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Huntlee New Town study exhibition period extended

The NSW Department of Planning today confirmed it had extended the exhibition of a study outlining plans for the Huntlee New Town site in the State's Lower Hunter.

The proponent, Huntlee Pty Ltd, is proposing that the site near Branxton is listed as a State significant site and be rezoned to facilitate its planned urban development.

A State significant site study has been placed on exhibition which proposes that the site provide:

- 7,500 new dwellings
- 200 hectares of employment lands
- 173 hectares for rural purposes
- 5,612 hectares of conservation lands

The Department's Director-General Sam Haddad said he had supported requests by the community to extend the study exhibition until 17 November, 2010 from October 29, 2010, to allow additional time to examine plans.

Furthermore, the extension will bring the study exhibition period into line with the exhibition of a voluntary planning agreement (VPA) for the site. The VPA details a series of environmental conservation contributions and dedications.

Mr Haddad urged interested members of the public to have their say.

"Any submissions received will be carefully considered, along with the proponent's response to the issues raised in these submissions, as part of the Department's assessment of the project," Mr Haddad said.

The study can be viewed during office hours at:

- Department of Planning Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney;
- Department of Planning Hunter Office, Price Waterhouse Coopers Centre , Level 2, 26 Honeysuckle Drive, Newcastle ;
- Cessnock City Council ,62-78 Vincent Street, Cessnock; or
- Singleton Council-Cnr Queen Street & Civic Avenue, Singleton

All relevant project documents are also publicly available on the Department's website, and can be accessed by visiting <http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au> and following the links to the 'On Exhibition' page.

Submissions may be emailed to plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au or posted to

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