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Have your say on revised proposal for Balmain Leagues Club site, Rozelle

The public is being invited to comment on revised plans for the $333 million redevelopment of the Balmain Leagues Club site in Sydney’s inner west, after the developer reduced the scale of the proposed commercial and residential development.

The NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure is exhibiting the revised plans – known as a preferred project report - for one month from Wednesday 7 November to Monday 10 December 2012.

The modified proposal submitted by Rozelle Village Pty Ltd includes a mixed use development of up to 25 storeys high, comprising a 2-3 storey commercial and retail podium and two 22-storey residential towers containing up to 316 apartments. The proposal also includes six basement levels containing 509 car parking spaces.

The proponent lodged revised plans with the department during October.

The department advised the proponent in August that a significant redesign was necessary to address fundamental planning and amenity issues, including height and density, traffic and parking, retail impacts and urban design.

The initial proposal attracted more than 15,000 public submissions, as well as submissions from a number of government agencies and Leichhardt Council, when it was exhibited for around two months earlier this year.

The key changes to the plans include:

- A reduction in height of 7-8 storeys, or around 23 metres;
- A 20 per cent reduction in the total floor space to 43,506 square metres;
- An increase in the number of residential apartments from 304 to 316 units; and
- A reduction from eight basement levels to six levels, with 325 fewer car parking spaces.

Submissions received during this second exhibition period will be made available on the department’s website and will be carefully considered as part of the department’s assessment of the project.

The project will be determined by the independent Planning Assessment Commission, due to the large number of submissions already received.

All relevant project documents are 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.

The revised plans for the project can also be viewed during business hours at:

- Department of Planning and Infrastructure – Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney;
- Leichhardt Municipal Council – 7-15 Wetherill Street, Leichhardt; and
- Balmain Library – 370 Darling Street, Rozelle.

Submissions can be:
- Lodged online at [http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au](http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au) (then search for the project);
- Emailed to plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au; or
- Posted to Major Projects Assessment, Department of Planning and 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.