
MEDIA RELEASE

HAVE YOUR SAY ON WARRIEWOOD VALLEY

The public is being invited to comment on the future development potential of the Warriewood Valley on Sydney's northern beaches.

A report prepared by Pittwater Council and the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure has recommended a variety of residential densities across the Warriewood Valley, in addition to some commercial development and land for recreation and open space.

The report is based on four independent studies by consultants, commissioned as part of the joint Warriewood Valley Strategic Review, which is being undertaken in a partnership between Council and the department. An independent probity advisor has also been engaged to oversee the strategic review.

The four consultant studies on hydrology, urban design, strategic transport and economic feasibility, as well as the strategic review report and interim probity report, are being publicly exhibited from **Saturday 24 March to Friday 18 May 2012**.

From today, the draft review report and supporting documents can be viewed from 20 March on the Council's website at www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au and the Department's website at www.planning.nsw.gov.au

A community information session is also being held at Pittwater RSL Club on **Tuesday 3 April** from 6pm, where staff from Council and the department will be available to answer questions and explain the strategic review.

The key outcomes of the draft strategic review report include:

- Proposing an additional 269 dwellings, which would result in a total of 2,544 dwellings across the Warriewood Valley Release Area;
- A recommended increase in density of up to 32 dwellings per hectare for some individual land parcels; and
- A 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 report also identifies flooding constraints and emergency evacuation issues in some parts of the Warriewood Valley and the need for further analysis of these issues.

Pittwater Mayor Harvey Rose said it was important for the local community to make their views known on the changes proposed by the draft report.

"This review is a far-reaching one which will shape future planning for the Valley in the decades to come," Mayor Rose said.

"The key factors for residents to consider are the changes proposed for Boondah Road and the increase in housing density for land that's currently undeveloped."

The department's Director-General Sam Haddad also encouraged the community to provide their feedback on the draft strategic review report.

“This joint strategic review is the result of significant co-operation between the department and Council, and these investigations have examined a variety of important issues which will help shape future planning for the precinct,” Mr Haddad said.

“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.

“Public comments will be taken into consideration in finalising the strategic review, and the report may then be used as the basis to inform future planning proposals to rezone land in the precinct or development proposals. Either of these processes would involve a further opportunity for public consultation before any changes could be made to the development controls that apply in the Warriewood Valley.”

The public exhibition period for public comments on the strategic review runs from Saturday 24 March to 18 May 2012 at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition and www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/warriewoodreview.

The documents are also available to view during business hours at:

- **Pittwater Council** – Mona Vale and Avalon customer service centres and libraries; and
- **Department of Planning and Infrastructure** – Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney.

Submissions can be:

- Lodged online via the interactive community mapping tool at www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/warriewoodreview;
- Emailed to pittwater_council@pittwater.nsw.gov.au;
- Submitted on the comment form available on the Council and department websites, council customer service centres and the department's information centre; or
- Posted to General Manager – Pittwater Council, Warriewood Valley Strategic Review, PO Box 882 MONA VALE NSW 1660.

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