Wednesday, 30 November 2011

**Public feedback sought on proposed modification for Dapto health precinct**

The public is being encouraged to comment on a proposed modification to the approval for the Illawarra International Health Precinct at Penrose, near Dapto, which is being exhibited by the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

The proponent, La Vie Developments Pty Ltd, lodged a modification application with the department in September. The department has since been working with the proponent and seeking adequate information on the modification to allow it to be exhibited.

The modification proposes to:

- Remove a dry rock retaining wall along Goolagong Street, part of which is adjacent to homes;
- Reshape the existing stockpile of excavated material;
- Relocate excavated material to the north-west of the existing stockpile;
- Construct a new retaining wall along the western side of the existing stockpile to support relocated material;
- Remove approximately 10,500 cubic metres of material from an excavated area off Avondale Road; and
- Undertake stormwater and drainage works.

The modification deals with some of the issues which have been the subject of recent investigations and enforcement action by the department. However, the department is continuing to proceed with enforcement action initiated against the proponent in the Land and Environment Court to seek the removal of the stockpile and retaining wall near homes.

The modification will be exhibited from **Wednesday, 30 November until Wednesday, 14 December**. Interested members of the public are encouraged to lodge a submission providing feedback during this time.

Submissions received during the public exhibition period, along with the proponent’s response to submissions document, will be made available on the department’s website. If you do not want your name to be made public, this should be clearly stated in your submission.

The modification will be available to view during business hours at:

- **Department of Planning and Infrastructure** – Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney;
- **Wollongong City Council** – 41 Burelli Street, Wollongong; and
- **Dapto District Library** – Dapto Ribbonwood Centre, 93-109 Princes Highway, Dapto.
All relevant project documents are also publicly available on the department’s website, and can be accessed by visiting http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au and searching for the project.

Submissions can be:
- Lodged online at http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au (then search for the project);
- Emailed to plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au;
- Faxed to (02) 9228 6455; or
- Posted to Major Projects Assessment, Department of Planning and Infrastructure, GPO Box 39, SYDNEY NSW 2001.

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NOTE: The Department of Planning and Infrastructure is issuing this media release to encourage the community to take part in the planning process. However, it is the role of the proponent (either through its documents published on our website or otherwise) to provide further specific details about the proposal.