



Housing NSW Project Development

Project Performance Report 1 for

Redfern Waterloo Preliminary Master Plan under the Australian Government's Housing Affordability Fund

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Introduction

On 27th October 2010, the Australian Government through the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) and Housing NSW (HNSW) signed an agreement under the Housing Affordability Fund (HAF) for the Redfern Waterloo Preliminary Master Plan.

Project Performance Report 1 requires a warranty that the following have been completed:

- Desktop survey database
- Community building and engagement framework
- Preliminary community consultation
- Physical and social infrastructure scoping

A request has been made to the Australian Government to defer the final item, physical and social infrastructure scoping, for inclusion under Project Performance Report 3 to be provided later in the year. Deferral of this item will allow consultation with community services providers on the outcomes of the recent Community Facilities Review and the current Open Space and Public Domain Audit. It will also allow the finalisation of traffic and transport studies being undertaken by the Redfern Waterloo Authority. These will provide valuable inputs to the scoping work.

The other requirements of Project Performance Report 1 have been completed as detailed further below.

Desktop survey database

1. Property database comprising approximately 3600 dwellings in Redfern, Waterloo and South Eveleigh has been confirmed.
2. Data has been compiled for the Redfern, Waterloo and South Eveleigh properties for:
 - HNSW addresses
 - Cadastre
 - Census collection districts
 - Contours
 - HNSW title for the three concentrated social housing areas, with a separate file for the surrounding area
 - Aerial Photographs
 - LEP Zoning
 - LGA information
 - ABS meshblocks
 - NBESP sites (nation building economic stimulus package)
 - Roads and Suburbs
 - Railway lines and stations
 - Bus stops.
3. Assembly of raw data into GIS using open source software (Quantum GIS) compatible with HNSW system (ESRI ArcMap) has been completed.
4. A set of maps/diagrams showing data coverages and preliminary connections to the Master Planning themes (eg open space planning, relocations etc) has been produced.

These maps will be augmented in the next stages to incorporate secondary GIS coverages for both existing site assets (buildings, dwellings, occupants) and development options. They provide the basis for spatial analysis in future stages of the project.

Community building and engagement framework

1. Building on preliminary consultation undertaken, a Community Building and Engagement Framework entitled “Imagine – a better Redfern Waterloo” has been prepared to provide a basis for harnessing community input into the development of the Preliminary Master Plan and for capacity building within the existing community.
2. The “Imagine” Framework has been refined in consultation with:
 - Housing NSW and the Master Planning Project Team and
 - the community and other stakeholders

The Framework will continue to be refined in response to feedback throughout the master planning process.
3. The preliminary timeline and budget for implementation of the “Imagine” framework have been developed.
4. The “Imagine” framework and activities are being integrated with the key components and steps in master planning.

Preliminary community consultation

1. Preliminary consultation has been undertaken.
2. Findings are being analysed and will be taken to the community for confirmation.
3. The outcomes and findings of consultation are being integrated with the master planning approach and have assisted in refining the “Imagine – a better Redfern Waterloo” framework.

Next Steps

The Concept Plan Vision to be prepared for Project Performance Report 2 will be built around the aspirations for Redfern and Waterloo articulated by the community in preliminary consultations and the key areas identified for improvement. These include:

- Safety by design
- Parks and public spaces
- Building design, integration and renewal
- Meeting local needs
- Better connections
- Needs of youth and older people
- Environmental systems.

Conclusion

Housing NSW has met most of the milestones identified for Project Performance Report 1, including that the:

- Desktop survey database has been compiled
- Community building and engagement framework has been developed and
- Preliminary consultation has been undertaken.

In addition, Housing NSW has requested that the physical and social infrastructure scoping be provided at the time of Project Performance Report 3 to allow further consultation and the incorporation into the scoping work of conclusions from the traffic and transport studies.