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### **HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT BOOST FOR BANKSTOWN**

The NSW Government has approved a new business enterprise corridor which will help create additional employment and housing opportunities along a section of Hume Highway at Yagoona.

Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, said the amendment to the Bankstown local environmental plan (LEP) will rezone an area known as the Rookwood Road precinct in Yagoona to a combination of business enterprise and residential zones.

“I congratulate local member Tony Stewart who saw the importance of revitalising this part of Bankstown and was instrumental in seeing it through to this stage,” the Minister said.

“The amendment is consistent with the NSW Government’s Metropolitan Strategy, which aims to build an enterprise corridor along the Hume Highway, and will also place more jobs alongside a regional bus route.

“The Rookwood Road precinct, which spans a 350 metre length of the highway, is currently made up of a mixture of bulky goods retailers, hotels, small shops and houses.

“Bankstown City Council has stated new planning controls for this precinct will attract investment and new types of employment-generating opportunities alongside this key transport corridor.

“The LEP implements the findings of the Council’s Hume Highway Corridor Strategy, which aims to revitalise the highway corridor from Villawood to Chullora, by strengthening its role as an enterprise corridor for employment and economic activities.”

Member for Bankstown, Tony Stewart, said these new controls will support greater diversity in the businesses and employment opportunities available to Bankstown residents, as well as improving local amenity.

“It will also allow residential unit buildings to be proposed on a small section of the site which does not face the Hume Highway,” Mr Stewart said.

“Whilst home units are already permissible on this part of the site, the previous planning controls did not adequately provide for the development needed to renew the precinct.”

In response to submissions, the council made a number of amendments to the plan following the first of two public exhibition periods, including:

- Reducing the building height limit along The Boulevard from four to two storeys to match those along George Street; and
- Including a Building Height Map at the request of the Department of Planning.