The community is being invited to two public information sessions during July about the Warriewood Valley Strategic Review, which will investigate the future use of undeveloped land in the Warriewood Valley.

Residents, business-owners and landowners in the Warriewood Valley have been sent invitations to the sessions, which will be hosted by Pittwater Council and the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

Pittwater Council and the Department are working in partnership to conduct a strategic review of undeveloped land within the Warriewood Valley and its potential for housing and commercial development. The review will be undertaken over the next six months.

Two public information sessions are being held:

- Owners of undeveloped land in the Warriewood Valley excluding the southern buffer; 5 July, 6pm-7.30pm, Nelson Heather Centre, Jacksons Road, Warriewood.
- Residents or business owners with developed land within or adjoining the study area – 6 July, 6pm-7.30pm, Mona Vale Memorial Hall, Village Park, Mona Vale.

Attendees need to pre-register for the appropriate session on 9970 1224.

A further workshop will be held with landowners in the southern buffer area, extending south of the Sydney Water sewage treatment plant in Boondah Road and bordering Jacksons Road Warriewood. This workshop is between 2pm and 4pm on 5 July at Pittwater Council’s customer service centre conference room, 1 Park Street Mona Vale.

The Department’s Deputy Director General Tom Gellibrand said the aim of the sessions was to provide information about the joint strategic review and answer the community’s questions, while also canvassing community views on undeveloped land in the Warriewood area.

“The strategic review is an important initiative as it is vital that we investigate both the development potential of the Valley, as well as existing and future infrastructure needs and constraints,” Mr Gellibrand said.

“Working with the community and keeping them informed is a key part of the process and I am pleased that the Department and Council are working in partnership on the strategic review.”

Currently, there are around 85 hectares of undeveloped land in Warriewood Valley. The area includes 18 hectares in the area known as the ‘southern buffer’, which lies south of the Sydney Water sewage treatment plant, bordering Jacksons Road.
The review of the Warriewood Valley is being undertaken in response to a recommendation by the independent Planning Assessment Commission. The Commission recommended a review of the area after it approved the Meriton proposal for up to 447 units at 14-18 Boondah Road, Warriewood.

The review will take into account current height and density standards in the Valley, the role of Centro Warriewood, transport and road networks and other infrastructure needs.

The Council’s planning controls for the Warriewood Valley area currently allow up to 25 dwellings per hectare and density will be among the issues examined during the review.

Pittwater Mayor Harvey Rose said increases in housing or business activity must be matched by the necessary infrastructure and management of risks such as flood-prone land.

“Proper road networks in the area are desperately needed, given the load already carried by Pittwater and Mona Vale Roads,” he said.

Mayor Rose said he was pleased to see that the strategic review would be carried out by planning staff from the Department of Planning and Infrastructure and the Council, in consultation with other government agencies.

“Members of the public will be able to comment online as well as at the information sessions as the review progresses,” he said.

For more information about the review and how you can be involved visit [www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au](http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au) and click on the icon called Warriewood Valley Strategic Review, or visit [www.planning.nsw.gov.au](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au)

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