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## MEDIA RELEASE

# COMMUNITY MEETING ON WARRIEWOOD VALLEY

Around 250 members of the public turned out last night to discuss the future of undeveloped land in Warriewood.

Pittwater Council and the NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure have drafted a strategic review report on development in Warriewood Valley, which is on public exhibition for comment until 18 May.

Departmental and Council planning staff gave a presentation at the meeting last night and answered questions from residents and landowners.

Council's General Manager Mark Ferguson said the main issues covered at the meeting were the proposed densities, traffic and flood implications, and the capacity of current infrastructure.

"We were able to clarify the proposed densities for any future development which would allow an average of up to 32 dwellings per hectare, according to the draft report," he said.

Mr Ferguson said issues raised in submissions from the public would be carefully considered in any final review of development in Warriewood.

"Ultimately decisions on acceptable densities, urban design recommendations and building heights will also be subject to negotiations with the state government on flooding issues," he said.

The department's Regional Director for Sydney Region East, Juliet Grant, thanked residents who attended the meeting to learn more about the strategic review, which is the result of significant co-operation between the department and Council.

"This strategic review is not a rezoning proposal – rather it identifies the key issues, and proposes increased residential densities in some areas of the Valley. The final report may be used as the basis to inform future planning proposals to rezone land, which would involve further consultation with the community."

The key recommendations of the draft review are:

- An additional 269 dwellings, which would result in 2,544 dwellings across the Warriewood Valley Release Area;
- A diversity of housing types and choices across the Warriewood Valley; and
- A potential concept plan for the area known as the Southern Buffer, which proposes a range of land uses including open space, recreation, a new mixed-use development and residential development. The Southern Buffer extends from Boondah Road through to Jacksons Road, Warriewood.

The draft review is on exhibition at [www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au](http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au) and [www.planning.nsw.gov.au](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au) until 18 May. Copies are also available at the Council's

customer service centres at 1 Park Street Mona Vale and 59A Old Barrenjoey Road Avalon and at the department's information centre at 23-33 Bridge Street Sydney.

Submissions can be made online at [www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/warriewoodreview](http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/warriewoodreview) using a Google Maps tool that allows participants to view other comments.

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