HAVE YOUR SAY ON BETTER LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT COMMUNITIES IN ROCKDALE

Minister for Planning Pru Goward and Member for Rockdale John Flowers today announced the NSW Government would invest $10 million in local infrastructure to improve access to services and enhance local lifestyles.

The Government’s investment has been unlocked by a unanimous decision of Rockdale City Council to nominate the Princes Highway corridor between Banksia and Arncliffe Stations for renewal, following detailed studies.

Ms Goward said the NSW Government has accepted the local Council’s nomination and would now start detailed planning work to revitalise the area, with existing residents the first to benefit.

“The Council’s Princes Highway Corridor Study found there was a big opportunity to transform some run down industrial land into vibrant communities – in a terrific location close to jobs at Sydney Airport and a stone’s throw from the Sydney CBD,” Ms Goward said.

“This will help improve access to parks and encourage a wider range of shops, restaurants and cafes for local residents.

“Although it’s early days with further detailed design and community consultation to complete, we want to make sure the community are involved from the start.

“I want to hear the community’s ideas to help shape the future of their neighbourhood.

“Under today’s announcement we will also leverage large industrial and commercial sites along the Princes Highway to open up the land for new neighbourhoods close to transport and provide the homes and jobs Rockdale families need for the future.”

Mr Flowers said today’s announcement of additional infrastructure funding will mean people will be able to live close to public transport, walking and cycling links, parks, restaurants and cafes, and other services in the town centre.

“It’ll be working closely with the community and Rockdale Council to make sure that the $10 million in extra funding is for better local infrastructure where it is most needed,” Mr Flowers said.
“We’ll be asking local residents to nominate the kind of infrastructure they want, whether it’s new parks, community halls or bike links, so I urge locals to join their neighbours in the discussion about our area’s future.”

Mayor of Rockdale City Council, Councillor Shane O’Brien said Council recognised the significance of the plans by voting unanimously for inclusion in the Government’s Priority Precinct program.

“We will be planning for our area’s future and ensure our community gets the extra infrastructure that comes with these precincts,” Councillor O’Brien said.

“Declaration of the Banksia and Arncliffe Priority Precincts is a huge boost for our vision for Rockdale, to continue to provide a liveable and dynamic community for Sydney’s South.”

The Department of Planning and Environment, in partnership with Rockdale City Council will soon begin investigating the local infrastructure required to support the community.

Experts will be engaged to carry out detailed studies into particular aspects of the investigations, such as local infrastructure, flooding and drainage.

The community will have a number of opportunities to be involved in planning for the precinct, including an online survey available at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/banksia and www.planning.nsw.gov.au/arncliffe

There will also be a formal public exhibition of the overall vision for each precinct, including setting aside land for jobs and homes, public spaces and parks, walking and cycling links and building design.

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