

# Plans to open up Sydney Olympic Park for business



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### WHAT IS HAPPENING AT SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK?

- We are proposing a change to our planning rules which could make the following permissible within the Parklands of Sydney Olympic Park, including Bicentennial Park, Wentworth Common, Newington Armament Depot, Blaxland Riverside Park and Wilson Park:
  - Child care centres
  - Function centres
  - Information and education facilities
  - Markets
  - Places of public worship
  - Public administration buildings
  - Respite day care centres
  - Restaurants or cafes
- We are also proposing a change to allow tourist and visitor accommodation within the Newington Armory site.
- These changes could increase the space within the Parklands for recreation.

### WHAT IS THE NEWINGTON ARMAMENT DEPOT?

- The Armory is part of the Newington Armament Depot and Nature Reserve site in Sydney Olympic Park.
- It is on the south side of Parramatta River and includes about 25 hectares of land which is zoned for public recreation.
- It is a significant heritage site on the NSW Heritage Register.
- There are over 80 buildings in the Armory which housed weapons and equipment for the Australian navy until 1998.

### WHY ARE NEW USES BEING PROPOSED AT THE ARMORY?

- Sydney Olympic Park is very popular with the community and particularly on weekends and during the holidays. However, there is currently limited public access to the Armory on weekends.
- Our proposed changes could increase access to the Armory on weekends, and allow for a greater range of new uses including cafes, restaurants, markets, and tourist and visitor accommodation.
- Additional parkland areas may also be made available within the Armory site.

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- These potential new uses would allow more people to experience a part of the parkland that has been largely off-limits to the community.

### HOW WILL THE HERITAGE OF THIS SITE BE PROTECTED?

- Any new uses in the buildings or in the broader parklands will have to respect the heritage values of the site.
- They would also need to be considered against the Newington Army Depot and Nature Conservation Management Plan 2013. This plan lists the criteria for adaptive re-use of heritage items to ensure that they preserve the heritage values of the site.

### WHEN WOULD THESE NEW RULES BE INTRODUCED?

- Once the exhibition concludes submissions will be considered and a report prepared for the Minister for Planning.
- Subject to the Minister's approval, the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Major Development) 2005* would be amended to permit the new planning rules to be applied.

### WHO WILL MAKE THE FINAL DECISION ON WHAT CAN BE DONE AT THE ARMORY?

- Any new use across the parkland would require further development approval.
- Before an approval is given it would have to be exhibited for community comment.

### WHERE CAN I GO FOR MORE INFORMATION?

- The proposed changes can be viewed at:
  - [www.planning.nsw.gov.au/proposals](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/proposals)
  - the Department's Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney;
  - Sydney Olympic Park Authority, Level 1, 8 Australia Avenue, Sydney;
  - Olympic Park and Auburn City Council, 1 Susan Street, Auburn.
- You can call our Information Centre on 1300 305 695. If you need an interpreter - call 131 450, then ask for an interpreter in your language and request to be connected to 1300 305 695.

### HOW CAN I COMMENT ON THE CHANGES PROPOSED?

- Submissions can be made up to **27 February 2015**:
  - online at: [www.planning.nsw.gov.au/proposals](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/proposals)
  - by mail to: Director, Urban Renewal, Department of Planning and Environment, GPO Box 39 Sydney NSW 2001.



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- Submissions will be made public in line with the Department of Planning and Environment's objective to promote an open and transparent planning system. If you do not want your name published, please state this clearly at the top of your submission.
- Before making a submission, please read our privacy policy at: [www.planning.nsw.gov.au/privacy](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/privacy)