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JOBS BOOST FOR WOLLI CREEK WITH RETAIL FACILITY APPROVAL

A new $7.3 million retail facility has been approved by the NSW Government to provide a supermarket and speciality shops for residents in the Wolli Creek area.

Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, said up to 200 jobs could be created.

“This is the first stage of a wider $260 million concept plan proposal for the site located between Arncliffe Street and the Princes Highway,” the Minister said.

“The proponent Mecone, on behalf of NAHAS Constructions, has been given a time-limited approval for the site for a period of up to 15 years.

“It is proposed the site will be redeveloped during or after this period into a larger mixed-use retail, serviced apartment and residential redevelopment, subject to planning approval.

“Clearly, there is currently an under-supply of retail around Wolli Creek and this address that problem.”

The development will be in two sections:

- Construction of a 4,000 sq/m supermarket, loading dock, 200 sq/m of specialty shop space and car and bicycle parking facilities; and
- Construction of 600 sq/m of specialty retail in a separate building and an additional 16 car parking spaces and landscaping.

Mr Kelly said the proponent will fund a deceleration slip lane off the Princes Hwy, to ensure safe traffic access to the site.

“The proposed development is also accessible by commuter rail and bus services, while many residents in the surrounding area are expected to be able to walk to the facility,” the Minister said.

A total of 117 conditions have been imposed covering issues such as noise and traffic/loading dock management and protection of the amenity of surrounding residents.

The site is zoned for mixed use purposes under the Rockdale Local Environmental Plan 2000 and the project was assessed and approved under Part 3A of the Environmental and Assessment Act.