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NEW REPORT SHOWS KU-RING-GAI SET FOR 10,000 NEW HOMES

An independent audit of the draft Ku-ring-gai Town Centres Plan shows it would assist in providing an additional 5,000 homes over the next 20 years, on top of the 5,000 already approved since 2005.

The analysis, together with advice from the Ku-ring-gai Planning Panel and Department of Planning, will inform decisions on whether to reject, amend or approve the Ku-ring-gai Town Centres Plan.

“The fact is that Sydney will need an extra 636,000 homes to house an extra 1.1 million people by 2031,” said Planning Minister, Kristina Keneally.

“The Metropolitan Strategy identified that 10,000 of these new homes would be located in the Ku-ring-gai local government area.

“The Draft Town Centres Plan, which was the focus of the audit I am releasing today, was prepared by the Ku-ring-gai Planning Panel and applies to six percent of the local government area.

“There have been claims the draft Ku-ring-gai plan would provide for up to 18,000 extra homes in Ku-ring-gai by 2031.

“The independent analysis, conducted by the Treadstone Company and which I am releasing today, shows that that this is not the case.

“Noting that about 5,000 dwellings have already been approved in Ku-ring-gai since 2004, what this means is that 5,000 extra dwellings would be needed over 20 years.”

Ms Keneally said that the Treadstone report was developed after consultation with both the development industry and Ku-ring-gai council.

“Both market conditions and council development controls are important factors when considering potential dwelling yields, so it was important to talk to councils and developers” Ms Keneally said.

“The report notes that some restrictive local planning controls could potentially undermine an ability to reach even this relatively modest number of additional homes.

“The report therefore flags that minor changes may be needed to address issues such as floor space ratios and developer contributions in the area, which will be considered.”

Ms Keneally said that the report is available at www.planning.nsw.gov.au.

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