Telopea Urban Renewal Concept Plan Approved

Minister for Housing, Frank Terenzini and Member for Parramatta Tanya Gadiel today announced approval of the Concept Plan for the $580-million Telopea Urban Renewal Project.

Mr Terenzini said redevelopment of the 11-hectare Housing NSW estate will provide a substantial new supply of public and private housing close to existing infrastructure and services.

“Final approval was given by Planning Minister Tony Kelly who also confirmed project approval for Stage One of the project – the $48-million three-block development consisting of 152 public housing apartments.

“The tallest buildings will be located towards the centre of the site, with the bulk of development situated along a corridor from the train station to the local shops, Mr Terenzini said.

“The scale then tapers down towards the boundaries of the site meaning the development transitions sympathetically across to the adjoining residential areas.”

Ms Gadiel said that once the site is fully developed in about ten years time, it will have capacity for up to 1,900 dwellings (up from the current 531) with a maximum height of seven storeys and more than one hectare for public open space.

“A major benefit to the local community will be the creation of up to 325 jobs, 275 during construction and 50 ongoing,”

“The dwellings will be in a final mix of 70% privately owned to 30% social housing, Ms Gadiel said.

Mr Terenzini said Housing NSW intends to approach the market in 2011 to identify a development partner to deliver the private housing and replacement of the existing underperforming housing.

“I was to make this very clear - the local community will continue to be kept informed about every major step we take in creating what we believe will be an urban renewal show piece.

“Like my predecessor, I will host public meetings along with Ms Gadiel, to make sure all tenant issues are heard and I intend to give everyone the opportunity to make submissions on the proposed future stages of development.

“Submissions received to date have been considered and amendments have been made to the proposed development to address the issues raised.
“Again, I want to assure the local community that today’s announcement changes nothing when it comes to consultation and community input.

“The site is identified for residential growth under the Government’s Metropolitan Strategy and the project is consistent its focus on urban renewal near transport facilities,” Mr Terenzini said.

“Of course any tenant who needs to be relocated during this development will be looked after by Housing NSW staff experienced at touching base with tenants during what can be a stressful time.

“Master planning for the site has been undertaken in partnership with Parramatta City Council.”