

Sydney's 2030 vision

A polarized city of very high-income earners and very low-income earners is something the council is keen to avoid. By creating more affordable housing in the centre it believes that pressure will be reduced on suburban public transport.

Sydney is increasing its bilateral and multilateral relationship not only within Australia but also internationally. Already a leading member of C40 Climate Change Leadership Group and International Local Governments for Sustainability, Sydney was also represented at the recent COP15 meeting in Copenhagen. Lord Mayor Moore's interest went so far as to include a personal diary and included twitter updates to connect directly with Sydney residents interested in the day-to-day development of the meetings.

"Sharing knowledge and understandings in relation to common challenges will be both necessary and beneficial in addressing challenges" says Moore. "Building partnerships with other global or globalizing cities is important in strengthening opportunities for knowledge and cultural exchange, to achieve the 2030 goals.

Ten targets towards achieving 'Sustainable Sydney 2030'

- The city will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50 percent compared to 1990 levels.
- The city will have the capacity to meet up to 100 percent of its energy demand and 10 percent of its water supply.
- There will be at least 132,000 dwellings (48,000) additional dwellings in the city catering for an increased diversity of household types, including a greater share of families.
- Of all housing in the city 7,5 percent will be social housing and 7,5 percent affordable housing delivered by not-for-profit or other providers.
- The city will contain at least 465,000 jobs with an increased share in sectors that reflect the city's specializations, namely finance, advanced business services, education, creative industries and tourism.
- The use of public transport for travel to work by city centre workers will increase to 80 percent and the use of non-private vehicles by city residents for work trips will be made by walking.
- Every resident will be within a 10 minute (800 meter) walk to a main street with fresh food markets, childcare, health service and leisure, social, learning and cultural infrastructure.

- Every residence in the City of Sydney will be within in a three minute walk (250 metres) of continuous green links that connect to the harbour parklands, Moore and Centennial Parks or Sydney Park.
- The level of community cohesion and social capital will be increased as measured by more than 45 percent of people believing that most people can be trusted.