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### **THOUSANDS OF HOMES IN NEW BEACHSIDE SUBURB**

A new community at Ingleside with thousands of new homes will set unprecedented standards for sustainability – including proposals for electric vehicle recharging points and LED street lighting.

Planning Minister Rob Stokes today released draft plans for the precinct on the Northern Beaches that reveals an environmentally sustainable suburb located ten minutes' drive to the beach.

Under the draft plan, up to 3,400 new houses and terraces will be built with around 15 hectares of open space.

About a third of the land at Ingleside is proposed for conservation, while around a third is proposed for new homes.

“The new community of Ingleside is part of the NSW Government’s commitment to plan for more houses to meet the needs of a growing city,” Mr Stokes said.

The precinct will also feature a town centre, neighbourhood centre, a proposed new primary school and other community facilities. Future residents will benefit from upgrades to Mona Vale, Powder Works and Chiltern Roads.

Mr Stokes said the land will be developed with environmental protection levels higher than ever seen before in Sydney.

“Ingleside will showcase a high standard of sustainability, including planning and design measures to conserve biodiversity, water and energy,” Mr Stokes said.

Proposed measures will include increasing the targets under the Building Sustainability Index for a reduced level of water and energy consumption.

Ingleside borders Ku-ring-gai Chase and Garigal National Parks. Wildlife corridors including fauna crossing tunnels under Mona Vale Road will help protect movement patterns of native animals and sensitive urban design will help minimise the impact of development on areas like Ingleside Chase and Katandra Sanctuary.

Other measures in the plan will protect the habitats of the Eastern Pygmy Possum, Angus' Onion Orchid and other flora and fauna that are unique to the area.

Essential infrastructure like water and electricity will be rolled out as frames are going up for new homes.

The draft plan is a partnership between the NSW Government, the local council and UrbanGrowth NSW.

The community is encouraged to have its say on the draft plans. Community feedback will be used towards the final plans, which will be released in coming months.

The draft plan is on public exhibition until February 28, 2017, and can be viewed at [www.planning.nsw.gov.au/ingleside](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/ingleside)