

Media release



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A new era for the NBN site in Newcastle

The Department of Planning and Environment has worked with Newcastle City Council to preserve important views of inner city Newcastle whilst allowing new housing choices with changes to zoning and building height limits for the area surrounding the NBN television studio in The Hill.

Changes to the amended Newcastle Local Environment Plan (LEP) will now extend north of 'The Hill' area to the adjoining medium density zone to enable the construction of about 170 new medium density homes.

The Department's Executive Director Regions, Steve Murray, said the LEP strikes a balance between planning for the future while also protecting the unique character of the area.

"This amendment is a win for Novocastrians, with new housing options in a desirable location, further supporting the revitalisation of Newcastle City Centre," Mr Murray said.

"We reviewed the community's feedback following Newcastle City Council's public exhibition and saw a clear emphasis on protecting the outlook surrounding 'The Hill'.

"As a result, we've worked with Council to ensure the new planning controls preserve the area's historic views and local character, and respond to the steep nature of the site.

"New building heights and floor space ratios will now apply to the nearby NBN television studio and some surrounding sites on Mosbri Crescent and Kitchener Parade, Newcastle.

"A maximum building height of seven storeys will now apply to this area which steps down to three to four storeys fronting Mosbri Crescent."

"Novocastrian's have a long connection to this site as the place where our nightly TV news has been broadcast for many years."

The new planning controls align with the concept plan considered by Newcastle Council's Urban Design Consultative Group. All the changes were developed through community input and detailed consideration of issues such as local character impacts, overshadowing, and traffic movements.

For more information about the changes to Newcastle's LEP visit:

www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/getattachment/df9c69bf-3ed3-43cf-a15b-b6274c1dd4ae/Item-116-Mosbri-Attachments-A-to-D-250717-and-Atta.aspx

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