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Dear Resident,

Welcome to the third community newsletter on the Marrickville Metro revitalisation project.

After consulting with the community over the past three months, we have now formally lodged plans for the Marrickville Metro upgrade with the NSW Department of Planning.

Thank you to all who shared their ideas and issues with us at our community information session, doorknock, over the phone or via email. Your feedback has directly informed – and helped us to improve – plans for the Marrickville Metro upgrade.

The NSW Department of Planning will place the plans on public exhibition from Wednesday 28 July until Friday 27 August. We encourage you to come along to our consultation events during this period and to make a formal submission to the NSW Department of Planning about the proposal.

Over the next month, our plans will be on display in the centre near Kmart for you to view. The display will be staffed by representatives of the project team between 5-7pm each Tuesday from the 3rd-24th August. We will also be holding a second community information session on Saturday 14 August – where you can talk one-on-one with the project team.

Thank you for your interest in the project. We look forward to continuing our conversation with you about the Marrickville Metro revitalisation project during the exhibition period.

Yours sincerely

Centre Management

Marrickville Metro Shopping Centre
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Community Information Session

You are invited to participate in a Community Information Session, on **Saturday 14 August**.

At this session you will have the opportunity to speak one-on-one with the project team and to view plans formally submitted to the NSW Department of Planning for the upgrade.

LOCATION:

Marrickville Metro – outside Kmart

TIME:

Any time between 11am and 2pm.

Plans on display

New plans will be on display in the centre near Kmart during the exhibition period.

This display will be staffed by project team representatives between 5-7pm each Tuesday from 3rd-24th August.

Indicative artist's rendering of plaza from Smidmore Street



Upgrade Plans on Public Exhibition

You can view plans for the Marrickville Metro upgrade at:

- » The NSW Department of Planning's Major Project Assessment website, majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au and 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney
- » Marrickville Library, corner Marrickville and Petersham Roads, Marrickville
- » Marrickville Council, 2-14 Fisher Street, Petersham
- » Marrickville Metro Centre Management, where a copy will be available for viewing throughout the exhibition period

What we heard and how we responded

We have heard a range of issues and ideas from the local community over the past few months, at our community information session, doorknock, via email and over the phone. A sample of the community's feedback – and how we have responded in our plans – is set out below.

What we heard	How we responded
More car parking is needed, including additional undercover and disabled car spaces. Community members also said car park design needed improvement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » An additional 715 car parking spaces, with at least half undercover » A minimum of 36 disabled car spaces and a disabled taxi space » A system that indicates how many cars are free on each level, making it easier for people to locate a car space.
Effective traffic management will be needed during construction, once the expansion is complete and to address existing traffic flow issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » An independent traffic management plan » Rationalising three loading docks on Murray Street into one dock – to improve traffic flow » A new pedestrian entry on Smidmore Street and Edinburgh Road and a new car park entry from Edinburgh Road to improve accessibility.
Better public transport , including a new bus shelter and terminal, and provision of more bike racks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Moving buses to Edinburgh Road and creating a new bus shelter to meet community demand » Additional, secure bike racks and showers available in the centre to encourage employees and customers to use sustainable transport.
The Metro should be 'greener' , through building design, recycling initiatives and water tanks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » A target of 80% recycling during construction » Contribution to the Cooks River Project by filtering stormwater before returning it to the system » Two rainwater tanks which will collect and filter water for reuse within the centre » Education program on recycling, offered in different languages » Other initiatives including reducing water usage by a further 20%, reducing disposable coffee cups and providing environmental 'green' bags.
Improvements to the layout of the Metro are needed, such as a more user-friendly design, better pedestrian access and lifts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Rationalising the existing layout » Inclusion of two sets of customer lifts » New pedestrian entry on Edinburgh Road and upgrades to all existing entries.
Integrate the development with the character of the local area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Landscaping to improve the centre's surrounds and to highlight heritage features, such as the Mill House » Architectural features that celebrate the industrial history of the site and the surrounding area » Civic space, with information about local projects » Possible monthly, outdoor markets.
Protect the local economy , particularly small businesses along the local strips. Ensure the proposal boosts local employment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Around 600 construction jobs and 777 long-term retail jobs » An independent economic impact analysis has indicated a 3% impact on the strips – which will not affect their viability » The Metro will offer different types of shops and services to the strips – providing customers with desired diversity » Increased retail spending generally in Marrickville as a result of the upgrade.

Contact Us

For more information on the project, please visit:

www.talkmarrickvillemetro.com.au

For specific project questions, to register your interest, please contact the Marrickville Metro team at consulting@elton.com.au or (02) 9387 2600.