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NSW PLANNING BUILT ON COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The NSW Government is committed to community participation on the State's new planning system which has been released for comment.

"Normally when a White Paper is issued there is no more community input but this is not the case for planning and the NSW Government," Planning and Infrastructure Minister Brad Hazzard said.

"Community consultation is the foundation of the new planning system and is why the White Paper is still up for discussion.

"For nearly two years the NSW Government has consulted the community on a new planning system and the open debate will continue.

"The NSW planning system is more than 30 years old, is too complex, is still paper based and is failing to provide homes for NSW.

"Under Labor the community was removed from planning decisions when a Minister could sign off on projects behind closed doors and with no scrutiny.

"I am now announcing White Paper Discussion Sessions will be held at 17 locations across NSW as part of the ongoing consultation," Mr Hazzard said.

May 2 – Hornsby RSL	May 28 – Armidale City Bowling Club
May 2 – Castle Hill RSL	May 29 – Dubbo RSL
May 14 – Central Coast, Mingara Recreation Club, Tumby Umbi	May 30 – Newcastle Panthers
May 15 – Sydney Central, Australian Technology Park	June 4 – Mantra Parramatta
May 16 – Penrith Panthers	June 5 – C.ex Coffs Harbour
May 21 – Manly Leagues Club	June 5 – Wagga RSL
May 22 – Bankstown Sports Club	June 6 – Ballina RSL
May 23 – Queanbeyan Bowling Club	June 11 – Rydges Cronulla
May 23 – The Shellharbour Club	

"The NSW Government will continue to consult the community on a new planning system with submissions to close on **Friday 28 June 2013**," Mr Hazzard said.

People who would like to attend must register for a session. For more details or to register, visit: www.planning.nsw.gov.au/newplanningsystem

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