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ICAC findings – Statement from the Director-General

Department of Planning Director-General Sam Haddad today welcomed the ICAC findings.

“The last five months have been a particularly distressing and difficult time for both myself and my family,” he said.

“I have also been concerned that events during this period had the potential to unfairly undermine the important and professional work undertaken by the State’s planning profession, including the Department of Planning’s staff.

“As a result, I am very pleased that ICAC has taken the time to completely refute all the allegations it investigated.

“As a planner and public servant of some 30 years, I highly value my integrity and will continue to do so into the future.

“I now look forward to continuing my efforts on important planning policy matters to benefit the people of NSW, including:

- Linking infrastructure and land-use planning;
- Ensuring orderly and well-planned housing and employment projects;
- The rigorous and timely assessment of major projects;
- Creating Australia’s best planning system; and
- Reviewing our Metropolitan Strategy.

“I would like to acknowledge the ongoing support and professionalism from the Department of Planning’s staff and the planning profession during recent events.”

NOTE: Mr Haddad is currently on annual leave and therefore unavailable for media interviews

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