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Winning architectural design announced for key Church Street redevelopment site

The winning architectural design for the redevelopment of one of Parramatta’s key city centre sites has been revealed.

The NSW Department of Planning and Parramatta City Council today announced that Tony Caro Architecture had won the design competition for a proposed mixed-use residential development on the former David Jones site at 330 Church Street.

The $111 million redevelopment of the site is being proposed by Meriton Apartments Pty Ltd., with the winning design including two separate residential towers of 34 and 22 storeys, a public square and stepped terraces down to the river’s edge.

Under Council’s 2007 City Centre Local Environmental Plan (LEP), design competitions are required for large-scale developments on a number of designated sites within the Parramatta CBD.

The judging panel consisted of representatives from Parramatta City Council, the Department of Planning and Meriton Apartments Pty Ltd.

The Lord Mayor of Parramatta, Cr John Chedid, said that the development on 330 Church Street will contribute to Parramatta City Council’s overall vision for the Parramatta River foreshore area.

“The revitalisation of areas along the Parramatta River is a strong focus for Council, and it's important that any future foreshore development provide the right mix of commercial, retail, community and recreational space.

“Public access through the site to the riverfront will be extensive, clear and well activated by restaurants and retail activities along a double height frontage. The inclusion of a new public square and colonnade also increases pedestrian space and improves access from Church Street.

“The location and design of the two towers sits well within the historic city centre of Parramatta, with the buildings oriented to maximise important view corridors.

“This process has been an excellent example of collaborative work between State and local government to ensure design excellence for what is a key renewal site within not only Parramatta but also the broader Metropolitan area.

“I'd like to congratulate Tony Caro Architecture and its winning design, which is a good example of how all of these elements can be combined effectively.”

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The proponent can now formally lodge an application with the Department of Planning, which will undertake a full merit based assessment of the scheme. This will include consultation with Parramatta City Council and a minimum 30 day public exhibition period.

The winning design can be seen on the Department’s website at:

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