

Epping Civic Trust

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BIG SURPRISE FOR EPPING RESIDENTS

Epping residents are in for a big surprise this week as news filters out of the release over the weekend of the NSW Government's major Epping Town Centre Urban Activation Precinct plans.

Under wraps by the government for more than 6 months despite a very low key 'announcement' by the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Brad Hazzard, in early November, 2012, the scope of impact on the Epping community will stun many.

Announcing this quantum shift in Epping's community, made not in Epping but some 21 km away in the North-West growth areas, the Minister sent a message that Epping is but a small cog in the Government's plans for up to 172,000 more homes across Sydney.

The Minister said "These Urban Activation Precincts are locations where people want to live that have good access to jobs and infrastructure", and thus missing out on key information that over 20,000 people already chose to live in Epping, many for decades, limited local jobs, and with failing infrastructure.

The Epping Civic Trust (The Trust) encourages all residents to investigate the proposals and what it will mean for them and their families, and their neighbours. With 12 documents to wade through, it is already clear that at least 45% more dwellings are to be allowed in Epping under this plan!

The Trust is not 'anti-development' and has worked actively for 42 years with local councils and government agencies to seek the best solutions for Epping as a community as development has occurred.

The Trust invites and will welcome resident's feedback on the new plans. A public meeting will be hosted by the Trust, and further details will be released as soon as possible.

More information can be found The Trust web site www.eppingcivictrust.org and on the NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure web site: http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/on-exhibition#epping_precinct

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