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SUSTAINABLE LAND RELEASE FOR QUEANBEYAN FAMILIES

State Plan Priority E6: A supply of land and housing that meets demand

State Plan Priority E1: A secure and sustainable water supply for all users

Planning Minister Frank Sartor today endorsed a new 25-year sustainable land release strategy to support Queanbeyan's growth, following detailed discussions with the local community.

The Department of Planning's review of the *Queanbeyan City Council Residential and Economic Strategy 2031* builds on an independent panel review from last year.

It plans for up to 10,000 additional homes and 130 hectares of employment land over the next 25 years, striking a balance between the need for more local jobs and housing.

This provides for 10% of the total growth within the NSW / ACT cross-border region.

New homes will be required to achieve water savings of up to 70%, in recognition of the need for environmentally sustainable growth.

"This strategy provides a clear direction for future land release around Queanbeyan and will give certainty to businesses, families and the NSW and ACT Governments," Mr Sartor said.

"We have given detailed consideration to issues such as water, aircraft noise and infrastructure."

The strategy provides for the release of:

- Land for 5,500 new homes at Googong;
- Land for 2,000 new homes at South Tralee, south-west of Queanbeyan;
- 130 hectares of employment land next to the existing Hume Industrial Area; and
- The release of additional land for up to 1,600 homes at North Tralee and North Environa has been temporarily deferred for further discussions between the NSW and ACT Governments.

Land for community facilities at South Jerrabomberra will be identified and secured through rezoning, including an aquatic centre and a new private high school.

The release of land at Poplars for residential development has been ruled out.

Minister Sartor said he was confident the extensive consultation and review process on Queanbeyan land release issues had achieved a balanced result.

"I thank the independent panel and Queanbeyan City Council for their cooperation on this difficult issue," Mr Sartor said.

"A range of options have been reconciled to strike this sensible, sustainable outcome.

"For example, we have refined the scale of employment land from the original 1,200 hectares proposed by the independent panel - which was approximately 200 years' supply - to 130 hectares.

"And we are planning for 25 years' supply of residential land - an increase on some original proposals which were likely to reach capacity within 15 years."

The review of the *Queanbeyan City Council Residential and Economic Strategy 2031* will be critical for on-going discussions over a NSW and ACT Joint Settlement Strategy which are to be completed by August 2007.

It will be incorporated into the draft Sydney-Canberra corridor Regional Strategy which is being prepared for public exhibition by the Department of Planning.

The strategy will also guide plans for the supply of water from the ACT to the new land release areas under the 2006 Cross-Border Water Resources Agreement.

"All parties involved in this process agreed that water was one of the most critical issues to be addressed," Mr Sartor said.

"The NSW Government has already pioneered the BASIX building sustainability requirements which set water savings targets of 40% for new homes.

"Each of these new Queanbeyan development areas will be asked to exceed the BASIX target and aim for up to 70% water savings."

Minister Sartor said he had asked Queanbeyan City Council to prepare a Transport Strategy on plans for infrastructure such as the Dunns Creek Arterial, the extension of the Edwin Land Parkway and the upgrade of Lanyon Drive and Old Cooma Road.

The Department of Planning will now work with Queanbeyan City Council on detailed plans for the new release areas.

The Department's review of the *Queanbeyan City Council Residential and Economic Strategy 2031* is available at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/whatsnew/index.asp