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NORTH RYDE RENEWAL PLANS EXHIBITED

The NSW Government is seeking community feedback on plans to transform 14 hectares of predominantly vacant and undeveloped land around North Ryde station into a vibrant new housing and employment precinct.

Planning and Infrastructure Minister Brad Hazzard said the North Ryde precinct is one of the first eight to be identified for renewal under the Government’s Urban Activation Precincts program.

The Herring Rd precinct near Macquarie University has also been selected, although investigations are at a preliminary stage.

“The North Ryde precinct is a great opportunity to create a vibrant and active community with good access to public transport for local residents and workers,” Mr Hazzard said.

“Sydney needs about 27,000 new homes per year to cater for its predicted growth.

“While employment will be located within the precinct, residents will also be able to access other employment hubs along the Epping to Chatswood rail link.

“We are committed to working closely with the local community and the City of Ryde Council to progress these plans.”

The plans would allow around 2,500 residential dwellings and more than 91,000 square metres of commercial and retail floor space with capacity for 2,400 jobs.

More than two hectares, or 15 per cent of the precinct, will be zoned as public open space, Mr Hazzard said.

Taller buildings are proposed close to the station with lower building heights proposed towards the west and closer to Epping Road to reduce overshadowing on the adjoining residential and commercial area.

Plans are open for public comment until 30 April 2013 and can be viewed at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/proposals

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

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