

Wednesday, 21 March 2012

Public input invited on proposed Homebush Bay bridge

The public is being invited to comment on a proposed 300-metre long bridge over Homebush Bay, linking the suburbs of Rhodes and Wentworth Point, near Sydney Olympic Park.

The proposed two-lane bridge would be used by pedestrians, cyclists, public buses, and emergency and maintenance vehicles. No access is proposed for private vehicles.

The bridge would link Gauthorpe Street at Rhodes with Footbridge Boulevard at Wentworth Point, enabling pedestrians and vehicles to continue through to Sydney Olympic Park, which lies south of Wentworth Point.

Peaking at 9.2 metres, the bridge would have a minimum clearance of 5.7 metres above Homebush Bay. It would feature one lane in each direction for vehicles and cyclists, and a footpath. The bridge deck would also have rest stops, lighting, drainage and other services.

The project is proposed by Fairmead Business Proprietary Ltd, a consortium formed by Wentworth Point landowners including Billbergia Group, Sekisui House Australia, City Freeholds and Homebush Bay Holdings.

Fairmead proposes to fund the design, construction and maintenance of the bridge under a voluntary planning agreement (VPA) with the Sydney Olympic Park Authority (SOPA). Once completed, it is proposed that ownership of the bridge would transfer to SOPA.

Full details are included in Fairmead's environmental assessment, which the department has placed on public exhibition until **Friday 4 May 2012**.

The environmental assessment may be viewed at <http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au> or during business hours at:

- **Department of Planning and Infrastructure**, Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney;
- **Auburn City Council**, Civic Precinct Centre, 1 Susan Street, Auburn;
- **Newington Library**, Corner of Europe and Asia Avenues, Newington;
- **City of Canada Bay**, Civic Centre, 1A Marlborough Street, Drummoyne;
- **Concord Library**, 60 Flavelle Street, Concord;
- **Sydney Olympic Park Authority**, Level 1, 8 Australia Avenue, Sydney Olympic Park; and
- **Nature Conservation Council of NSW**, Level 2, 5 Wilson Street, Newtown.

Submissions will be made publicly available. Those who do not want their name or other personal details to be made available should clearly state this in their submission.

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;
- Faxed to (02) 9228 6466; or
- Posted to Major Development Assessment, Department of Planning and Infrastructure, GPO Box 39, SYDNEY NSW 2001.

Media contact: Jim Hanna, (02) 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.