

Response to Hills News re Hornsby Shire Housing Strategy

Response provided to the Hills News on 8 September 2011 in response to a request for comment from the Department on the strategy's gazettal:

Since 2007, the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure has worked closely with Hornsby Shire Council on the development of a new residential development strategy for the area, including providing a grant of \$110,000 to Council for this important work.

The Hornsby Shire Housing Strategy, which was gazetted by the Department last week under delegation from the Minister, is the result of this collaborative work and will provide additional housing capacity to cater for the Shire's expected growth in coming years.

Following the public exhibition of the draft strategy in 2010, Council reviewed the submissions received from the public and recommended a number of changes be made as a result. The Department agreed to these changes and incorporated them prior to gazettal.

In terms of infrastructure provision, the Government has put in place a number of new arrangements to improve the planning and delivery of infrastructure in New South Wales, including the creation of Infrastructure NSW.

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure will support Infrastructure NSW by linking land use and infrastructure planning as well as coordinating infrastructure delivery with urban development.