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EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR FRENCHS FOREST RESIDENTS: STATE SIGNIFICANT SITE PROPOSAL DUMPED

In a pre-Christmas move, the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure Brad Hazzard has overturned the former Labor Government's State Significant Site (SSS) proposal for Frenchs Forest.

"A year ago Labor set about to rezone a vast area of Frenchs Forest and Allambie Heights to medium density through a SSS declaration," Mr Hazzard said.

"Two public meetings were held and attracted approximately 1500 residents – all but a few objected to the proposal.

"Following the public outcry, the Labor Government agreed to an independent transport study which confirmed the residents' concerns.

"It identified transport as a major issue which would not easily be addressed.

"Despite the findings the Labor Government failed to take action on the issue.

"As the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, I have reviewed the residents' concerns and examined the transport study and subsequently determined that the proposal for a SSS will not proceed.

"I now propose that the local community be consulted through the precinct planning process, and be given the chance to have their say on what development is appropriate in the area of the proposed new hospital.

"All Northern Beaches MP's are committed to getting the new Northern Beaches Hospital underway within the first term of the new Coalition Government – and a commitment to proper planning and community consultation is critical.

"The decision to dump Labor's broad SSS proposal (following consideration of the transport issues) is another promise made and delivered by the Coalition," Mr Hazzard said.

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