

Media Release

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Public Urged to See St Marys Plan Firsthand

Developers are urging the public to see the draft Eastern Precinct Plan while it is on public exhibition this month from August 20th to September 17 and "see firsthand" what is planned for the St Marys ADI site.

"There has been intense scrutiny of this project over many years and throughout the process we have committed to open, responsible, transparent discussion and consultation with community groups and local and state government authorities. We're simply asking people to see firsthand the draft plan for the Eastern Precinct and make up their own minds," he said.

"In preparing the draft Eastern Precinct Plan, we have already undertaken extensive consultation with the community through newsletters, an information and feedback day, site tours for the public and briefings for special interest groups. This exhibition period is another opportunity for people to provide input."

"If there's something they are interested in, they can also ring our hotline on 02 9673 8877 for more detailed information.

Mr Gorman said the public would see from the plan that Delfin Lend Lease takes its responsibilities as developer of the site very seriously.

"There are clear provisions made for affordable housing, education and sustainability.

"We are already talking to schools, tertiary institutions and training organisations to provide a range of facilities including schools, child care centres and learning centres for adults and children."

In relation to the draft Fauna Plan, Mr Gorman said "Experts have advised there are too many kangaroos on the site for the land to humanely sustain them, and that the increasing numbers of kangaroos will damage the endangered Cumberland Plain Woodland. These principles were recognised by the community, environmental and animal welfare groups consulted in the preparation of the draft plan."

The draft Precinct Plan outlines the vision for the Eastern Precinct, which will eventually accommodate up to 1,700 homes and generate about 1,000 jobs. It outlines the housing form, parks and recreation, transport and traffic measures, land uses, open space, street types, access points and sustainability measures.

Both the draft Precinct Plan and Macrofauna Management Plan will be available for viewing at various venues across Blacktown and Penrith cities including:

- Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources – Level 8, 2 - 10 Wentworth Street, Parramatta
- Blacktown City Council – Civic Centre, Flushcombe Road, Blacktown
- Mount Druitt Library – Ayres Grove, Mount Druitt
- Penrith City Council – 601 High Street, Penrith
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- Penrith Council's St Marys Office – 207 - 209 Queen Street, St Marys
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