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EXTENSION TO EXHIBITION OF DRAFT METRO STRATEGY

Planning and Infrastructure Minister Brad Hazzard today announced he had requested the Department of Planning & Infrastructure to extend the consultation time on the draft *Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney*.

The formal exhibition period will now close on 28 June – the same date that submissions close on the White Paper.

“The end of the extended formal exhibition period, however, is not the end of our conversation with Sydneysiders,” Mr Hazzard said.

“The NSW Government is committed to working with residents and communities so they can help shape how their city will grow and evolve.”

An education campaign aimed at building an understanding of the planning system as well as a plain English guide will assist in a continued dialogue with the community.

Further consultations includes:

- The development of technical working groups;
- A deliberative panel comprising up to 1,200 community members;
- Online engagement through social media and a website featuring discussion forums and a 3D fly-through video; and
- Large-scale consultation to discuss subregional delivery plans across Sydney in 2014.

Mr Hazzard said a series of additional consultation events had also been scheduled ahead of the end of the extended exhibition period, including public forums in the CBD, Parramatta, Penrith and Liverpool, an online survey and further briefings for local government.

“We want people to be involved in helping shape the future of their city and will continue to place community consultation at the forefront of our planning activities,” he said.

The draft Metropolitan Strategy is on exhibition until 28 June 2013. More information, including a video fly-through, is available at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/sydney

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