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Extra Sydney consultation session on planning Green Paper

Sydneysiders are being given an additional opportunity to contribute to the creation of a new planning system for NSW with an extra community consultation session to take place in the city centre on **Wednesday 5 September**.

State planners are currently travelling around the state to discuss proposals outlined in the NSW Government's Green Paper.

Director-General of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure Sam Haddad said the extra event had been scheduled following the popularity of the sessions held so far, particularly the one in Sydney earlier this week which was completely booked out.

The additional session will take place from **6.30pm to 8pm at the MLC Centre on Martin Place**. People must register to attend at www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/newplanningsystem

"The NSW Government is creating a planning system for the 21st century that places people and their choices at the heart of planning decisions about their future," Mr Haddad said.

"This is a great opportunity for residents to have direct input into the crafting of a new planning system for this state.

"The roadshow that is currently travelling around the state discussing the Green Paper and gathering feedback has been extremely popular and we don't want anyone to miss out.

"This second Sydney event will make sure that all interested Sydneysiders will get the chance to have their say."

The Green Paper's proposals include:

- Involving the community earlier in guiding planning decisions that will shape the growth and future of our cities, towns and neighbourhoods;
- Reducing red tape and delays for the assessment of development applications for all types of proposals;
- Ensuring that infrastructure is planned and delivered to support new and existing communities; and
- Promoting a 'can do' culture in the planning system and ensuring that councils and the government are accountable for delivering results.

The full schedule of consultation events being held around the state can be found at www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/newplanningsystem and people can also take part in online discussions and lodge submissions at this site.

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