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Urban Activation Precincts

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The purpose of this circular is to consult with councils, agencies, industry and the community about the proposed Urban Activation Precincts program and associated initiatives.

Introduction

The Urban Activation Precincts program reflects a more strategic approach to urban development. Precincts will deliver more appealing and interconnected urban areas where people will want to live. Urban Activation Precincts will provide potential for a range of housing and jobs that have greater access to public transport and are properly integrated with existing and planned infrastructure.

Future Urban Activation Precincts will be transformative opportunities which:

- Are consistent with State, regional and/or local strategies
- Optimise use of existing and planned infrastructure
- Are important to one or more LGAs and/or supported by council(s)
- Are environmentally, socially and economically sustainable and viable; and
- Are financially viable for development and consistent with market demand.

The program will also aim to provide greater certainty for both the community and landowners regarding the future urban form of a precinct. This will be achieved through development of streamlined code-based assessment processes in appropriate locations.

Guidelines have been released for comment and provide further information (see public exhibition details below).

Supporting initiatives: Precinct Support Scheme and Growth Infrastructure Plans

The Precinct Support Scheme will provide \$50 million financial support for councils that partner in Urban Activation Precincts. The scheme will assist councils to address increased demand for local infrastructure and create high quality urban environments for existing and future residents.

Growth Infrastructure Plans will be used to identify where infrastructure needs to be augmented to support planned growth within Urban Activation Precincts.

Public exhibition details

The guidelines and associated documentation are on exhibition until 4 July 2012. Targeted consultation will also be undertaken. In addition, the Department of Planning and Infrastructure will work with local government on the nomination and identification of precincts that meet the criteria set out in the guidelines.

Further Information

Further information on the Urban Activation Precincts program, including copies of the guideline and fact sheets, can be downloaded from the department's website at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/on-exhibition

For further information please contact the Strategic Assessments branch on 9228 6382.

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