Extra time to have your say on Newcastle Urban Renewal Strategy

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure is giving the community an extra four weeks to comment on the draft Newcastle Urban Renewal Strategy.

Following requests from the community and Council, members of the public will now have until Friday 19 April 2013 to provide their feedback.

Information on the draft strategy, which was prepared in collaboration with Newcastle City Council, is available at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/revitalisenewcastle

The draft strategy is designed to revitalise Newcastle’s city centre by creating a new commercial hub that will provide thousands of jobs, homes and services for the region.

Aimed at unlocking Newcastle’s enormous potential, making it a more diverse and attractive centre for locals and visitors, the NSW Government’s vision for Newcastle includes:

• Upgrades of Hunter Street Mall and Wheeler Place which will improve the vibrancy of surrounding areas.
• Eight new rail corridor crossings that will re-connect Newcastle with its waterfront.
• East End being bolstered as a retail, entertainment, leisure and residential precinct.
• Civic being strengthened in its role as the city’s main civic, educational and cultural hub with the rejuvenation of Wheeler Place.
• West End emerging as the city’s future commercial hub with upgrades around Birdwood Park and Cottage Creek.

The draft strategy is available from:

• Department of Planning & Infrastructure website at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/revitalisenewcastle
• Department of Planning & Infrastructure Newcastle Office – Level 2, 26 Honeysuckle Drive, Newcastle
• Department of Planning & Infrastructure Information Centre – 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney
• City of Newcastle Administration Centre – 282 King Street, Newcastle

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