

News release



NSW GOVERNMENT Department of Planning

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NSW Government continues consultation on Catherine Hill Bay

The NSW Department of Planning has reminded residents and stakeholders that public consultation on Rosecorp's proposals for Catherine Hill Bay and Gwandalan will continue after the close of written submissions today (March 2).

The plans have been on public exhibition for the last eight weeks, after the NSW Government agreed to extend the public exhibition period to ensure residents have time to lodge written submissions.

Submissions will be considered by an independent expert panel and the Department of Planning in their assessment of the proposal.

Submissions need to be made in writing and can be sent to:

- Mail: NSW Department of Planning, GPO Box 39, SYDNEY NSW, 2001 or
- Email: DA-enquiries@planning.nsw.gov.au

The Department will accept submissions which have been mailed by today.

There are still a series of important community consultation steps to be carried out, including:

- Everyone who lodged a submission will be sent a letter, inviting them to make a presentation to the independent expert panel;
- Further discussions are anticipated in March between the independent expert panel and community reference group made up of residents, councils and other stakeholders;
- Rosecorp will be required to respond to issues raised in public submissions and lodge a preferred project report, which will be publicly-available on the Department's website;
- The dates for the independent panel hearings will be set shortly and announced in local newspapers.

The panel is being chaired by Ms Gabrielle Kibble, former Director-General of the Department of Planning, with its other members being Michael Collins, chairman of the Heritage Council of NSW and award-winning architect Andrew Andersons.

Every submission received will be provided to the panel for its consideration.

The community reference group met earlier this week and provided feedback to the panel.

The plans for Catherine Hill Bay and Gwandalan are available on the Department of Planning's website, www.planning.nsw.gov.au

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