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CENTRAL TO EVELEIGH: GETTING THE MOST FROM OUR CITY

The NSW Government today called for expressions of interest for the renewal of the railway line corridor between Central Station and Eveleigh that has potential to provide thousands of new homes and jobs.

Planning and Infrastructure Minister Brad Hazzard said it was an urban renewal opportunity unrivalled anywhere in Australia.

“We believe there is the opportunity for a world class redevelopment of the corridor on a scale that reflects Sydney’s global city status,” he said.

“Similar models have been successfully implemented in New York, Paris and London.

“By building above the rail lines and on underutilised land we can potentially make available more than one million square metres of new floor space - double the size of Barangaroo.

“The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government was given the task of running a marathon to deliver investment and infrastructure for this state,” Mr Hazzard said.

“This is another example that we are prepared to start at a sprint – the redevelopment of the Convention Centre, our investment in light rail, the North West Rail Link, Barangaroo and WestConnex - all signal the transformation of Sydney.

“Labor had 16 years in office and it did nothing but neglect this key transport corridor, letting it languish in the ‘too hard’ basket.

“We want the world knocking on the door, to come and show us their best for rejuvenating the heart of Sydney.

“Central and Redfern could have world class stations. There are currently only three crossings over the rail lines, but building above the corridor will allow more crossings to reunite Redfern and Ultimo.

“These links are vital to the education precinct that includes the University of Sydney, UTS and the Ultimo College of TAFE NSW.

The renewal corridor extends about three kilometres from the Goulburn Street car park in the Sydney CBD to Macdonaldtown train station.

“We expect strong international interest in the renewal of the corridor as it presents an engineering and redevelopment challenge that has not existed in Sydney for decades,” he said.

Mr Hazzard said the Draft *Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney to 2031* released in March, highlights ‘Global Sydney’ needs 114,000 new jobs and tens of thousands of new homes.

“This has the potential to result in more homes and more jobs – all with existing transport links.

“This railway corridor could be revitalised with heritage buildings protected and given new life through adaptive reuse.

“Essential access for future transport infrastructure would be preserved so the city can thrive and grow.

“The supply of new housing would also be a key component, not only for the broad community but also for students who attend nearby colleges and universities.

“The expressions of interest for the revitalisation of the area will be led by the NSW Government’s new development corporation, UrbanGrowth NSW, with input from key transport agencies.

“The City of Sydney identified the potential for significant redevelopment over the railway line at Central in its *Sustainable Sydney 2030* plan.

“We will be working with the City of Sydney and all local residents in developing the plans for the corridor,” Mr Hazzard said.

For more information go to:

<http://www.urbangrowthnsw.com.au/news/news/central-to-eveleigh.aspx>



Images provided are entirely conceptual – only to emphasise what could be delivered over the corridor.

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