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**The Hon Frank Sartor MP**

*Minister for Planning*

*Minister for Redfern Waterloo*

*Minister for the Arts*

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## **DRAFT BLUEPRINT FOR NORTH EVELEIGH RELEASED**

Minister for Planning and Redfern-Waterloo Frank Sartor today previewed draft plans that will help deliver an upgrade to Redfern Station and new affordable housing to the area.

Mr Sartor outlined details of a new \$550 million draft blueprint for North Eveleigh, which will be placed on public exhibition for an extended six-week period starting May 1.

Under the plans more than 15% of the site will be publicly accessible open space, with up to seven heritage buildings (including the main Carriageworks Building) retained and adaptively reused.

“North Eveleigh is one of Sydney’s most important urban renewal projects,” Mr Sartor said.

“We are working to transform surplus rail land into a vibrant cultural, residential and commercial hub.”

The Concept Plan for North Eveleigh includes a proposal to create:

- 92,139 m2 of residential floor space equal to **approximately 1260 new homes**; and
- 87,868 m2 of floor space for cultural, commercial and retail uses, accommodating **approximately 3270 permanent jobs**.

“It is our intention that between 12% and 16% of residential dwellings on the site be affordable housing – which breaks down to between 150 and 200 dwellings, depending on size,” Mr Sartor said.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Transport John Watkins said the project would also have significant follow-on benefits for the local community, as well as commuters across Sydney.

“Proceeds from the sale of North Eveleigh will be committed to the multi-million upgrade of Redfern Station, including a better pedestrian- and cycle- link between the station, Australian Technology Park and North Eveleigh,” Mr Watkins said.

Member for Marrickville Carmel Tebbutt said the project would also provide a boost to jobs in the area.

“This proposal is expected to generate 3,300 construction jobs – more than 300 of which will be set aside for Indigenous workers,” Ms Tebbutt said.

The Concept Plan for North Eveleigh has been developed by the Redfern Waterloo Authority. A series of community forums will be held to coincide with the exhibition of the plans. For more information please visit [www.redfernwaterloo.com.au](http://www.redfernwaterloo.com.au).

Further detailed plans will also be developed for the station upgrade and affordable housing component.