Council (Council) meeting. The strategy has been updated to resolve several issues raised by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) during its consideration of the strategy prior to its full endorsement. We request that the strategy is endorsed and not deferred by the Councillors at this Ordinary Council Meeting to ensure the timely delivery of several public benefits and to ensure the projects will be delivered in time to contribute to the post Covid-19 economic recovery.

We would like to commend the Councillors and Council staff in working collaboratively with DPIE and addressing all stakeholder concerns in the updated strategy. The strategy focuses on delivering future housing and job growth within the Chatswood CBD which reduces car dependency and traffic congestion for existing residents and will ensure the character of the surrounding low-density suburban streets and heritage conservation areas will be maintained. The revised strategy will result in a great outcome for the community and provide a catalyst to levy developer contributions to fund public domain works and new open space, provide affordable housing, ensure sustainable design, increase landscaping and ensure projects achieve design excellence and deliver public art.

If endorsed, the strategy will result in the creation of approximately 15,000 temporary construction jobs and 750 permanent jobs providing a significant contribution to the Covid-19 economic recovery effort and keeping residents employed given the unemployment rate is the highest it has been since the great depression. We look forward to working with Council to fast track the delivery of the strategy to create much needed jobs and public benefits to the community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 0422983710 or dbarber@centralelement.com.au should you have any queries.

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