



Wahroonga Estate Redevelopment - Consultation Program

The Wahroonga Estate DGRs require an appropriate and justified level of consultation with relevant stakeholders and the environmental assessment (EA) has and will continue to involve consultation with government agencies, service and utility providers and key stakeholders. Information dissemination to interested and affected parties will continue to occur during the exhibition and refinement of the concept plan. All feedback received through these processes is reviewed and incorporated into the design process to balance site capability, operational requirements, and impacts on the community.

Consultation

Consultation, particularly with Ku-ring-gai Council, has occurred over a number of years regarding future development at the site. The ACA has previously made development applications [DA/1920/88 - Residential Dwellings and DA/596/99 - Seniors Living and Aged Care Retirement Living] and a rezoning submission (Precinct 6 B2/B3 Freeway Corridor, 2005) for elements similar to those in the proposed concept plan. These fragmented processes addressed issues (traffic, ecology, bushfire etc) that warrant a more comprehensive whole of site approach and in at least one case, were subject to Land and Environment Court proceedings. More recently, consultation regarding the Wahroonga Estate concept plan occurred with Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai Councils during 2007, prior to lodging the Part 3A application. The particular concerns of Ku-ring-gai Council are detailed in its Issues Paper (12/6/07).

Formal government and agency responses were provided to the DoP during input to the preparation of the DGRs. These have been considered in preparing the EA and concept plan. Additional dialogue and some formal correspondence occurred in preparing specialist reports. The following table identifies some specific meetings/correspondence relevant to the preparation of the EA and concept plan, with an emphasis on consultation undertaken since the Part 3A application was lodged in September 2007.

Agencies and other authorities	Item
Ku-ring-gai Council	Council issues paper – 12/6/07 Representation on CRG – 25/2/08 & 15/5/08
Hornsby Council	Representation on CRG – 25/2/08 & 15/5/08
NSW Dept Water & Energy	Email - 26/5/08
NSW Health	Expansion of San facilities requires NSW Health involvement. Specific health related consultation will occur during preparation and submission of hospital related project applications.
NSW Ministry of Transport	Meeting – 21/5/08
NSW Roads and Traffic Authority	Meeting – 5/2/09
NSW Department of Education and Training	No response received to DoP referral or JPG follow up on 16/10/08.
NSW Dept Environment & Climate Change	Meeting – 21/1/09
NSW Rural Fire Service	Meetings - 4/7/08, 16/7/08 & 23/9/08 Site inspection – 16/7/08
Commonwealth Dept of Environment, Water, Heritage & Arts	EPBCA referral – 17/9/08 EPBCA referral notification – 5/11/08
Utility & Service Providers	
Sydney Water	Meeting - 7/7/08
Energy Australia	Email – 10/6/08
Alinta Assets Management	Email – 23/5/08
Telstra	Email – 19/5/08

Public	
Community Reference Group	Meetings - 25/2/08 & 15/5/08
Existing Users of the Site	Hospital information sessions – 26/2/08, 4/3/08 & 6/3/08 ACA staff information session – 6/3/08 Wahroonga School Meeting - 7/8/08
Surrounding Residents	Direct engagement of residents is scheduled during the public exhibition period. Notwithstanding this, local residents are represented on the CRG; some have attended information sessions; and others have provided feedback directly to the hospital, church and JPG in response to information disseminated through the community and the PAR available on the DoP website.

Consultation will continue, as required, with these agencies particularly in relation to any approvals processes and the identification and agreement of appropriate infrastructure, services and levies required as a result of the proposed development. Where appropriate some consultation will be post-determination to satisfy elements of the Statement of Commitments made in the EA.

Information propagation

A program for further information dissemination during the exhibition period is provided below. It complements the Community Reference Group (CRG) and statutory exhibition processes to ensure the community and end users are informed of the proposal. Importantly, it also provides the knowledge and opportunity for constructive feedback from these groups. The consultation and information program consists of a combination of the following:

- **Web information:** Information relating to the redevelopment proposal will be publically available through the DoP website (<http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/>) during the public exhibition. JPG and the Sydney Adventist Hospital web sites will also be updated to provide advice and/or more detailed information relating to the proposed redevelopment and the status of the assessment process.
- **Neighbourhood letterbox drop and/or door knocking:** This will occur within the adjoining community during the early stages of the exhibition period. The aim off the letterbox drop or door knock is to update the community with details of the assessment process and advise of the timings and arrangements of information sessions and the public open day. It will promote the opportunity for local residents to directly engage in the project assessment process and provide feedback on the redevelopment proposal.
- **Information sessions (staff and general public):** Further information sessions will be provided for the attendance of staff and the general public. These will provide an overview of the redevelopment proposal, field questions from the audience and identify opportunities for interested parties to further participate in the public exhibition process.
- **Public information day:** To be held on site at the Wahroonga Estate during the public exhibition period, the public information day will provide an opportunity for staff and the general public to view the redevelopment documentation. Key project consultants involved in preparing the environmental assessment will be available for the community to engage directly to discuss general and technical issues relating to the redevelopment proposal.
- **ACA internal workshops and committees:** Project workshops and committees will continue to occur in accordance with ACA procedures. These provide an opportunity for direct input from the Estate users, in addition to the opportunity for separate submission through the public exhibition.
- **Media coverage:** Local and regional media will be engaged to:
 - advise of the public exhibition;
 - notify the timings and venues of the information sessions and open day; and
 - promote information relating to the redevelopment proposal.

The schedule of events (including CRG) both completed and proposed, is contained in the following table, noting that some dates are pending confirmation of the exhibition period:

Date/Time	Item	Remarks
April 2008	PAR on DoP website	
<i>Mon 25 Feb 08</i>	<i>CRG 1st meeting</i>	
26 Feb 08	Hospital staff information session	
4 Mar 08	Hospital staff information session	
6 Mar 08	Hospital staff information session	
<i>15 May 08</i>	<i>CRG 2nd meeting</i>	
Ongoing	Consultation with government / service providers	Statutory and non-statutory consultation during preparation of the concept plan / environmental assessment and planning agreements.
TBA	Letterbox drop	Project summary, web addresses and JPG / DoP contact details.
TBA	Public information day	Hold during statutory exhibition period Promote through local media and SDA networks
TBA	Media coverage	During statutory exhibition period
TBA	<i>CRG meetings</i>	