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NSW GOVERNMENT WELCOMES GUANGDONG OFFICIALS

The Planning and Infrastructure Minister for NSW, Brad Hazzard, has discussed how to best plan for growing cities with leading officials from China’s Guangdong province.

The delegation - from the Development and Reform Commission of Guangdong Province, China and the Guangdong Urban & Rural Planning and Design Institute – discussed the latest town planning solutions and proposed planning system changes for NSW.

The delegation, which met with the Minister and Department officials on Tuesday, also toured Sydney’s Frasers Broadway and Barangaroo major inner-city urban renewal sites.

“I am very pleased to be able to meet with and discuss planning issues with these high-ranking experts from China’s most populous province,” Mr Hazzard.

“We are seeking to build a world-class new planning system here in NSW – one which better meets our growth needs and provides faster decisions.”

“As such, I am always happy to share knowledge and hold discussions with senior overseas officials about how best to plan for growth.”

Guangdong, with a population of over 100 million, has China's largest provincial economy, accounting for around one-quarter of the country's two-way trade in goods with the world.

The province is also the largest source of Chinese students in Australia and one of the largest of Chinese tourists to Australia.

Mr Yu Yunzhou, Deputy Director of the Development and Reform Commission of Guangdong province, China, said the meeting with Mr Hazzard and his colleagues had been very fruitful.

“Guangdong province is now experiencing fast growth and development,” he said.

“The planning practices in NSW set up very good examples for Guangdong's future endeavours on urban development, especially the practice of community engagement.

“I look forward to the cooperation between NSW and Guangdong in the field of urban development and planning and want to sincerely invite Mr Hazzard and his colleagues to visit Guangdong in the future.”

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The delegation consisted of:

- Mr. Yu Yunzhou, Deputy Director, Development and Reform Commission of Guangdong province
- Mr. Rao Gangjian, Consultant, Regional Division, Development and Reform Commission of Guangdong province
- Prof. Song Jingsong, Vice-President, Guangdong Urban & Rural Planning and Design Institute
- Mr. Xu Jianhua, Planning and Design Supervisor, Guangdong Urban & Rural Planning and Design Institute
- Ms. Xu Min, Urban Planner, Guangdong Urban & Rural Planning and Design Institute
- Ms. Zhong Yijia, Urban Planner, Guangdong Urban & Rural Planning and Design Institute

NSW’s new planning system will be based on five key elements:

- **Community participation** – Upfront community participation will become a legal right and will be backed up by a Community Participation Charter enshrined in law, which is an Australian first.
- **Infrastructure** – Delivering infrastructure alongside growth and providing a more certain and consistent way of funding infrastructure.
- **Strategic planning** – Better strategies, developed early in the process with the community, to guide the best places for growth and identify the areas to be protected from development.
- **Cultural change** – A planning system that is easy to access with timely results for customers.
- **Development assessment** – An easy-to-use system that provides certainty for everyday applications such as family homes, extensions and small businesses.

“Sydney is a global city and it is always wonderful to be able to share some of the world-class redevelopments we have underway, such as Barangaroo, with overseas officials,” Mr Hazzard said.

*Photo caption*

Urban and rural planners from Guangdong Province, China, with NSW Minister for Planning and Infrastructure Brad Hazzard (second from right, front row) and senior staff of the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure

From left to right

- Ms Xu Min, Urban Planner, Guangdong Urban & Rural Planning and Design Institute
- Mr Xu Jianhua, Planning and Design Supervisor, Guangdong Urban & Rural Planning and Design Institute

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• (Lower) Mr Yu Yunzhou, Deputy Director, Development and Reform Commission of Guangdong province
• Mr Brad Hazzard, NSW Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
• (Obscured) Jill Reich, Deputy Director-General for People Culture and Business, NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure
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