



# Sale of Council Land Policy

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## Policy Statement

### 1 Objective

The objective of this policy is to ensure that, when considering the sale of land assets, Council explores possible options for the use of the land, applies processes that are demonstrably equitable, consistent and transparent, complies with appropriate legislative requirements and obtains best value results for the Woollahra community.

### 2 Principles

All sales of land assets will:

- Be consistent with Council's economic, social and environmental objectives,
- Be undertaken in compliance with legislative and other obligations,
- Occur only after consultation with all affected stakeholders and relevant sections of the community taking into account all relevant comments and representations,
- Be undertaken with the intention of securing maximum financial and other benefits for the community,
- Be through a fair and open process and include regular market testing
- Be in accordance with ICAC guidelines
- Be open to public scrutiny while maintaining appropriate levels of commercial confidentiality, and
- Be conducted in accordance with the Council's adopted procedures.

### 3 Area to Which the Policy Applies

This Policy covers all of the Woollahra Council Local Government area and any property or land assets owned by Woollahra Council. It does not apply to Crown Land controlled and/or managed by Woollahra Council on behalf of the Crown or a Trust.

### 4 Sale of Council Land

#### Sale of surplus road reserve

Council may consider the sale of a portion of a road reserve where this has been assessed by the relevant Infrastructure Asset Manager of Council and determined that it is not required for future widening, footpath construction or other Council infrastructure works and this assessment has been provided by way of report to Council.

Except where the dimensions of the parcel proposed to be sold are sufficient to permit independent development of the site, Council will generally only consider sale to the owner/s of the adjoining property/properties and, in such cases, will require that the parcel of surplus road be consolidated with the adjoining property/properties.

Council will not generally consider for sale land abutting Sydney Harbour or which is used or capable of being used to provide public access to the foreshore or to public open space.

### Sale of other surplus land

Council may consider the sale of a parcel of operational land where this has been assessed by the relevant Manager/s of Council as not required for future operational or community purposes and this assessment has been provided by way of report to Council.

The report may canvas alternative uses for the land under current or potential zoning and may recommend to Council that Expressions of Interest or Tenders be invited.

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## Policy Amendments

Date	Responsible Officer	Description