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## **Additional public consultation on concept plan for university campus**

The public is being invited to comment on revised plans for the expansion of the Australian Catholic University's Strathfield campus.

The NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure is publicly exhibiting the revised proposal for the site for four weeks until **Friday 24 August 2012**.

The proponent, Australian Catholic University, originally sought concept plan approval to allow six buildings between two and four storeys, on-site car parking in the basement and at ground level, improved access, pedestrian linkages throughout the campus and the consolidation of student and staff numbers and hours of operation.

An environmental assessment for the development was publicly exhibited by the department from 18 January to 14 March 2012 and more than 600 submissions were received.

The proponent has now submitted a response to submissions and preferred project report (PPR) which incorporates changes to the proposal based on the feedback received. In response to the significant public interest in the proposal, the department is now giving the community an additional opportunity to comment on the PPR.

The proponent has amended the plans to:

- Reduce the maximum number of students from 2400 to 2000 at any one time;
- Propose an additional 73 parking spaces on the site;
- Modify building heights and increase setbacks; and
- Delete the proposed traffic lights at the intersection of Barker Road and South Street.

Submissions received during the exhibition of the revised plans will be made available on the department's website and will be carefully considered as part of the department's assessment of the project.

After the department completes its assessment, the proposal will be referred to the independent Planning and Assessment Commission (PAC) to determine.

The PAC will hold a public meeting as part of its consideration of the proposal.

The environmental assessment and the preferred project report for the project can be viewed during business hours at:

- **Department of Planning and Infrastructure** - Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney; and

- **Strathfield Council** - Customer Service Centre, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

All relevant 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](mailto:plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au);
- Faxed to (02) 9228 6455; or
- Posted to Major Projects Assessment, Department of Planning & 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.