

APPENDIX A: Methods and scope

This section explains the methods and scope adopted in the participation process to produce the following two sets of outcomes:

1. Policies derived from focus group discussions, scoring and priorities.
2. Proposed land uses and guidelines derived from scoring by mixed interest groups.

1. Policies

Thirteen focus groups discussed and prioritized a wide range of policy objectives and produced detailed insights. These outcomes are intended to help frame overall decisions about such large concerns as governance, implementation, human services, economic development, housing supply, nature conservation, open space and transport provisions. Groups developed objectives extending across the wide range of topic areas, shown in Table 1 in Appendix B, Focus Group Objectives and Priorities. These were then scored by all members of the forum, gaining support scores varying from three (least) to 56 (highest), on the basis of which they were sorted in the four bands of importance -key, major, basic and contributory - each accompanied by a wide range of more detailed aspects and concerns, as also shown in Table 2, Appendix C.

Subsequent analysis indicates that the 39 identified objectives fall into the eight activity systems of Development and design, Aboriginal culture and arts; Community development and services; Creative industries; Governance; Housing; Nature and open space; and Transport and access. The recommended policy framework is based on these policy objectives.

Relative importance and policy content are combined in Table 3, Appendix D, Focus Group Policy Areas by Content and Importance to form a useful tabular summary for the policy analysis. Diagram 1 (Policy Areas and Statements) shows the relationships of these eight policy areas.

2. Land uses and guidelines

Mixed interest groups, composed of members drawn from each of the focus groups, ensured an optimal balance of knowledge and interests. Having discussed integrated proposals, they voted on the priority, range and preferred extent of land uses which should be adopted in preparing development proposals for the area. These results are shown in Table 4, Forum Scores for Kurilpa Land Uses in Appendix E.