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RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT APPROVED FOR HOMEBUSH BAY

The ongoing revitalisation of Homebush Bay West is set to continue with concept plan approval for a new $129 million residential development on Bennelong Parkway at Wentworth Point.

Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, said the Payce Management Ltd project will add up to 573 dwellings to Sydney’s inner west and deliver more than 6,000 square metres of public space.

“An existing warehouse and distribution centre will also be removed, thereby decreasing noise and traffic movements for nearby residents,” Mr Kelly said.

‘Wentworth Point is an area in transition, having seen a significant recent transformation since the Olympics from an industrial, warehousing and distribution centre to a new and vibrant neighbourhood.”

Minister for Western Sydney, David Borger, said this approach continues to play an important part in the renewal of Sydney as outlined in the current Metropolitan Strategy review.

“This section of Homebush Bay is earmarked for new housing, located near the Parramatta and Rhodes employment centres, sporting and cultural facilities at Sydney Olympic Park, and existing public transport,” Mr Borger said.

“The ferry wharf is only one kilometre away and there is a bus route which links to Burwood via Newington, Strathfield and the Olympic Park train station.

Member for Auburn, Barbara Perry, welcomed the announcement.

“This project will also create up to 180 jobs during the construction phase and 20 operational positions once completed,” Ms Perry said.

The concept plan was modified to reduce the height of future buildings by two storeys in part of the proposal to create a better transition to adjoining buildings.

A number of requirements for future assessment have also been imposed on the approval including:

- Ensuring sufficient solar access is provided to living areas and private open spaces, and more natural ventilation of the units; and
- Ensuring adequate privacy between the buildings and adjacent properties.

While concept approval was given by the independent Planning Assessment Commission (PAC), future development applications for building works will need to be lodged with Auburn City Council.

The proposal was automatically referred to the PAC as the proponent had made reportable political donations to both major parties in the two years leading up to the lodgement of the plan.