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COMMUNITY FORUMS ON NEWCASTLE RENEWAL

NSW Minister for Planning & Infrastructure Brad Hazzard has urged people to attend community forums being held next week on the Newcastle Urban Renewal Strategy.

“I call on people to come to Newcastle City Hall to find out more about the strategy and also to make their views known,” Mr Hazzard said.

“This is a planning framework that seeks to provide the best possible conditions for urban renewal to occur in this pivotal city, which is so important to NSW’s economy.

“It contains proposed planning controls and initiatives that will affect anyone wishing to live, work, visit or invest in the city in the future.

“Feedback from the community will be used in the finalising the strategy after the exhibition period concludes on 17 March.”

Member for Newcastle Tim Owen said the two Community Forums were an important step in the consultation process.

“The Strategy is all about urban renewal and creating the best conditions for investment and economic and social vibrancy in the city centre,” Mr Owen said.

“The government has made its decision on the rail line – now we need to get on and have a discussion how best to capitalise on this to revitalise Newcastle.

“We want to hear from those who may not have made their views known to date regarding the proposed public domain improvements, upgrades to Hunter Street or the eight new connections across the rail corridor, for example.

“People may also want to comment on proposed building heights or floor space ratios or other detailed aspects of the strategy.”

- Session 1: 2.00 – 4.00 pm, Wednesday 20 February
- Session 2: 6.00 – 8.00 pm, Wednesday 20 February

Venue: The Concert Hall, Newcastle City Hall
290 King Street NEWCASTLE NSW 2300

Visit www.planning.nsw.gov.au/revitalisenewcastle to register to attend the sessions.

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