

Local Planning Scheme 6 Review

City of
Melville

ENGAGEMENT SNAPSHOT

The City of Melville is currently reviewing its Local Planning Scheme No. 6 (LPS6), the primary planning framework that governs development within the city. This includes land zoning, allowable land uses, development intensity, and other key factors shaping the growth and development of our community.

Rather than replacing the existing scheme, the City, in consultation with the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC), has chosen to update LPS6. This approach ensures ongoing alignment with local and state planning policies, while addressing the evolving needs and priorities of our community and stakeholders.

Engagement approach

While community consultation typically occurs later in the review process, we have actively engaged the community at every stage to ensure comprehensive feedback is considered.

In the first two stages, we collected input that helped shape key themes for the review, resulting in the identification of six focus areas for further exploration. In **Stage Three**, the community were invited to review proposed changes to zoning and density and provide formal feedback.

An interactive map was made available on the City's engagement platform, Melville Talks, where residents could explore potential zoning changes for their properties. Feedback was open from **17 July to 18 September 2024**, with responses collected via an online and hard copy survey and through in-person appointments.

Participation



669

submissions



33

attended one
on one session



71

dropped into
our LPS6 zone

Residents used the mapping tool to view proposed changes, and area-specific fact sheets were made available to provide detailed information about the changes. By searching for or clicking on an address within the map, users could access the relevant fact sheet for that specific area.

In addition to the online platform, one-on-one appointments were offered for in-depth discussions, and a drop-in zone was established and made available throughout the consultation period, offering additional opportunities for engagement and feedback.

What's next

Feedback from this engagement phase will form part of the drafting of an updated Local Planning Scheme, which will be presented to Council next year. The review process is highly regulated and will include further consultation once the draft scheme has been endorsed by Council and the State Government as being suitable for advertising.

To stay informed about the progress of the review or receive updates on upcoming engagement opportunities, click the 'Follow Engagement' button on the City's project page:
melvillecity.com.au/LPS6review.

Reach



19.5K

Melville Talks
page views



5.2K

direct emails
issued



7.8K

letters issued



33K

eNews
subscribers



4K

watched
Youtube video



13.5k

Social media
reach

WE HEARD FROM

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people

665
live in the City
of Melville

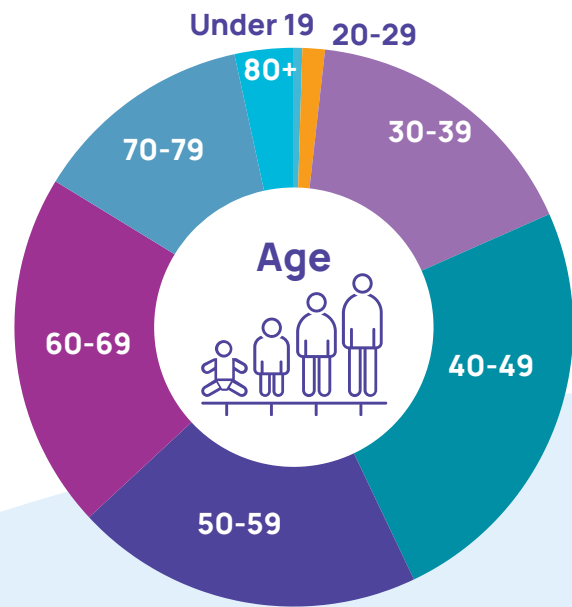
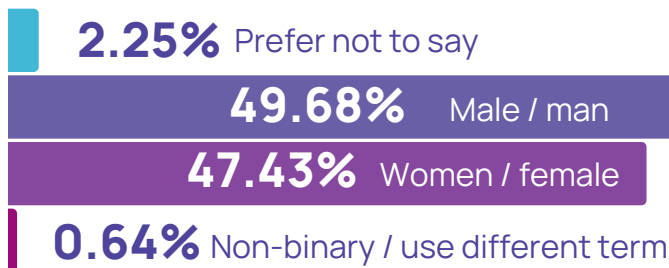
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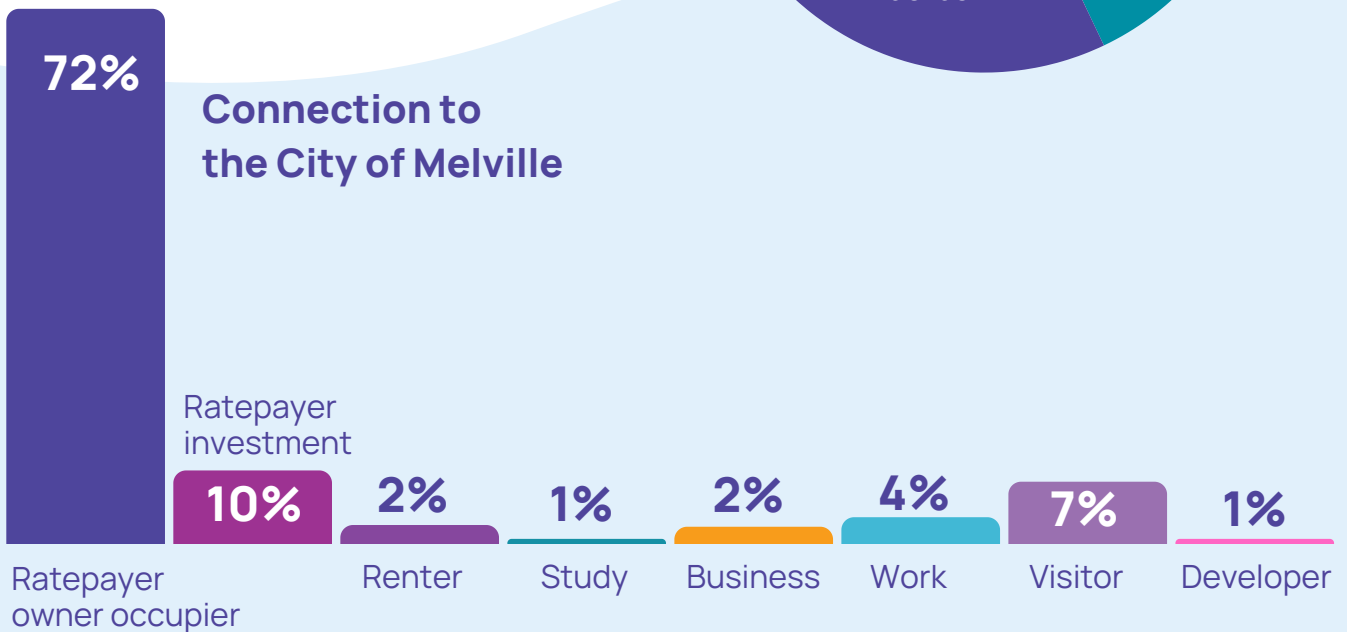
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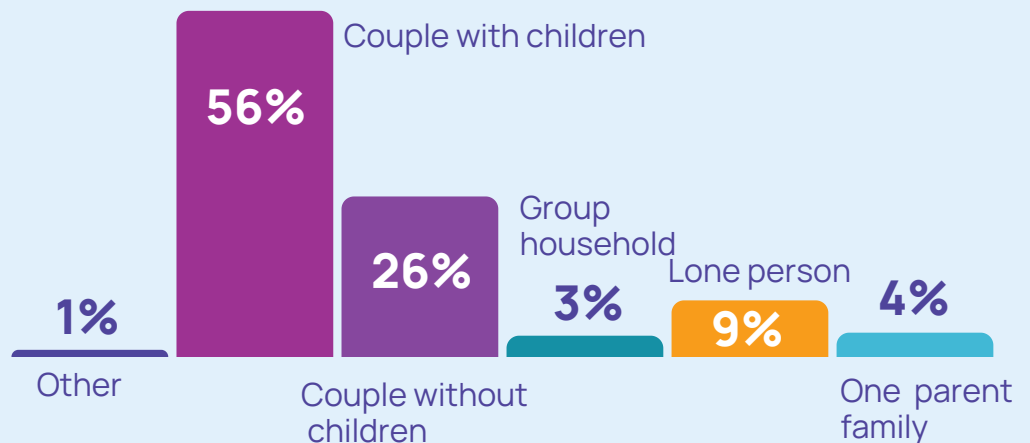
Gender



Connection to the City of Melville



Household



KEY THEMES

People who are in support of the density changes are saying...

- Helps to address the current housing shortage.
- Subdivision opportunities enable downsizing or the option to build a dwelling for a family member to live in.
- Areas that are accessible to amenities such as retail, schools, open space and public transport, should be higher density to accommodate more people.
- Areas with larger block sizes are suited for higher R-Codes.
- Increased density aligns with state government policy and local strategic planning policy.
- Infrastructure upgrades are important to go along with increased density, i.e. roads, streetscape, open space.
- The timeframe to implement the density changes should be shorter.
- Higher density living encourages sustainable transport, economic and social vibrancy, a lower environmental footprint and less urban sprawl.
- Supports a better transition in scale between surrounding areas.
- Higher densities will help property values increase.

People who are against the density changes are saying...

- An increase in dwelling numbers will result in too much traffic on local and regional roads, and not enough availability of on-street or verge parking.
- Higher densities reduce property values (both for those houses included and those nearby).
- The proposed changes will impact on the character of the area.
- Increased densities will create capacity issues for schools and child care centres.
- Density correlates to more anti-social behaviour and crime.
- There will be a loss of privacy and an overshadowing from higher density developments.
- Tree canopy and wildlife habitat will be lost.
- Letters should have been sent to all households and not just those in or adjacent to proposed change areas.
- High density creates noise and pollution.
- Kids won't be able to play in the street.

Feedback to zoning changes

- Stopping commercial land uses will affect the opportunity to redevelop an investment property as planned (Applecross Mixed Use zone change to Residential).
- Removing commercial development opportunities will ensure the character of the area remains as it currently is (Applecross Mixed Use zone change to Residential).
- The rezoning would unlock redevelopment opportunities for the area (Robson Way zone change from Residential to Centre).

