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### **Meriton's Warriewood Valley proposal to be determined by PAC**

The independent Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) will make the final decision on Meriton's residential development proposal in the Warriewood Valley.

The NSW Department of Planning today confirmed that the Planning Minister's determination role for major projects has been delegated to the PAC in this instance because reportable political donations have been disclosed in relation to the project.

The Department of Planning is currently assessing two applications for the 8.1-hectare site at 14-18 Boondah Road:

- a **concept plan** application which establishes a broad planning framework for the site, including 16 residential buildings with capacity for up to 559 units; and
- a **project application** for construction of the project's first stage consisting of 295 units across seven residential buildings, basement car parking, swimming pools and gymnasium, an internal public road, landscaping and infrastructure works, a public pedestrian/cycleway and a childcare facility.

Once the Department has finalised its assessments, they will be forwarded to the PAC for determination.

Under an existing standard delegation for projects where reportable donations have been made, the project application would automatically go to the PAC for a decision.

However, the Minister has also delegated his determination role for the concept plan to ensure consistency and transparency in the overall decision-making process for the site.

As part of its consideration of the proposal, the PAC will meet with Pittwater Council to ensure local views are heard.

The PAC is chaired by highly-respected former Director-General of the Department of Planning, Gabrielle Kibble AO, and includes other expert members.

Further information on the PAC can be found at [www.pac.nsw.gov.au](http://www.pac.nsw.gov.au)

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