Response to Southern Courier on Randwick Urban Activation Precinct

- The Department of Planning and Infrastructure is undertaking a new approach to community engagement for Urban Activation Precincts at Randwick and Anzac Parade South.
- As part of our early and extensive consultation, about 40 residents attended a community consultation session on 1 August 2013 to discuss preliminary ideas and concepts for the Randwick Urban Activation Precinct.
- The precinct will be serviced by the new light rail and is ideally located to benefit from urban renewal - including new neighbourhood parks, footpath widening and dedicated cycleways - and in doing so help meet Sydney’s growth requirements.
- We presented working ideas showing potential change in the area (they were not government proposals but simply early ideas for discussion and feedback).
- The department’s staff were concerned that people taking or photographing the documents could misrepresent the planning process.
- Only departmental planners and technical consultants were present and we believe everyone was dealt with courteously.
- A community engagement session was also held for Anzac Parade South on Monday, August 12 and this examined the study area boundaries.
- We received feedback on the boundaries but no decision has been made.
- We’ve found that the engagement process for these precincts has been very positive and the overwhelming majority of forum participants are very keen to take part in constructive discussion about urban renewal in their area.
- The department encourages everyone to participate when the proposed rezoning is exhibited later this year.
- A series of community information sessions will be held during the exhibition period where everyone can hear about the proposal and have their questions answered.

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