Thursday, 3 November 2011

**NSW Planning System Review forums planned for city and north-west Sydney**

A comprehensive two-month listening tour across NSW, being held as part of the NSW Government’s Planning System Review, will conclude on Wednesday, 16 November with two public forums in Castle Hill, in Sydney’s north-west.

The Review is being led by former NSW Environment Minister Tim Moore and former NSW Public Works Minister Ron Dyer.

The tenth week of the Statewide tour will include visits to the City of Sydney (Monday, 14 November) and The Hills district (Wednesday, 16 November), marking the end of an extensive Statewide listening exercise. The sessions will bring to 12 the total number of metropolitan locations which have hosted public forums since mid October.

“We have been visiting all corners of the State to listen to the community as part of the most comprehensive review of the NSW planning system in 31 years,” Mr Moore said.

“This is a once in a generation opportunity for people to have their say about a planning system which affects every parcel of land in the State.

“We urge residents from across Sydney to come along and tell us what they think should be the principles and objectives that should form the bedrock of this planning system.”

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There is no need for people to pre-register.

Mr Moore said the Sydney and Castle Hill forums would bring the total number of meetings with stakeholders and the community to more than 150, including visits to 44 different regional and metropolitan locations over a two-month period. More than 50 stakeholder meetings have already been held around Sydney.

Mr Dyer said the tour of NSW followed on from a Ministerial planning forum held in Sydney in July, which officially launched the consultation phase of the Review. Videos of the forum can be accessed from [www.planningreview.nsw.gov.au](http://www.planningreview.nsw.gov.au).

“We recognise that the areas we will visit during this week will have their own unique needs and issues, which should be reflected in a new planning system,” Mr Dyer said.

“I encourage everyone to come along and provide input into how our planning system can best deliver for the people of NSW.”
After the listening and scoping stages are completed, the next steps will include:

- The preparation of a Green Paper – outlining options in regard to the future planning system and the basis of a legislative scheme.
- A White Paper – setting out the Government’s new framework for the NSW planning system, including new draft legislation which will re-write the current Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Further information is available on the Planning System Review website [www.planningreview.nsw.gov.au](http://www.planningreview.nsw.gov.au). Notes from each community forum will be posted on the website.

**NOTE TO MEDIA:**

Interviews with the Planning Review Panel, Tim Moore and Ron Dyer, can be arranged on request.

All media are invited to attend the community forums, along with interviewing the panel chairs before or after the event. To organise interviews, please call 9228 6128 and we’ll put you in contact with the panel chairs.

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