MODERNISED PLANNING CONTROLS APPROVED FOR CAMDEN

The NSW Government has approved a new council-wide local environmental plan (LEP) for Camden which delivers up-to-date planning controls to guide future growth.

The plan applies to the Camden local government area with the exception of those areas within the South West Growth Centre that are covered by the Sydney Region Growth Centres State environmental planning policy.

Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, said the plan had been prepared based on the Government’s standard LEP template, which provides a consistent framework for the layout, zone names and definitions of new council-wide LEPs across NSW.

“This LEP template is being successfully used by a wide variety of councils, including councils on urban area fringes such as Camden, through to coastal, large metropolitan and smaller rural local government areas,” the Minister said.

Member for Camden, Geoff Corrigan, said Camden is expected to experience considerable population growth over the next 20 years and it’s essential modern, clear and simple planning controls are in place.

“The plan includes a number of existing greenfield release areas which had previously been zoned for residential development by the council, along with the existing medium density areas adjoining Camden and Narellan town centres to provide future infill development,” Mr Corrigan said.

The council made a number of changes to the draft plan following public exhibition including:

- Allowing veterinary hospitals and vehicle hire or sales premises in the industrial zone at Ironbark Ave, South Camden;
- Zoning land at Currans Hill, Mount Annan South and Elderslie as neighbourhood centres, rather than the proposed residential zone, to reflect the status of these sites as neighbourhood centres and provide a greater range of allowable uses; and
- Zoning former release areas at Harrington Park, Mount Annan and Currans Hill a mix of low and medium density residential, rather than the proposed general residential, to better reflect the council’s intentions for these sites.

The LEP also includes clear planning restrictions on the location of ‘restricted premises’, including restrictions on their proximity to residential areas, schools, churches and other community facilities.