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Green light for affordable housing in central Sydney

The NSW Government has approved the development of 88 new affordable housing units in central Sydney’s North Eveleigh precinct.

Chris Wilson, the Department of Planning and Infrastructure’s Executive Director for Development Assessment Systems and Approvals, said today that the $21.8 million development will include:

- A residential apartment building with a maximum height of seven storeys;
- 10 studio apartments, 37 one-bedroom apartments, 36 two-bedroom apartments and five three-bedroom apartments;
- Basement parking for 39 cars and 88 bicycles; and
- A rooftop garden and site landscaping.

Mr Wilson said approval for the development was in line with the NSW 2021 State Plan goal of providing affordable housing in close proximity to public transport hubs.

“This will help the NSW Government meet its housing targets for the Central subregion under the draft Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney, which calls for 82,000 new homes to be built by 2021.

“It will also support the Government’s plan to increase housing diversity by supplying more affordable housing options in central Sydney.”

Fifty jobs will be created during the construction of the building, which will be developed by affordable housing provider City West Housing.

The department’s approval requires the developer to meet several consent conditions prior to construction, including the preparation of a public domain plan, waste management plan and landscaping plan, among others.

The new residential building occupies a portion of a larger site being developed next to Carriage Works on Wilson Street.

The concept plan for the overall site, which was initially approved in 2008, includes scope for a range of residential, commercial, retail and cultural uses.

Mr Wilson said the department has also amended the overall concept plan for the site to allow the affordable housing building to be seven-storeys – an increase of one storey.
The North Eveleigh Affordable Housing Project is also located directly next to the Government’s proposed Central Station to Eveleigh urban renewal project, which has the potential to provide thousands of new homes and jobs.

The project has been partly funded through a $7.2 million grant from the Commonwealth Government’s Housing Affordability Fund.

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