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COMMUNITY INVITED TO HELP SHAPE PYRMONT TRANSFORMATION

More jobs, better public spaces and clearer planning rules underpin the directions that will transform Pyrmont into the gateway to the CBD.

Planning and Public Spaces Minister Rob Stokes said 10 directions that will shape the Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy have been released today for stakeholder feedback.

“Pyrmont is already home to tens of thousands of jobs, is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Sydney and is a much loved home for many residents,” Mr Stokes said.

“Strategic planning based on strong collaboration and a shared vision will transform this jobs and tourism precinct into an economic powerhouse over the next 20 years.

“Feedback from the community and businesses will play a crucial role in setting the vision for this important precinct so we’ve moved consultation online to make it easier for everyone to share their ideas safely from home.”

A map of Pyrmont will be placed online allowing users to click directly on a specific area and leave their comments and ideas.

The 10 directions focus on encouraging new jobs, innovation and investment while also ensuring the area’s long-term liveability and sustainability.

Mr Stokes said it’s more important than ever to have certainty, timeliness and transparency in the planning system and for projects to continue to progress.

“The planning system is keeping people in jobs, unlocking investment opportunities and keeping the economy moving through this unprecedented crisis,” he said.

“This is just one of the projects we will continue pushing forward with during COVID-19 to create jobs and investment.”

Feedback and ideas on the directions will inform the development of an economic strategy and draft masterplan that will be released for further consultation in July, with the final to be completed by the end of October.

The 10 directions are:

• Development that complements or enhances the area;
• Jobs and industries of the future;
• Centres for residents, workers and visitors;
• A unified planning framework;
• A tapestry of greener public spaces and experiences;
• Creativity, culture and heritage;
• Making it easier to move around;
• Building now for a sustainable future;
• Great homes that can suit the needs of more people;
• A collaborative voice.

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