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Two months to comment on Rozelle Village development proposal

The public is being given two months – double the usual time - to comment on a proposed residential, retail and commercial development on the Balmain Leagues Club site at Rozelle.

The proponent, Rozelle Villages Pty Ltd, is seeking project approval for:

- Two residential towers of 27 and 20 storeys height, accommodating 304 dwellings, and a five-storey commercial/retail podium
- Seven to eight basement levels and 834 car parking spaces
- Inclusion of a new premises for the Balmain Leagues Club within the development, and
- Total gross floor area of 54,979 square metres.

The development site has also been consolidated with two adjoining properties at 172 Victoria Road and 17-19 Waterloo Road, Rozelle.

The proposed development was placed on exhibition today by the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure following its review by a design panel of architects and urban designers, appointed by the proponent.

The panel was asked to review the built form, urban design and amenity of the proposed development. In its report, it offered qualified support of the architectural design, subject to further consideration of various issues.

The environmental assessment is being exhibited from **Wednesday 18 April to Monday 18 June 2012** – double the required 30-day public exhibition period, recognising the high public interest in the proposal and following a request from the local MP to give the community more time to comment.

Interested members of the public are encouraged to lodge a submission providing feedback.

The department required the proponent to address a range of issues in its environmental assessment including the mix of land uses, urban design, built form and height, environmental and residential amenity, traffic and transport issues, economic impact and ecologically sustainable development. The department will closely scrutinise height and other issues through the assessment process.

Submissions received during the exhibition period will be made available on the department's website within 10 days of the exhibition period ending and will be carefully considered as part of the department's assessment of the project.

After the department has completed its assessment report, the proposal will be referred to the independent experts at the Planning Assessment Commission to determine.

The proposal was declared as a major project to be assessed by the department in February 2011, and is therefore being assessed as a transitional Part 3A project.

The environmental assessment can be viewed during business hours at:

- **Department of Planning and Infrastructure** – Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney;
- **Leichhardt Municipal Council offices** – 7-15 Wetherill Street, Leichhardt; or
- **Balmain Library** – 370 Darling Street, Rozelle.

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 following the links to the 'On Exhibition' page.

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; or
- Posted to Major Projects Assessment, Department of Planning and Infrastructure, GPO Box 39, SYDNEY NSW 2001.

Media contact: Jim Hanna 9228 6275 or 0457 737 660

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.