

Communities Plus Newsletter

Waterloo

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Preferred Masterplan for Waterloo

Following extensive consultation with more than 1,100 residents and other stakeholders on the Waterloo redevelopment options, a preferred Masterplan for the future of the Waterloo estate has been prepared. Thank you to everyone who has shared with us your views on the options.

The Waterloo preferred Masterplan will provide new and modern social and affordable housing, mixed with private housing in a well-located community close to the new Waterloo Station and Metro Quarter.

Over the next 15-20 years, the Masterplan will guide the development of about 6,800 new homes with 60% of new buildings being 7 storeys or lower. Residents will have better access to shops and services and local employment opportunities. There will be new multi-purpose community facilities providing space for cultural events, community learning, childcare and health services.

There will also be 3 hectares of safe open spaces, including new public parks and landscaped boulevards. The parks will provide residents and visitors with a place to celebrate events and enjoy outdoor activities. George Street will be transformed into a 20-25m wide tree-lined pedestrian boulevard with water features and good lighting, providing a safe and enjoyable walking experience.

The Masterplan is available online at:
www.communitiesplus.com.au/waterloo/ or from the Waterloo Connect Office, 95 Wellington Street, Waterloo.



Artist's impression of the new Waterloo



Community engagement

Community consultation on the three design options for the Waterloo redevelopment closed in November 2018. There was a high level of feedback which has informed the preparation on the preferred Masterplan. Thank you to everyone who participated.



1,160 people shared their views on the redevelopment options



of participants were social housing residents living on the Waterloo social housing estate



450 people submitted a community survey



17,000 newsletters and brochures were distributed to inform and engage the community

Next steps

The Department of Family and Community Services will continue to engage with residents.

The preferred Masterplan will be lodged with the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) in the first quarter of 2019. Following a review period, DPE will place the preferred Masterplan on public exhibition. **This will be an important opportunity for residents and the local community to provide feedback.**

A model of the preferred Masterplan will also be on display at this time.

Key Facts



The redevelopment of Waterloo will be staged over 15-20 years.



There will be no loss of social housing. The redevelopment will deliver more and better social housing to the area.



The first residents will not have to relocate until at least 2020. Residents will be given 6 months' notice before relocation.



All current social housing residents have the right to return to the Waterloo estate.



FACS will start the redevelopment in low density areas.



Enough social housing will be built at the start of the redevelopment for relocated residents to move back into brand new homes on the estate.



The redevelopment of Matavai, Turanga, Cook, Banks, Solander and Marton buildings will be staged last. Residents in these buildings will not need to move for at least 10 years.



At least 5% of new residential dwellings will be delivered as affordable housing consistent with Greater Sydney Commission targets.

For further information, please go to www.communitiesplus.com.au/waterloo

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