

Media Release

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St Marys Public Exhibition Closing Soon

The exhibition of the draft Eastern Precinct Plan and the draft Macrofauna Management Plan for the St Marys project will close on Wednesday 1 October, giving the public two more weeks to see for themselves what is planned for the new community.

St Marys Project Director Joe Gorman said he was urging the local community to use the remaining exhibition time to view the plans for themselves and make up their own minds about the project.

“We believe the St Marys project will set new standards in urban development and the draft Eastern Precinct Plan outlines how we will go about achieving this,” Mr Gorman said.

“People will see that we are planning to make this a genuinely sustainable community, with provisions for generating new training and employment opportunities, a diverse range of housing and extensive community facilities, including a 900-hectare Regional Park.

“This project will provide real benefits not only for the future residents of the new community, but for the surrounding areas as well,” he said.

Mr Gorman said the period of exhibition had furthered the already extensive consultation process which had included newsletters, site tours and an information day.

“This exhibition period is enabling people full access to the draft plans and the opportunity to put their views formally to the various authorities,” he said.

Both the draft Precinct Plan and draft 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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Copies of the draft Macrofauna Management Plan can also be downloaded from the St Marys project website at www.talkStMarys.com.au.

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