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CENTRAL PARK RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVALS

The NSW Government has approved a $96 million proposal for construction of two residential and retail buildings at inner-Sydney’s former Carlton United Breweries site.

Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, said the Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) has approved the proposal, submitted by Frasers Broadway Pty Ltd, for what is now known as the Central Park site.

“A total of 319 apartments will be built, creating 200 construction and 10 operational jobs,” the Minister said.

“The public benefit of these approved projects includes increased housing, employment and additional open space within close proximity to the Sydney CBD and public transport infrastructure.”

Today’s announcement represents the third approval given at the site to begin construction of new buildings.

It involves:

- Construction of two residential buildings, Block 5A (nine storeys) and Block 5B (20 storeys) comprising approximately 319 residential apartments and retail floor space;
- Construction of the public domain surrounding the site; and
- Stratum subdivision of the buildings.

A total of 99 conditions have been imposed including:

- Reconfiguration of 13 dual-key apartments in Block 5B to two-bedroom units to improve their amenity;
- The addition of a balcony to 24 dual-key apartments within Block 5A to provide an outdoor open space area;
- The addition of windows in 25 units to improve cross-ventilation;
- Ensuring two areas – the retail forecourt and the main park – be completed prior to the occupation of Block 5A, to ensure good amenity for the apartments; and
- All dual-key apartments not be sub-divided into separate lots.

The project was assessed by the Department of Planning under Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.

The project was assessed by the PAC because a reportable political donation was notified in conjunction with the proposal.