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EPPING TOWN CENTRE URBAN RENEWAL

The NSW Government is seeking community feedback on plans to transform the Epping Town Centre into a vibrant and attractive centre where people can live near jobs and transport.

The precinct is one of eight precincts identified for renewal under the government's Urban Activation Precincts program announced by the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure Brad Hazzard.

"By 2036, residents of the Epping Town Centre precinct will be able to reach 900,000 jobs within 30 minutes by public transport – and that doesn't include jobs in the CBD which are 35 minutes away," Mr Hazzard said.

"Parramatta and Hornsby councils nominated the precinct for this initiative and we will continue to consult closely with councils and the local community.

"The plans potentially allow for around 3,650 residential dwellings and associated retail, commercial, community and local services."

Plans to rezone parts of the precinct for a range of housing and employment uses, community facilities and recreational areas are open for public comment until 30 April 2013 and can be viewed at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/proposals

Mr Hazzard said the Department of Planning and Infrastructure has undertaken studies on appropriate zones and development standards, traffic and transport, urban design and potential housing and employment densities for the Epping precinct.

Importantly, the proposed rezoning:

- restricts residential growth to selected intensification areas, protecting heritage and conservation values
- features taller buildings close to the station to achieve maximum density in the town centre core
- locates taller buildings above podium levels set back from the key streets, and
- revitalises the public domain to create an attractive, lively centre

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

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