

*'Our young people have unique perspectives on what makes a place tick.*

*They provide lived insight into how to attract and retain young talent, how to be resilient, how to be clean and green, and how to ensure our actions are inclusive and visionary. They know what they want and would like to be invited to participate in meaningful opportunities to share their ideas with decision makers and community leaders.'*

## Helen Connolly

Commissioner for Children and Young People

Young people have given us clear direction around what they need to relax, play and engage in leisure activities. They have told us they want wellbeing infrastructure that supports them to be connected, confident and creative.

When their passions are showcased and when they can 'see young people succeeding and excelling' and 'when something is created that is Instagramable', that's wellbeing. A well city is a youthful city.



## A youthful city...

- Has **welcoming** youth oriented spaces that are activated across the CBD
- Is **easy to get around** and get to work, school and leisure venues
- Has **transport** options outside business hours
- Provides **opportunities to gather** in youth-friendly places that are comfortable and welcoming
- Encourages **innovation and risk-taking** as a way of learning and support
- Supports young people to **connect**, build relationships, participate in community have positive experiences speak their mind, and stand up for what they believe in
- Allows 'hanging out' **without fear** of being 'hassled, judged or moved on'

## When we create a youthful city we can...

- **Tap into fresh ideas**, perspectives, enthusiasm, skills and contemporary leadership ideas of youth
- Build **a sense of belonging** and place in the world for all our citizens
- Grow **confidence** and create opportunities for skill development and achievement
- Stimulate economic, cultural and social **development**
- Create public spaces that bring together **affordable and accessible** arts, music and film opportunities
- **Involve the voices**, opinions and solutions of children and young people as consumers, contributors and partners

