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**THE PORT
LOCAL
CHARACTER
STATEMENT**

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander statement

Randwick City Council acknowledges that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the First Australians of this land, and the Bidjigal and Gadigal people who traditionally occupied the land we now call Randwick City.

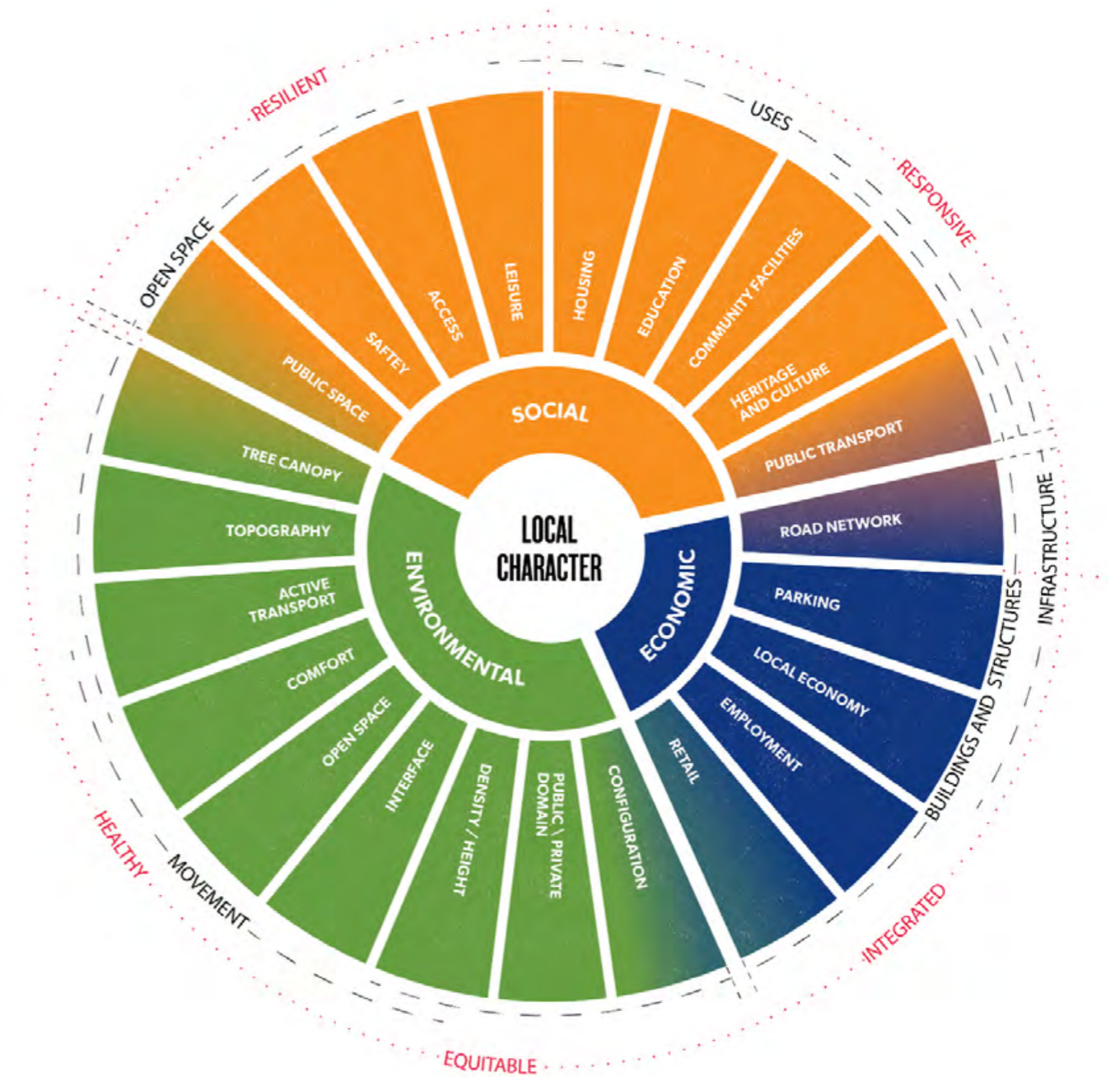
Randwick City has a rich and unique Aboriginal cultural history, with La Perouse being the only area in Sydney where the local Aboriginal community have had an unbroken connection to the land.

We recognise and celebrate the spiritual and cultural connection Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have with the land which long pre-dates European settlement and continues today.

Building on our Statement of Recognition and commitment to Reconciliation, Council wishes to support the vision and plans of our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait community in order to close the gap on disadvantage, build stronger local and regional economies and support culturally rich and healthy communities.

Our Approach

Local character is the identity of place and what makes a neighbourhood distinctive. It is a combination of land, people, the built environment, history and culture and looks at how these factors interact to make the character of an area.



The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's Local Character Wheel.



The Port Local Character Area

The Port Local Character Area (LCA #08) encompasses the port and industrial land of Randwick City. It includes the southern section of Brotherson Dock and the Bulk Liquids Berth area and supporting industrial lands. At its southernmost point is Molineux Point which contains a lookout and green space.

Council's methodology for identifying local character has involved two main streams of research – expert and local knowledge. Our expert knowledge is drawn from Council's databases and is based on the three indicators of local character – environmental, social and economic. Local knowledge is drawn from extensive community consultation conducted in 2019 and social media analytics. By mapping and overlaying all of this data, we have generated spatial representations of local character and have identified draft Local Character Areas (LCAs) and draft Special Character Areas across the LGA.

Eleven draft Local Character Statements have been prepared that will outline the key features and desired future character of each LCA. In addition, Council has identified draft Special Character Areas where local character indicators and community engagement outcomes emerge as a dense layer based on the methodology. Each LCA has one Special Character Area, while the Maroubra Central and Bunnerong Creek LCAs each have two.

For more information on local character, please refer to the Department of Planning Industry and Environment's *Local Character and Place Guideline*.



The Port LCA Key Features



State's main logistics and transportation supply chain port



Molineaux Point is a popular spot within The Port LCA



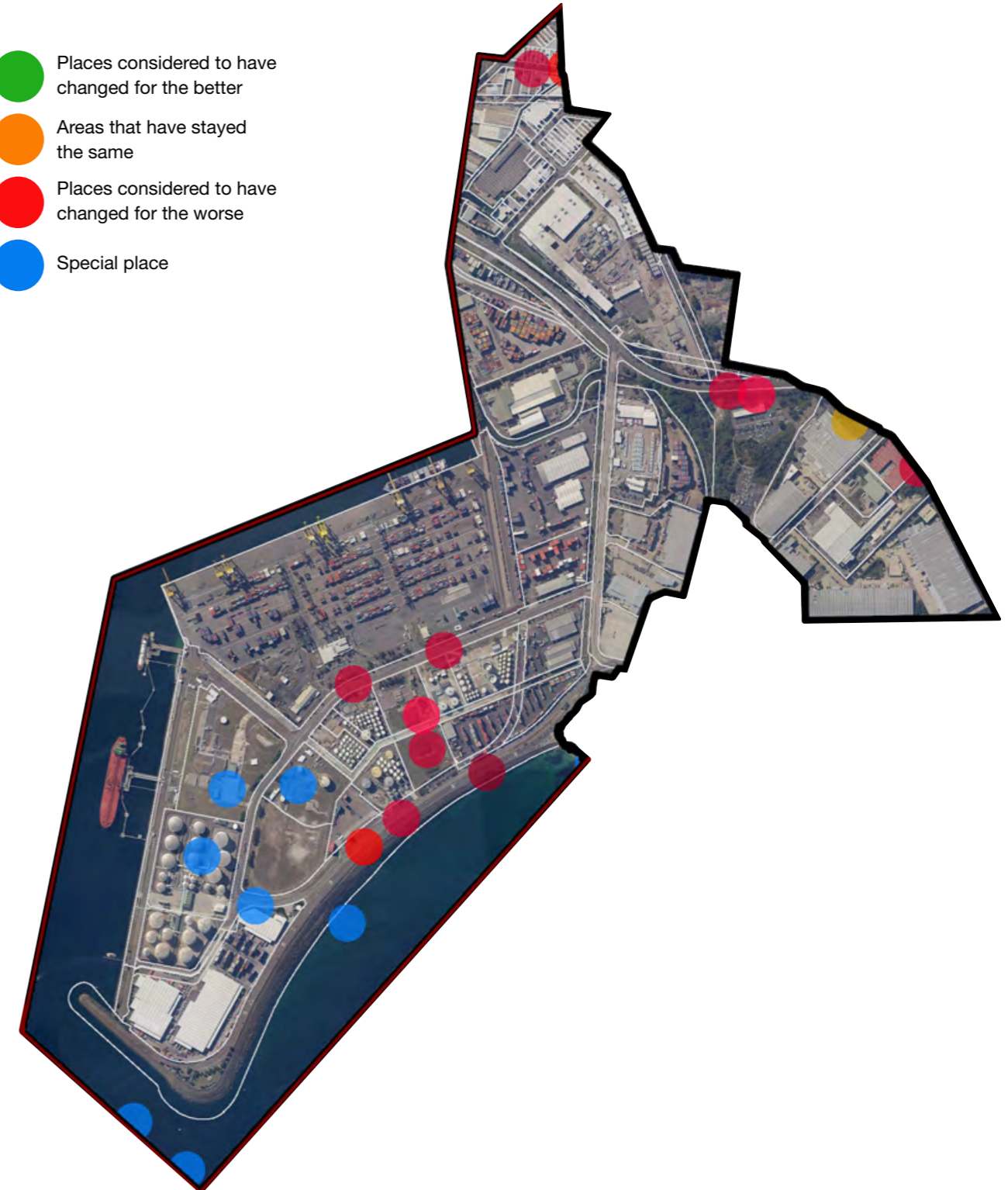
The dramatic vistas of Botany Bay

Community Feedback

To inform our local character analysis, Council undertook comprehensive community engagement in 2019 through online surveys, interactive mapping, interviews, community workshops and pop up stalls.

In workshops and online, participants were asked to put points on the map for places they consider have changed for the better, stayed the same and changed for the worse. They were also asked to map their special place.

- Places considered to have changed for the better
- Areas that have stayed the same
- Places considered to have changed for the worse
- Special place



Key findings from our community engagement on The Port LCA include:

- Strong community opposition to a potential cruise ship terminal in this area
- Historical significance due to views and as a landing site
- People enjoy visiting Molineaux Point for picnics and to enjoy the views
- Uses should encourage sustainability into the future
- The area has a strong Aboriginal connection
- There are noise issues between the port uses and local residential development

Social media analytics were not undertaken for this LCA.



Environmental characteristics



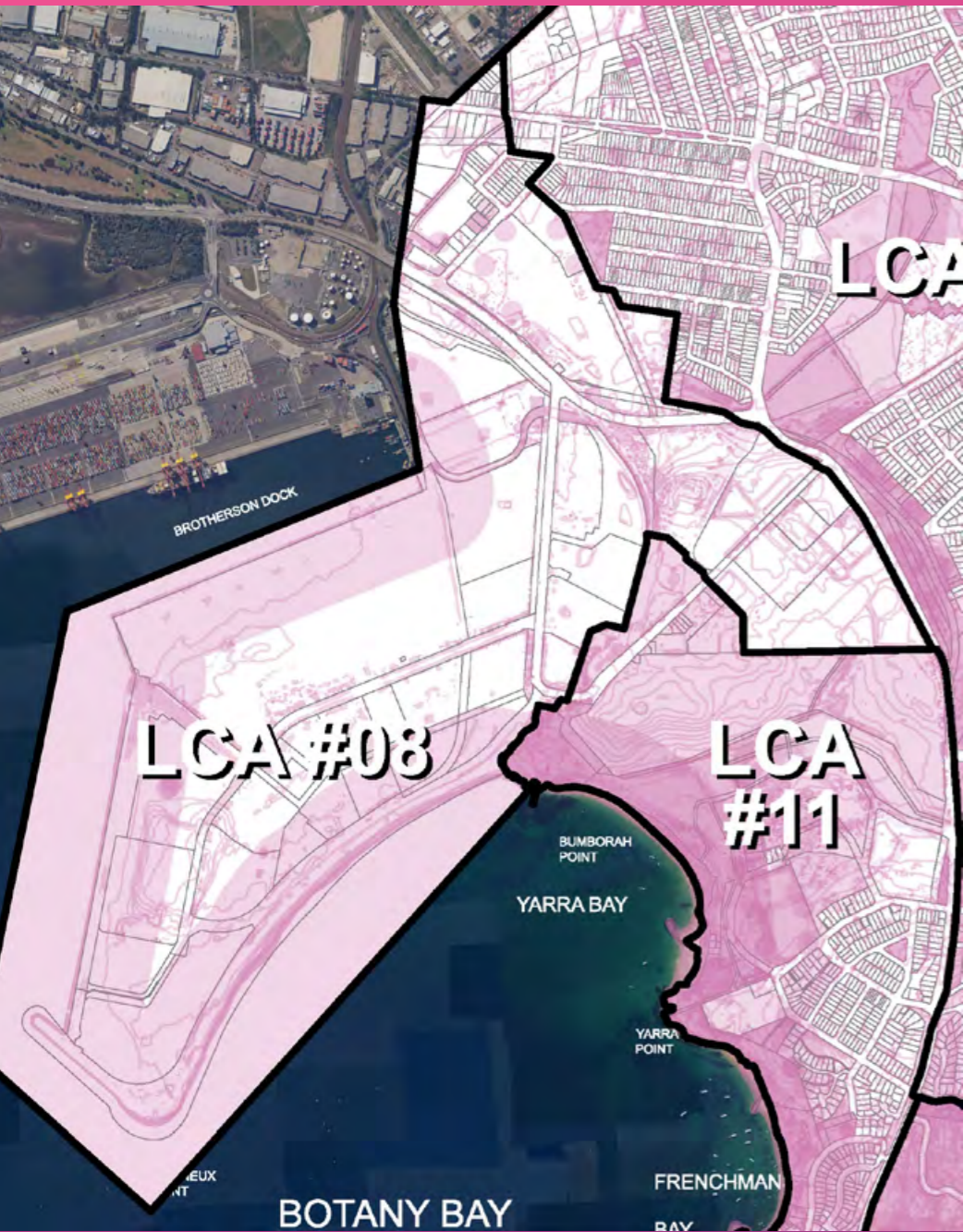
The Port LCA is industrial in nature, set within the context of Botany Bay. The industrial area itself includes the southern section of Brotherson Dock (Berths 10, 11 and 12) and the Bulk Liquids Berth (BLB1 and BLB2).

There is a large break wall on the southern side of the LCA, adjacent to Frenchmans and Yarra Bay beaches in The Bays LCA (LCA #11). This marine area has environmental significance as a popular fishing spot, and also has high terrestrial values. It is the habitat for many rare and protected marine species including weedy seadragons, red-toed anglerfish, pygmy pipehorses, Sydney blue

devil fish and various types of coral. Seals can occasionally be spotted swimming in the water or lying on the break wall around Molineaux Point.

Molineux Point has a lookout and a pocket of green space at the end of the break wall on Prince of Wales Drive. It is popular for visitors, with fantastic views over Botany Bay to enjoy.





Environmental indicators density map

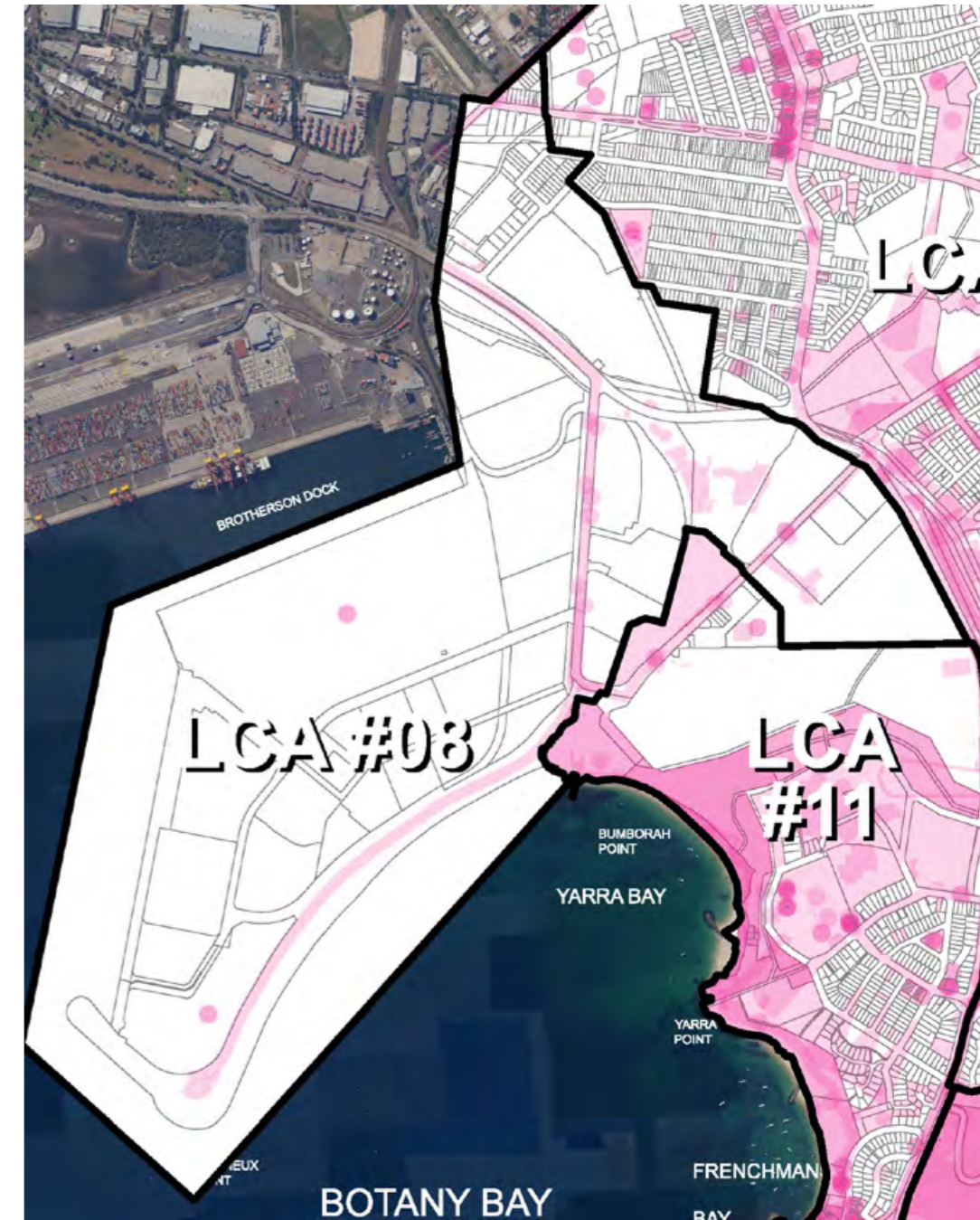
This map is the spatial representation of the environmental indicators mapping overlay. It shows the concentration of indicators such as topography and tree canopy, hydrography, open space and protection areas.

Social characteristics

Active transport in this area is generally limited, with poor access along Botany Road and Bumborah Point Road.

Throughout the LCA, there are narrow footpaths and limited pedestrian crossing opportunities, which are compounded by high traffic flow and heavy vehicles using the road. These conditions combine to make walking and cycling access to the Port uninviting.

Molineaux Point has social significance as a place to visit and enjoy. There are often families who visit for the views and to enjoy a picnic.

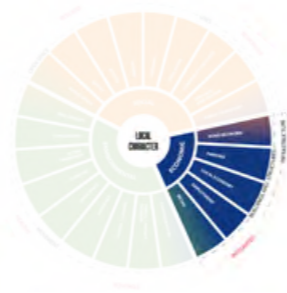


Social indicators density map

This map is the spatial representation of the social indicators mapping overlays. It shows the concentration of indicators such as community facilities, heritage and culture, leisure and recreation, public transport and social housing.



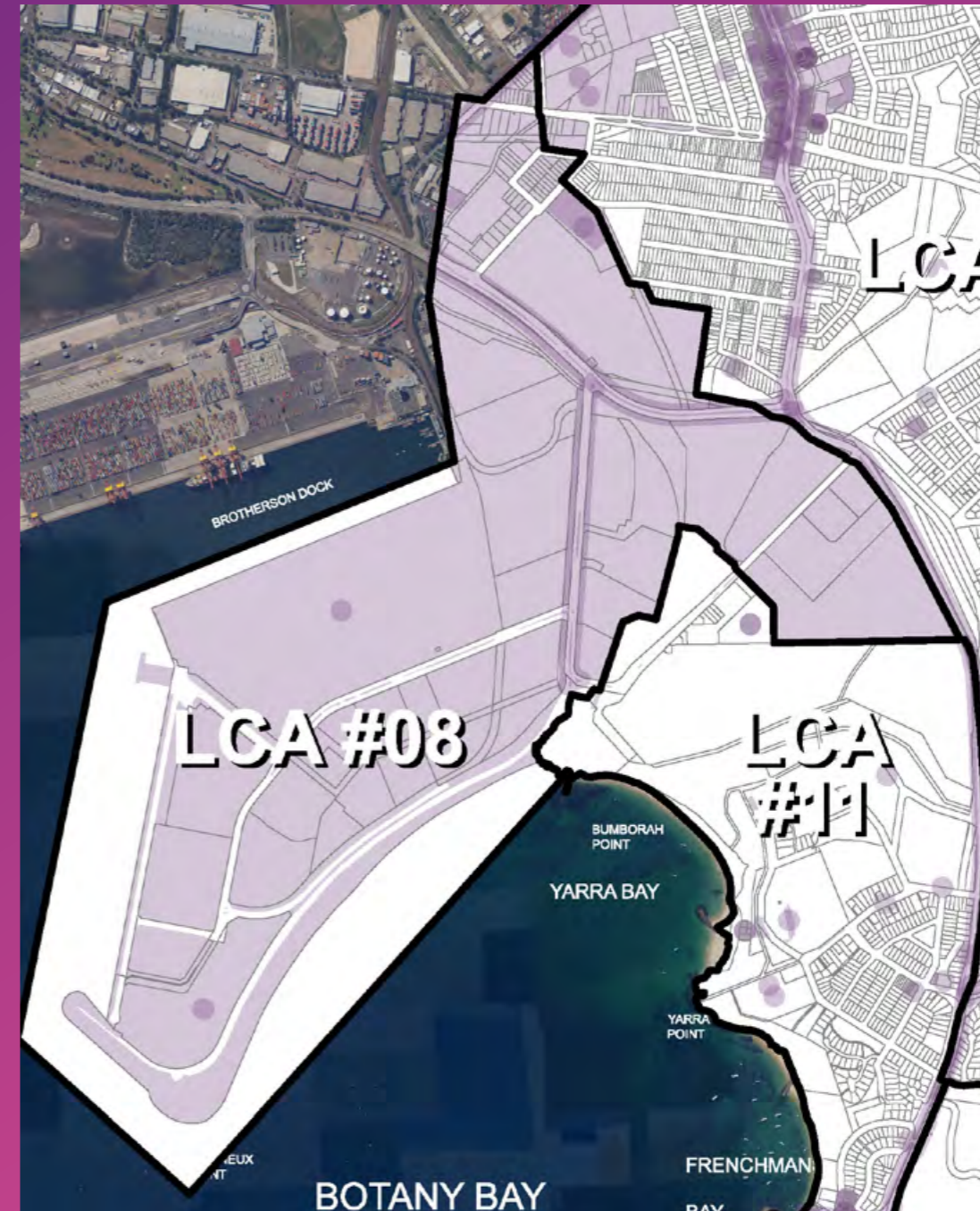
Economic characteristics



Port Botany is the largest port in NSW. The port is recognised as a state significant precinct due to its importance to the NSW and Australian economies.

Much of the land within the LCA is governed by state policy through the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Three Ports) 2013* (The Ports SEPP). It ensures that additional, essential and day-to-day development on land at the port and surrounds can be undertaken through a streamlined policy pathway. This aims to promote the efficient operation of the port, but also means that Council is not the planning authority for much of the development within the LCA.

There are limited food and drink premises located within the LCA and surrounding industrial areas. These small eateries service the local working population.



Economic indicators density map

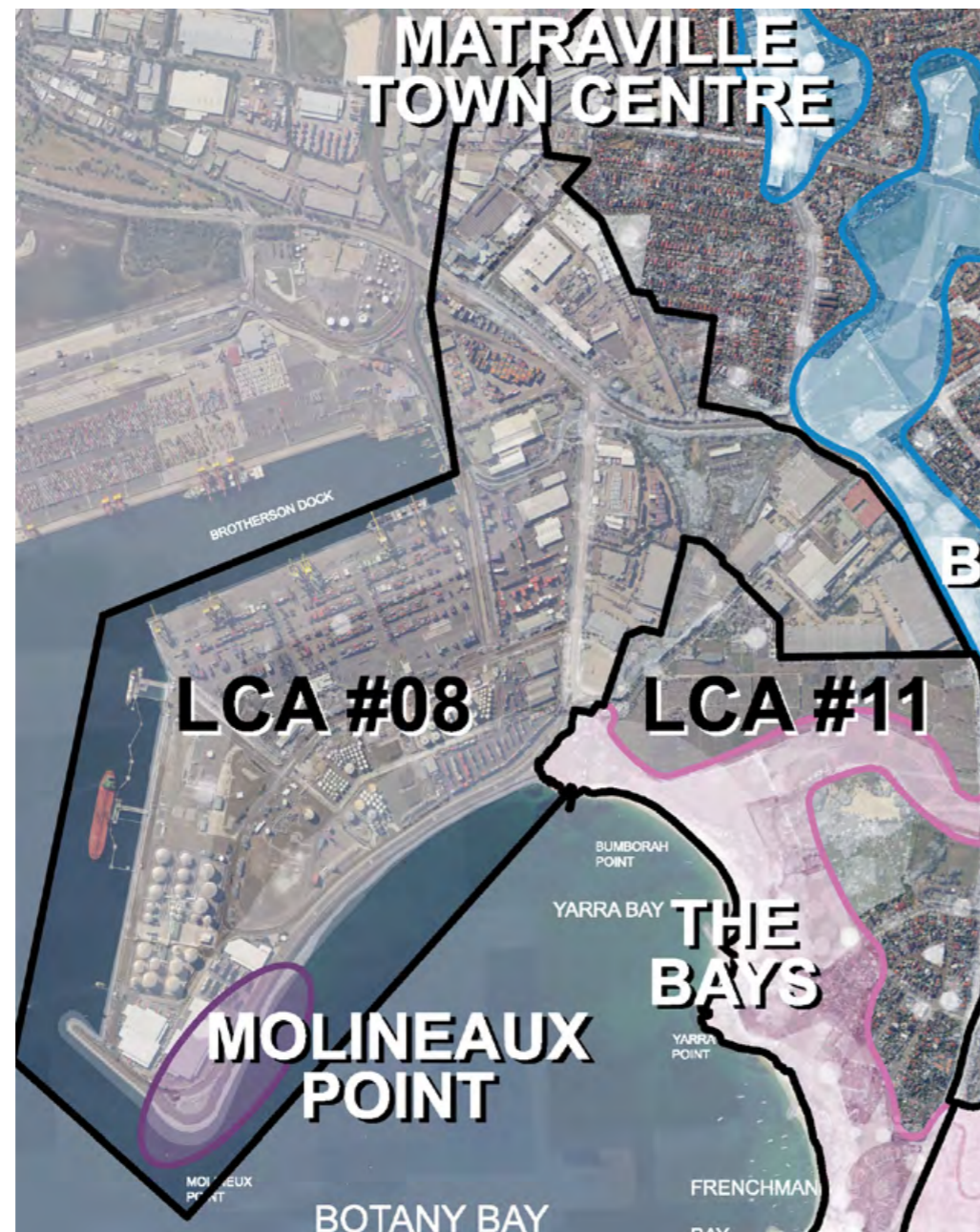
This map is the spatial representation of the economic indicators mapping overlay. It shows the concentration of indicators such as local economy, commercial areas, food and health-related activities, road network and parking. Given the nature of the port, the entirety of the industrial area is shown as a dense layer.



Molineaux Point Special Character Area

Molineaux Point Special Character Area has been derived from the indicators overlay density analysis and the community's shared values and future aspirations.

It encompasses the lookout and green space at the southernmost point of The Port LCA, at the end of Prince of Wales Drive. It is a popular place to visit for tourists and locals as it has magnificent views over the bay and you can often see families enjoying a picnic there.



Character principles

These character principles have been prepared to set the desired future character of The Port LCA. The character principles have been formulated based on the analysis documented in this statement.

The Port LCA character principles:

- Maintain industrial lands to support the operation of the port
- Preserve views to Molineaux Point and Botany Bay
- Transform Molineaux Point lookout into a significant environmental and scenic site
- Increase access to the area via public transport, walking and cycling
- Increase tree canopy cover where appropriate
- Maintain environmental qualities and marine environment of Yarra and Frenchmans Bays.

These character principles will inform the comprehensive review of the *Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012* occurring in 2020 and guide future provisions in the *Randwick Development Control Plan 2013* which will be reviewed and updated following the adoption of the new LEP.

By elevating local character in the local planning framework, we will deliver better place-based planning outcomes for the community.



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