

LAKE MACQUARIE HOUSING STRATEGY

ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

1-30 NOVEMBER 2025

WE ASKED

- Your vision for the future of housing in Lake Macquarie
- The key issues and challenges we should address
- How your housing needs and preferences have changed over the past five years
- What you believe our priorities should be moving forward

WE REACHED



14,520 subscribers via Council e-newsletters



375 visits to Council's online engagement platform, Shape Lake Mac



150 online survey responses



149 engagements via Council's social media



13 people engaged at a workshop with Lake Macquarie Youth Council

WE HEARD



Affordability and sustainability are central to the community's vision for future housing in Lake Macquarie City



Cost of living and housing affordability were identified as a key shift and ongoing issues over the past five years



Local infrastructure is essential to support future housing growth



A diverse mix of housing options is important to meet the needs of all residents



Communities should be connected, inclusive and welcoming



Social outcomes matter, with a clear focus on social housing and addressing homelessness

NEXT STEPS

We will use this information along with community feedback from the Lake Macquarie Housing Forum, an independently facilitated housing affordability and liveability survey, the Lake Macquarie City Community Strategic Plan and our Local Strategic Planning Statement to develop our updated Housing Strategy. The strategy is expected to go on public exhibition in the first half of 2026, providing further opportunity for feedback from the community.

