NEW LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN TO REJUVENATE CANTERBURY

The future of Canterbury town centre has been given a major boost following the NSW Government’s approval of the council’s planning blueprint for the area.

Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, said the approval of the amendment to the Canterbury local environmental plan (LEP) will help revitalise the existing rundown town centre and also help create a new nearby riverfront precinct.

“The previous planning controls covering the Canterbury Town Centre hindered investment, contributing to its existing state,” the Minister said.

“Revised planning controls proposed by Canterbury City Council will allow additional office space, retail areas and housing in close proximity to major public transport networks, particularly Canterbury Railway Station.

“The amendments would minimise impacts on existing residential areas, by stepping down building heights and density away from the central town centre area.

“These new controls should help make local shops more viable and provide an improved public domain.

“The council plans support local residents being able to take advantage of new shops, restaurants and public open space along Cooks River.

“The amendment will also contribute towards the employment and dwelling targets for the Canterbury local government area to 2031, as outlined in the NSW Government’s Metropolitan Strategy.”

Mayor of the City of Canterbury, Cr Robert Furolo MP, welcomed the announcement.

“The community can look forward to Canterbury town centre becoming a modern, attractive and safe place where they can shop and relax with their families,” Mr Furolo said.

“Council received strong support for the proposal from public submitters during the exhibition period.”