



## Waterloo Preferred Masterplan



## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK**

Community consultation on the three design options for the Waterloo redevelopment closed in November 2018. There was a high level of feedback which has informed the development of the preferred Masterplan.

# Features



## A mixed urban village, with more social housing

### WHAT WE HEARD

- Prioritise a choice of housing types
- Ensure everyone has good access to open space and amenity
- Create a diversity of building types and reduce heights
- Design larger and better apartments and ensure balconies are included

### WHAT WE'VE DONE

- 60% of all new buildings will be 7 storeys or lower.
- A mix of social, affordable and private housing.
- A range of apartment sizes and types from studios to 4 bedrooms with dual key apartments for greater flexibility.
- All new housing will be fit-for-purpose and accessible.
- Buildings have world class eco-friendly design that will complement the area.



## Safe open space with natural features

### WHAT WE HEARD

- Plan for a large park within close proximity to the Waterloo Station for community events
- Provide a diverse range of open space for people to enjoy
- Water and landscaping features should be included
- Retain as many of the mature existing trees as possible

### WHAT WE'VE DONE

- 3 hectares of safe open spaces for the community to access, including a diverse range of public parks and boulevards.
- The preferred plan has 2 large parks. The central Village Green close to Waterloo Station will cater for community events and family gatherings whilst Waterloo Common, the southern park will be a more intimate, peaceful space for residents young and old to relax and enjoy.
- Good lighting, security and facilities to enhance safety for all residents.
- George Street to be transformed into a 20-25m wide tree-lined and water-featured pedestrian boulevard.
- The preferred Masterplan will protect the most significant mature trees, including more native species.





Existing trees at prominent locations retained in areas where people can meet and engage



Connections to the CBD, Sydney's North West, South West via the new Sydney Metro station



Broad mix of retail and services at street level providing choice and local employment



A new cycle way along Cope Street will provide for safe travel

Community gardens adjacent to community facilities



George Street revitalised as a 20-25m wide tree-lined, water-featured pedestrian boulevard

'Waterloo Common' for community recreation

Landscaped pedestrian-only laneways

Preferred Masterplan subject to approval by the Department of Planning and Environment



New street patterns connecting people to public transport, retail, services and leisure zones

An active community centre adjacent to a retail hub

A large 'Village Green' to support community gathering and events

A new mixed use area of homes and community facilities fostering learning and culture

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### KEY ELEMENTS

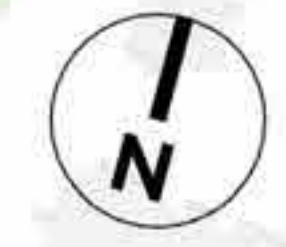
A mixed urban village of about 6800 new, modern homes

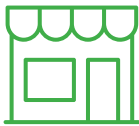
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3 hectares high quality open space

35% social and affordable dwellings

- COMMUNITY AND RETAIL**
- Community facilities
  - Retail and services including shops, restaurants, banks
- BUILDING HEIGHTS (LEVELS)**
- 1-7 storeys (60%)
  - 8-15 storeys (25%)
  - 16-32 storeys (9%)
  - 33-40 storeys (6%)
  - Private land (not part of the government proposed redevelopment)





## Facilities, services and shops to support a diverse community

### WHAT WE HEARD

- Provision for learning, health and childcare is important
- Ensure local facilities, shops and services are accessible and affordable
- Plan for diversity by providing multipurpose community spaces
- Consider the inclusion of an aged-care housing and services

### WHAT WE'VE DONE

- Shops, services and cafés will be spread throughout the estate to meet everyday needs. A range of flexible community facilities such as meeting rooms, multi-purpose and creative spaces will be provided.
- Opportunities to provide education, learning, childcare and health services in addition to those facilities located in the new Metro Quarter.
- The redevelopment of Waterloo will include aged care services and aged care homes.
- A Community Facilities Plan developed during 2019 in participation with the community to ensure the appropriate allocation of community facilities and locations.



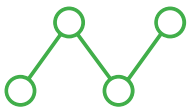
## Celebration of an inclusive and vibrant culture

### WHAT WE HEARD

- Foster opportunities for community life, true to the character of Waterloo
- Community gardens are important for health and wellbeing
- Recognise and respect Aboriginal culture in Waterloo and acknowledge its significance
- Celebrate Waterloo's multicultural diversity

### WHAT WE'VE DONE

- Flexible communal spaces to support cultural events, festivals and activities, including BBQ areas, exercise facilities for all ages and play areas for children.
- Community gardens located adjacent to community facilities to be nurtured and to promote inclusiveness.
- Opportunities provided for Aboriginal identity and needs including the significance of Waterloo's Aboriginal history and heritage.
- Celebrate a diverse, welcoming and inclusive multicultural Waterloo in the public domain.



## Improved transport, streets and connections

### WHAT WE HEARD

- Make Waterloo a pedestrian priority precinct with easy access to public transport
- Develop safe cycle paths
- Ensure adequate provision of onsite parking for residents
- Focus on slow/shared streets in the neighbourhood

### WHAT WE'VE DONE

- A traditional street grid, enhanced with new laneways, will provide residents with safe and pleasant walking connections.
- The George Street pedestrian boulevard and a new cycleway along Cope Street will make it easier and safer for pedestrians and cyclists.
- There will be adequate parking for new buildings compliant with City of Sydney standards.
- A proposed new intersection with traffic signals at Pitt and McEvoy Streets will enable safe movement in and out of the area reducing traffic on Raglan and Wellington Streets. Pitt Street will have calming devices to ensure it is a safe, slow street.

## Waterloo Preferred Masterplan

The Waterloo social housing estate will be redeveloped over the next 15-20 years, providing more social housing, delivering affordable housing as well as private housing to create a new mixed community.

The redevelopment of Waterloo is part of the **Communities Plus** program under **Future Directions**, which aims to deliver new and replacement social housing for those most in need.

The decision to locate a metro station at Waterloo has been the catalyst to revitalise the diverse and vibrant community, and make the Waterloo Precinct one of the most connected and attractive places in the inner city to live, work and visit. The new Waterloo station will offer residents world-class, turn up and go train services with ultimate capacity for a Metro Train every two minutes in each direction under the city.

## Key Facts



The redevelopment of Waterloo will be staged over 15-20 years.



There will be no loss of social housing. The redevelopment will deliver more and better social housing to the area.



The first residents will not have to relocate until at least 2020. Residents will be given 6 months' notice before relocation.



All current social housing residents have the right to return to the Waterloo estate.



FACS will start the redevelopment in low density areas.



Enough social housing will be built at the start of the redevelopment for relocated residents to move back into brand new homes on the estate.



The redevelopment of Matavai, Turanga, Cook, Banks, Solander and Marton buildings will be staged last. Residents in these buildings will not need to move for at least 10 years.



At least 5% of new residential dwellings will be delivered as affordable housing consistent with Greater Sydney Commission targets.

## Next steps

The Department of Family and Community Services will lodge the preferred Masterplan with the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) in the first quarter of 2019. Following a review period, DPE will place the preferred Masterplan on public exhibition. This will be an important opportunity for residents and the local community to provide feedback.

In 2019 FACS will focus on:

- developing a Human Services Plan to support resident health, safety and wellbeing and to meet their changing needs before, during and after redevelopment.
- developing a Community Facilities Plan to identify the appropriate allocation of community facilities ensuring operational arrangements are sustainable over time.

## INDICATIVE STAGING PLAN<sup>1</sup>



1. Indicative and subject to preferred plan finalisation.

The diagram below outlines the stages of the Masterplanning consultation program. We are now at the preferred plan stage.



\* Current masterplan stage

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