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Consultation a priority for Channel Nine site

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure will examine whether development plans for the Channel Nine site adequately address key issues raised in community consultation, before supporting their public exhibition.

The department's Director-General Sam Haddad said it had been reported that plans would be lodged imminently for the 2.9 hectare Willoughby site.

"This is one of Sydney's biggest urban renewal sites, with a capital investment value of more than \$200 million, and we need to get it right," Mr Haddad said.

"There has been widespread community input into the plans to date and the department will need to make sure the issues raised have been comprehensively responded to and addressed."

Mr Haddad said that exhibition would not begin before late January, which would give additional time for consultation if necessary.

PBL Media is expected to seek concept plan approval to redevelop the site at Artarmon Rd, Willoughby for new housing, open space and retail facilities.

Once accepted, the detailed plans will go on exhibition for at least 30 days to provide another opportunity for stakeholder and community input.

Given the high level of public interest to date, it is anticipated that the proposal will be determined by independent experts at the Planning Assessment Commission, who may also hold a further public meeting.

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