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NEW PLAN TO BOOST TRANSPARENCY IN STATE'S PLANNING SYSTEM

A new Community Participation Plan has been released today by the NSW Government to boost engagement with the State's planning system.

Planning and Public Spaces Minister Rob Stokes said the Community Participation Plan would help create a more transparent, certain and timely planning system.

"The Community Participation Plan will help demystify the planning system so that everyone knows how and when they can get involved and influence decisions about the future of their communities," Mr Stokes said.

"Planning decisions can be as small as an upgrade to your neighbour's house or as complex as a new suburb being planned and built from scratch, and it's vital that the community is able to have their say on these matters and know that they'll be heard."

The Community Participation Plan outlines the Government's commitment to providing a transparent and consistent approach for community engagement at all levels of the planning system.

All planning authorities, including councils, need to develop Community Participation Plans by the end of the year as part of the 2018 updates to Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.

The Government's Community Participation Plan follows an announcement by the Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Minister Stokes earlier this week to transform the State's planning system with a series of major reforms.

To view the CPP visit: www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/publications/community-participation-plans