



Natural Environment

- Ridge Line
- Creek Catchment
- Water Flow
- Key Open Spaces
- High Points
- High Points Outside Site
- Key Vistas
- Areas with Steep Slope
- Hollow Bearing Trees
- Existing Matured Vegetation
- Core Habitat Vegetation
- Habitat Vegetation
- 100 ARI Flood Extent

SCALE: 1:10,000 @ A4



PUBLIC DOMAIN

Telopea is well connected to open space areas. There is approximately 197 ha of open space within a 2 km radius of the neighbourhood and 330 ha within 20 minute cycle, which exceeds the benchmark standards for existing urban areas. More specifically, the neighbourhood has 30 ha of existing open space in total.

The master plan provides an excellent opportunity to facilitate the linking of existing open spaces in and around Telopea with the 'green links' being considered as part of the broader CoP initiatives in the 'Parramatta Ways' plan.

PARKS

Existing parks in Telopea are mainly located within the lower parts of the neighbourhood. These are sufficient in area to serve the current and growing population. Improved facilities and activation within each park will help to improve usability and safety. New centrally located recreation space at the top of the catchment will improve access and opportunities for passive recreation.

The existing parks in and directly adjoining the study area include:

Sturt Park: There is a need to address perceptions of safety at Sturt Park. The park is perceived to be unsafe by the community due to:

- The lack of street and night lighting;
- Poor surveillance, in part caused by having only one main road frontage on Sturt Street;
- High security fencing along the school; and
- Densely vegetated areas.

Currently, the park comprises a small skate park, playground, basketball court and open playing field, picnic shelters, cricket cages and a toilet block. It is heavily vegetated on the southern portion and has a direct link to the creek and adjoining environmental conservation areas.

The park has no clear arrival point and has limited activation. This discourages a variety of potential recreational users and raises concerns around antisocial behaviour.

Acacia Park: Located on a high point, it offers panoramic views to the wider Telopea area. It has a good quality playground, kick-about space, open lawn, and mature perimeter trees around the park to offer shade. Despite this, many residents are unaware of Acacia Park as a recreation resource. Generally, improved awareness of the park system can be addressed by providing a cohesive way finding strategy.

Rapanea Community Forest: This provides access to Ponds Creek for bush walking and the potential for improved connections to Dundas Park, Vineyard Creek corridor and Cox Reserve.

Telopea-Carlingford Greenway: A wide corridor between the railway and private properties known as the Telopea Carlingford Greenway has poor security and passive surveillance. This land can potentially be used as an off-road cycleway adjacent to the light rail. Future development backing into the corridor should promote pedestrian connections from Marshall Street to the corridor and increased surveillance.

There are opportunities immediately south of the Telopea-Carlingford Greenway for the creation of new public space within the core, and particularly as part of any development adjacent to the new light rail stop. These will be important to help activate the area and provide more convenient access at this ridge location.

CYCLE PATHS

The master plan leverages off the existing cycle path network of Telopea that adequately connects green open spaces and urban infrastructure around the neighbourhood. The cycle paths proposed by CoP will improve the permeability to the Telopea light rail stop. There is an opportunity to extend this cycle network into the Telopea-Carlingford Greenway Corridor with an off-road cycleway and to other parks.

The community want parks to stay and improvements made including more activities that attract families, more lighting, rest areas and active recreation options.