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MORE HOMES, SHOPS AND JOBS FOR ST GEORGE AREA

More than 10,000 new homes, new retail and office jobs, and greater protection of open space and parklands are on the way for Kogarah, following the Department of Planning and Environment’s finalisation of the council’s planning proposal.

Minister for Planning and Housing, Anthony Roberts, said it would now be possible to revitalise key centres, including Allawah, Blakehurst, Carlton, Kogarah and South Hurstville by changes to zoning, building heights, floor space ratios, and permitted uses.

“My Department is working hard to provide the right type of housing where it is needed,” Mr Roberts said.

“Greater flexibility will make it easier to build two homes on one lot and seniors housing will also be included, ensuring that a range of different housing choices are available for future residents.”

Mr Roberts said that while it was important to provide new homes and jobs close to public transport to meet the needs of the future populations, we must also ensure that the community has access to open space.

“Parks, open space and the Georges River foreshore will be protected through appropriate zoning, ensuring these important areas can continue to be enjoyed by existing and future residents,” he said.

This proposal will protect the character of existing residential areas by ensuring height increases in buildings only happens in and around existing commercial centres and along the major roads – the Princes Highway and Rocky Point Road.

“The community’s interest in this proposal and issues raised has been carefully considered, including potential overshadowing and loss of privacy from more homes and higher height limits.

“By 2036, the area is expected to grow by about 10,000 more people, so it’s important that we are able to support this future population by providing more housing supply, greater housing choices and access to green space and areas for the community to enjoy.”


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