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Dear Resident

## **Waterloo Estate**

In 2019, I asked the City of Sydney to develop an alternate approach to the NSW Government's masterplan for Waterloo. I know many of you also had concerns with the Land and Housing Corporation's (LAHC) proposal.

I wanted you to have the best outcome for the Estate, with a development that has lots of sunlight and more parks lined with trees. I also wanted to see an investment in social and affordable housing, and more housing for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. It has been my priority that there be minimal disruption to tenants during the redevelopment.

The City put forward our alternative approach to encourage genuine discussion with the LAHC about how they could achieve a better outcome for Waterloo.

The LAHC has now lodged its plans for the redevelopment of the first stage of the Waterloo Housing Estate as a planning proposal to the City.

This redevelopment is an opportunity to address the urgent need for more social and affordable housing, while protecting the interests of you, our social housing residents, who make up our diverse and vibrant communities.

Over the coming months, our staff will rigorously assess the Government's planning proposal that has taken into account some of our feedback on Waterloo. Once it has been reviewed, it will go on public exhibition, so you will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the designs. We will ensure all voices are heard, particularly current Waterloo Estate tenants and the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

City of Sydney staff will consider your submissions and will make their final recommendations on the proposal to the Central Sydney Planning Committee, and to the City of Sydney Council. This will likely be heard later this year. The NSW Government will have the final say on the plan when it is approved by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment.

I will continue to advocate for the essential wrap-around services that our current and future Waterloo communities need. It is critical that the Government develop a Human Services Plan alongside the planning framework, to address the issues that social housing tenants face.

The City will continue to work with the NSW Government over the coming months to ensure that this redevelopment continues to put you first.

If you would like to speak with a Council officer about the Waterloo Estate, you can contact Mariana Ivantsoff, my Policy Advisor, on 9265 9333 or at mivanstoff@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Clover Moore

**Lord Mayor of Sydney**