

# Media Release

## Sydney Business Chamber



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### **Canada Bay council's one-car policy should be given a fair go**

The Sydney Business Chamber said Canada Bay Council's proposal to reduce Sydney's car dependence by limiting new apartment blocks in Rhodes to one car space whilst also promoting car-share schemes was an innovative approach that should be given a fair go.

"Canada Bay Council has recognised that the challenges of planning for the future are to address issues such as sustainability, congestion and increasing housing density," said Patricia Forsythe, Executive Director of the Sydney Business Chamber.

"It is an appropriate decision by the Council given the proximity to the city and access to trains and buses."

Mrs Forsythe said while the proposal was an innovative response for Canada Bay it would not be effective in areas further away from the city, which don't have convenient access to adequate public transport options.

"If there are to be limits on how many vehicles a household can have, it is going to have to be done hand-in-hand with greater investment by the NSW Government in our public transport network.

"The issue highlights again the importance of land use and transport planning being done together.

"The challenge for Canada Bay Council and other councils that would like to limit cars in high density housing will be to win community support for the initiative."

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