

Designing with Country project – Aboriginal Design Framework

Request for Quotation

The City of Canada Bay Council (CCB) is seeking quotations on behalf of the Parramatta River Catchment Group from suitably qualified or experienced Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander design consultancies to prepare an Aboriginal Design Framework on behalf of the Parramatta River Catchment Group (PRCG), as part of the *Designing with Country* for the Parramatta River Catchment project.

The Parramatta River Catchment Group (PRCG) is an alliance of councils, government agencies and community groups, working together to revitalise the Parramatta River and make it a safe and enjoyable place to swim. In October 2018, we launched *DUBA, BUDU, BARRA: Ten Steps to a Living River – The Parramatta River Masterplan*. This Masterplan details the steps required to make the Parramatta River swimmable again by 2025.



Parramatta Riverside Walk mural created by Ngemba artist Jamie Eastwood in 2000.

The purpose of the project is to bring to life the connection between Aboriginal culture and the waterways and land in the Parramatta River Catchment through appropriate design and interpretation elements for the broader community to understand and enjoy.

The outputs from this brief will be used to shape future capital works across the catchment.

The objectives of the project are to:

- Support the development of new cultural experiences for the community to explore across the network of waterways, parks, open space and bushland within the catchment.
- Take a whole-of-catchment approach to Aboriginal engagement, storytelling and design, with locally identified interpretation outputs, such as elevating country, two-way knowledge sharing, healthy and connected places, gathering places, place naming and cultural design, to name a few.
- Strengthen relationships between NSW government agencies, councils, local Aboriginal groups and community members to build knowledge around river history, cultural significance and ongoing management.
- Recognise the physical and cultural connection of the local Aboriginal community to the waters and adjoining land and incorporate local Aboriginal knowledge, culture and tradition into the objectives of this project.
- Build community knowledge and awareness about the cultural significance of the land and waterways in the catchment.
- Draw on the *Designing with Country* Guidelines being developed by the Government Architect NSW, and give them a localised context which is specific to land and waterways in the Parramatta River catchment.
- Build on previous work undertaken by the PRCG in relation to Aboriginal leadership in waterway governance.

To obtain a copy of the project brief, visit: ourlivingriver.com.au/designingwithcountry. Please ensure we receive your quotation on or before 4:00pm on Tuesday, 20 July 2021. For more information, contact the PRCG Coordinator, Nell Graham, on 9121 0009 or at: nell.graham@canadabay.nsw.gov.au.