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Letter to the Editor – Mosman Daily

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Investing in green space – was it all just rhetoric?

The North Shore electorate has the state's second highest concentration of flat and apartment dwellings (71.6%) concentrated in the western side of the electorate.

Recognising that Sydney's green spaces are a vital component of its liveability and resilience as a city, in 2017 Premier Gladys Berejiklian established the Lavender Bay Rail Committee, chaired by the local member, to investigate creating a scenic walking track along the Lavender Bay railway land linking several discrete parklands and enhancing their accessibility.

In April 2018, the NSW Government, announced that it was investing some \$290 million in more green, open space in Sydney to improve quality of life. It then allocated \$9m to fund a 3 klm walking track in Middle Head, Mosman and a miserly \$30,000 towards Wendys Secret Garden after Wendy Whiteley had contributed and continues to contribute millions of dollars to the Garden.

In December 2018, at the request of Minister Constance, the Lavender Bay Rail Committee submitted its Report to Government including design and costings for the walking track and requested the Government to confirm its commitment to funding the Sydney Harbour HighLine.

Since then, despite requests to Government, it has remained completely silent leaving the electorate to ponder "was it all just rhetoric?"

Your faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Mutton', with a horizontal line underneath.

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