

## **Review of Environmental Factors Guide – Civic Link Block 3**

### **Chapter 1: Introduction**

The Review of Environmental Factors (REF) has been prepared by an independent planner in accordance with all the relevant legislative requirements and regulations. The REF has ensured that the City of Parramatta Council has examined and fully considered, all matters that have the potential to affect or are likely to affect the existing environment as a result of the project.

### **Chapter 2: Statutory Planning & Other Approvals**

The Civic Link Block 3 project must satisfy many statutory planning and other approvals, per Commonwealth, NSW State and Local Government. These include the of EPA Act 1979; Local Govt Act 1993; State Environmental Planning Policy 2021; Water Management Act 2000; Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016; Fisheries Management Act 1994; Heritage Act 1977; NPW Act 1974; Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999; Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997; and the Parramatta Local Environment Plan 2023.

### **Chapter 3: Consultation**

The Civic Link project involved consultations with local businesses, stakeholders, and landowners to address their needs and gather feedback, which shaped the detailed design. Public exhibitions and community consultations in 2024 and 2025 led to strong support for a vibrant, child-friendly space, with requests for green areas, safety improvements, cycling infrastructure and creative features.

### **Chapter 4: Description of the Proposal**

The Civic Link Block 3 project in Parramatta will transform the area by prioritising pedestrians and cyclists, closing part of Horwood Place to cars, widening footpaths, and adding green landscaping and new crossings for safer, easier access to key destinations like the Powerhouse Museum. Some parking and loading zones will be removed, but alternative parking is available nearby, and the design ensures emergency and service vehicle access is maintained. The project also features high-quality paving, improved lighting, digital signage, and wayfinding to create a vibrant, accessible public space for everyone.

### **Chapter 5: Existing Environment, Potential Impacts & Mitigation Measures**

More than 85 mitigation measures will be implemented during project construction operations to minimise construction impacts and ensure that the environment is kept clean and safe, and to ensure that the project meets statutory requirements for health and safety, waste management, protection of heritage and the environment.

### **Chapter 6: Conclusions**

### **Chapter 7: References**