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URBAN RENEWAL SITES IN SYDNEY

The NSW Government has today identified eight precincts across Sydney for renewal as 21st century urban centres with up to 30,000 additional homes.

“These Urban Activation Precincts are locations where people want to live that have good access to jobs and infrastructure,” NSW Planning and Infrastructure Minister Brad Hazzard said.

“They are areas that can be renewed to provide additional housing and employment alongside new shops, cafes and parks.

“The rezoning of areas for appropriate commercial uses will also potentially create tens of thousands of new jobs, close to where people live.”

The eight sites chosen in the initial round of the Urban Activation Precincts program are:

- Epping Town Centre (Hornsby Shire Council and Parramatta City Council)
- North Ryde Station (City of Ryde)
- Herring Road, Macquarie Park (City of Ryde)
- Randwick (Randwick City Council)
- Anzac Parade from Maroubra to Phillip Bay (Randwick City Council)
- Carter Street, Homebush (Auburn City Council)
- Wentworth Point (Auburn City Council)
- Mascot Station (Botany Bay Council)

Plans for the Epping and North Ryde centres are now on public exhibition until 30 April 2013, while planning work is beginning in the remaining precincts.

Each precinct will be eligible to share in $50 million in NSW Government funding to improve local infrastructure including parks and community facilities.

“We won’t make any final decisions about the future of these precincts until the consultation process is complete but we do think they have the potential to become modern urban places,” Mr Hazzard said.

The precincts program is one part of a massive housing supply program announced by the NSW Government today, for up to 172,000 new homes across Sydney.

For more information: www.planning.nsw.gov.au