The Campus Improvement Program will transform the University of Sydney environment for staff, students and the local community. Here is a summary of key facts about the program.

KEY FACTS

1. What is the Campus Improvement Program (CIP) 2014–20?
The Campus Improvement Program (CIP) is a concept proposal for the delivery of new buildings, infrastructure and accessible public domain areas to support the University’s vision for the future. It is a strategic concept plan that looks at the future evolution of the Camperdown-Darlington campus to 2020 through land uses and building envelopes. The CIP is not a proposal for the detailed design and construction of new buildings. See point 9.

2. What are the objectives of the CIP?
The CIP aims to create a physical environment that will:
– support the undertaking of world-class teaching and research
– attract the best students and staff
– provide affordable student accommodation on campus to enrich student experience and campus life
– ensure safer, easily navigated access to and through campus
– allow the University to integrate and streamline provision of services and facilities
– provide the opportunity for multi-disciplinary facilities and deliver efficiencies through co-location
– develop a healthy and sustainable campus
– recognise and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander significance
– establish the campus as a visitor destination
– be respectful to the significance of the established environment.

3. What areas does the CIP proposal cover?
The CIP proposal applies to the Camperdown and Darlington campuses.

4. Why has the CIP been prepared?
The CIP has been prepared because the University is recognised as the nation's principal university specialising in tertiary education and research. The implementation of the CIP is imperative to maintaining the University’s position as a leading teaching, learning and research institution in Australia. The CIP will also provide an important tool in prioritising and budgeting for campus growth to 2010.

5. What benefits will the CIP have for the community?
The CIP will facilitate health, social welfare and student services strategically located across the campus that will be available to the wider community. Safe pedestrian and cycling facilities to and through campus will encourage walking and cycling, while the new buildings will also enhance opportunities for domestic and international visitors to the University.
The University will also assess and manage the CIP’s social impacts on both the University and wider community to benefit local residents with a more sustainable and equitable environment.

6. How long will the CIP take to implement?
It is anticipated that the CIP will take seven years to implement.
7. What steps are involved in getting the CIP implemented?
The CIP 2014–20 was lodged with the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DP&I) in 2013 as a State Significant Development (SSD). An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been prepared on behalf of the University of Sydney in accordance with the Director General’s Environmental Assessment Requirements, as issued by the department.

DP&I has placed the SSD application and EIS on public exhibition from 30 January until 28 February 2014. Any person can make a written submission to the Director General about the CIP during this time.

8. What is State Significant Development?
A specific assessment system has been created in the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act to consider projects classed as State Significant Development (SSD).

A range of development types are considered to be SSD if they are over a certain size or located in a sensitive area. These can include mines and manufacturing plants as well as warehousing, waste, energy, tourist, education, and hospital facilities.


9. What will be the process for subsequent projects stemming from the CIP?
Further specific and detailed buildings will be subject to subsequent detailed development applications or other approval pathways.

10. How can the community find out more?
To view and comment on the application online, visit the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure’s website [www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=6123](http://www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=6123)

The application and plans are also on public exhibition Monday–Friday, 9am to 5pm, from 29 January to 28 February 2014 in the foyer of the University’s Services Building foyer G12, 22 Codrington Street, Darlington.

Community information sessions will be held in the same location on:
- Wednesday 5 February 5 – 7pm
- Saturday 8 February, 2 – 4pm
- Saturday 15 February, 11 am – 1pm