SUPPORT FOR INNER-SYDNEY TRANSPORT PLANNING

NSW Planning and Infrastructure Minister Brad Hazzard today announced he would work with Transport Minister Gladys Berejiklian to respond to concerns raised by residents about two proposed inner-Sydney urban renewal sites.

Mr Hazzard said he’d received a letter from Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore passing on concerns from local residents about the public transport, parking and traffic impacts of the Harold Park and Ashmore estates proposals.

A development application is before the City of Sydney Council for the Harold Park site at Glebe, while the council is currently finalising planning controls for the Ashmore estate at Erskineville.

“I will be working with the Transport Minister to ensure public transport capacity in the vicinity of these two major proposals is increased as the developments proceed and new residents move in,” Mr Hazzard said.

“These are very large urban renewal sites, with localised impacts and the government is very aware that careful transport planning is essential. I thank the Lord Mayor for raising her residents’ concerns with me and ensure her they will be addressed.

“The former Labor government under former Premier Kristina Keneally failed to consider any of the transport or related issues when it announced it supported a 19-storey height limit for the Ashmore estate.

“Additionally, the Part 3A system also introduced by Labor led to unilateral and arrogant massive increases in density without any thought to infrastructure or local community character.

“We’ve repealed Part 3A, which allows us a much capacity to sensibly balance the growth of our city and transport and other infrastructure needs.

“Wherever infill occurs in the renewal of our city, as Planning Minister I will always work closely with the Transport Minister to make public transport a high priority.”

“Development is necessary as our city evolves and getting public transport right is a key objective of the O’Farrell government,” Mr Hazzard said.

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