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NSW GOVERNMENT GIVES GO-AHEAD FOR REDFERN REDEVELOPMENT

State Plan Priority E6: strengthening our social housing sector

Minister for Housing, Matt Brown today green lighted the redevelopment of the Elizabeth Street, Redfern public housing site, which aims to revitalise the inner-city neighborhood and help turn it into a welcoming community for more young families, the elderly and those most in need.

“After years of community consultation and a tough competition between some of the best architects in the State, I am pleased to announce that the Elizabeth Street public and private housing project is going ahead – delivering better quality housing in a high-demand inner-city area,” Mr Brown said.

“The new designs are modern, eco-friendly, sustainable and attractive. We’re honoring our commitment to improving social housing - and this development aims to set a new standard in housing design in the inner city.”

The old site, consisting of 106 walk-up units built in 1953, will be transformed into a total of 264 modern apartments and houses - land for 158 of these will be sold on the private market and the profits will absorb part of the \$27 million cost.

Details of the redevelopment include:

- 40 terraced houses with backyards for families
- 66 purpose built accommodation for seniors
- Common recreation and green areas
- Environmentally friendly fixtures such as; rainwater tanks, water saving shower heads and cross ventilation design to reduce energy use

Member for Heffron, Kristina Kenneally, welcomed the redevelopment adding: “This is great news for the people of Redfern. This new, state-of-the art development aims to inspire this diverse, inner city neighbourhood that has remained relatively unchanged for over 50 years.”

Mr Brown said the Department of Housing will now lodge a Development Application for the LFA Architect’s design. Construction is set to begin in early 2008 and is due to be completed over the following 18 months.

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